

REPORT TO THE MALMESBURY AREA (1) COMMITTEE Report No.6

Date of Meeting	21 st January 2009
Title of Report	Malmesbury Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

To ask Members to consider 15 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/9 Community Area Award Scheme.

Officer Recommendations

1. **That Members note the number of applications and agree not to provide funding support to those applications listed in Appendix 1.**

Members agree funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:
2. **Minety Pre-School – Award £2,280 from the Streetscene budget to purchase equipment for their ‘Green Garden’ project, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
3. **Sherston Young Craft Group – Award £293 from the Revenue budget for the purchase of a new sewing machine and craft equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
4. **Little Somerford Parish Council – Award £575 from the Streetscene budget to refurbish the village bus shelter, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
5. **Sherston Parish Council – Award £344 from the Streetscene budget to provision of a new notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
6. **Charlton Parish Council – Award £350 from the Streetscene budget to renew second notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
7. **Sherston Magna Cricket Club – Award £3,000 from the Project budget to purchase an outfield mower, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
8. **Great Somerford Parish Council – Award £296 from the Streetscene budget for a footpath extension to provide safe access to Community rooms, Pre-school site and Walter Powell School, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
9. **1st Minety Guide Unit – Award £240 from the Revenue budget to provide provisions of hot water whilst camping, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**

10. **Lea Pre-School – Award £1,000 from the Project budget to erect an awning/sail for outdoor area to enable year round use, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
11. **Lea & Cleverton Parish Council – Award £450 from the Streetscene budget to replace the existing safety surface under swings which is not compliant with the standard as laid down by EN1176, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
12. **Oaksey Parish Council – Award £4,146 from the Streetscene budget for provision of a bus shelter in a traditional style, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
13. **Crudwell Parish Council – Award £125 from the Streetscene budget to re-establish the swill brook streambed at Post Office Green , conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
14. **North Aisle Community Area – Award £8,893 from the Project budget to provide disabled friendly toilet facilities, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
15. **St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council – Award £1,129 from the Streetscene budget for the provision of a notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
16. **Sherston Parish Council – Award £528 from the Streetscene budget to provision of three heavy duty litter bins, conditional upon the Parish Council taking responsibility for emptying the bins and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

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 15 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities identified in the Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Plan.
- 1.2 There were a further 9 applications for funds that were completed in the required deadline. The Area Committee has insufficient funds to make the requested awards to each of the 24 application. Officers have formed a list of recommendations that Members are asked to approve. Each application has been considered on individual merits and in line with the 2008/2009 award criteria. Due to the fact that the number of requests were more than double the available funds Officers also considered previous awards and worked to ensure that funds awarded are apportioned across the Community Area. When considering this other funding streams managed by the Council were taken into consideration.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 provides details of those applications that Officers are recommending this Committee **does not** support with a funding award. Appendix 2 contains details of those awards made by this Committee in the 2008/2009 year.
- 1.4 The 15 recommendations for funding support are contained within the main body of this report.

2 Funding Levels

- 2.1 Following the funding awards granted at the fourth funding round on the 19th of November 2008, the Area 1 Committee has the following balances in the community areas awards budget.

Capital £2,076
Revenue £2,168
Streetscene £9,405
Project Budget £10,000

- 2.2 Members are reminded that the project budget has been provided from in year savings and can be spent on projects of either a capital or revenue nature. Similarly the allocation Streetscene fund is to be spent on projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene.
- 2.3 An award of £1,648 made in January 2007 to North Aisle Community Area for a Composting Toilet Project has been returned as this project is now superseded by the project to provide disabled friendly toilet facilities elsewhere on this agenda.

3 Options and Options Appraisal

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Minety Pre-School Appendix 3	Create their 'Green Garden' project	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 2,280

3.1 Minety Pre-School – Award £2,280 from the Streetscene budget to create their 'Green Garden' project, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 3.1.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 3.

