

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	19 January 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider the following applications for funding:

Capital

1. Sevington Victorian School award £5,000 towards new toilet facilities, conditional upon the balance of funding and planning permission being in place.
2. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions award £2,658 towards the Forces for Food project, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
3. Victoria County History Trust award £929 towards the Chippenham History Project community web site.
4. Kington St Michael Village Hall award £1,250 towards a new shop floor, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
5. (Chippenham Christian Fellowship) - the ONE place award £937 towards equipment for the ' One place' Youth community project.
6. Benger Bears Forest School award £1,000 towards equipment for the Benger Bears Pre-School Chippenham.
7. Grittleton Village Hall award £5,000 towards Access for All, Grittleton, Sevington and Leigh Delamare Village Hall, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
8. SPARKS award £900 towards new mats and tables.
9. Singing with Joy award £357 towards Percussion Instruments.
10. St Nicholas Special School award £17,490 towards the Starfish Hydrotherapy Pool Car Park, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
11. Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club award £6,700 towards installing electric power supply to Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club, conditional upon the balance of funding and planning permission being in place.
12. Wilts & Berks Canal Trust award £4,902 towards the Pewsham Lock restoration- safe access equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

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. For the 2014/15 financial year Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a budget of **£92,383** for Community Area Grants, Digital Literacy Grants, Community Partnership Core Funding, Chippenham Area Board operational funding and Chippenham Area Board/Councillor Led Initiatives. **£1,500** was allocated to Digital Literacy funding, **£77,025** was allocated to capital funding and **£13,857** was allocated to revenue funding.
- 1.6. Following awards made by Chippenham Area Board Meeting 10th November 2014, the Chippenham Area Board balance of funding was of **£65,029.12** capital and **£1,196.86** revenue.
- 1.7. In addition to Community Area Grants 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.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. There is a single on-line application process for Community Area Grants and Digital Literacy grants, introduced to provide an easy step by step application process. The application process and funding criteria can be found under <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

- 1.11. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant 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.
- 1.12. The decision to support applications is made by Chippenham Area Board councillors.
- 1.13. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.14. 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 Chippenham 'Our Community Matters' website Failure to evaluate projects will preclude applicants/organisations being considered for future funding.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	<u>Area Board Grant Criteria and Guidance 2014/15 as approved by delegated decision</u>
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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 third funding round of the 2014/15 financial year.

Future funding rounds and deadline for applications will take place as follows:

- 19 January 2015 for consideration on 2 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 Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded to all of the applications considered by Chippenham Area Board on 10 November 2014, the board will have a capital balance of **£17,906.12** and a revenue balance of **£1,196.68**.

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, "Applications for Consideration" of the funding report.

8. Applications for Consideration

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1.	Sevington Victorian School	New toilet facilities	£5,000

- 8.1.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Sevington Victorian School award £5,000 towards new toilet facilities, conditional upon the balance of funding and planning permission being in place.
- 8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.
- 8.1.3. Following Area Board and Heritage Lottery Funding support Sevington Victorian School has been able to expand their remit and provide a unique experience to many different groups of visitors. During the past year the school has been able to welcome many different primary schools from the Chippenham area, parties of children from local brownies and beavers groups, a number of local WIs, groups from the University of the Third Age, visiting Russian students and a large number of local residents during our Open Sundays in the summer.
- 8.1.4. The school's toilet facilities are currently less than adequate for visitors from the age of five to senior citizens with limited mobility. They have not been renovated since 1989. There are two toilets, one of which is designated wheelchair accessible but currently offer only a wider door. As there are up to thirty visitors at a time, many requiring toilet facilities, the school feels that this facility is detracting

from an otherwise interesting and valuable experience.

8.1.5. The school building also has very limited storage facilities for our many educational resources and a new toilet block with storage facilities above it will allow us to enhance the educational offer to local primary school children and other visitors.

8.1.6. Planning permission has been applied for by the applicant.

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8.2.	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions	Forces for Food project	£2,658

8.2.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions a community area grant of £2,658 towards Forces for Food project, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.2.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.

