

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## Purpose of Report

A) To ask Councillors to consider applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

**1 Grant application** – Fiddler's allotment seeking £168 funding to develop the natural environment, by creating a dedicated wildflower area and bat boxes.

**2 Grant application** – Cricklade Jenner Hall seeking £864 to upgrade fire protection and alarm system.

**3 Grant application** – Cricklade Heritage Trail Project seeking £5,000 to design and install 18 historic interpretation boards

**4 Grant application** – Wootton Bassett Museum and Heritage group seeking £916 to purchase IT equipment.

**5 Grant application** – Cricklade Branch Royal British Legion seeking £960 to produce a carpet flower bed.

B) In addition, this report is to ask Councillors to agree to a change of use of community Grant underspend of £1,040 for Lyneham Youth Club.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010).
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £62,298 for community grants and includes the sum of £10,336 for community planning
- 1.6. Following allocation at the 5 previous Area Boards, the sum of £36,521 remains.
- 1.7. Where the demand for funding exceeds the funds available applications meeting the area board priorities will be given priority.
- 1.8. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.9. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made. Should a project such as community planning require more time to complete, a request to Cabinet could be made to make an exception for the budget/award to be carried forward for longer.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2010/11. There have been four rounds - and the fifth is contained in this report. The remaining round will take place on;

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

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

Community Area 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.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £28,613 for future allocation .

### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

### **6. HR Implications**

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

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

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8	Fiddlers allotment	Seeking funding to develop the natural environment, by creating a dedicated wildflower area and bat boxes	£168

8.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant 2010/11

8.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, enhancing the environment, sustainability, recycling, composting social and leisure activities.

8.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities by promoting social integration across the generations as children learn to garden, compost and care for nature with parents and grandparents. Recycling and composting and promoting exercise.

8.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation.

8.1.5. The grant is to develop the natural environment by creating a designated wildflower area and place 2 bat boxes in the trees to encourage wild life to the allotments .

8.1.6. The grant will provide a natural wildlife area with sustainable planting, encourage wildlife into the area

8.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded funding would need to be sought elsewhere,.

8.1.8 The applicant was awarded £995 to develop the allotments in the previous financial year

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
9	Cricklade Jenner Hall	To upgrade fire protection and the alarm system.	£864

9.1.1 The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

9.1.2 The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, supporting vulnerable people in the community.,

9.1.3 The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities with community groups such as Guides, Yoga, ReAct and Club 10 Youth group promoting sport and healthy living activities.

9..1.4 The group is a not for profit group.

9.1.5 The grant is to upgrade the fire protection and alarm system for all users in the Hall by installing an additional smoke detector in one of the rooms, heat detector in the kitchen break glass points at fire exits and sounding boards to alert users, new fire doors and fireboard to a cupboard.

9.1.6 The project will assist in preserving a Grade 2 listed building, promoting social integration across the generations

9.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded, funding put aside for major repairs and renovations would need to be utilized and more fund raising initiated.

9.1.8 The applicant was awarded £4,497 to replace the drainage system in the previous financial year

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10	Cricklade Heritage Trail project	To design and install 18 historic interpretation boards	£5,000

10.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

10.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, promoting tourism, protection of sites of historic interest, community involvement promoting civic pride and promoting health

10.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities, promoting economic growth.

10.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation.

10.1.5. The grant is to design and install 18 historic interpretation boards to form a 3 mile Heritage trail and a walk for anyone with limited mobility.

10.1.6 The grant will assist the economic growth and tourism in the Market Town of Cricklade, promote health and civic pride.

10.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded the project, alternative funding would need to be sought

Ref	Applicant	Project Proposal	Funding Requested
11	Wootton Bassett Museum and Heritage group	To purchase IT equipment.	£916

11.1.1 The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

11.1.2 The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, promoting health, education and leisure.

11.1.3 The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities with particular reference to working with young people and older people.

11.1.4 The group is a not for profit organisation

11.1.5 The grant is to purchase computer, scanner, copying and display equipment for use in the Museum and in the community, to copy and store photos of the town for historical interest.

11.1.6 The project will benefit all with an interest in historical context of the area

11.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded funds would need to be found elsewhere

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
12	Cricklade Branch Royal British Legion	To produce a carpet flower bed.	£960

12.1.1 The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

12.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, supporting the community and promoting Tourism in the Market Town.

12.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed priorities, supporting vulnerable people and general health of ex service personnel

12.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation.

12.1.5. The grant is to provide the design and carpet flower bed to attract attention to the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal British Legion

12.1.6. The project will raise the profile of the Royal British Legion, assist to raise funds for the local branch and encourage local membership.

12.1.7 Should the grant not be awarded the project could not take place.

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14	Lyneham Youth Club	To agree to a change of use of community Grant underspend of £1,040 for Lyneham Youth Club.	n/a – already allocated
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14.1.1 The Grant met the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11

14.1.2 The grant demonstrated a link to the Community Plan, working with local young people to provide a programme of activities, however the funds were not fully utilised due to slightly less take up on places for some of the activities

14.1.3. The grant met locally agreed priorities, providing young people with educational activities.

14.1.4 The group is a not for profit organisation.

14.1.5 The grant was to provide a programme of activities and the underspend is to be utilised in the same manner in the next financial year ;- visiting the natural history museum; learning to use the London Underground,; visiting the theatre; a graffiti art workshop and a DJ skills taster session.

14.1.6 The project will provide £1,040 part funding towards the total cost of £3027.00 for the above activities and will provide educational and social skills development for a group of young people aged 8 – 16 years from Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish.

14.1.7 Should Members decide not to allow the underspend to be used in this manner, the £1,040 will be returned to the Area Board Community Grant fund and other funds would need to be obtained to fund the summer programme.

14.1.8 Should Members decide not to allow the underspend, the funds returned are likely to be returned to the Wiltshire Council to assist with the current financial constraints.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<p><b>Appendix 1 Grant applications –</b></p> <p><b>1 Grant application</b> – Fiddler’s allotment seeking £168 funding to develop the natural environment, by creating a dedicated wildflower area and bat boxes.</p> <p><b>2 Grant application</b> – Cricklade Jenner Hall seeking £864 to upgrade fire protection and alarm system.</p> <p><b>3 Grant application</b> – Cricklade Heritage Trail Project seeking £5,000 to design and install 18 historic interpretation boards</p> <p><b>4 Grant application</b> – Wootton Bassett Museum and Heritage group seeking £916 to purchase IT equipment.</p> <p><b>5 Grant application</b> – Cricklade Branch Royal British Legion seeking £960 to produce a carpet flower bed.</p>
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	<b>Letter</b> FAO All Wiltshire Councillors Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board from Royal Air Force Lyneham on behalf of Lyneham Youth Club
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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