

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Wootton Bassett &amp; Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>January 27<sup>th</sup> 2010</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 10 applications seeking 2009/10 Community Area Grant Funding and consider the following officer recommendations.

1. Cricklade Jenner Hall – award £4,497 towards: 1 the costs of replacing the Victorian drainage system to meet current standards and 2 resurfacing the courtyard area in front of the hall to make it safer for disabled users of the facilities.
2. Wootton Bassett Town Council – award £2,700 towards the purchase of machinery to improve the Ballard's Ash Sports ground.
3. Wootton Bassett Town Council- award £1,420.42 towards the replacement of the community notice board under the Town Hall.
4. Thames Pre-School, Cricklade- award £2,645 towards the installation of a disabled ramp, conditional on planning permission being granted.
5. Cricklade Leisure Centre- award £5,000 towards the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts for dual purpose, conditional on the applicant providing an action plan that sets out their proposals to increase participation in activities at the centre.
6. Marston Meysey Parish Meeting- award £195 towards the cost of replacing a section of vandalised fencing at the children's playground.
7. Wilts & Berks Canal Trust, Wootton Bassett Branch- award £727.05 to purchase grass cutting equipment to maintain towpaths as public rights of way.
8. Wootton Bassett Bowls Club- award £980 to purchase equipment to start teaching short mat bowls in Wootton Bassett School.
9. Lyneham & Bradenstoke W.I. - award £1,000 to purchase projection equipment to enhance its programme of talks.
10. Fiddler's Allotment Group, Cricklade- award £995 to renovate sheds, undertake fencing works and plant two community raised beds.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 A single and simple application process was accepted by the Implementation Executive on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 for use during 2009/10. The Community Grants Pack includes details of the grants process and criteria and may be found either on the Councils website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or as a paper version through the report author.
- 1.2 Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to the Area Boards by the Leader of the Council (13<sup>th</sup> May 2009). Under the terms of that delegation Area Boards must operate within the policies set by the Leader and /or the Council. **The Council has adopted an Area Grants policy, with funding criteria, to which the Area Boards must adhere.**
- 1.3 In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that was contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Area Grant Application Pack 2009/10</b></li><li>• <b>Northern Community Area Plan 2005-2015</b></li></ul>
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2009/10 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- 2.2. There are four rounds of funding during 2009/10. The third is contained in this report. The remaining will take place, assuming funds remain available, on
  - March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010
- 2.3 **The closing date for receipt of applications is 10 February 2010 for consideration on 24th March 2010.**

## 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 & Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. **If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £1,548.**

## 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. Wiltshire Council is committed to Equality and Inclusion. 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. Consideration has been given to each application and implications are outlined within section 8 of this report.

**7.3 While applications have been received from across the community area, officers note the lack of eligible grant applications from the community of Purton and some of the smaller villages. Officers will work with Councillors to encourage suitable applications in the next financial year.**

## 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Crickade Jenner Hall	To modernise drainage system and resurface front courtyard to improve safety	£4,497

8.1.1 It is recommended that the Trust is awarded a grant of £4,497 towards the costs of these modernisation works

8.1.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria,

8.1.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan (pp 8, 20 & 22)

8.1.4 The project also relates to a number of Wiltshire Council priorities. The aim of the project is to renovate and improve the hall and allow it to continue to maximise community use of its facilities and thus increase its income on a sustainable basis. In particular this project should increase the number of people engaged in volunteering, encourage people to make lifestyle changes that have a positive impact on their health, improve adult and young people's participation in sport, increase the number of people who feel safe and reduce accidents.

8.1.5 The applicant is seeking 50% of the costs of the project which it will match from its own funds.

8.1.6 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of

beneficiaries (approx 200 users per week) and, although the main beneficiaries are over 50's, the hall is used by a range of community groups and a wide cross section of the community from all age groups and backgrounds.

8.1.7 Officers are advised that the reserves held by the Trust are designated towards the costs of replacing the roof of the building.