- 3.1.2 This application meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages identifies 'What Minety residents value and wish to keep intact' is its village amenities – including its school and pre-school.
- 3.1.3 Minety Pre-school currently has 28 families attend its facilities. It has been acknowledge that families are now choosing Pre-schools based on their outdoor space and how often they encourage the children to enjoy being outside, involved with nature and enjoy the ever changing weather conditions.
- 3.1.4 As an extension to the Pre-schools “Green theme” project where the children were involved in planting and recycling, the Pre-school would like to extend its outdoor capacity through additional planting area’s including raised beds, bird tables, compost bins and seating and play equipment.
- 3.1.5 With these additional amenities the Pre-school will be able to teach the children the benefits of recycling, skills to grow their own fruit and vegetables and the need for wildlife conservation. It is then hoped the children will take their newel learnt skills home and promote the necessities of being green through recycling and growing their own produce.
- 3.1.6 The new seating and playing equipment will also promote other outdoor play/ activities and will enable the children to have a healthier lifestyle. It will also install the importance of our external environment and generate an appreciation for of things green.
- 3.1.7 Funding this application will show support for the young children and their families of Minety Pre-School and will acknowledge the importance of all outdoor activities.
- 3.1.8 The total cost of this project is £2,280. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 100% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Sherston Young Craft Group Appendix 4	Purchase of new Sewing Machine and craft equipment	Revenue	£ 293

- 3.2 **Sherston Young Craft Group – Award £293 from the Revenue budget for the purchase of a new sewing machine and craft equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.2.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 4.
- 3.2.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not link directly to the Plan.
- 3.2.3 Sherston Young Craft Group has been running for 10 years and is there to encourage young people aged from 9 upwards to make craft items using various methods including sewing, crochet, papier mache, textiles, copper pressing, bead work and numerous other techniques.
- 3.2.4 The group is held at Sherston Village Hall and accommodates 20 young children from Sherston and surrounding Villages. The group enables children to partake in craft activities not readily available to them and provides a sense of achievement and pride.

- 3.2.5 From the fees paid by the children, the club struggles to provide additional materials and this limits the activities made available to them and restricts the opportunity for extended learning.
- 3.2.6 Funding this project will show support for this creative craft group and will enable them to sustain and grow the activities they can provide.
- 3.2.7 The total cost of this project is £293. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 100% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Little Somerford Parish Council Appendix 5	Refurbishment of village bus shelter	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 575

3.3 Little Somerford Parish Council – Award £575 from the Streetscene budget to refurbish the village bus shelter, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 3.3.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 5.
- 3.3.2 This application meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages identifies 'What Little Somerford residents value and wish to keep intact' is its tranquil rural atmosphere, enhanced by the harmonious street scene, also public transport.
- 3.3.3 Little Somerford's existing wooden bus shelter is over 50 years old and after its condition was identified as unstable as a result to woodrot it was reinforced with struts back in 2000. Since then its condition has deteriorated considerable and the safety of the structure is causing concern.
- 3.3.4 In total some 30 villagers regularly use this shelter for both bus journeys and reading public notices displayed within the open notice board inside the shelter. The bus shelter is valuable source of protection within this rural and exposed position and would be sorely missed if removed.
- 3.3.5 Action to refurbish and reinforce the shelter with a double-faced stone footing, wooden construction and tiled roof has been agreed to conserve the character of this central and prominent feature within the village.
- 3.3.6 A decision to fund this project will prolong the usability of a vital village amenity and provide shelter for all villagers for many years to come.
- 3.3.7 The total cost of this project is £1,150 with the Parish Council contributing half of the total cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 50% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Sherston Parish Council Appendix 6	Installation of New Parish Notice Board	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 344

