

REPORT TO THE CRICKLADE & WOOTTON BASSETT AREA COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	14th January 2009			
Title of Report	Community Area Awards Funding Distribution			
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working			
Public Report	YES			
<p>Summary of Report To ask Members to consider 4 applications with recommendations for funding under the 2008/9 Community Area Award Scheme.</p> <p>Officer Recommendations To agree funding distribution of the Area 2 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purton Childminding Group – Award £405 from the Project budget, to purchase toys/ equipment to set up a Toy Library for childminders, parents and other agencies to use, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009. 2. Wootton Bassett District Guides – Award £800 from the Capital budget, purchase camping equipment to enable the group to take as many guides camping as possible, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009. 3. Leigh Parish Council - Award £843 from the streetscene budget, replacement of information board at the Chancel, Waterhay in Leigh, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009. 4. Cricklade Historical Society - Award £511 from the capital budget, purchase new multimedia equipment for presentation purposes, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009. 				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report considers 4 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities identified in the Northern Community Area Plan.

2 Funding Levels

- 2.1 Following the funding awards granted at the third funding round on 12th November 2008, the Area 2 Committee has a capital balance of £0, a revenue balance of £0, a balance of £553 in the Streetscene budget and a balance of £2,008 in the project budget.
- 2.2 Appendix 5 provides details of the distribution of awards so far in 2008/9 to assist Members when distributing grants across the whole community area.
- 2.3 Members are reminded that the streetscene budget can be utilised for any projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene. The project budget of £10,000 has been provided from in year savings and can be spent on projects of either a capital or revenue nature.

3 Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Purton Childminding Group Appendix 1	To equip a Toy Library	Project (Capital)	£ 405	£ 405 (Approx 100%)

- 3.1 **Purton Childminding Group – Award £405 from the Project budget, to purchase toys/ equipment to set up a Toy Library for childminders, parents and other agencies to use, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.1.2 This application meets the 2007/8 funding criteria and demonstrates a loose link to the Community Area Plan. These links can be found within Recreation, Culture and Leisure and is a highlighted main concern for Purton residents to support local day care facilities.
- 3.1.3 Purton Childminding Group is a newly formed group of 6 registered childminders who support several families in and around Purton by caring for their children. In total over 20 children are regularly looked after ages ranging from 3 months to 14 years old.
- 3.1.4 The group's project is to set up and maintain a Toy Library. Not only will these items directly benefit the children the group care for, but will do so for children within the wider community.
- 3.1.5 All of the specialised toys will be made readily available to any organisation or sole parent wishing borrow them. Already established links with 2 local playgroups, St Marys School, 2 toddler groups, brownies and scouts can take advantage of them.
- 3.1.6 These items include multi cultural toys, toys from around the world as well as dressing up clothes, toys to aid numeracy, literacy and various other music books, games and jigsaws.
- 3.1.7 All of the toys chosen will assist with child development, knowledge and greater understanding in line with new OFSTED requirements. It is also hoped that the Toy Library will encourage additional childcare providers which are greatly needed within the local area.

3.1.8 A decision to fund this project will provide sustainability and growth to a valuable group within our society, whose aims are to educate and develop children through the act of play.

3.1.9 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 1.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Wootton Bassett District Guides Appendix 2	Purchase camping equipment	Project (Capital)	£800	£800 (Approx 100%)

3.2 Wootton Bassett District Guides – Award £800 from the Project budget, purchase camping equipment to enable the group to take as many guides camping as possible, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.2.2 This application meets the 2007/8 funding criteria. These criteria state that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget must be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan. The remaining 25% is available for projects that fall outside of the Community Plan, but remain of benefit to the Community.

3.2.3 Wootton Bassett District Guides consists of 150 girls aged from 10-18 years old. Working to the ethos of Girl Guiding UK, this Patrol tries to provide camping to as many girls as possible.

3.2.4 Guiding provides a safe and secure environment for girls of all backgrounds regardless of their academic or physical capabilities to explore new possibilities and achieve personal goals.

3.2.5 Camping and other outdoor activities are a key development and learning tool renowned within the guiding culture. Camping also encourages an increase of self esteem, independence and the joy of making friends, learning new skills and being a positive member of their local community.

3.2.6 The guides participate in the Malvern Challenge; this is a weekend event and consists of numerous activities such as hiking, climbing, abseiling, cooking, canoeing and first aiding to name a few. Additional to this event the Patrol also arrange further camping trips throughout the year.

3.2.7 To enable the Patrol to achieve their goal of offering camping to as many girls as possible, they are in need of adding and updating their current outdoor equipment. The items required range from accommodation and facility tents to cooking utensil, pots and pans.