8.2.3. The project aims to create a community garden at Hullavington, in partnership with the Army Welfare Service, where Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions will help local people, military and civilian, to grow and cook their own food. As well as encouraging people to lead more healthy lifestyles (through being outdoors and exercising, healthy eating and cooking and connecting with nature) Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions will promote civilian/military integration and increase community cohesion in an area experiencing change.

8.2.4. Those taking part in the project will also be learning how to use the food they have grown to cook healthy meals. This will benefit them by encouraging them to eat healthily as well as promoting local food. Cooking and sharing food together as a group creates a relaxed and social environment that has proved conducive to people sharing information and problems. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions will work alongside the Army Welfare Service, with existing community groups such as Brownies, Mums & Tots and youth groups and also create new social groups through gardening clubs and running cooking sessions. There is an aim to work with and develop groups with a 50:50, military/civilian mix in order to achieve our aim of promoting military/civilian integration. Through developing the garden and learning to grow and cook food together over a year, local military and civilian people can gain a better understanding of each other.

8.2.5. Through learning how to grow and cook their own food, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions will be encouraging local people to lead more sustainable lives and reduce their impact on the environment. This project will therefore help the council to address the following issues identified in the JSA for Chippenham Community Area: The Environment (protecting wildlife and natural habitats; maximizing the economic and social benefits of green space; making better use of land and natural resources; responding to climate change); Health and Wellbeing (healthy lifestyles; childhood obesity); Children and Young People (health of children and young people); Leisure (increasing levels of participation; volunteering; improving the health of children and young people; maintaining and improving the range of quality of formal and informal outdoor recreation; and

improving the health and wellbeing of local residents); Your Community (How well the community is getting involved and influencing what happens around them); Culture (Groups and events).

8.2.6. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions have successfully built 5 community gardens in the south of Wiltshire, grown and cooked with the food produced and the group has engaged with over 3,000 military and civilian local people. With the support of the Army Welfare Service community development workers and the volunteers, both military and civilian, the community groups using the gardens will continue to grow and cook healthy meals with their families. At Warminster, after having helped the 7th Warminster Brownies to plant a 'Dig for Victory' bed in the Spring, which they harvested in the Summer, they came back after the summer holidays and replanted their bed ready for the winter without help.

8.2.7. The gardens will all be outside of the military wire as one of the main aims of the project is to promote civilian/military integration, so the gardens need to be accessible to all local people.

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8.3.	Victoria County History Trust	Chippenham History Project community website	£929

8.3.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting the Victoria County History Trust a community area grant of £929 towards setting up a Chippenham history project community website.

8.3.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.

8.3.3. The Wiltshire VCH Trust is an independent local charity dedicated to the production of the histories of Wiltshire parishes, within the quality -control framework of the national Victoria County History (www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk) It is under the overall supervision of Institute of Historical Research at the University of London The Trust's current programme is to fund the research of the Chippenham Volume. As part of its fundraising programme the Trust has recently established the "Friends of Wiltshire VCH". It is anticipated some £140,000 is needed to complete this current volume. The design and programme for the research has been drawn up and it is expected that the first pieces of research will be commissioned in early 2015. Having a Chippenham History web site will enable the important task of communicating with the residents of the Chippenham area keeping them informed.

8.3.4. The purpose of the site is to reach out and involve the citizens of Chippenham in the study of the history of their town as the study evolves. The Victoria County Histories have traditionally provided the legacy of the red volumes, and indeed the work on the histories is now pasted on line as the work evolves. Having a "My Chippenham " web site will make work in progress and the study of Chippenham's history immediately available we hope to a wider and younger audience The initial contract with the web designer will provide a sum for the upkeep and maintenance of the web site in the first instance.

