

**Report to** Marlborough Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 29 September 2015  
**Title of report** Community Area Grant Funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
The Merchant's House	<b>£5000.00</b>
Marlborough Allotment Association	<b>£354.45</b>
Grove Farm Woodland	<b>£2000.00</b>
Elcot Lane Playing Field Action Group	<b>£750.00</b>
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	<b>£8104.45</b>
Total capital funding allocated to Marlborough Area Board 2015/16	<b>£45,318</b>
Total amount awarded so far, 2015/16	<b>£9,010</b>
Amount remaining if all grants are awarded as per report	<b>£28,203.56</b>

**1. Background**

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 available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

**2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

**4. Financial Implications**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

**5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**6. Human Resources Implication**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

**7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area 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.

**8. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

**9. Applications for consideration**

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1387</a>	The Merchant's House	Conservation of Second Floor Bedchamber	£5000.00

**Project Description**

The Trust is planning to restore the second floor front bedroom in 2015. Having completed essential repair work initial exploratory investigations so far have revealed a small area of wall painting giving evidence of two schemes the first c1656 a floral design and the second c1670 vertical stripes in one area and arched bands in others. The objective of the project is to display the decoration of the room in a coherent form with significant original decoration. The project will be in two phases exploratory work and conservation. The former involves some removal of small areas of later decoration to establish the condition and extent of the original decoration schemes. In the conservation stage the small areas of decoration discovered in the exploratory stage will be extended and repairs made where necessary to both the areas of decoration uncovered and to the plaster of each wall. At the conclusion of this work proposals for presentation of the whole room will be agreed and implemented. The Trust is applying to the Marlborough Area Board for funding for the conservation phase of the project. This will include both further exploration of areas uncovered in phase one consolidation and repair of the decorated areas and consolidation and repair of the plaster on the walls. At the conclusion of this work proposals will be made by the conservator for presentation of the whole room. The cost of this phase of the project is estimated as £17000.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application from The Merchant's House for £5,000

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1465</a>	Marlborough Allotment Association	Marlborough Allotment Association - drainage materials and post-boxes	£354.45

**Project Description**

The project will create a system of channels and pipes that will drain surface water from the Stonebridge Lane allotment site into two sumps that have already been excavated in the adjacent Action for River Kennet nature reserve. The drainage scheme has been designed in partnership with the following interested parties: St Johns Foundation Trust - land owner; Marlborough Town Council - lessee of the land and manager of allotment site; ARK - lessee of adjacent nature reserve and the Biodiversity Officer - Environment Agency. In addition posting boxes will be installed on existing notice boards on 3 allotment sites to facilitate communications with allotment holders.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application from Marlborough Allotment Association for £354.45

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1396</a>	Grove Farm Woodland Centre	Woodland Educational Centre	£2000.00

**Project Description**

To build a structure to be used as an all-weather classroom. This facility will enable us to offer courses all year round which would aim to encourage greater participation by local people of all ages including those from urban communities. We would like to build an amphitheater to encompass the arts into the woodland setting. Visitors have a unique opportunity to interact with the natural environment to improve their well-being and help to conserve an area on the North Wessex Downs.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application from Grove Farm Woodland Centre for £2,000

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1471</a>	Elcot Lane Playing Field Action Group	Elcot Lane Village Green Tree Planting	£750.00
<p><b>Project Description</b></p> <p>The visual appearance and the aesthetic value of the Elcot Lane Village Green in Marlborough will be improved by a tree planting scheme on the west side of the Green that will provide a natural screen for the present austere and stark features of its pavilion building the 2m high chain link fence that defines the eastern side of the adjacent allotment site and the industrial buildings beyond. Marlborough Town Council's AOS Committee resolved 1st June 2015 to contribute £750 towards the total cost of £1500 and suggested that the Elcot Lane Playing Fields Committee approach the Area Board to match this funding.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b></p> <p>That the Area Board determines the application from Elcot Lane Playing Field Action Group for £750</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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