3.4 Sherston Parish Council – Award £344 from the Streetscene budget for the installation of a new notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 3.4.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 6.
- 3.4.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not link directly to the Plan.
- 3.4.3 Sherston Parish Council's main Notice Board is situated in the village high street and is attached to the front of the Old School. Due to its prominent position within the village it provides a convenient and reliable form of communication for the Parish Council and other important public notices.
- 3.4.4 There are approximately 1400 adult residents within Sherston Parish and the notice board is used as a platform for the Parish Council to inform and engage residents in its policies and activities.
- 3.4.5 Unfortunately the current notice board is in a state of complete disrepair and urgently needs replacing. The new notice board will be constructed by a local company and its traditional design remains in keeping with this picturesque village.
- 3.4.6 A decision to fund this project will enable Sherston Parish Council to inform and communicate important Parish information with all residents. As well as providing a focal point for public notices and event advertising.
- 3.4.7 The total cost of this project is £688. Sherston Parish Council will be contributing 50% towards the total project cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 50% of the whole project

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Charlton Parish Council Appendix 7	Renew second notice board	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 350

- 3.5 **Charlton Parish Council – Award £350 from the Streetscene budget to renew second notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.5.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 7.
- 3.5.2 This application meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages identifies 'What Charlton residents value about their local community' is the notice boards and Parish newsletter which aid communication.
- 3.5.3 Due to the geography of Charlton Village it requires two notice boards. Both notice boards display regularly notices/ information and have become a fundamental means of communication within this rural setting.
- 3.5.4 Approximately 450 people view, display and benefit from this popular notice board. It provides a focal point for organisation in and around the village to freely advertise events, notices and provide residents with relevant local information.
- 3.5.5 Used by various organisations including the Parish Council, Cricket Club, WI and many others the notice board encourages community participation and promotes village pride.

- 3.5.6 The present notice board is old and unsightly and has become unfit for purpose. During this year's 'Best Kept Village Competition' inspection the judges commented on the condition of the notice board and highlighted its need for attention.
- 3.5.7 A decision to fund this project will increase promotion of local events, clubs and services, which will then boost community spirit.
- 3.5.8 The total cost of this project is £701 with the Parish Council contributing half of the total cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 50% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Sherston Magna Cricket Club Appendix 8	Purchase outfield mower	Capital (Project)	£ 3,000

- 3.6 **Sherston Magna Cricket Club – Award £3,000 from the Project budget to purchase an outfield mower, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.6.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 8.
- 3.6.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not link directly to the Plan.
- 3.6.3 Sherston Magna Cricket Club has been in existence for over 15 years and has a membership of over 80 players through the combination of junior and adult teams, aging from 9 years old and upwards.
- 3.6.4 The Club provides playing facilities for a variety of cricketing abilities; from friendly evening matches too their Saturday side who have been promoted to the Division 1 Cirencester and District League for 2009, other local teams and touring sides also use their grounds.
- 3.6.5 The present mower the Club uses is unable to cut the outfield low enough for approved standards. To enable the Club to play cricket at all, they have currently had to improvise with assistance from a local farmer.
- 3.6.6 Unfortunately even with this assistance the condition of the outfield is still not to the standard which is required for a better level of cricket. This is why the Club would like to purchase their own tracker mower.
- 3.6.7 The purchase of a new mower will bring independence to the group but most importantly will improve the facilities of the Club overall. This in turn will hopefully encourage new members and attract additional League matches.
- 3.6.8 A decision to fund this project will ensure the long term viability of the club, whilst encourage current members to continue playing, as well as attracting new members.
- 3.6.9 The total cost of this project is £5,000 with the Cricket Club contributing 40% of the total cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 60% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Great Somerford Parish Council Appendix 9	Footpath extension	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 296

3.7 Great Somerford Parish Council – Award £296 from the Streetscene budget for a footpath extension to provide safe access to Community rooms, Pre-school site and Walter Powell School, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.7.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 9.

3.7.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages on pg 19 under Transport reference Footpaths and bridleways.

3.7.3 Great Somerford has approximately 750 residents. The village has a number of local amenities including a village Store/Post Office, Public house, Church, Primary and Pre-school.

3.7.4 Due to its geography Great Somerford has a number of minor routes that configure within the village and inter-link numerous smaller villages, making these highways increasing busy during the commute periods in the morning and early evenings.