- 8.3.5. The Wiltshire Victoria County History Trust has taken on the responsibility for the production of the County's parish histories since the withdrawal of previous sources of public funding. Its current priority is the production of a freshly-researched Chippenham history, to sit alongside the 'red book' volumes that have already been published for the County's other market towns. This proposal is for the creation of an interactive Chippenham history website as a communication medium with the town and nearby parishes, businesses, schools and residents. The website will be an innovative showcase for the work as it progresses and encourage local participation and support. It will be both a fundraising mechanism and a medium for education, learning and involvement.
- 8.3.6. Chippenham has a rich and fascinating history. When completed the rigorously researched Chippenham History will make a large contribution to local knowledge and a greater sense of identity with the local area. The project website will get that contribution underway at an early stage and connect with many who might otherwise not benefit directly.
- 8.3.7. An interactive 'My Chippenham History' website will be informative and educational for all those interested in the history and identity with Chippenham and the surrounding parishes. It will provide opportunities to connect with the research and the new knowledge which will in the longer term be published in a Chippenham history 'red book' volume. Specifically the website will provide channels of communication with local businesses, schools, town, parish and county councillors, the Civic Society and interested local groups and local residents. The project will in turn benefit from increased local awareness, involvement and (financial and other) support.
- 8.3.8. The application has the full support of the Wiltshire Council Heritage & Arts Department who states; 'Officers are of the opinion that the project will benefit from collaborating with Chippenham Museum to build local interest and support. The project will also benefit from collaborating with the existing VCH website British History Online. Officers recommend that the project includes villages surrounding Chippenham and that there is a firm commitment to sustain and maintain the website.

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8.4.	Kington St Michael Village Hall	New shop floor	£1,250

- 8.4.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Kington St Michael Village Hall a community area grant of £1,250 towards a new shop floor, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.4.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.
- 8.4.3. The small hall used as village shop needs a new floating floor laid to cover the existing pine floor which is now very uneven and splintering.

- 8.4.4. Kington St Michael Village Shop is an extremely well used facility in the village, integral to the variety of community services and facilities.
- 8.4.5. The installation of a new shop floor is vital to the continued success of the village shop and local services for the community.
- 8.4.6. The application has the full support of the Village Halls Advisor at Community First who states. 'The hall supports a lot of community groups including those involved with health and wellbeing. The shop is inclusive of the local community and others.'

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8.5.	Chippenham Christian Fellowship - the ONE Place	Equipment for the ' One place' youth community project	£937

- 8.5.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Chippenham Christian Fellowship - the ONE Place a community area grant of £937 towards equipment for the ' One place' youth community project.
- 8.5.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.
- 8.5.3. The group will use the equipment for use with underprivileged young people in the Wood Lane/Crickets Lane area. At present, our youth club has only basic equipment.
- 8.5.4. All young people who attend the One Place youth 11-16 yrs old will benefit from this project. Most of the group's activities are sports/ recreation based so this will make their evenings more interesting and enjoyable. It will also help them develop new skills and personal confidence and how to function effectively in team work. This will also enable these young people to positively add to their CV.
- 8.5.5. The new equipment will be securely stored in the church office, which is kept locked when not in use.
- 8.5.6. The young people in the group have asked for more equipment for them to use as the group have limited equipment at present.

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8.6.	Benger Bears Forest School	Equipment for the Benger Bears Pre-School	£1,000

- 8.6.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Benger Bears Forest School a community area grant of £1000 towards equipment for Benger Bears Pre-School
- 8.6.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.

- 8.6.3. The pre-school will use the equipment to run "Forest School" (close to nature) sessions.
- 8.6.4. The primary beneficiaries will be the children attending the pre-school and their families. The Forest school philosophy looks to enhance children's learning in a natural classroom, bringing them closer to nature, and helping to learn about the natural environment in which they live. The aim of the provision of the Forest School (using the appropriate equipment) will aim in the development of physical, social, cognitive, linguistic, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of the children.
- 8.6.5. The new equipment will be securely stored in Benger Bears' cupboard inside the village hall, which is kept locked when not in use.

