

Report to	Pewsey
Date of Meeting	06/07/2015
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

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

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: Wilcot and Huish (with Oare) Parish Council Project Title: Activities for the promotion of Volunteering and Timecredits	£5000.00	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£5000	
Total amount allocated so far	£1411	

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 Youth 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 Youth 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

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Parish Council Project Title: Activities for the promotion of Volunteering and Timecredits	Requested from Area Board: £5000.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Project Summary: The activities proposed are to promote the Timecredits project which seeks to engage and motivate young people to volunteer and by doing so increase their skills, employability and self worth. These activities will be offered first and for free to those who have volunteered within the community to encourage participation and promote volunteering as an activity across the Vale of Pewsey. This grant will also be used for engaging with local activity centres to encourage them to offer places for the Timecredits project as spend opportunities outside of this program. This project will be a partnership between PCAP and the Pewsey Youth Club leaders.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: This project will support the many local groups and organisations who are struggling to recruit volunteers by offering the timecredits as a motivational tool to participate, this includes the volunteering on the LYN committee itself. For each hour volunteering the participant receives 1 timecredit to spend on a participating activity locally or further away. Offering an exciting program of accessible activities that young people have expressed an interest in or that have been successful previously both locally and further afield provides an added incentive to earn the timecredits by young volunteers. The activities chosen are designed to improve social engagement, skills, health and self-worth. By volunteering the young people are improving their employability and changing perceptions about youth locally. By working in partnership with the Youth Club leaders and the other organisations signed up to Timecredits we will be able to promote these activities and the benefits that can be found in volunteering to young people. The timecredits project target groups are low income families (in its widest sense), the unemployed and young people aged 13 to 19. We have chosen activities that can accommodate those with disabilities. We will be partnering with the Youth Club leaders to deliver these activities whilst PCAP focuses on building the capacity of the spend options for youth locally to make the project more sustainable. We have already received some financial support for capacity building for timecredits spend options from Aster Housing Association and hope to do promotional work with Pewsey Vale School before the summer break. However much of this fund will be to provide incentivising activities over the summer and beyond.

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