

Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	20 March 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

1. Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To ask Councillors to consider 16 applications seeking funding from the Corsham Area Board. A summary of the applications are outlined below:

Application	Grant Amount	Total cost of project
Applicant: 1st Corsham Sea Scout Group Project Title: Corsham Scouts New Boating Equipment	£2,000	£4,000
Applicant: Leafy Lane Playing Fields Project Title: Goals and Defibrillator	£1,841.00	£3,682.50
Applicant: Box Preschool Playgroup Project Title: Box Pre-School Playgroup Toilet and Kitchen Refurbishment	£5,000	£21,576
Applicant: BW Cups Project Title: BW Cups Community Group Marquee/Tent	£1,000	£2,000
Applicant: Corsham Primary School Project Title: Community Computing Literacy Project	£2,477	£4,954
Applicant: Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership Project Title: Corsham Instrument Amnesty	£990	£2,040
Applicant: Corsham Parochial Church Council Project Title: Corsham Parish Church WW1 War Memorial Restoration	£1,336	£2,695
Applicant: Suffrage Centenary Committee July 1913-2013 Project Title: Suffrage commemorative plaque	£493.34	£493.34
Applicant: Box Twinning Group Project Title: Box Twinning Group	£500	£500
Applicant: Air Training Corps Project Title: Corsham Air Cadets training computers	£500	£500
Applicant: Corsham For Walking Project Title: Corsham for Walking	£500	£500
Applicant: Corsham Twinning Association Project Title: Project Title: Corsham Twinning Public Address Equipment	£497	£497
Applicant: Corsham Town Council/WW1 Group Project Title: Corsham War Memorial Restoration	£1,465	£2,930
Applicant: Corsham Town Council/WW1 Group	£500	£500

Project Title: World War One Recruiting Office Re-Enactment		
Applicant: The Corsham School Project Title: Developing Parent/Child Literacy Programme	£5,000	£15,921
Applicant: Box Community Speed Watch Project Title: Be Bright, Be Safe, Be Seen	£493	£493

- 1.2 All of the 16 applications listed below fit Wiltshire Council's criteria for community area grants.
- 1.3 All applications are from community groups, not for profit organisations or registered charities in the Corsham Community Area.
- 1.4 All grant applicants either link to the community area plan, priorities in the JSA or have been identified as priorities for Corsham Area Board.
- 1.5 In all cases if Corsham Area Board does not support the grants the projects may not happen or will be delayed until alternative funding can be found.
- 1.6 Officers recommend that Corsham Area Board considers awarding all grants in full subject to conditions mentioned in individual applications listed below.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (5th April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014. [Area Board Grants Guidance 2013/2014.](#)
- 2.2 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 2.3 The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 2.4 Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2013/2014 budget of **£53,418** for community grants, digital literacy projects, area board operational funding, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 2.5 Applications of up to and including £500 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £500 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.

- 2.6 Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 2.7 In addition to CAGs, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls.
- 2.8 Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board. Grants of up to £500 are available for Digital Literacy projects.
- 2.9 Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 2.10 New for 2013/14 is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants (CAG) and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found [here](#).
- 2.11 All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete an evaluation form as soon as the project has been completed and provide receipts if requested. Groups are encouraged to up-load information and photographs about their project on to their area board [blogsite](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.
- 2.12 If Corsham Area Board agree to award all applications being considered below they will have allocated all funding available to them for the financial year 2013 /14
- 2.13 There are no further funding rounds for the financial year 2013 /14.

3. Summary of applications, officer's recommendations and conditions of awards

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.1	1 st Corsham Sea Scout Group	Corsham Scouts New Boating Equipment	£2,000

- 3.1.1 The Group have been delivering water based activities to young people for nearly 20 years. Some of the equipment is now old and needs to be replaced.
- 3.1.2 Corsham Scout Group currently has in the region of 180 members, with a further 80 in the Explorer Unit. All members make use of the equipment at least three times per week throughout the summer season. Activities are extended to other Scout groups to allow as many young people as possible to enjoy them. During the summer months of 2012, over 500 young people participated in water sports at Corsham Scout Group
- 3.1.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £2,000 towards the project be considered for approval conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 3.1.4 The total project costs are £4,000.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.2	Leafy Lane Playing Fields	To replace fixed goals and to purchase a defibrillator	£1,841

