

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	09/09/2015
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.

### Councillor Led Grants

Application	Grant Amount
<b>Applicant:</b> Cllr Roy White  <b>Project Title:</b> Casual Play Space, Shrub Planting	£2,500.00

### Community Area Grants

Application	Grant Amount
<b>Applicant:</b> Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee <b>Project Title:</b> Atworth Village Hall Refurbishment of Toilets	£3868.99
<b>Applicant:</b> Avon Bowls Club <b>Project Title:</b> Avon Bowls Club Notice Board	£450.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts <b>Project Title:</b> Replacement of remainder of tents.	£2378.15
<b>Applicant:</b> West Wiltshire Model Railway Circle <b>Project Title:</b> new ceiling door electricity toilet to create clubroom	£2286.75
<b>Applicant:</b> Atworth Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Atworth Village Flood Equipment Store	£750.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Poulshot Ladies Club <b>Project Title:</b> Poulshot Jubilee Tapestry	£300.00
<b>Total grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£12,533.89
<b>Total Budget Remaining (If all proposed grants are approved)</b>	£11,138.61

## 2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2015/16 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 2015/16.

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

<b>Applicant:</b> Atworth Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee	Amount Requested from Area Board:	
<b>Project Title:</b> Atworth Village Hall Refurbishment of Toilets	£3868.99	
This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.		
<p><b>Project Summary:</b> The toilets in the hall must have been last refurbished at least twenty years ago. The current toilets needs a total refurbishment to update the sanitary equipment update the hand dryer soap dispenser increase the light as it's a bit dark in this area put in new flooring and put heating in the toilet which is not there now. The toilets are one of the most talked items within the community and the regular hall users. The hall since it has been decorated looks a lot better we just need to have a toilet refurbished to match the hall.</p>		
<p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> The whole community will ultimately benefit from the refurbishment of the toilets. Several groups currently use the hall on a regular basis. These are as follows History Group Short Mat Bowls Kit Fit Pilates over 55s Brownies Guides W.I. and the local Parish Council. We have regular family and Children's parties in the hall. Therefore a lot of local people either use the hall on a regular basis or use the hall for events.</p>		
<b>Applicant:</b> Avon Bowls Club	Amount Requested from Area Board:	
<b>Project Title:</b> Avon Bowls Club Notice Board	£450.00	
This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.		
<p><b>Project Summary:</b> Due to wear and tear over a number of years and more recently vandalism Avon Bowls Club urgently need a new Notice Board. This is in order to keep our members up to date on various important local events County League Match Fixtures Match Selections Bowls England Bowls Wiltshire match results and notices. We need good quality boards which will be situated on the outer wall of the club and need to be durable.</p>		
<p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> We currently have a membership of 90 plus people principally from Melksham with an age range of 16 to 80yrs plus. We offer a source of exercise and social interaction</p>		

throughout the year. Membership is open to all without exclusion. We need to offer a safe clean and pleasurable environment and somewhere we can all feel proud of. Replacement of the floorcovering will enhance both the appearance and safety of our facilities to give members and visiting teams a pleasant and secure experience. The area needs to be safe for the disabled and less mobile members of our community without worrying about slip or trip hazards. These features will benefit the following areas, Children and Young People the ability to attract young players into the sport interaction with local schools, Health lifestyle wellbeing giving people of Melksham the opportunity to take part in an outdoor activity. Sport Play and Recreation we have fully qualified personnel to achieve this as an alternative to more physically strenuous sports.

<b>Applicant:</b> Broughton Gifford and Holt Scouts <b>Project Title:</b> Replacement of remainder of tents	Amount Requested from Area Board: £2378.15	
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This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

**Project Summary:** We replaced approximately half of our tents with a grant last year. The remainder of our tents are now leaking badly and beyond economic repair and we are asking for the Boards assistance in replacing these please to allow all 100 children to camp without the risk of getting wet. We are also buying external canopies for all the tents to allow for dry storage of equipment plus providing a dining and cooking area outside the main tent.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** Broughton Gifford and Holt Scout Group is bursting at the seams with 100 young people benefitting from the diverse programme of activities provided by its dedicated team of volunteer leaders. Camping is at the core of what we do after all that's how Scouting started with Lord Baden Powell on Brown sea island in 1907. We provide a number of camping experiences each year but some of our aging equipment means that some of the children risk getting wet.

<b>Applicant:</b> West Wiltshire Model Railway Circle <b>Project Title:</b> new ceiling door electricity toilet to create clubroom	Amount Requested from Area Board: £2286.75	
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This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

**Project Summary:** The former playgroup hut in Steeple Ashton is to be converted into a clubroom for the West Wiltshire Model Railway Circle and as a facility for the Parish. It currently has no electricity no toilet little roof insulation or ceiling and no disabled access, low beams and is generally in poor condition. We need to have new electrics a toilet and entrance door Part M compliant as well as a new insulated ceiling a total redecoration and a kitchen to allow use by ourselves and the occasional community use for events in the field. All the construction will be undertaken by our members apart from Electricity supply apart from this all costs are materials only.

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** Regeneration of disused former Wiltshire Council property for 24 plus members of a model railway group plus access by Village for toilet water etc. at village events in the field. This will open membership to a wider audience and we hope to attract people of all ages and abilities especially with the provision of disabled facilities. We also intend to run courses on electronics soldering model building woodwork and model railway operation. Members of the club will undertake the majority of the building work and will be instructed supervised by a professional builder to help them develop the necessary skills.

<b>Applicant:</b> Atworth Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Atworth Village Flood Equipment Store	Amount Requested from Area Board: £750.00	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> Following the recent bad flood damage within the village there is a need to provide equipment that residents can borrow in order to protect themselves and their property. A centrally located metal container will be used as a store to hold sandbags gel sacks wader's high vis tabards etc. Recent advice given by local flood working groups has been to store such items off the ground and free of sunlight. Residents requiring such equipment will be able to contact our flood warden who will direct them to the container which can be accessed by vehicles.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> Residents have been advised by Wiltshire Council that they are solely responsible for the protection of their property in the event of flood risk. We as a parish council wish to assist our residents by providing this facility. All victims of flood damage especially newly recorded incidents will be advised that they need to purchase their own stock of emergency supplies sand bags gel sacks etc for their own personal protection in the future.</p>		
<b>Applicant:</b> Poulshot Ladies Club <b>Project Title:</b> Poulshot Jubilee Tapestry	Amount Requested from Area Board: £300.00	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b> The Poulshot Ladies Club have made a wonderful tapestry to celebrate her Majesty's Jubilee and we now wish to purchase a suitable frame and fix it to the wall of the Village Hall so that the villagers of Poulshot can enjoy the tapestry. It has cost nothing to date as the Ladies Club have volunteered their work.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> This tapestry will benefit the whole village. It will hang on the wall in the Village Hall and will be there in the future as an example of cohesion in the village. It will depict scenes from life in Poulshot in the Jubilee year. It has been done with the good will of a number of villagers for no cost. The grant would be for a frame for it. This would need to be sturdy and condensation proof and must be fixed strongly to the wall.</p>		
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