3.2.8 A decision to fund this project will show a commitment to an organisation that encourages girls to play positive roles within their community and develop self growth.

3.2.9 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 2.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Leigh Parish Council Appendix 3	Replacement of information board at the Chancel	Streetscene (Capital)	£1,685	£843 (Approx 50%)

3.3 Leigh Parish Council - Award £843 from the streetscene budget, replacement of information board at the Chancel, Waterhay in Leigh, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.3.2 This application meets the 2007/8 funding criteria. These criteria state that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget must be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan. The remaining 25% is available for projects that fall outside of the Community Plan, but remain of benefit to the Community.

3.3.3 The Old Chancel is the remaining structure of a 13th century church. Situated at Waterhay which is in the northeast area of Leigh the remaining Chancel sits isolated amid open farmland.

3.3.4 Close to a popular footpath that runs along the Thames and Waterhay Lane the Chancel is regularly visited by numerous walkers throughout the year. A service is also hosted on the site once a year in mid-summer which is attended by many people.

3.3.5 The Old Chancel has been a cherished and important part of Leigh's history for many centuries. Its rural location provides a peaceful and idyllic natural setting surrounded by wildlife, flora and fauna.

3.3.6 At present the site has an old unfit for purpose notice board and its tired and poor condition is in need of replacing. The site is already signed posted from the public highway and a replacement notice board will enhance the site by including additional historic information, wildlife facts and including pictures.

3.3.7 A decision to fund this project will help increase knowledge of this historic site and its surrounding area, including the nature is nestles within.

3.3.8 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 3.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
Cricklade Historical Society Appendix 4	Purchase new multimedia equipment for presentation purposes	Project (Capital)	£511	£511 (Approx 100%)

3.4 Cricklade Historical Society - Award £511 from the project budget, purchase new multimedia equipment for presentation purposes, conditional on the balance of the funding being in place and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.4.2 This application meets the 2007/8 funding criteria and demonstrates a connection to the Community Area Plan. These connections can be found on pg 9 'Promotion of historical market town image of Cricklade and Wootton Bassett, pg 23 'Lack of arts and cultural activities' and pg 24 'Relocation of Cricklade Museum'.

- 3.4.3 Cricklade Historical Society has over 150 registered members and holds a community based 'Speakers Programme' which open to the general public. Each talk provides a different subject matter and are always of historical interest relating to the local area.
- 3.4.4 The Society currently provides a programme of around 11 talks a year, which are regularly attended by over 40 people. Every talk reinforces community spirit and provides an opportunity for interaction/ participation and additional learning.
- 3.4.5 Guest Speakers often use a variety of graphical mediums; however the Groups current equipment limits their use of visual aids and this matter continues to restrict the range of speakers available to them.
- 3.4.6 The group would like to purchase a portable multimedia projector, to enable them to develop their presentation abilities, source new speakers and in turn attract additional attendees.
- 3.4.7 A decision to fund this project will help develop and sustain a popular historical based community group; who provide an additional learning source for all members of the local society.
- 3.4.8 Further background details are set out in the application at Appendix 4.

4 Timescales

- 4.1 The final deadlines for the submission of funding applications is 19th December for consideration at the 14th January 2009 meeting.;
- 4.2 Applications can be made electronically via the Council's website, www.northwilts.gov.uk or via a paper version. Details about the 2008/9 Community Awards Scheme can also be downloaded which includes information relating to criteria and the application process as well as advice about alternative sources of funding. All enquires should be made to community@northwilts.gov.uk or 01249 706448 (requests for paper versions of the Community Area Awards Funding Pack can made via this number too).
- 4.3 Funding can be drawn down by successful applicants when all award criteria have been met (e.g. match funding is in place) and on confirmation that the project which funding has been awarded to will proceed in the next 3 months. **All funding awards must be paid to the recipient prior to 31st March 2009 - it is the recipients responsibility to ensure this condition is met. Failure to do so will result in the award being withdrawn.**

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 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.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 2 Committee as set out in Section 1 of this report.
- 6.2 If Members make recommendations as set out in this report they will have a balance of £2.

7 Community and Environmental Implications

- 7.1 The majority of the awards can be directly linked to priorities in the Northern Community Area Plan.
- 7.2 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.

8 Equality & Diversity Implications

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

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appendix 1 Application - Purton Childminding Group• Appendix 2 Application – Wootton Bassett District Guides• Appendix 3 Application – Leigh Parish Council• Appendix 4 Application – Cricklade Historical Society• Appendix 5 2008/9 Area 2 Community Awards Summary
Background documents used in the preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9, Corporate Plan, Play Strategy 2007-2012, Northern Community Area Plan 2005 - 2015.

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