

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	31 July 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider the following grant requests:

1. Larkhill Community Partnership – £2,000 contribution to the “Digging War Horse” WW1 community project;
2. Langford Parish Hall Committee – £1,731.66 contribution to the hall’s upgrade of equipment;
3. Durrington Town Council – £5,000 for the creation of a path and avenue of trees; and
4. Idmiston Parish Hall Committee – £994.08 to replace the role of honour plaque.
5. Amesbury Bowls Club – £2,600 contribution to the replacement mower.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. The 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.
- 1.4. The area board may wish to link funding to local priorities, including those identified in their Community Plan, Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment and any other community based consultative work.
- 1.5. The community area grants budget has been approved for 2014/2015 for community area grants, digital literacy grants, community partnership core funding, area board operational funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.

- 1.6. In addition to CAGs and digital literacy grants 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.
- 1.7. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which do not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,001 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.8. A ring-fenced budget of £1,500 has been provided specifically for Digital Literacy Grants, although the area board may spend more. Up to £500 per project is available for capital projects.
- 1.9. There 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](#).
- 1.10. Area boards will not consider 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.
- 1.11. Officers provide advice on how the application meets with the scheme's criteria, but the decision to support applications is made by Amesbury area board councillors.
- 1.12. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.13. 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 the Amesbury 'Our Community Matters' [blog-site](#). Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</p>	<p>Amesbury Area's Community Plan Priorities</p> <p>Amesbury Area Joint Strategic Assessment</p>
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation outlined in Section 1 of this report.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2014/2015 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.3. This is the second funding round of the 2014/15 financial year.

Future rounds will take place as follows:

- 22 August for consideration on 2 October 2014
- 10 October for consideration on 20 November 2014

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Amesbury Area Board. Budget allocated in 2014/15 is £67,670.01
- 4.2. If the grants are awarded Amesbury Area Board will have a balance £29,874.27.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications will be outlined in section 8 of the funding report.

8. Grant Requests

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Larkhill Community Partnership	"Digging War Horse"	£2,000

- 8.1.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria. The funding requested would help to pay for a capital element of this project – the production of the local “War Horse” booklets to be used in 10 local schools.
- 8.1.2. This application meets the aspirations of the Local Agreement for Wiltshire: ‘to create stronger and more inclusive communities’ and ‘to help young people to succeed at school and take part in positive activities’.
- 8.1.3. The total cost of this project is £14,525, and the board is asked to contribute £2,000. £10,000 has been secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £2,525 has been secured from the DIO. The town council’s contribution to this project is via the technical expertise of the clerk.
- 8.1.4. This project will draw together many local communities, including school primary and secondary school children, young soldiers and wounded veterans. Located in Larkhill during the 1st World War was a horse hospital which looked after thousands of horses that were required for the Great War. The aim is to build on the success of ‘War Horse’ in augmenting the national-curriculum workshop suggestions for the study of the book. This will include a programme of fieldwork, art, computer study and commemoration around artillery and the horse.
- 8.1.5. Over 200 children will experience history of the Great War and the important part that Larkhill Horse Hospital played. War veterans, young soldiers and schools will be able to uncover the service history and family stories and their places of origin including locating pictures via computers of these men in real life. The professional archaeological dig, with the help of 30 local volunteers, will be an experience in itself and will uncover the mysteries of the horse hospital including the layout and horse related components.
- 8.1.6. To complement the presentation, a booklet will have been produced that records pictures, postcards, artefacts, history, quotes, and the experiences of young and old in uncovering the mysteries of the Horse Hospital.
- 8.1.7. The project links to local priorities by the inclusion of children and young people working with professionals and volunteers delivering history, arts and culture, and a high level of military and civilian integration bringing together our diverse communities.

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8.2.	Langfords Parish Hall Committee	Upgrade of hall equipment	£1,731.66

- 8.2.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- 8.2.2. Langfords Parish Hall is an active community centre serving three villages – extensively used by the local youth club, and for parishioners for educational

events, youth activities, fitness classes and entertainment involving both the adults and children.

- 8.2.3. The committee has funded a lot of work recently (purchase of a projector screen, new shelving and cupboards, youth 'disco corner' with lights and stereo, water conservation measures, security lights and repairs to the kitchen floor) but new equipment is now needed to improve the conditions within the Hall and make it more user friendly, including new chairs, a projector, projection trolley, and associated cables.

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8.3.	Durrington Town Council	WW1 Centenary Path and Avenue of Trees	£5,000

- 8.3.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

- 8.3.2. The project will upgrade and increase accessibility of the roadside path leading to the cemetery. The Community Area Transport Group has given its support in principle to this project, subject to consideration of the final scheme. The project is also the subject of a bid to Wiltshire Council's Substantive Transport Scheme budget.

- 8.3.3. The total project cost is £22,827, £12,377 is requested from the Substantive budget, £5,000 has been committed from Durrington Town Council, £450 has been requested from the Commonwealth Graves Commission and the remaining £5,000 is requested from the Area Board.

- 8.3.4. The project aims to reduce motorised traffic to the cemetery and increase the options for walkers.

- 8.3.5. The avenue of trees will create a legacy in remembrance of the centenary of the Great War for many generations.

- 8.3.6. This project falls outside of the town council's normal responsibilities for which they can precept. However, the town council has committed £5,000 of its own funds to this project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Idmiston Memorial Hall Committee	Replacement WW1 Role of Honour Plaque	£994.08

- 8.4.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project.

- 8.4.2. The parent teacher association would like to provide playground markings for the key stage two play-area.

- 8.4.3. The Parish Fallen are named on two remembrance plaques in the hall. These have aged considerably since installation in 1957 and no longer provide a fitting or permanent memorial.
- 8.4.4. The project seeks to replace the existing plaques with a single brass plaque to mark the commemoration of the start of the Great War.

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8.5.	Amesbury Bowls Club	Replacement Mower	£2,600

- 8.5.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grant criteria and is classified as a capital project.
- 8.5.2. Due to the age of the clubs mower, it has become unreliable, is constantly breaking down, spare parts are difficult to obtain and repairs are costly and time consuming. It is essential that the green is cut a minimum of 3 times a week to ensure the surface is fit for play. The club has been hiring mowing equipment, but this is costly and draining on its financial resources. A mower is an essential piece of equipment for a bowls club.
- 8.5.3. The club offers a sport and social facility to 100 members and, as Amesbury is a growing community, its membership continues to grow for adults, children and those with disabilities. The green is used for competitive matches and competitions, social bowls, touring teams and by District and County Associations
- 8.5.4. The club has raised £2,300, Amesbury Town Council is contributing £300, and the board is asked to agree £2,600.

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Larkhill Community Partnership Appendix 2 – LangfordsParish Hall Committee Appendix 3 – Durrington Town Council Appendix 4 – Idmiston Memorial Hall Committee Appendix 5 – Amesbury Bowls Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report other than those requested in the funding criteria e.g. estimates.

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