

Report to	Pewsey
Date of Meeting	02/11/2015
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Pewsey Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	
Applicant: Wilcot and Huish (with Oare) Parish Council Project Title: Adrenaline Alley Visit	£2419.00	
Applicant: Pewsey Vale Youth FC Project Title: Pewsey Vale Youth FC - 11v11 pitch project	£3795.76	
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£6214.76	
Total amount allocated so far	£10943.1	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

<p>Applicant: Wilcot and Huish (with Oare) Parish Council Project Title: Adrenaline Alley Visit</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £2419.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p>Project Summary: This application is being made on behalf of a group of young people from across the community area that have an interest in BMX Scooters and Skateboarding. This visit will allow them to learn about safety and experience riding at one of Europe's leading facilities - Adrenaline Alley in Corby. Since this group of young people have already demonstrated their commitment to developing a local facility it was felt that experiencing a professional public arena would be a good learning experience as well as give them the opportunity to try their own skills on a world renowned site. It also aims to promote outdoor activity to promote health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</p> <p>This application is being made on behalf of a group of young people from across the community area, that have an interest in BMX Scooters and Skateboarding. This visit will allow them to learn about safety and experience riding at one of Europe's leading facilities - Adrenaline Alley in Corby. Since this group of young people have already demonstrated their commitment to developing a local facility it was felt that experiencing a professional public arena would be a good learning experience as well as give them the opportunity to try their own skills on a world renowned site. It also aims to promote outdoor activity to promote health and wellbeing.</p> <p>There is a local group of BMX enthusiasts that have been volunteering locally to try to develop their own small low cost BMX track. This group have also engaged with the Local Youth Network and specifically asked for this trip for a group of up to 30 to visit and spend time at Europe's only multi-venue indoor park. The members of this group come from across the community area and promote the benefits of outdoor physical activity at a time when many younger people are spending too much time indoors or inactive. This trip will underpin learning about riding safely managing risk when riding and why protective equipment is needed. The park also caters for those with a disability and has a full set of policies and risk assessments available online. This opportunity will be offered free of charge to those who wish to take part and will be supervised by Pewsey Youth Group youth workers in partnership with Pewsey Community Area Partnership who will provide the administration. Both partners do so at the request of the young people who expressed a wish for this experience and who took part in deciding which parts of the park they wanted to experience to better inform their own local plans.</p> <p>safeguarding</p>		

The staff of the Pewsey Youth Group have a full set of policies including safeguarding and take responsibility for supervising and safeguarding the young people on this trip. they also are responsible for DBS records. The aim of this trip is to help the group understand the safety issues of their chosen activity and to assess risk whilst still being active. The travel will be with a professional reputable local Coach Company that are contracted to do School travel for local schools - Pewsey Vale Coaches - who have also agreed to transport a number of the young peoples BMX bikes. Online services are not offered as part of this activity.

Monitoring

By the young people following the facilities safety protocols and experiencing the activity in a custom built indoor venue. This experience can then be applied to what they are working towards and wish to achieve locally and give them the tools to understand the issues that owners of these facilities need to be aware of and address.

<p>Applicant: Pewsey Vale Youth FC Project Title: Pewsey Vale Youth FC - 11v11 pitch project</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £3795.76</p>	
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This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.

Project Summary: Pewsey Vale Youth FC plan to reinstate 11v11 pitch at Hospital Pitch site.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:

Pewsey Vale Youth FC is a volunteer led community organisation offering football training and matches to children from age 5-18 in the Pewsey area. We currently have around 120 children playing every week. We have a long lease from the Pewsey Parish Council on a field on Wilcot Road where we currently have three pitches marked out for 5v5 7v7 and 9v9 matches which are suitable for children from 5 to 13 years old. From U14 and older the players are required to play on a larger 11v11 pitch. We do not have a full size 11v11 pitch marked out suitable for our older players and so they are forced to travel to Milton Lilbourne to train and play. We propose to reinstate the full size pitch so that all our players can train and play at the same site. This involves cutting back a large area of overgrowth brambles and long grass along the western and southern border of our site to reclaim the area so that it is suitable for marking out as a pitch. We plan to purchase a pair of steel goalposts of the correct size. Additionally we propose to install an approved bottled gas cooker to our portacabin so that we can provide refreshments to our players and parents which we are unable to do currently. This improved amenity will allow our U14 and older players 13-18 years old to continue playing at the Wilcot Road pitches which will increase participation develop additional volunteering opportunities for coaching and

refereeing and allow us to grow our membership towards girls football. Currently there is no other freely available full size pitch available for young people in Pewsey. We will make our pitch available not only to our young players but to other youth and adult groups who wish to use it either on an ad hoc basis or more regularly. The provision of this pitch and the refreshments facility will allow us to better retain players as they progress up the age groups from U14 U15 U16 and finally our oldest group U1718 after which they transition to the seniors club. Currently we have 40 players across these ages with an additional 14 players moving into the group from next summer. Our players have told us that it can be difficult to travel to Milton Lilbourn as it is outside Pewsey and this is one reason that we have found that players have stopped playing with our teams as they get older. They are forced to rely on parents help to travel to the pitch for training and matches. This is a definite barrier to them continuing to play with the club. With the provision of the 11v11 pitch in conjunction with the improved catering facilities there is potential for the number of players from U14-U1718 to double with boy players and for further growth with girl players as we plan to develop girl teams at the club. Football is undoubtedly an activity that helps children develop and improve fitness social skills resilience making positive lifestyle choices and so on. There is plenty of evidence that links physical activity with mental fortitude. As a community led group we keep our membership fees low currently 70 per player per year to reflect our inclusive ethos. Our fees are waived in case of financial hardship so that any child who wants to play can do so. Our teams are managed by coaches who are volunteers often parents of players. By bringing back our older U14-U1718 players to the same site as our younger players we will have a greater opportunity to encourage them to transition and train to become managers and referees of the younger teams as they get older and to pass on their experience and give something back to the club. This is difficult for the club to engineer currently as the older children play at a different site and therefore don't come into contact with the younger children. We are able to pay for anyone who is 14 or over to train to become an FA accredited referee and anyone who is 16 or over to embark on FA accredited coaches training starting with Level 1 coaching. Our plan will make that much more possible to engineer and encourage. We have a totally equal opportunities approach to our membership and welcome players from all backgrounds to join with us. We are very happy to allow our facilities to be used by other community groups and have recently allowed a local informal running club use of our toilet block and car parking area each Friday. We welcome approaches from other such groups.

Safeguarding

We are a FA accredited charter standard club and that means that all our coaches and volunteers have to meet certain minimum standards as regards welfare DBS and safeguarding. These are checked as part of an annual health-check process. All our volunteers are DBS checked. All our coaches have Level 1 Coaching accreditation which includes modules on safeguarding and welfare. We have a nominated person with club responsibility for welfare and safeguarding currently Nick Offer. As a club we

follow FA guidelines as regards photography and publishing photographs onto websites for example focussing on the wider game rather than individual players and not naming specific players in online photography.

Monitoring

We currently have 40 players from U14-U17/18 with 14 moving up into the group next season. We expect that being better able to retain players through more senior age groups would allow this number to double. We will monitor this over the next five years as the players move up through the age ranks and track our player retention and growth rates by age group.

Additionally we believe that improved facilities will allow us to encourage more girls to play across the age groups with particular focus on 13-18 year olds allowing further potential for growth. This is a key objective for growth for the club over the next three years

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