- 3.2.1 The funding will enable fixed goals to be replaced with movable goals to allow for better use of existing facilities. The purchase a defibrillator will help improve health and safety at Leafy Lane Playing Fields.
- 3.2.2 Leafy Lane Playing Fields provides football pitches for both adult and youth teams. A number of the AFC Corsham coaches have expressed concerns that Leafy Lane Playing Fields does not have an AED.
- 3.2.3 The purchase of movable goals would allow for better flexibility in using the Fields which are used frequently by AFC Corsham and would allow for a better layout of the pitches than at present.
- 3.2.4 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,841 towards the project be considered for approval.
- 3.2.5 The total project costs are £3,682.50.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.3	Box Preschool Playgroup	Toilet and kitchen refurbishment	£5,000

- 3.3.1 The refurbishment of the toilet and kitchen area is required to meet current regulations. The project would allow for an increase in the intake of local children including those with disabilities.

3.3.2 The preschool provides a local service and the project would help to ensure sustainability in the future in line with the community priority to protect local services.

3.3.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £5,000 towards the project be considered for approval.

3.3.4 The total project costs are £21,576.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.4	BW Cups Community Group	Purchase of Marquee/tent	£1,000

3.4.1 BW Cups are to run a camping festival for the local community which will take place with the school's permission at Corsham Primary School.

3.4.2 Corsham Primary School are willing for the festival to use their field, community room, kitchen, hall space and site-manager during the weekend-long event. The marquee/tent will provide a central meeting space for the children and families and a shelter in the event of inclement weather. BW Cups would also be willing to allow others to use the marquee/tent for other community events.

3.4.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,000 towards the project be considered for approval conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

3.4.4 The total project costs are £2,000.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
3.5	Corsham Primary School	Community Computing Literacy Project	£2,477

3.5.1 The school building will be used during the evenings in response to a community request for adult evening classes in computing. This follows the successful running of day courses. The school is willing to fund both the facility letting, associated costs and an experienced tutor to lead the sessions.

3.5.2 The project is in response to community need in order to provide adult learning classes to support children's learning, e-safety in particular. The adult learning devices will need specific formatting to suit adult provision and cannot be linked to the school's servers with direct access to pupil learning for security purposes.

3.5.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £2,477 towards the project be considered for approval conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

3.5.4 The total project costs are £4,954.

3.6	Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership	Corsham Instrument Amnesty	£990
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3.6.1 The community is being asked to donate unwanted musical instruments so that these can be passed on to others for the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of music and to develop learning and development.

3.6.2 This project will support people with limited funds to develop their learning, take part in groups or complete relevant training that they would not have otherwise had access to.

3.6.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £990 towards the project be considered for approval conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

3.6.4 The total project costs are £2,040.

3.7	Corsham Parochial Church Council	Corsham Parish Church WW1 War Memorial Restoration	£1,336
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3.7.1 The War Memorial at St Bartholomew's Church records the names of 92 men who gave their lives in the Great War. Erosion of the memorial carved stone facings means some names are in danger of becoming illegible. The restoration would preserve them for future generations.

3.7.2 The restored memorial will provide an enduring legacy for local families, would demonstrate the continuing gratitude felt by the Corsham community of those serving in the garrison community today and will form part of the WW1 commemoration events.

3.7.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,336 towards the project be considered for approval conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

3.7.4 The total project costs are £2,695.

3.8	Suffrage Centenary Committee July 1913-2013	The Suffrage Commemorative Plaque	£493.34
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- 3.8.1 To purchase and install a plaque and an apple tree to commemorate the signing of the first petition to parliament in 1866 by two teachers at The Claremont Seminary.
- 3.8.2 The plaque will create greater interest in how the vote was won for women and the importance of using their vote in the present day.
- 3.8.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £493.34 towards the project be considered for approval.
- 3.8.4 The total project costs are £493.34.

3.9	Box Twinning Group	Box Twinning Group	£500
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- 3.9.1 Box Twinning Group is a new group in the early stages of developing local interest in twinning with Sorigny in France. The group was informally established to gauge local interest in December 2012 and has been establishing interested contacts in Box to the point where a group of supporters are being invited to a presentation on January 25th - amongst the guests are members of the Parish and Wiltshire councils.
- 3.9.2 The objective of the Group is to involve local youth and adult groups in the sports and cultural exchanges with Sorigny in France. Positive interest from local scout/cubs, football, boules/bowls, and the Green Room (youth group) has been received and are all keen to arrange exchange visits in an inexpensive way with the Sorignese.
- 3.9.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards the project be considered for approval.
- 3.9.4 The total project costs are £500.

