

Date of Meeting	21st July 2008													
Title of Report	Chippenham Area (3) Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009													
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working													
Public Report	YES													
<p>Summary of Report To ask Members to consider 5 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.</p>														
<p>Officer Recommendations To agree funding distribution of the Chippenham Area (3) Community Area Awards Scheme budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/09:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Wraxall Film Society – Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards the cost of a screen, sound system and DVD player conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 2. Doorway – Award £488 from the revenue budget towards the cost of a toaster, games table and camera, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 3. Langley Burrell Village Hall & Sports Field Trust– Award £20,000 from the capital budget towards the cost of the village hall extension, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 4. North Wilts Holiday Club – Award £600 from the capital budget towards the purchase of toys for children with complex needs/ sensory disabilities conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009. 5. Wessex Archaeology - Award £5,211 from the capital budget towards the cost of a Roman Bath House, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009. 6. Members make a request to the Executive for further funding to satisfy the anticipated further demand for funding during the remainder of the year. 														
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers 5 applications for 2008/09 Community Area Award funding; many of which relate to issues and priorities identified in the Chippenham Area Community Plan.
- 1.2 Following the awards made at the first funding round on 2nd June 2008, Chippenham Area (3) Committee has a **capital balance** of **£28,799**, and a **revenue balance** of **Nil**, for distribution in the form of Community Area Awards. See Appendix 1

2. Options and Options Appraisal

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.1	North Wraxall Film Society	Purchase Screen, sound system and DVD player	Capital	£ 2,500	£2,500 100%

2.1.1 **North Wraxall Film Society - Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards the cost of a screen, sound system and DVD player conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**

2.1.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a link to the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan on page 29 Section 8 "The plan aims to increase support for community facilities and events, and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for both residents and visitors to the community area."

2.1.3 This application also demonstrates links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 "Opportunities for people to access culture and the arts locally" and "Increasing breadth of provision at local facilities".

2.1.4 North Wraxall Film Society has recently formed following a well supported trial screening earlier this year. Local volunteers have agreed to join a committee to run the Film Society, and local people have been consulted via newsletter.

2.1.5 The applicant advises that it would difficult to sustain the society if equipment has to be hired for every screening.

2.1.6 Further details are set out at Appendix 2

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.2	Doorway	Purchase a toaster, games table and camera	Capital	£ 488	£488 100%

2.2.1 **Doorway - Award £488 from the Capital budget towards the cost of a toaster, games table and camera, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**

2.2.2 This application largely meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, but does not demonstrate a direct link with the Chippenham and Villages Community plan. The criteria stipulate that 75% of the Community Area Funding budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan. The remaining 25% will be available for those projects that fall outside the Community Plan, but clearly demonstrate a Community Benefit.

- 2.2.3 The application demonstrates a partial link to eh Community Strategy for North Wiltshire page 20 "Raising basic skills". Doorway assists and supports vulnerable people by providing basic life skills.
- 2.2.4 Links are also found with the North Wiltshire District Council Homelessness Strategy and Crime and Community Safety "supporting the implementation of crime, disorder and drugs misuse reduction."
- 2.2.5 Officers are of the opinion that these items will greatly assist the applicant in providing a comprehensive support service. Further details are set out at Appendix 3.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.3	Langley Burrell Village Hall & Sports Field Trust	Village Hall Extension	Capital	£33,781	£ 20,000 59% approx.

- 2.3.1 Langley Burrell Village Hall & Sports Field Trust – Award £20,000 from the capital budget towards the cost of the village hall extension, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 2.3.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates partial links to the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan, Culture & Leisure Section item 8.1 "Insufficient outdoor sports facilities" and 8.4 "Insufficient community halls."
- 2.3.3 This application also demonstrates links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 "Improved rural projects" and "Improved leisure facilities".
- 2.3.4 In the absence of sufficient changing facilities, the main hall regularly has to be used by the Football players, and as a result, the Village Hall committee are obliged to turn away bookings for the main hall because it is not available. This project to build and extension represents the second phase of work, and will provide much needed additional space, and enable the Football Club to continue with all of their training and fixtures, whilst freeing up the main hall for other users.
- 2.3.5 Planning permission has been granted, and remains valid as the first phase of the project has taken place.
- 2.3.6 Further details are set out at Appendix 4.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.4	North Wilts Holiday Club for Children & Young People	Toys for children with complex needs/ sensory disabilities	Capital	£ 600	£600 100%

- 2.1.1 The North Wilts Holiday Club – Award £600 from the capital budget towards the purchase of toys for children with complex needs/ sensory disabilities conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31st March 2009.**

- 2.1.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a link to the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan Education & Lifelong Learning, section 2 item 3 "School facilities not used out of hours" and Health & Social Care, section 6 item 8 "Support for carers to allow them to keep caring for friends and relatives".
- 2.1.3 This application also demonstrates a link to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 8 "Support for vulnerable people".
- 2.1.4 Officers are of the opinion that the North Wilts Holiday Club offers an invaluable service to the children with severe learning difficulties, complex needs and multiple disabilities. In addition, the club also provides much needed respite to family members who care for them.
- 2.1.5 Members may wish to note that there is currently no alternative provision in the area for children or young adults who require constant care and support. Further details are set out at Appendix 5.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
2.5	Wessex Archaeology	Towards the cost of a Community Excavation of a Roman Bath House	Capital	£13,074	£5,211 40% approx.