8.1.8 Councillors are reminded that the applicant was awarded a grant of £4,954 by the NWDC Area 2 Committee and an Energy Efficiency Grant of £20,372 in 2008/09.

8.1.9 A decision not to fully fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks funding from other sources.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8. 2	Wootton Bassett Town Council	New machinery to improve the surface of Ballard's Ash sports ground.	£2,645

8.2.1 It is recommended that the Town Council is awarded a grant of £2,645 towards the costs of this piece of machinery to improve the surface of the ground in all weathers and hence increase the amount of sport played and reduce the risk of injury.

8.2.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria, although Councillors might wish to consider whether the applicant could reasonably be expected to raise the funds by other means.

8.2.3 Officers would like Councillors to note the value of supporting projects which demonstrate that the Area Board is working in partnership with other key agencies in the community area, contributing to the Council's key ambition of building resilient communities.

8.2.4 The Council's Sports Development Manager is of the opinion that this project will be of wide community benefit and should be supported.

8.2.5 The application demonstrates a specific link to the Northern Community Area Plan ( p 23)

8.2.6 The project links to Wiltshire Council priorities around increasing participation in sport and improving the health lifestyles of adults and young people.

8.2.7 The Town Council is requesting £2,700 which represents 50% of the overall project costs of £5,400. The remaining costs will be met by WBTC.

8.2.8 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries, who are a wide range of local community sports groups, from Wootton Bassett and beyond, ranging from young children to seniors.

8.2.9 Councillors are reminded that the applicant was awarded a grant of £5,000 by the Area Board at its meeting in December 2009.

8.2.10 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay while the applicant considers how else they might fund the project.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8. 3	Wootton Bassett Town Council	Replacement of community notice board under town hall.	£1420.42

8.3.1 It is recommended that the Town Council is awarded a grant of £1420.42 towards the costs of replacing the notice board

8.3.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria although Councillors might wish to consider whether the applicant could reasonably be expected to raise the funds by other means.

8.3.3 Officers would like Councillors to note the value of supporting projects which demonstrate that the Area Board is working in partnership with other key agencies in the community area, contributing to the Council's key ambition of building resilient communities.

8.3.4 The application demonstrates a specific link to the Northern Community Area Plan ( p 23)

8.3.5 The project broadly links to a number of Wiltshire Council priorities around increasing participation in sport and other positive activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles, improving the area and increasing participation in volunteering.

8.3.6 Officers are advised that Wiltshire Council publicity will be displayed on this notice board.

8.3.7 The Town Council is requesting £1420.42 which represents 50% of the overall project costs of £2840.84. The remaining costs will be met by WBTC.

8.3.8 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who are a wide range of local community groups and members of the public, from Wootton Bassett and surrounding areas.

8.3.9 Councillors are reminded that the applicant was awarded a grant of £5,000 by the Area Board at its meeting in December 2009.

8.3.10 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay until next year while the applicant seeks funding from elsewhere and/or considers how else they might fund the project.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8. 4	Thames Pre-School, Cricklade	Installation of a disabled access ramp to the garden, replacing rotten wooden steps.	£2,645

8.4.1 It is recommended that the pre-school is awarded a grant of £2,645 towards the costs of installing the ramp to improve safety and allow independent access to the garden for disabled children and their families.

8.4.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.4.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan (pp 10 & 20)

8.4.4 The project links to Wiltshire Council priorities around improving young people's participation in positive activities, and encouraging healthier lifestyles, as well as reducing the risk of accidents.

8.4.5 The applicant is requesting £2,645 which represents 50% of the overall project costs of £5,290. The remaining costs will be met by the Pre-School through their reserves and fundraising efforts.

8.4.6 The project is specifically targeted towards children and families with disabilities to eliminate discrimination and improve inclusion, as well as increasing safety for other users of the pre-school's facilities.

8.4.7 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8. 5	Cricklade Leisure Centre	Resurfacing of the tennis courts for dual purpose to include football	£5,000

8.5.1 It is recommended that the leisure centre is awarded a grant of £5,000 towards the costs of resurfacing the tennis courts.

