

<b>Report to</b>	Westbury Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	08/12/2016
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Westbury & District Cricket Club <b>Project Title:</b> Westbury Cricket Club Practice facility replacement  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Matravers <b>Project Title:</b> The Matravers Community Learning Resource Centre LRC  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Larkrise Riding for Disabled Group <b>Project Title:</b> Larkrise Riding for Disabled Group equine handling area roof construction  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£1500.00

**1. Background**

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

**2. Main Considerations**

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

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

### **4. Financial Implications**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

### **5. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **6. Human Resources Implications**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

### **7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

### **8. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

### **9. Applications for consideration**

<b>Application ID</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Proposal</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">2168</a>	Westbury & District Cricket Club	Westbury Cricket Club Practice facility replacement	£5000.00

#### **Project Description:**

The project is to replace our practice netting facility which has been storm-damaged in high winds in recent years and is no longer fit for purpose. The replacement cage structure and netting will be extended in length to create a safer more vibrant practice facility that will be widely used across the playing membership especially by the younger players within the club. The facility will also be available for general public use being sited within the existing public recreation field.

All players will benefit from the new practice facility especially the junior section of the membership which has grown in recent years. We have junior teams playing at under 9 11 13 and 15 age groups and also a thriving adult membership with 3 teams playing on Saturday a Sunday team and also midweek team. The new facility will encourage all players to practice more improving their skills and getting them more active between matches. The new nets will also provide a safer environment for practice as we will extend the length which will reduce the risk of the ball exiting at the open end. The local

community will also benefit as the nets will be available for public use from April to early September and encourage young people to take up the game of cricket in a safe environment.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This application meets the funding criteria and should be heard by the members of the Westbury Area Board.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application and considers whether the full £5,000 is granted or a lesser amount.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">1874</a>	Matravers	The Matravers Community Learning Resource Centre LRC	£5000.00

**Project Description:**

The project will help make the Matravers LRC into a community space which can be used by parents and primary schools as well as by our staff and students. Our existing facilities will be moved to the location but we need to improve upon these if we are to create a true LRC that will appeal and be useful to the community

A good Learning Resource Centre LRC should be at the centre of every school and every thriving community. This is the vision I have for the LRC at Matravers which I believe can benefit the wider school community in Westbury. Rather like the Trowbridge Library I know that a redesigned space could have a positive effect on this community. I have read the BA13 PARTNERSHIP WESTBURY AREA COMMUNITY PLAN 2012 -2017 and in many places it states that it wants to forge links between Matravers and the wider community. The opening of a New LRC could help make this a reality. Matravers is the only secondary school Westbury and this means it is ideally placed to reach the wider community. A new and fully equipped LRC could benefit parents and feeder schools in a number of ways. The Westbury Core strategy states that it wants to raise aspirations with good collaboration between schools and other services. If we are able to change the current location of the school LRC and upgrade equipment and facilities we can certainly begin to do this effectively. My vision is that we work with parents and younger children to foster a love of reading for pleasure which has been proven to benefit learning in so many ways. The new Matravers LRC would have a wide variety of books and equipment which we would invite parents in to use on a regular basis. The new location in school would mean it was easily accessible and a chance to buy more books would mean we would get more people using the facility. We could also purchase kindles and audiobooks giving the community the chance to explore reading in other formats. Currently we hold Afternoon Tea Reads where we encourage students and parents to come and read together. We would be able to do this more frequently and on a larger scale if we had the facilities. We could also host author evenings and events for parents to come in and choose books. We could also use it to hold book club meetings to encourage discussion about books and help to draw people together. Reading helps raise aspirations and standards of literacy as well as giving people the opportunity to access resources easily. Holding events that encourage the parents to read will help increase adult literacy which in turn can raise aspirations for parents and their children. The LRC can be used to promote lifelong learning in Westbury in order to do this the LRC can run basic skills classes for our parents such as C.V

workshops and adult literacy this can be done in collaboration with other Westbury agencies and can be used to promote skills needed for jobs and getting back into the work place. We would also be able to use the LRC to work with primary schools. Often they do not have the funding for books and equipment but we could give all Westbury primary schools access to amazing facilities. They could visit the LRC for guided reading sessions or to choose books that they could take out of the Library as well as come to author visits. The strategy also wants to encourage community use for community buildings developing the LRC as a community hub would enable this perhaps displaying local art in the LRC and working alongside Westbury library to promote culture particularly related to literature. We could also forge links with local writers and help to create Westbury literature events and perhaps even a literature fayre building on the work Matravers did with MRead.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

In discussion with the Local Youth Facilitator (LYF) it was agreed that this application should be heard by the members of the Westbury Area Board and that any agreed funding will come from the Local Youth Network (LYN) fund.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application and considers whether the full £5,000 is granted or a lesser amount. Should funding be agreed it should come from the LYN fund.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">2071</a>	Larkrise Riding for Disabled Group	Larkrise Riding for Disabled Group equine handling area roof construction	£1500.00

**Project Description:**

Since its launch in 2012 Larkrise Riding for the Disabled Group has become very popular going from strength to strength thus increasing the need to improve the facilities. The proposed project is to provide cover to the existing horse handling areamanege which is currently an open space attached to a barn on the Larkrise Community Farm in Trowbridge. In order to provide riding lessons in all weather conditions to the ever growing numbers of disabled riders there is a need for the horse handling area to be enclosed providing shelter in wet and windy conditions.

This will benefit children and young adults with special needs across the county by providing the multisensory experience of horse-riding which helps develop muscle control improves posture and promotes their general wellbeing.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This application meets the funding criteria and should be heard by the members of the Westbury Area Board.

The applicant has already received grant funding from both Trowbridge and Melksham area boards towards this project for £1,729.00 and £1,500.00 respectively

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application and considers whether the full £1,500 is granted or a lesser amount.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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