

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>12 January 2009</b>			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Chippenham Area (3) Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/2009</b>			
Link to Corporate Priorities	Partnership Working			
Public Report	YES			
<p><b>Summary of Report</b></p> <p>To ask Members to consider 3 applications with recommendations for funding from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.</p> <p><b>Officer Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>To agree funding distribution of the Area 3 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Christian Malford Cricket Club - Award £2,312 from the capital budget towards the cost of purchasing a new mower to prepare the cricket field, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>2. Stanton St Quintin Parish Council - Award £293 from the Capital budget towards the purchase of a new notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> <li><b>3. North Wraxall Pre-School - Award £1,395 from the Capital budget towards the enhancement of the children’s play experience with a new wooden climbing frame, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.</b></li> </ol>				
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 3 applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding and, where appropriate, links them to issues and priorities identified in the Chippenham and Villages Community Area Plan.
- 1.2 Appendix 4 provides details of the distribution of awards so far in 2008/9 to assist Members when distributing grants across the whole community area.
- 1.3 Members will recall that at the November 17 meeting of this Committee the remaining 2008/09 Community Awards budget was committed. Since that time £4,000 of funding has become available after an award made in the 2007/08 year was returned as the applicant was unsuccessful obtaining the required match funding.

## 2 Funding Levels

- 2.1 Following the funding awards granted at the fourth funding round on 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2008, the Area 3 Committee has the following balances in the community areas awards budget.

Capital £0 (**£4,000 – returned funds**)

Revenue £0

Streetscene £0

Project Budget £0

- 2.2 The £4,000 capital was returned by CAVE after their project involving the Thermal Imaging Camera did not advance due to a lack of match funding. Projects that are capital in nature and are robust in terms of being able to be delivered and have all the match funding in place have been chosen for members consideration.
- 2.3 The requests for funding on this agenda would if approved exhaust the Committee's budgets for the 2008/09 year.

## 3 Options and Options Appraisal

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
3.1	<b>Christian Malford Cricket Club</b> Appendix 1	Purchase a new mower to prepare the cricket field	Capital	£4,884	£2,312 (47%)

- 3.1.1 **Christian Malford Cricket Club - Award £2,312 from the capital budget towards the cost of purchasing a new mower to prepare the cricket field, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**
- 3.1.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and demonstrates a direct link to the Community Area Plan. This is demonstrated on under Culture and Leisure where it refers to 'Insufficient outdoor sports facilities and playing fields'.
- 3.1.2 Christian Malford Cricket Club plays an important part in the life of the community in and around Christian Malford; whilst providing a safe and encouraging environment for both young people and adults to maintain a healthier lifestyle.
- 3.1.3 Club membership is open to everyone and includes teams for both friendly and league matches' enabling all levels of cricket abilities. Due to its rural location the club

provides much needed sports facilities not normally available to all and helps promote community participation.

- 3.1.4 To help the club improve and maintain its current facilities they wish to purchase a new square and strip mower. The two mowers the club currently have are of a poor inefficient condition and have become costly to maintain. To enable the club to sustain the condition of the playing surface they need to purchase a new more economic mower.
- 3.1.5 By contributing towards this new mower the club will safeguard its future as it will be able to provide a safe and high quality playing surface which will attract forthcoming game fixtures and increase club membership.
- 3.1.6 Members take an active role in local fundraising and are very supportive of the need for continued develop of leisure facilities. Both members and local villagers have raised funds to help contribute towards the new mower.
- 3.1.7 A decision to fund this project will help the club to sustain and develop its facilities and enable them to encourage and attract new members. Further details are set out at Appendix 1.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
3.2	Stanton St Quintin Parish Council Appendix 2	Replace of old notice board with a new vandal proof board.	Capital	£585	£293 (50%)

- 3.2.1 **Stanton St Quintin Parish Council - Award £293 from the Capital budget towards the purchase of a new notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**
- 3.2.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and demonstrates a link to the Community Area Plan. This is demonstrated on page 8 'What residents said they valued' – Parish notice boards and newsletters.
- 3.2.3 Stanton St Quintin consists of two small rural villages (Upper and Lower Stanton) divided by a major road from Malmesbury to Chippenham. With approximately 500 residents Stanton St Quintin is in need of replacing the existing notice board which is in a very bad state of repair.
- 3.2.4 Due to the split of the village, Upper Stanton (which is the main section of the village) has a dilapidated notice board which is no longer fit for purpose; the notice board situated in Lower Stanton is in better condition but due to the village divide it is not easy or convenient for people to travel too.
- 3.2.5 It is essential the Upper Stanton has a useable notice board in the main street of the village as it is a reliable and convenient form of notifying parishioners and residents of forthcoming events and parish or council business.
- 3.2.6 A decision to fund this project would show a commitment to the residents of Stanton St Quintin and allow them to access important information regarding their community. Further details are set out at Appendix 2.

Ref.	Applicant	Proposal	Award Type	Total Project Cost	Funding Requested
3.3	North Wraxall Pre-School Appendix 3	Enhance the children's play experience with a new wooden climbing frame.	Capital	£1,395	£1,395 (100%)

3.3.1 **North Wraxall Pre-School - Award £1,395 from the Capital budget towards the enhancement of the children's play experience with a new wooden climbing frame, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

3.3.2 This application largely meets the 2008/9 funding criteria and demonstrates a link to the Community Area Plan. This is demonstrated on page 7 'What residents said they valued' – Village hall and Day nursery.

3.3.3 North Wraxall Pre-School Playgroup is a popular village playgroup. The group provides pre-school education for around 45 children and also runs a weekly toddler group for up to 20 children under 2 years of age.

3.3.4 The Pre-School is committed to educating children through play and encourages them to be physically active. Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and helps all aspects of children's development.

3.3.5 The group's fantastic reputation and lovely rural setting is an ideal situation for children to learn in a safe and secure environment the wonders of nature, weather conditions and to appreciate the great outdoors.

3.3.6 The Pre-School's current plastic outdoor play equipment is now of poor condition. With safety and longevity in mind the group would like to replace their present equipment with a more suitable and sustainable wooden climbing frame.

3.3.7 The group is located in the local village hall which is also used by members of the wider community. The purchase of the new outdoor play equipment will enhance the play experience for the children of the group; as well as other children using the village hall.

3.3.8 A decision to fund this project would show a commitment not only to the children and families that attend the Pre-School, but also to the children who visit North Wraxall's village hall. Further details are set out at Appendix 3.

#### 4 Timescales

4.1 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 Financial Implications

5.1 Distribution of awards must fall within the Community Awards budget allocated to Area 3 Committee as set out in Section 2 of this report. This Committee has a total of £4,000 capital from returned funds to award.

- 5.2 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.

## **6 Community and Environmental Implications**

- 6.1 All of the awards can be directly linked to priorities identified in the Chippenham 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.
- 7.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for the Community Area Awards has been undertaken and copies are available on the Council's website.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appendix 1 - Application from Christian Malford Cricket Club</li><li>• Appendix 2 – Application from Stanton St Quintin Parish Council</li><li>• Appendix 3 – North Wraxall Pre-School</li><li>• Appendix 4 - Summary of awards</li></ul>
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Community Area Award Funding Criteria 2008/9 Corporate Plan - Play Strategy 2007-2012 Chippenham and Villages Community Plan 2005 - 2015

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