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8.7.	Grittleton Village Hall	Access for All, Grittleton, Sevington and Leigh Delamare Village Hall	£5,000

- 8.7.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Grittleton Village Hall a community area grant of £5,000 towards Access for All, Grittleton, Sevington and Leigh Delamare Village Hall.
- 8.7.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.
- 8.7.3. Access for All is part of a substantial project at Grittleton Village Hall and will address accessibility needs for all users of the Hall following a survey carried out in 2013 amongst users, hirers, parishioners and local people.
- 8.7.4. Grittleton Village Hall and Recreation Ground is a wonderful asset for the village and surrounding areas and when it opened in 1988 it was a model of modernity but 26 years of use have taken their toll on the Hall and it is now in need of major refurbishment. The Hall is used by a diverse age range of people from 2 to 82 evidenced by the many people who attend classes and events, use the MUGA and playground or simply come to sit and watch village cricket in the summer. As well as the regular committee meetings for the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee, there are Zumba and Pilates classes, Tapping Teddies for younger users, band practices, circuit training, parties for children and adults, fashion shows and fundraising events. At a recent Rural Arts event and at Moviola screenings there have been attendees from Biddestone, Castle Combe, Chippenham, Kington Langley, Kington St Michael, Leigh Delamere, Littleton Drew, Sevington, Slaughterford, West Kington and Yatton Keynell showing that the Hall is an asset for the wider Chippenham community.
- 8.7.5. The trustees of the Hall agreed in early 2013 to survey villagers, hirers, users and non-users to understand what they required from their community space. The survey responses were collated, analysed and presented at an event in June 2013 to celebrate the Hall's 25th anniversary – the first fundraising event to raise funds for the improvements. The most frequent comments/suggestions related to better access to the hall and cloakroom facilities, including disabled access, improved lighting and flooring, refitting the kitchen and general redecoration. From autumn

2013 to November 2014 the trustees, with the invaluable assistance of a qualified chartered surveyor have discussed, debated and agreed an improvement plan.

- 8.7.6. The project aims improve access, to include the reconfiguring of the existing cloakrooms to install a disabled WC. It has become very apparent that the lack of a disabled WC has made people reluctant to attend events, something that needs to be addressed. Once it was agreed that this work was essential it was clear that it would have a considerable impact on other aspects of the Hall – plumbing, lighting and flooring for example and its installation has become a catalyst for a more comprehensive refurbishment. The other aspect relating to improved accessibility is the replacement of large fixed picture windows that overlook the recreation ground with opening bi-fold doors. Many comments were made in the survey about the lack of connection between the internal and external space and this will ensure that this issue is addressed.
- 8.7.7. The trustees of the Hall have adopted a very prudent approach to the funds held in reserve, in anticipation of the considerable costs of the improvements and monies raised from regular events such as Rural Arts and Moviola film screenings all contribute to the fundraising effort. The forecast project budget is £49,402, the bulk of which will be funded from existing reserves. The intention is to continue fundraising following completion of the works to replenish the reserves for further expenditure including purchase of non-capital fixtures and fittings, a sinking fund for other major capital items, a maintenance fund and further improvements to the external areas surrounding the Hall also identified in the 2013 survey. Grittleton Parish Council is fully supportive of the project. The trustees are mindful that projects of this nature are expected to show a financial contribution from the Parish Council. However they are not requesting funds from them at this time as they are aware that the PC has a number of parish improvements to fund from their precept. The trustees are aware that their responsibility is to ensure that Grittleton Village Hall continues to be ‘fit for purpose’ in the 21st century, be sustainable financially and to ensure that it offers what the community requires. They believe that this plan will deliver these aspirations.
- 8.7.8. The application has the full support of the Village Halls Advisor at Community First. ‘They are an inclusive hall, supporting young and old groups. This helps deliver the council’s goal of stronger and more resilient communities. It also helps to the Council to provide services for social and economic exclusion’. Carrying out this work will mean that the users of the hall are better served for comfort and safety as well as bringing the hall up to date with legislation’.

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8.8.	SPARKS	New mats and tables	£900

- 8.8.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting SPARKS a community area grant of £900 towards new mats and tables.
- 8.8.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.
- 8.8.3. SPARKS is a baby and toddler group for children aged 0-4 and their carers. It is

run by members of St Paul's church and is an important facility for the local area. The majority who attend are non-church attendees. Their role is very important for the community providing a loving, friendly atmosphere where carers and their children can feel welcomed and appreciated. In the last year they have seen a significant increase in attendance.