8.5.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.5.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan ( pp 10, 21 & 22)

8.5.4 The project links to Wiltshire Council priorities around improving adults and young people's participation in sports and positive activities, and encouraging healthier lifestyles. The resurfaced courts will increase usage in winter months and allow the youth football club to use the improved outdoor facility, which will free up space in the hall for proposed new clubs, including netball, badminton and basketball.

8.5.5 The applicant is requesting £5,000 which represents 14% of the overall project costs of £35,000. The remaining costs will be met by the Leisure Centre, the Tennis Club, the Youth Football Club, and Cricklade Town Council.

8.5.6 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who are a range of local community sports groups, and individuals from Cricklade and beyond, ranging from young children to seniors.

8.5.7 The Council's Sports Development Manager supports the application and highlights the importance of the leisure centre proactively encouraging new activities. Officers have requested an action plan that outlines the steps the centre will take to increase participation in sports at the centre.

8.5.8 Councillors are reminded that the applicant was awarded a grant of £2,464 by the NWDC Area 2 Committee in 2008/09

8.5.9 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8.6	Marston Meysey Parish Meeting	Repair of a vandalised fence to secure the safety of the children's playground.	£195

8.6.1 It is recommended that the Parish is awarded a grant of £195 towards the costs of repairing the fence.

8.6.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.6.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan (p 22)

8.6.4 The project links to Wiltshire Council priorities around improving young people's participation in positive activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles, improving the area and increasing the number of people who feel safe in their community.

8.6.5 It should be noted that the parish meeting are loathe to raise their precept, since their community is very small.

8.6.6 The applicant is requesting £195 which represents 50% of the overall project costs of £390.

The remaining costs will be met by the Parish Meeting.

8.6.7 The project is specifically targeted towards children and families from the local community.

8.6.8 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8.7	Wilts & Berks Canal Trust, Wootton Bassett Branch	Purchase of grass cutting equipment to enable maintenance of public rights of way by volunteers	£727.05

8.7.1 It is recommended that the Branch is awarded a grant of £727.05 to purchase the equipment which will be used to maintain public access along stretches of the tow path primarily in Lydiard Tregoze and also stretches south of Wootton Bassett and south of Cricklade

8.7.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.7.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan (pp 19, 22 & 23)

8.7.4 The project links to Wiltshire Council priorities around improving young people's and adults participation in positive activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles, improving the local area, increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering and improving local biodiversity.

8.7.5 The Council's Rights of Way officers very much welcome this project and note that an award to this project will reduce pressure on Wiltshire Council's very limited rights of way maintenance budget.

8.7.6 The applicant is requesting £727.05 which represents 100% of the overall project costs. Councillors are reminded that for small projects costing under £1,000 there is no requirement on the applicant to match fund.

8.7.7 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who are members of the public from the community area and beyond, including 300 members of the Trust, who are resident in the community area and 25-30 volunteers who are actively restoring and maintaining the stretch of canal and towpath within the community area.

8.7.8. Councillors are reminded that the applicant was awarded a grant of £2,222 by the NWDC Area 2 Committee in 2008/09.

8.7.9 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.



<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8.8	Wootton Bassett Bowls Club	Purchase of equipment to commence teaching of short mat bowls in Wootton Basset School	£980

8.8.1 It is recommended that the bowls club is awarded a grant of £980 to purchase this equipment.

8.8.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.8.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan ( pp 22-24)

8.8.4 The project links to Wiltshire Council priorities around improving young people's participation in sports and positive activities, and encouraging healthier lifestyles.

8.8.5 The applicant is requesting £980 which represents 100% of the overall project costs.

8.8.6 Officers are advised that the reserves held by the Club are designated towards two upcoming refurbishment projects and a contingency fund, since income has been in decline over the last ten years, due to a downturn in membership, which this project aims in part to address.

