

South West Wiltshire Area Board Area Board Project 2014/15 – New Finger Posts

1. What is the aim of the project?

Since December 2011 South West Wiltshire Area Board has offered financial support for Parish/Town councils to restore and replace existing finger posts in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas. The aim of this project is to provide a simple process for awarding grants for new finger posts in 2014/15.

2. How will the project work?

Who can apply?

Any Parish/Town council within the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas.

How many applications can be made?

Each Parish/Town council is able to make one application in this financial year (2014/15).

What will be included in the funding?

Parish/Town councils are entitled to apply for up to £350 towards the cost of the new finger post. A further £200 may be requested to cover the removal and insertion of the post by Wiltshire Council Highways Team, if applicable.

Any unspent funds will be returned to the Area Board by the Parish/Town council.

What is required to apply?

Each Parish/Town Council will need to provide a photograph of the existing finger post and a quote for the work to be done to the Community Area Manager. Upon completion of the project, a photograph of the new finger post must be provided along with any other evaluation paperwork required by the Area Board.

Any work done to finger posts must conform to the specification and guidance provided in appendix 1 (originally provided in December 2011).

What funding is available?

It is proposed that :

- £4,000 is ring fenced for this project. If there is any funding unspent, this will revert back to the Area Board general funding pot. The amount ring-fenced is based on the level of

applications received in previous financial years; however, Area Board members may choose to award applications in excess of £4,000 if there is funding available in the general funding pot.

- Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of £550 as explained above.

3. Where is the project taking place?

Within the South West Wiltshire Community Area.

4. How will the process work?

Process for applying:

What	When	Who
Area Board project proposal to go before elected members for approval	4 June 2014 Area Board Meeting	Area Board
Email all Parish Councils inviting them to make an application for this financial year	5 June 2014	Community Area Manager
Applications are considered at Area Board meetings	June – December 2014	Area Board
Final deadline for applications	12 November 2014	Parish/Town councils

5. What are the community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

Fingerposts are a very important part of the appearance of many of the rural roads in the community areas, as well as providing practical assistance to road users.

Recommendation: To ring-fence £4,000 for this Area Board project in 2014/15, as set out in the proposal above.

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