

Report to	Melksham
Date of Meeting	15/10/2014
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Melksham Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	£47438.90
Applicant: Various Project Title: Shaw Village Hall - Lighting upgrade	£1084.00	Match funded
Applicant: Bulkington Remembers Project Title: Bulkington Remembers	£650.00	£500 capital Grant, £150 previously approved
Applicant: Melksham United Church Parent and Toddler Group Project Title: Melksham United Church Parent and Toddler Group	£1155.00	Match funded
Applicant: Melksham Town Council Project Title: Bus Shelters - Melksham Town	£3378.00	Match Funded
Applicant: Keevil Parish Council Project Title: Banfield Recreation Ground Improvement Project	£1725.00	Match funded
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£7992-£150 (£7842)	£35,854.90 balance if agreed
Total amount allocated so far	£3742	£43,696.90

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

Community Area Grants will 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.

Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

<p>Applicant: Various Project Title: Shaw Village Hall - Lighting upgrade</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £1084.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: The lighting in the main hall of the Shaw Village Hall is inadequate to light the Hall to the required standard. This has been assessed professionally and advice received. The existing lighting has been in situ for a considerable period of time and does not consist of any emergency lighting. We aim to upgrade this to BS standards.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Residents of Shaw, Whitley and surrounding rural areas will benefit by improving and maintaining rural community facilities, related to the following local adopted priorities. Links to Priorities of Melksham Area Board July 2013 A2 Support the provision of recreational activities/spaces for young people and their families Melksham JSA 2013- 2015 5 Healthy Lifestyles Leisure 1 increasing levels of participation 3 Young people Environment Culture and Events 3 Improving the facilities for Groups and Events Melksham Community Area Partnership Action Plan March 2013 2. Provide recreational activities/spaces for young people Economy, Education, Jobs and skills 1. Celebrate Melksham Area and strengthen identity and to encourage children to participate in community activities, Encourage participation in clubs and activities to increase resident's sense of belonging to Melksham area.</p>		
<p>Applicant: Bulkington Remembers Project Title: Bulkington Remembers</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £650.00(£150 previously allocated from WW1 funding)</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15. £150 has already been allocated from WW1 funding by the delegated powers of the Area Board, £500 is requested for the capital projects for the 2 benches</p>		

Project Summary:Wiltshire will commemorate and remember the 10,000 who lost their lives in The Great War at a series of events across the County. Bulkington Remembers is a village specific act of remembrance that is personal to villagers in Bulkington, giving each villager a chance to remember members of their own family in a thoughtful and respectful way. Funding is sought to support a specific event in August centered around our War Memorial and Church, together with 2 remembrance benches for the sensory garden in our community playing field.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Wiltshire will commemorate and remember the 10,000 who lost their lives in The Great War at a series of events across the County. Bulkington Parish Council has already funded the restoration of our War Memorial and our Remembrance Service is well supported by adults and children of all ages groups within the village as we all pay our respects on Remembrance Sunday to those from Bulkington who gave their lives. However, in common with many villages, there are very few in Bulkington who have any family connection with the names on our Memorial and the aim of Bulkington Remembers is to encourage families to think about their own family history and identify those in their own families whose lives were affected by The Great War. Families will learn more about their own family history and those who took part in the Great War as well as those whose lives were irrevocably changed by it; Children and adults will benefit by understanding how members of their family responded to the demands of the time and will become interested in the issues of societal change which followed the conflict. The anniversary of the start of The Great War is an important part of our heritage and history and Bulkington Remembers is not a celebration but an important act of remembrance for our whole community. It will dovetail with other events around the County but enable all villagers to make remembrance very personal. Working with Christ Church, Bulkington we have planned a Service of Remembrance on Sunday 3rd August, a floral display and a small exhibition of poems, letters and personal memorabilia supplied by members of our community. The Church will be open Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August 11.00 - 4.00pm All villagers will be invited to the Service of Remembrance and will be given a small card cross upon which to write the names of members of their own families, wherever they lived, who were affected by The Great War. Our objective is to encourage families and children to understand their own family history and think about the sacrifices made. There will be special dedication of these crosses as part of the service and they will be displayed as part of the Bulkington Remembers exhibition. In addition to our Service of Remembrance on the anniversary of the declaration of war, we would like to provide something that encourages people to reflect and remember over a longer period. Providing 2 memorial benches for our sensory garden and village playing field will benefit the whole community, particularly mothers of small children who have to be accompanied and older residents who have told us that they would appreciate more seating. The Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November at our newly restored memorial (parish Council funded) will place particular emphasis on the 1st World War and we will

include the dedication of 2 memorial benches. These accessible memorials will each bear a memorial plaque and will be placed in our playing field for the whole community to use and to remember all those whose lives were affected by The Great War, whether from the Village or their own families.