8.8.7 The project is specifically targeted towards young people aged under 25 with an initial target of 40 X year 8 & 9 pupils. The Club already has a strong Youth section with several members being pupils at the school, who are involved in the project's implementation.

8.8.8 The Council's Sports Development Manager supports the application and highlights the value of developing links between the club and the school to ensure an effective pathway for young people to move from school to club in a sport that they enjoy. This approach is a high priority within sports development and is supported by the Council. The project is enabled through the supply of coaches by the Club to initiate the project, while in the longer term school staff will be trained to coach short mat bowls.

8.8.9 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8.9	Lyneham & Bradenstoke Women's Institute	Purchase of digital projector and screen to enhance the programme of talks and promote membership of the group	£1,000

8.9.1 It is recommended that the W.I. is awarded a grant of £1,000 to purchase the display screen equipment.

8.9.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.9.3 The application has only indirect links to the Northern Community Area Plan by encouraging arts and cultural activities, although links to Wiltshire Council priorities of increasing the numbers of people engaged in volunteering and building resilient communities.

8.9.4 The applicant is requesting £1,000 which represents 100% of the overall project costs.

8.9.5 The project is specifically targeted towards women of all age groups and backgrounds from Lyneham, Bradenstoke and surrounds.

8.9.6 The group regularly engages speakers at its meetings on a wide range of subjects for the information and education of its members. This includes such subjects as: health, education, history, literature, arts and crafts, travel and current affairs. Increasingly speakers request digital projection equipment for PowerPoint or image presentation. The ownership of such equipment would enable the club to hire a greater range of speakers and thus engage members of the local community in attending the talks and encouraging them to join the group, which is an active community organisation.

8.9.7 The applicant adds that “With the impending closure of RAF Lyneham, it is anticipated that the civilian population may become larger (ex MOD housing) and the WI will become even more relevant in the community. We are thinking ahead in making provision for that anticipated growth and what we can provide in the future.”

8.9.8 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
8.10	Fiddlers Allotment Group, Cricklade	Renovate two leaking sheds, erect fencing, plant shrubbery and plant two community raised beds to 'kick start' this new group	£995

8.10.1 It is recommended that the allotment group is awarded a grant of £995 to undertake the project outlined above.

8.10.2 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets the 2009/10 grant criteria.

8.10.3 The application demonstrates specific links to the Northern Community Area Plan ( pp 18, 21 &22)

8.10.4 The project links to a number of Wiltshire Council priorities of improving adults and young people's participation in positive activities, encouraging healthier lifestyles, improving the local area, increasing recycling and improving local biodiversity .

8.10.5 The applicant is requesting £995 which represents 100% of the overall project costs.

8.10.6 This is a very new group of 38 named allotment holders who, together with their families, aim to work together to benefit their local environment and support Cricklade's South West in Bloom entry this year. Renovation of their two sheds will enable them to increase the security of their shared tools. The project encourages outdoor physical activity in people ranging from young children to over 70's and promotes a healthier lifestyle through healthy eating.

8.10.7 There will be no discrimination, either positive or negative with regard to the target group of beneficiaries who are Cricklade residents of all ages.

8.10.8 A decision not to fund this application is likely to result in a delay in the project proceeding while the applicant seeks other possible sources of funding.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application - Cricklade Jenner Hall</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant Application - Wootton Bassett Town Council: Ballard's Ash Machinery</b> <b>Appendix 3 Grant Application - Wootton Bassett Town Council: Notice Board</b> <b>Appendix 4 Grant Application - Thames Pre-School</b> <b>Appendix 5 Grant Application - Cricklade Leisure Centre</b> <b>Appendix 6 Grant Application - Marston Meysey Parish Meeting</b> <b>Appendix 7 Grant Application - Wilts&amp; Berks Canal Trust</b> <b>Appendix 8 Grant Application - Wootton Bassett Bowls Club</b> <b>Appendix 9 Grant Application - Lyneham &amp; Bradenstoke WI</b> <b>Appendix 10 Grant Application - Fiddlers Allotment Group</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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