3.10	Air Training Corps	Corsham Air Cadets training computers	£500
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- 3.10.1 All learning material and exams are now online and therefore the computer system is required to be brought up to date. Moving into new premises will allow access to networking facilities with the new updated equipment.
- 3.10.2 Over the next 3-4 years it is expected these laptops will help somewhere in the region of 20-30 young members per year.
- 3.10.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards the project be considered for approval.
- 3.10.4 The total project costs are £500.

3.11	Corsham for Walking	Corsham for Walking	£500
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3.11.1 Corsham for Walking wish to establish an annual Corsham Area Walking Festival, including obtaining Walkers are Welcome accreditation for the town.

3.11.2 The rights of way around the Corsham area are an under used asset. By encouraging a greater use of this local resource the population can benefit from an improvement in health and well being. Attracting more tourists to the area will also promote economic benefits in the local economy.

3.11.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards the project be considered for approval.

3.11.4 The total project costs are £500.

3.12	Corsham Twinning Association	Corsham Twinning Public Address Equipment	£497
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3.12.1 Corsham Twinning Association (CTA) need a PA system to accommodate a debate and vote as part of the Jargeau visits in June.

3.12.2 Local manufacturers and residents of Corsham will have the opportunity to learn about CTA historical achievements, election processes and will highlight the value of Corsham into the EU.

3.12.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,465 towards the project be considered for approval.

3.12.4 The total project costs are £497.

3.13	Corsham Town Council/WW1 Group	Corsham War Memorial Restoration	£1,465
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3.13.1 The memorial requires restoration, including to the mortar, front panel, plaques and Bath Stone sections and steps.

3.13.2 The renovation will help keep the war memorial in good repair as it becomes the focal point of the town's commemorations. The war memorial is a monument that means much to the whole community, both young and old alike. It is also hoped, as part of the WW1 Commemorations, to create a Memorial Trail which will encourage residents and visitors to walk around the town finding various places that have a WW1 and WW2, connection. An increase in visitors will help the local economy.

3.13.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £1,465 towards the project be considered for approval conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

3.13.4 The total project costs are £2,930.

3.14	Corsham Town Council/WW1 Group	World War one Recruiting Office Re-Enactment	£500
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3.14.1 The Council Chamber at the Town Hall will be turned into a 1914 Recruiting Office, staffed by a Recruiting Sergeant, a Doctor, Nurse and clerks. The public will be encouraged to join up and experience some of the 1914 recruiting procedures.

3.14.2 The Recruitment Office Re-Enactment will benefit the whole community. The creative, educational and fun aspect of the project will help strengthen the historical facts in a memorable way and interest in the World War One Commemorations.

3.14.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £500 towards the project be considered for approval.

3.14.4 The total project costs are £500.

3.15	The Corsham School	Developing Parent/Child Literacy Programme	£5,000
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3.15.1 The project is a literacy focused transition programme for primary aged students making the transition to secondary school. The project will run as a series of after-school sessions in the summer & autumn terms (Jun- Oct 2014) looking at supporting parents in helping their children manage the transition to secondary school on a skills-based level.

3.15.2 The project aims to support vulnerable young people and their parents in making this transition through a focus on developing literacy and study skills. The programme is being run in conjunction with Wiltshire Family Learning Service. Once the programme has been run, it is hoped that there will be repeat and follow-up programme.

3.15.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £5,000 towards the project be considered for approval conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

3.15.4 The total project costs are £15,921.

3.16	Box Community Speed Watch	Be Bright, Be Safe, Be Seen	£493
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3.16.1 The Box CSW team in conjunction with Wiltshire Police are looking to run Phase 2 of their Be Bright, Be Safe, Be Seen campaign. This campaign was launched during National Road Safety Week in November 2013. The campaign aims to educate and encourage children to have a greater awareness of road safety on their journey to and from school.

3.16.2 The Box CSW team have already received positive feedback from road users, locals and community members. These measures to Be Bright, Be Safe, Be Seen effect all members of the community and link to action points noted in the Travel Plan due to be published for Box Primary School.

3.16.3 The application meets the grant criteria 2013/14 and it is the Officers recommendation that an award of £493 towards the project be considered for approval.

3.16.4 The total project costs are £493.

Appendices	Appendix 1 Grant Application - available online at: Grant applications
Background documents used in the preparation of the report	Corsham Community Area Plan Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2013/14 as approved by delegated decision Corsham Joint Strategic Needs Documen

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