

**Corsham Area Board
Community Area Grants 20th November 2014**

1. Project title:

Wiltshire Scrapstore wheelchair accessibility

2. Project summary:

We need to improve the access ramps into our building. We have many members with mobility difficulties, a number in wheelchairs as well as a new trustee who uses a wheelchair. Our doorways are wide enough for wheelchairs but we don't have proper ramps which makes it impossible for a wheelchair user to enter the building unaided. Our service users who are in wheelchairs tell us that our current access, is extremely difficult to negotiate and makes them feel very vulnerable and at risk of being tipped out of their wheelchair.

3. Electoral Division:

Corsham Without and Box Hill

4. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

SN15 2PP

5. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Arts, crafts and culture
Health, lifestyle and wellbeing
Recycling and green initiatives
Safer communities

6. Finance: Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

03/2013

Total Income:

£199,216.00

Total Expenditure:

£203,869.00

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£4,653.00

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£51,500.00

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

We only hold three months reserves for absolute emergency in case of closure of the charity.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

6a. Project Finance:

Total Project cost		£960.00		
Total required from Area Board		£960.00		
Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
Builders quote for ramp	960.00	Corsham Area Board		960.00
Total	£960			£960

7. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

8. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

All of our service users will benefit from this project as it will make our building more accessible to everyone with limited mobility. This will make access to the building safer and easier for all our service users. We have over 10,000 members who represent over 60,000 children young people and families from across Wiltshire who use our many services. We collect resources that are destined for landfill and make these available to the community of Wiltshire in our scrapstore warehouse based just outside Lacock, for use in creative arts projects. It is vital for our building to be safe and accessible to everyone regardless of their individual needs. By improving the access for wheelchair users we will be ensuring all members of the community can use the scrapstore without feeling that their independence is impeded.

9. How will you monitor this?

We will speak to our service users and ask them how this improvement to our entrances has impacted on their experience and independent use of the scrapstore.

10. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

It is a one off cost and there will be no ongoing funding needed.