<p>Applicant: Melksham United Church Parent and Toddler Group Project Title: Melksham United Church Parent and Toddler Group</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £1155.00</p>	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

Project Summary: We are proposing to set up a Parent and Toddler group every Thursday Morning from 10am-11.30am. Carers will be able to bring children from 0-4 years old (pre-school) for free play, crafts and structured activities including singing and story time. With a small snack provided and teas and coffees for carers by donation only rather than charging a fee. At the moment we are trying to get started and set up so we are looking for funding from wherever we can. We will fund whatever we cannot get through grants by fund raising through church events such as coffee mornings, and similar. We will also be relying on donations of toys and books.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Local parents/carers with young children will benefit. Anyone who cares for a child under school age will be welcome to participate. As it is a non profit organisation, we are asking only for donations for refreshments and crafts if people wish to give. So they will not be out of pocket at all but will be able to come and chat with fellow carers/parents. This will enable people to make new friends (both carers and children) and discuss issues they may have with fellow carers going through the same things. It will also give carers a bit of a break if they are finding things tough, allowing them to get support from others and to bring their children somewhere different for a change. People new to the area can come and meet new people and learn about Melksham, as we are based right in the centre of town, it is convenient for most people and easy to find us. It will benefit the children because we aim to have a variety of up to date toys and books which will encourage a variety of explorative play, and skill development. We will also be singing, and playing basic music with the children which will benefit them and their carers who may learn new songs to sing at home. There will be basic crafts so parents can have a keep sake and children can develop new skills in fine motor, writing/drawing etc. Lastly there will be story time so children can listen and learn and also look at the books themselves - developing interest in reading and books.

<p>Applicant: Melksham Town Council Project Title: Bus Shelters - Melksham Town</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board:</p>	
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	£3378.00	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: To provide bus shelters for users at stops located at 1) Blackmore Road/Gloucester Square; 2) Semington Road/Longford Road 3) Snowberry Lane/Spa Medical Centre</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Bus service users, often those with no other means of transport and particularly the aged and infirmed. The installation of these shelters accords with the ambitions to improve and encourage the use of public transport and provide a user friendly bus service as identified within the Melksham Community Area Action plan (February 2012)</p>		
<p>Applicant: Keevil Parish Council Project Title: Banfield Recreation Ground Improvement Project</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £1725.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: To increase the range of equipment on the recreation ground, catering for all sections of the community, from young to old, to make it a focal point for the village and increase the use of this valuable open space. Extensive consultation within the community has shown the support for the improvement to the current facilities including requests for more play equipment and a much-needed bike trail. Keevil School at present also makes little use of the current facilities and the provision of additional equipment means it could be used for Cycling Proficiency and developing team building and leadership skills.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: All members of the community, whatever their age, ability and interest can benefit from the improvement in facilities. In terms of local priorities members of the parish can benefit from: A2. Provision of recreational activities for young people and their families. The new facilities include a basket swing (for all ages, including the disabled child), a multiplay unit with slide, two pieces of adult equipment (one for the fitter 14+ and adult and one suitable for all levels of ability and for the more mature resident), hand holds for the existing play wall to increase its functional use and a bike trail, which has been requested by the young people of the village for more than 20 years. B3. Addressing childhood obesity. Increase in play/fitness equipment will encourage local children to exercise more frequently and for longer. Children from outside the village- particularly the many who attend the school will also be attracted to the recreational ground with increased facilities. C1. Protecting and enhancing parks and green spaces. The recreational ground will be considerably enhanced by new equipment and plans for future development</p>		

include the provision of picnic tables and benches for parishioners to enjoy the views of the airfield and across to Westbury white horse. F5. Improving road safety. The provision of a bike trail will not only be appreciated by young people but also by the older residents, who are concerned about the use of bicycles on the public highway and riders cycling out onto the road in their desire to find safe cycling. The school would also combine its use with their Cycling Proficiency training at the school. H1. Encouraging participation in organised and non-organised sport. It is hoped that the improvements will encourage families to congregate at the recreation ground. Village events could also be held there. The football pitch on the site is suitable for five-a-side matches and the school intends to make increased use of all the facilities.

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