3.7.5 At present a section of the road currently provides no provision of a footpath. This section of highway narrows at this point which is also on a sharp bend, increasing the hazard to both pedestrians and commuters alike.

3.7.6 This is a popularly route used daily by children walking to the local Pre and Primary schools and as there is no footpath children and parents currently find themselves having to walk out in to the busy road.

3.7.7 It has been an aspiration of the Parish Councils for some time to provide a footpath on this section of highway. The proposed path will offer safe passage for school children, as well as other villagers wanting to use the local amenities.

3.7.8 A decision to fund this project will support the local community as a whole. It will provide a much needed footpath which shall hopefully ensure the safety of all pedestrians and road users.

3.7.9 The total cost of this project is £1,081 with the Parish Council and local Landowner contributing 73% of the total cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 27% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
1st Minety Guide Unit Appendix 10	Provision of hot water to Girl Guides whilst at camp	Revenue	£ 240

3.8 1st Minety Guide Unit – Award £240 from the Revenue budget to provide provisions of hot water whilst camping, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.8.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 10.

- 3.8.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not link directly to the Plan.
- 3.8.3 1st Minety Girl Guide Unit is part of Girl Guiding UK – the UK’s largest voluntary organisation. This unit caters for around 20 girls and young women from Minety and surrounding areas on a weekly basis.
- 3.8.4 Girlguiding provides a stable and reinsuring foundation for girls of all backgrounds. Its statement of purpose is ‘to enable girls and young women to develop their potential and to make a difference to the world’.
- 3.8.5 To enable the unit to offer the girls a full and varied programme, Minety Girlguiding Unit offers the girls the opportunity to experience the enjoyments of camping and all the activities related to it.
- 3.8.6 Camping is traditionally a fundamental aspect of Girlguiding and can allow the girls to gain in confidence, develop leadership skills and enjoy the great outdoors. Minety Girlguiding Unit runs an annual camping trip as well as additional short weekends away.
- 3.8.7 Girlguiding UK have high standards for the supervising and leading of its members and has a strong emphasis on health and hygiene whilst camping. The purchase of a hot water urn would provide the Unit with continuous hot water.
- 3.8.8 The urn intended for purchase is portable in size and will enable the unit to create its own hot water in any situation or location. The hot water produced can then be used for consumption, washing dishes and more importantly personal hygiene.
- 3.8.9 A decision to fund this project will provide the Unit with the basic resource of hot water, which will then increase health and hygiene for future camping trips.
- 3.8.10 The total cost of this project is £240. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 100% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Lea Pre-School Appendix 11	Erect an awning/sail for outdoor area to enable year round use.	Capital (Project)	£ 1,000

- 3.9 **Lea Pre-School – Award £1,000 from the Project budget to erect an awning/sail for outdoor area to enable year round use, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.9.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 11.
- 3.9.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not link directly to the Plan.
- 3.9.3 Lea Pre-school currently has around 25 children enrolled, between 2-4 years of age. The Preschool offers a wide range of fun and creative activities to the children, all with the desire of stimulating personal growth and development.

- 3.9.4 Children are often unsettled and can become distracted when confined indoors, restricting their learning capabilities and preventing further development. To prevent this situation the Pre-school try and provide as many outdoor activities as possible which offers greater diversity to the children's day.
- 3.9.5 In line with the Early Learning Foundation Stage the Pre-school would like to enhance their outdoor play area, through the provisions of an awning/sail shelter. This temporary cover will allow the children free flow whilst at play, increasing independence and self awareness whilst in a safe and secure environment.
- 3.9.6 The awning/sail will protect the children from light rain and excessive sunshine throughout the year. This will provide a comfortable outdoor setting for the children to learn and play.
- 3.9.7 A decision to fund this project will allow the Pre-school to develop its current outdoor activities and enhance the facilities it can offer the children; this will then ensure the longevity of the Pre-school.
- 3.9.8 The total cost of this project is £1,000. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 100% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Lea & Cleverton Parish Council Appendix 12	Replace existing safety surface beneath swings to comply with health & safety standards	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 450

