

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	2 October 2014
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider the following grant requests:

1. Wings Over Stonehenge Group – £300 for repairs to the Hewetson Memorial Stone in Larkhill.
2. Our Times Project – £4,500 contribution to set up a new project to benefit the frail and elderly in the Amesbury Area.
3. Amesbury Brownies – £540 for a trip to Disneyland.
4. Amesbury Cricket Club – £1,194 For a new bowling machine.
5. Stonehenge Traffic Action Group – £400 for banners and signage.
6. Till Valley Day Centre - £810 for new chairs.

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.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	Amesbury Area's Community Plan Priorities Amesbury Area Joint Strategic Assessment
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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:

- 10 October for consideration on 20 November 2014
- 18 December for consideration on 29 January 2015
- 12 February for consideration on the 26 March 2015

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 £23,000.

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.	Wings Over Stonehenge Group	Repair/relocation of Hewetson Memorial Stone	£300

- 8.1.1. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria. The funding requested will help to move the stone to a more suitable location.
- 8.1.2. Major Hewetson was a pioneer in aviation in this country. He was killed in an aircraft accident on the then Larkhill Airfield on the 23rd July 1913. His friends and colleagues funded a memorial plinth near the location of the crash. In subsequent years the airfield closed and reverted to farm land. Its current location therefore is not easily accessed by visitors and makes it difficult for the farmer to plant and harvest his crops.
- 8.1.3. The Wings Over Stonehenge Group arrange tours including a visit to this memorial on a monthly basis, and have long tried to have the memorial moved to a more accessible location not far from the crash site.
- 8.1.4. When it is moved, sign posting will be improved to highlight its location, thereby attracting additional tourists and visitors.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Our Time Project	To provide 8 workshops in Amesbury, Durrington and Steeple Langford to the elderly, frail and those with dementia	£4,500

- 8.2.1. The project consists of a programme of eight inspiring workshops for the elderly (65+), promoting personal discovery and encouraging group sharing, through movement and simple improvisation.
- 8.2.2. The project has operated in other areas over the past 10 years, and as such, has expertise in working with those with dementia, the very frail, stroke sufferers and is highly qualified in theatre and mime. The project is strongly supported by Age UK, and would like to extend its reach to the following :
- Buckland House, Amesbury
 - Camelot Nursing Home, Amesbury
 - Durrington Village Day Centre
 - Edgar Close Day Centre, Steeple Langford
- 8.2.3. Unfortunately, the board does not have sufficient funds in its current revenue budget to grant the amount requested. Area Boards only have a very limited amount of revenue funds, and are encouraged to support capital projects where possible.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	2 nd Amesbury Brownies	Trip to Disneyland	£540

8.3.1. The 2nd Amesbury Brownies would like to go to Disneyland. They have contributions from parents to pay for coach hire and other expenses, but are looking to the board to fund the tickets.

8.3.2. This is a long established local voluntary organisation, offering exciting opportunities to girls aged 7 – 10yrs. The leaders of the group very much encourage the girls to make their own decisions about the activities they want to do, and a trip to Disneyland is an ambition the girls have had for a long time.

8.3.3. This is a request for revenue funding.

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8.4.	Amesbury Cricket Club	New Bowling Machine	£1,194

8.4.1. Amesbury Cricket Club has been playing cricket in Amesbury since 1890. The club is funded by its own members, through its own fundraising activities, and the occasional small donation. It would like to increase its profile, and attract new junior and senior members. The club also has an ambition to foster links with local schools to offer cricket to the local community. A new bowling machine would improve players cricketing skills.

8.4.2. The club's reserves are earmarked for repair / replacement of the ground maintenance equipment or any other losses or unforeseen matters. The club is contributing 50% - the total cost of the machine being £2,388.

8.4.3. This is a request for capital funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Stonehenge Traffic Action Group	Purchase new banners and signage	£400

8.5.1. STAG is well known in the area for promoting improved conditions associated with the flow of traffic around the A303, Stonehenge and surrounding routes.

8.5.2. To date, the group's work has been funded by its members. STAG would like to raise its profile and strengthen its influence, and as a consequence would like to purchase and install some banners at strategic points on the A303 with the permission of local landowners.

8.5.3. This is a request for revenue funding.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6.	Till Valley Day Centre	Purchase new chairs	£810

- 8.6.1 This is a capital purchase, for a local venue which provides a valuable service to the community
- 8.6.2 The current stock of chairs are old and not fit for purpose, and the day centre committee have identified 18 new chairs which have been approved by a retired physiotherapist and an agreement has been reached with the supplier to offer a discount.

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Wings Over Stonehenge Group Appendix 2 – Our Time Project Appendix 3 – 2 nd Amesbury Brownies Appendix 4 – Amesbury Cricket Club Appendix 5 – STAG Appendix 6 – Till Valley Day Centre
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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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