- 8.8.4. During the last year 104 families have attended with an average of 30-35 families (approximately 50 children) attending every week. Since 2013 the group has extended significantly. There is now a concern with the number, quality and safety of the floor mats are insufficient for the number of children using the toys. All of the children who come to SPARKS will benefit from being able to play in a safe and appropriate environment by using the new mats. The mats will be used: under play equipments such as slides, quiet reading corner, baby play area and group story time area.
- 8.8.5. If the group is unable to replace and increase the number of mats, it will have to restrict the activities currently on offer which will impact on the quality of the service SPARKS provides.
- 8.8.6. The new equipment will be securely stored in the hall where we have the sessions are held for the toddler group.

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8.9.	Singing with Joy	Percussion Instruments	£357

- 8.9.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Singing with Joy a community area grant of £357 towards percussion instruments.
- 8.9.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.
- 8.9.3. 'Singing with Joy' is proposing starting a new singing group in the area. This is a spin off from the very successful group run for the Alzheimer's Society, on alternate weeks. The aim is for a fortnightly group, to be held at Sheldon Road Methodist Church, to provide a place in the daytime where the elderly, the lonely or people who just like singing and playing, but may feel self-conscious, can feel comfortable and uninhibited. They can have fun making music as part of a group without the pressure of performance in front of an audience.
- 8.9.4. Joy will be heading a group of volunteers, some of whom already help with the Alzheimer's project and are experienced with working with newcomers and making them feel welcome. Each session would involve singing well-known and new songs, sometimes with piano, sometimes unaccompanied, sometimes accompanied by percussion. The songs would include traditional songs, classical songs, spiritual songs and hymns sung straight, as rounds or in parts. Each one hour session would include some playing of instruments, either as an accompaniment to a piece of music or unaccompanied, as a means of expression and creativity. Such instruments could include drums, bells, tambourines, maracas and wood blocks. In order to achieve this we would need to purchase some instruments – a few to start with until the success of the group is determined.

8.9.5. The Percussion Instruments will be securely stored in the home of head of the group.

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8.10.	St Nicholas Special School	Tarmac the Starfish Hydrotherapy Pool Car Park	£17,490

8.10.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting St Nicholas Special School a community area grant of £17,490 towards resurfacing the Starfish Hydrotherapy Pool Car Park, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.10.2. This application meets most of the grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.

8.10.3. The Starfish Hydrotherapy Pool was built on the school site with money raised by the local community to provide a service not only to the students at the school on weekday mornings in term time, but also to local groups with specific needs. These include young mothers and babies, stroke victims, post operation patients, fibromyalgia sufferers to list but a few. Use of the pool is approaching maximum with a monthly footfall of 2000 users from the community. The car parking area was never developed and is now unsafe. There has already been one recorded injury. This application is for funding to tarmac the car park to provide safe access for all users whatever their ability.

8.10.4. The hydrotherapy pool provides a service to the elderly, disabled, post operative and recuperating in the local area for which there is no alternative provision other than Swindon or Frome. It also provides swimming lessons for babies and children. Although ample car parking area exists it is unmade gravel with numerous potholes, ridges, legacy ground works and ironwork with no identified pedestrian walkways, lighting, marked spaces or any other safety provision. The most vulnerable in our community currently have to negotiate this unsafe area in order to access the therapeutic benefit of the pool.

8.10.5. Area Board Members are reminded that the maximum award under the Community Area Grant Scheme is normally £5,000. Members will need to consider whether they wish to treat this project as an exception and award more than £5,000

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8.11.	Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club	Installing electric power supply to Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club	£6,700

8.11.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club a community area grant of £6,700 towards installing electric power supply to Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and planning permission being in place.