- 3.10 **Lea & Cleverton Parish Council – Award £450 from the Streetscene budget to replace the existing safety surface under swings which is not compliant with the standard as laid down by EN1176, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.10.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 12.
- 3.10.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages on pg 34 under Culture reference 'Sports amenities in Lea and Cleverton'.
- 3.10.3 This popular little play area is equipped with various apparatus suitable for all ages and abilities. Its multi sport facilities offer a varied and secure amenity for children and adults from both Lea and surrounding villages (including Cleverton and Garsdon).
- 3.10.4 To ensure the safety of visitors to the play facilities especially the swing area and to comply with British Standard EN1176 recommendation; the Parish Council would like to replace the existing safety surface directly beneath the junior swings.
- 3.10.5 The new safety surface will be impact adsorbent as well as non-slip. This style of matting has been chosen not only for its tested safety values but also for its aesthetic property's in mind.
- 3.10.6 The safety matting chosen will lie directly onto grass, which will then grow through its honeycombed rubber cells and in time will disappear from view.

- 3.10.7 A decision to fund this project will enable the Parish Council to ensure the safety of all children or adults when using the play equipment and to comply with British Safety Standards.
- 3.10.8 The total cost of this project is £919. The Parish Council is contributing 52% of the total project cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 48% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Oaksey Parish Council Appendix 13	Provision of a bus shelter	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 4,146

3.11 Oaksey Parish Council – Award £4,146 from the Streetscene budget for provision of a bus shelter in a traditional style, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

- 3.11.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 13.
- 3.11.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and a loose link to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages on pg 18 under Transport reference 'The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions'.
- 3.11.3 Oaksey village is centrally located between 3 larger towns. The villagers are fortunate to be surrounded by a number of exceptional leisure facilities; including the Cotswold Water Park, 9-hole golf course and wide open countryside.
- 3.11.4 Due to Oaksey's rural location the two bus services that operate through the village are a vital life line to many of the villagers; usually the older and younger residents who have no transport of their own.
- 3.11.5 It is estimated that around 50 people use the regular bus services on a daily basis and unfortunately the previous bus shelter had to be removed due to its poor structural condition and concerns that it was unsafe.
- 3.11.6 With the removal of the old bus shelter commuters find themselves often waiting for the buses unprotected from the elements and vulnerable to the wind and rain. This creates an unpleasant experience for all involved; reducing its popularity and increase car usage.
- 3.11.7 After lengthy consultation with residents the Parish Council have agreed that a new permanent bus shelter is urgently required. Its design has also been through much deliberation and the chosen design shall remain harmonious with the architecture of the village.
- 3.11.8 The shelter itself has been locally designed, sourced and built. The use of stone, timber and glass shall ensure the structure will remain robust and sustainable for many years to come. A decision to fund this project will enable the Parish Council to provide a more pleasant travel experience for commuters; hopefully increasing the popularity of using public transport and reducing unnecessary car journeys.
- 3.11.9 The total cost of this project is £8,293. The Parish Council is contributing 50% of the total project cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 50% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding
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Crudwell Parish Council Appendix 14	Re-establish the swill brook streambed through the Post Office Green	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 125

3.12 Crudwell Parish Council – Award £125 from the Streetscene budget to re-establish the swill brook streambed at Post Office Green, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.12.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 14.

3.12.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages on pg 13 under 'The Environment, Land-Based and Countryside Issues' reference 'Flooding'.

3.12.3 Crudwell's name derives from 'the stream flowing through it.' Post Office Green play area is a prominent but under utilised feature within the village and has a unique Swill Brook watercourse as a boundary to the North. In early 2008 a study by the River Restoration Centre from Cranfield University provided an option to include the Swill Brook as an added feature to the play area with the view of increasing its aesthetic appeal and attracting additional user's.

3.12.4 Unfortunately due to adverse weather conditions and years of neglect the Brook has become over deepened resulting in sediment accumulating over time and creating a potential hazard.

