

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	26th March 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider the following 5 grant requests:

1. SOS Shrewton - £3,157.56 towards a total project cost of £7,168.56 to purchase and install new play equipment.
2. Amesbury Cricket Club - £5,000 towards a total project cost of £10,242 to purchase a new roller.
3. Avon & Bourne Valley Arts Exhibition - £250 to purchase banners to advertise events.
4. Winterbourne Cricket Club - £4,000 towards a total project cost of £8,242 to purchase new essential equipment.
5. Edgars Close Wednesday Club - £1,032 towards a total project cost of £2,065 to design construct and erect a mosaic.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area boards will allocate their delegated funds in accordance with any rules and guidance issued by the Leader of Wiltshire Council.
- 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 last funding round of the 2014/15 financial year.

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 allocated all funding available to them.

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.	Shrewton Recreational Charity	To purchase and install new play equipment	£3,157.56

8.1.1. This application is for £3,157.56 towards a total project cost of £7,168.56 to purchase and install new play equipment. .

8.1.2. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria.

8.1.3. The children's playground is the only public facility in the village and is in desperate need of an upgrade.

8.1.4. This is a request for capital funding.

8.1.5. This project goes some way to achieving targets in the JSA. Facilities that bring older and young people together.

8.1.6. This project is supported by Shrewton Parish Council.

8.1.7. If funding is not granted this project will be delayed until alternative funding can be found.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Amesbury Cricket Club	To purchase a new roller	£5,000

8.2.1. This application is for £5,000 towards a total project cost of £10,242 to purchase a new mower.

8.2.2. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria.

8.2.3. This is considered an essential piece of equipment to maintain an acceptable playing area.

- 8.2.4. This application is for capital funding.
- 8.2.5. This club is moving to a new facility, They are looking to expand the club to include juniors and offer the facility to local schools.
- 8.2.6. This application goes some way to achieving targets set out in the JSA. Improving leisure and sporting facilities.
- 8.2.7. If funding is not granted this project will be delayed until alternative funding can be found.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3.	Avon & Bourne Valley Art Exhibition	To purchase 3 banners	£250

- 8.3.1. This application is for £250 which forms part of a much larger project to stage and art exhibition.
- 8.3.2. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria.
- 8.3.3. This is a not for profit group that organises events throughout the year and is well respected in the local community.
- 8.3.4. This application is for capital funding.
- 8.3.5. This application goes some way to achieving targets in the JSA. Help arts and cultural groups to enable them to access cultural activities.
- 8.3.6. If funding is not granted this project will be delayed until alternative funding can be found.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4.	Winterbourne Cricket Club	To purchase new ground equipment	£4,000

- 8.4.1. This application is for £4,000 towards total project costs of £8,424 to purchase new ground equipment.
- 8.4.2. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria.
- 8.4.3. This application is for capital funding.

- 8.4.4. This application goes some way to achieving targets set out in the JSA. Improving leisure and sporting facilities.
- 8.4.5. 50% of members are school children and the ground is used by local schools every week.
- 8.4.6. If funding is not granted this project will be delayed until alternative funding can be found.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5.	Edgars Close Wednesday Club	To design and install a mosaic	£1,032

- 8.5.1. This application is for £1,032 towards a total project cost of £2065.
- 8.5.2. The application has been appraised by the Community Area Manager and meets the grants criteria.
- 8.5.3. This application is for capital funding.
- 8.5.4. This application goes some way to meeting targets in the JSA. Improve facilities that bring older and YP together.
- 8.5.5. This group has been running for 30 years and is a much needed service in this area.
- 8.5.6. If funding is not granted this project will be delayed until alternative funding can be found.

Appendices	Appendix 1 - SOS Shrewton grant application Appendix 2 - Amesbury Cricket Club grant application Appendix 3 – Avon & Bourne Valley Arts grant application Appendix 4 – Winterbourne Cricket Club grant application Appendix 5 – Edgars Close Wednesday Club grant application
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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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