8.11.2. This application meets most of grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.

- 8.11.3. The town centre indoor shooting range that the group have used for over 50 years has closed with the decommissioning of the Bridge Centre for commercial redevelopment. Consequently the Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club are in the process upgrading the facilities on the land they lease at Patterdown from the Town Council. The primary requirement is to provide electric power to the facilities.
- 8.11.4. The closure of the Bridge Centre site is occurring at a time when the Club has a lengthy waiting list for membership and is experiencing growing demand for participation from younger people. The group believes this is a result of the resurgence of British sporting success culminating with the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Their waiting list has grown substantially in the last two years, but their ability to induct new Club members and introduce interested applicants to our sport is constrained by the loss of the indoor facility and the lack of facilities at the outdoor range at Patterdown.
- 8.11.5. The Club aims to extend the Club's existing 50 metre and 100 yard outdoor ranges (which will remain open), at Patterdown on the outskirts of Chippenham - this site has been leased from the Town Council by the Club from 1979. The current lease runs from 2005 until 2024. The Club is strongly committed to competitive shooting, with members participating in a wide range of local, regional and national competitions. They know from experience that performing successfully in such tournaments requires not only shooting skills and competitiveness, but also a high level of self-discipline and would like to give more people the opportunity to develop this important attribute. The group is particularly encouraged by the number of young people enquiring about membership (more than in many years) and are loathed to turn them away.
- 8.11.6. In order to continue to offer a wider variety of shooting disciplines, as well as maintaining the existing facilities we need to enhance them. Having electricity will mean the group can offer opportunities which are more attractive and accessible to young people and disabled sports people. In addition to allowing us to offer a better facility, electricity will enhance our ability to train, develop and coach Club members and attract others, improving their shooting experience and providing reliable conditions for all adopting the sport or looking to improve their skills and performance. The aim is to increase opportunities for access and use of the Patterdown range.
- 8.11.7. Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club own and will own all their property on the site, but on the understanding is that any property left on site at termination of the lease would become the Landlord's (Chippenham Town Council). With specific regard to the installation of the power cables and transformers at the site, the Terms and Conditions of the installer, Scottish and Southern Energy Power Distribution, specify that these remain the property of the company.
- 8.11.8. Planning permission would be required, but that this application will be made in co-ordination with the company installing the power, after formal contraction and full payment for the installation is made, at least 28 days prior to the commencement of the work. The group does not anticipate any problems with this, as the power supply will be pole mounted to an existing pole. Cancellation is possible post-contract, subject to an administrative charge.
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- 8.12.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Wilts & Berks Canal Trust a community area grant of £4,902 towards the Pewsham Lock restoration- safe access equipment, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.
- 8.12.2. This application meets grant criteria 2014/15 and has been classified as a **capital** project.
- 8.12.3. Wilts & Berks Canal Trust want to start work on the restoration of Pewsham Locks in spring 2015, an interesting industrial heritage site. The locks are 6 metres deep and so scaffolding is needed for the volunteers to safely carry out the initial assessment and the restoration works. Scaffolding can also be used in the future for other local locks. The group estimate 60 hours volunteer labour to cover initial checking/demolition work in Top Lock. We also need to protect the public who use the nearby towpath and wish to purchase sufficient Heras safety fencing to surround the work site. Planning consent is in place.
- 8.12.4. The canal and towpath are open to all. Restoration of the Wilts & Berks Canal is in the Wiltshire Core Strategy & Green Infrastructure Plan. Links to LAW P13, health & well being, increase physical activity, P15 Economic Growth - increase in Tourism, P27 Biodiversity - green corridor for wildlife. This year 140 local school children visited Pewsham Locks on a Heritage Open day to learn about Edwardian canal life and took part in many activities. There was also a public open day.

Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 - Sevington Victorian School - New toilet facilities</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Food Champions - The Forces for Food project</p> <p>Appendix 3 - Victoria County History Trust - The Chippenham History Project community web site.</p> <p>Appendix 4 - Kington St Michael Village Hall - New shop floor</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Chippenham Christian Fellowship the ONE place - The ' One place' Youth community project.</p> <p>Appendix 6 - Benger Bears Forest School - Equipment for the Benger Bears Pre-School Chippenham.</p> <p>Appendix 7 - Grittleton Village Hall - Access for All, Grittleton, Sevington and Leigh Delamare Village Hall</p> <p>Appendix 8 - SPARKS - New mats and tables.</p> <p>Appendix 9 - Singing with Joy - Percussion Instruments</p> <p>Appendix 10 - St Nicholas Special School – Tarmac the Starfish Hydrotherapy Pool Car Park</p> <p>Appendix 11 - Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club - Install electric power supply to Chippenham Rifle and Pistol Club</p> <p>Appendix 12 - Wilts & Berks Canal Trust - Pewsham Lock restoration- safe access equipment</p>
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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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