2.5.1 Wessex Archaeology - Award £5,211 from the capital budget towards the cost of a Roman Bath House, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 2.5.2 This application meets the 2008/09 funding criteria, and demonstrates a direct link to the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan on page 29 "The plan aims to increase support for community facilities and events, and to encourage a range of cultural opportunities for both residents and visitors to the community area".
- 2.5.3 This application also demonstrates links to the Community Strategy for North Wiltshire on page 22 "Opportunities for people to access culture and the arts locally"
- 2.5.4 Officers are of the opinion that this project will provide a rare opportunity for volunteers to participate in an archaeological dig. In addition to the dig, site visits will be arranged for local students with an interest in the topic. A similar invitation will be extended to local schools, as key stage 2 primary schoolchildren study local history as part of the National Curriculum.
- 2.5.5 In addition to the dig and subsequent site visits, there will be a legacy of teacher and pupil resource in the form of a website, and an information sheet. The wider community will have access to information via the website and a public lecture is planned.
- 2.5.6 Further details are set out at Appendix 6.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 The Community Area Award criteria for 2008/9 were reviewed by a Joint Community Area Funding Advisory Body on 28th January 2008. The Executive subsequently approved the Community Area Award criteria on 7th February 2008. Members will recall a Member training session about the Scheme on 10th March 2008. Should Members wish to act in contravention of these amended criteria, the matter must be referred to the Executive.

- 3.2 A copy of the 2008/9 Community Area Awards Funding Pack can be found on the Council's website www.northwiltshire.gov.uk or a paper version is available by contacting community@northwiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 706 448. This contains information relating to funding criteria, sources of advice and funding available other than from the District Council, an application form and a chart outlining the application process.
- 3.3 Applications can be made electronically via the Council's website, www.northwiltshire.gov.uk or via a paper version. All enquires should be made to community@northwiltshire.gov.uk or 01249 706 448.
- 3.4 Applications received after **19th December 2009** will not be considered for funding as there will be insufficient time to process them before the final award give at the Committee Meeting on 12th January 2009.
- 3.5 Members will need to be satisfied that awards granted in the 2008/09 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before March 31st 2009. All funding must be drawn down by **31st March 2009**.
- 3.6 Member's attention is drawn to the fact that funding applications will be submitted for consideration at each of the Chippenham Area (3) Committee meetings up to and including 12th **January 2009**. The first took place on 2nd June 2008, the second is contained in this report, and the remaining dates are as follows:

22nd September 2008	deadline for receipt of applications 8 th August 2008
17th November 2008	deadline for receipt of applications 3 rd October 2008
12th January 2009	deadline for receipt of applications 19 th December 2008

3.7 Budget

Appendix 1 provides details of the Chippenham Area (3) capital and revenue balance for 2008/9, to assist Members when distributing funding across the whole of the Community Area.

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4. Legal Implications

Members of the Area Committee will not be able to make an award to an applicant that exceeds the sum requested on the formal application form. Should Members wish to award a greater sum; the item would need to be deferred until the next funding round and the applicant requested to submit a revised application.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Chippenham Area (3) Committee as set out in Section 1 of this report.
- 5.2 If Members make awards in line with Officer recommendations, there will be a **capital balance of Nil** and a **revenue balance of Nil**.

6. Community and Environmental Implications

- 6.1 Awards made by Area Committee to successful applicants will contribute to the continuance and/or the improvement of cultural, social and community activity and well-being in the Community Area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent on the individual project.

7. Equality & Diversity Implications

7.1 Community Area Awards give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

8. Risk Analysis

8.1 Failure to make awards would have a moderate impact on applicants and their associated community projects. Since this is considered to be unlikely, the overall risk is considered low.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 1 - 2008/9 Financial Summary• Appendix 2 - Funding application North Wraxall Film Society• Appendix 3 - Funding application Doorway• Appendix 4 – Funding application Langley Burrell Village hall & Sports Field Trust• Appendix 5 – North wilts Holiday Club• Appendix 6 – Funding application Wessex Archaeology
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Chippenham Area (3) Community Area Awards	Chippenham Area (3) Committee -15th Jan 2008	CH10
Community Area Awards Criteria 2008/9	Executive 7 th February 2008	E182
Budgets	Council 26 th February 2008	C83