3.12.5 To re-establish this watercourse and resolve the unstable condition of the streambed consultation and guidance from the Environment Agency and North Wilts Planning Department was sourced.

3.12.6 Advice received from both departments outlined the requirement of de-silting and replacing the streambed with a more stable foundation. This corn brush base will then improve the health and safety aspect of the channel, increasing water flow and reducing further silt deposits. This in turn will establish additional vegetation encouraging wildlife and improving its overall aesthetics'.

3.12.7 A decision to fund this project will enable the Parish Council to re-establish this currently underused area, improve its visual appeal and decrease its potential of flooding and hazard of depth for user's and visitors to the play area.

3.12.8 The total cost of this project is £250. The Parish Council is contributing 50% of the total project cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 50% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
North Aisle Community Area Appendix 15	Provide disabled friendly toilet facilities	Capital	£ 10,000

3.13 North Aisle Community Area – Award £8,893 from the remaining budgets to provide disabled friendly toilet facilities, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.

3.13.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 15.

- 3.13.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and loose links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages as it identifies 'the village church with its good social community' as a value to the area. Hankerton is a small rural village with a considerable lack of community facilities. In response to this shortage North Aisle Community Area was created within Holy Cross Church. This small area was formed in the unused north aisle of the church and has now created a popular meeting place.
- 3.13.3 North Aisle Community Area is often used by a number of local groups and clubs and is a regular focal point for community fundraising events, charity coffee mornings as well as official Parish Council meetings. As a successful community facility the necessity to improve and develop the facilities it can offer is essential to ensure its sustainability. At present a major and fundamental facility in the form of a public toilet is currently missing.
- 3.13.4 The installation of this basic facility has its obvious advantages; as well as dramatically improving the comfort to all that use the area; it is also hoped to encourage additional new users. An unsightly external boiler room will house the new toilet facility and it shall be designed and built suitable for disabled access. This extensive project will see the demolishing of the existing boiler room and reconstruction of the new building will be carried out in reconstituted stone to complement the church and surrounding area.
- 3.13.5 Within this build a small kitchenette, energy efficient boiler and additional radiators will also be included. All of these added amenities will improve the comfort to all that use this popular and vital community area.
- 3.13.6 Members are reminded that North Aisle Community Area was previously awarded £1,648 in January 2007 for the proposed project of a composting toilet. Unfortunately this project has not come to fruition, as the planned facility was deemed unsuitable to accommodate the number of users. As previously mentioned in this report this award has been returned.
- 3.13.7 After consultation North Aisle Area committee agreed that a more substantial and durable facility was required; and that alternative chemical or bio toilets were not in keeping or appropriate for the churchyard location.
- 3.13.8 A decision to fund this project will enable North Aisle Community Area to offer and provide additional facilities to the local community. All planning permission is in place and an application with Community First (Landfill) for £10,000 will be considered mid-late January.
- 3.13.9 The total cost of this project is £40,000. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 25% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
Sherston Parish Council Appendix 16	Provision of three heavy duty litter bins	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 528

- 3.14 **Sherston Parish Council – Award £528 from the Streetscene budget to provision of three heavy duty litter bins, conditional upon the Parish Council taking responsibility to empty the bins and the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**

- 3.14.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 16.

- 3.14.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages on pg 16 under 'The Environment, Land-Based and Countryside Issues' it refers to 'Maintenance'.
- 3.14.3 Sherston Sportsfield is a popular and well utilised facility for both young and old to use from the local community. Situated on the outskirts of the village the Sportsfield consists of a Football pitch, Tennis courts, Skateboard Park and Pavilion.
- 3.14.4 Used by both organised and spontaneous users the Sportsfield is home to both adult and youth football teams, as well as a village tennis club. Due to the vast area of this open space, litter has sadly become an increasing issue and the Parish Council has received numerous complaints from residents and visitors.
- 3.14.5 In an attempt to resolve this litter issue the Parish Council have employed someone to periodically clear the Sportsfield from all litter and waste. This has become a time consuming and inefficient method of maintenance and the Parish Council would now like to purchase and install three heavy duty litter bins.
- 3.14.6 Three litter bins are required so they can be prominent and conveniently placed within all of the major amenity areas within the Sportsfield. It is then hoped that all users will take responsibility for their own litter waste and dispose of it in a suitable and considerate manor.
- 3.14.7 A decision to fund this project will enable Sherston Parish Council to work appropriately towards a current concern of village maintenance. Litter throughout the village has been highlighted as an issue and the installation of these three bins will be a proactive step towards a resolution.
- 3.14.8 The total cost of this project is £1,057. Sherston Parish Council will be contributing 50% towards the total project cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 50% of the whole project.

Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Funding Requested
St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council Appendix 17	Provision of Notice Board	Capital (Streetscene)	£ 1,129

- 3.15 **St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council – Award £1,129 from the Streetscene budget for the provision of a notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31st March 2009.**
- 3.15.1 Further details of this application are provided at Appendix 17.
- 3.15.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria. These require that at least 75% of the Community Area Award budget be allocated to applications demonstrating links to the Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages. The remaining 25% will be available for those schemes that fall outside of the Plan but remain important for local communities. The project does not link directly to the Plan.
- 3.15.3 St Pauls Malmesbury Without is a wide spread agricultural community, spread over four villages and including a number of small settlements and farming communities. Due to its vast coverage the Parish Council require a number of specifically placed notice boards (7).
- 3.15.4 These notice boards are an essential means of communication and enable the Parish Council, local clubs and organisation to publically advertise and notify the community of up and coming events. Over many years varying notice boards have been erected

throughout the Parish, but are now either in a dilapidated condition or are too small to meet the increase demand. Due to this fact a number of notice boards are in desperate need of replacing.

3.15.5 The original application was for 2 notice boards with the request of £2,258 support from this Committee. Given the limitations of available funding Officers are suggesting that Members provide the funding for 1 notice board.

3.15.6 A decision to fund this project will enable St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council to replace one of these notices boards and will kick start their campaign to replace the other notice boards in the coming future.

3.15.7 The total cost of this project is £2,258. St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council will be contributing 50% towards the total project cost. If Members make an award in line with officer recommendations this will represent a contribution of 50% of the whole project.

4 Timescales

4.1 This is the last opportunity that this Committee will have to make awards from the 2008/2009 Community Awards Budget.

4.2 Members will need to be satisfied that awards granted in the 2008/09 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before March 31 2009. This Council will not be in a position to guarantee the availability of funding after that time. With this in mind the award criteria (point 4) clearly states that;

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 or invoiced by 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.

4.4 Successful applicants are being provided with information on how to draw down funding. All requests to draw down funds must be received by March 6 at the latest to ensure payment by March 31.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 1 Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report.

5.2 If Members make awards in line with the recommendations in this report the budget the Community Area Awards budget for 2008/2009 will be fully committed.

6 Community and Environmental Implications

6.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Plan.

6.2 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.

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.

<p>Appendices:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 Application – Summary of Applications Committee are recommended not to support with award funding • Appendix 2 Application – Distribution of Malmesbury Area 1 Awards 2008/09 • Appendix 3 Application - Minety Pre-School • Appendix 4 Application - Sherston Young Craft Group • Appendix 5 Application – Little Somerford Parish Council • Appendix 6 Application – Sherston Parish Council • Appendix 7 Application – Charlton Parish Council • Appendix 8 Application – Sherston Magna Cricket Club • Appendix 9 Application – Great Somerford Parish Council • Appendix 10 Application – 1st Minety Guide Unit • Appendix 11 Application – Lea Pre-School • Appendix 12 Application – Lea & Cleverton Parish Council • Appendix 13 Application – Oaksey Parish Council • Appendix 14 Application – Crudwell Parish Council • Appendix 15 Application – North Aisle Community Area • Appendix 16 Application – Sherston Parish Council • Appendix 17 Application – St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council
<p>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</p>	<p>Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9 Community Plan for Malmesbury and the Villages 2005 – 2015</p>

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