

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Bradford on Avon Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>14 March 2012</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

**Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider seven applications seeking Community Area Grant funding:

i) Councillor-led grant from Cllr Rosemary Brown requesting £ 2,500 to cover the costs of attendance of the Bradford on Avon community area at the Wiltshire Jubilee celebrations in Salisbury on 1<sup>st</sup> May, as a contingency in the event of the failure of a corporate bid from Wiltshire Council to the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme

Officers recommend that £ 2, 500 is awarded to cover the costs of attendance at the Wiltshire Jubilee celebrations. This award to be rescinded in the event of resources being made available from a successful bid to the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme.

ii) Bradford on Avon Olympic Torch and Jubilee Working Group requesting a supplementary grant of £ 4,000 towards the 2012 Summer events programme, as a contingency in the event of the failure of a grant application to Sports England

Officers recommend a reduced sum of £ 3, 500 is awarded towards the 2012 Summer events programme. This award to be rescinded in the event of a successful bid for extra resources by the applicant to Sport England.

iii) Castle Gardens Pre-School, Bradford on Avon, requesting £ 619.75 to support children to develop communication, spatial awareness, control and programming skills through the use of ICT

Officers recommend that £ 619.75 is awarded to the pre-school to support childrens' skills through the use of ICT.

iv) Limpley Stoke Parish Council requesting £ 840 to provide entertainments and a variety of events to enable residents of Limpley Stoke to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Officers recommend that £ 840 is awarded to the Jubilee celebrations in Limpley Stoke.

v) St Mary the Virgin Church, Limpley Stoke, requesting £ 1,000 towards the installation of a cloakroom and kitchenette in the Church for the benefit of the community.

Officers recommend that £ 1,000 is awarded to St Mary the Virgin Church towards planned improvements.

vi) South Wraxall Diamond Jubilee Group requesting £ 767.50 towards the costs of Jubilee celebrations in the village on 4 June.

Officers recommend that £ 767.50 is awarded to the Jubilee celebrations in South Wraxall.

vii) The Mead Community Primary School, Wingfield, requesting £ 300 towards the creation of an Olympic and Diamond Jubilee Garden in the school grounds.

Officers recommend that £ 300 is awarded to the creation of a garden at The Mead School.

Grants to be paid from 2012/13 budgets fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. If grants are awarded in line with recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a grants balance of £ nil remaining in 2011/12 and a balance of £ 37,582.75 remaining in 2012/13.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Community Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board has been allocated a budget in 2011/2012 of £47,110 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2010/2011 budget is £12,142. This gives a total budget of £59,252 for the 2011/2012 financial year. It will not be possible for unspent monies at 31/03/12 to be rolled forward into the budget for the 2012/13 financial year. The budget for 2012/13 will remain standstill at £ 47,110.
- 1.5 It has been decided that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council website and hard copies will be available upon request.
- 1.6 The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the Council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) and 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>• <b>Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</b></li><li>• <b>Bradford on Avon Community Area Plan</b></li><li>• <b>Wiltshire Local Area Agreement</b></li></ul>
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## 2 Main Considerations

- 2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2 There have been 6 rounds of funding during 2011/12, this being the sixth and final round.

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

3.1 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 Bradford on Avon Area Board.

4.2 If grants are awarded in line with recommendations, Bradford on Avon Area Board will have a balance of £ nil remaining in the grants budget for the 2011/12 financial year and a balance of £ 37,582.75 remaining in 2012/13.

### **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 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
8.1	Councillor Rosemary Brown	Attendance of the Bradford on Avon community area at the Wiltshire Jubilee Celebrations in Salisbury on 1 <sup>st</sup> May	£ 2, 500

8.1.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.1.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its promotion of tourism and the local economy and its support for the development of community spirit and networks.

8.1.3 The Jubilee celebrations in Salisbury on 1<sup>st</sup> May will help to showcase the heritage and positive future of the Bradford on Avon community area. The jousting tent in the Cathedral Close will feature the creative talent of local people and will provide an excellent marketing opportunity to bring visitors into the town and the wider area. Exhibitors will include arts, crafts and manufacturers from the 'Made in Bradford on Avon' collective, the Millennium Embroidery provided by the Museum, musicians provided by the Wiltshire Music Centre and promotion of the area, accommodation and events provided by the Tourist Information Centre. A further aspect of the day is an educational project for school children themed around the Magna Carta and the themes of freedom, democracy and liberty. St Laurence School has been invited to participate in this project.

8.1.4 A grant application has been made by Wiltshire Council, corporately, to the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme to cover the costs of the event. Officers support this application to the Area Board, as a contingency in the event that this corporate bid fails. There is no requirement for match funding in a councillor-led bid.

**Officers recommend that £ 2, 500 is awarded to cover the costs of attendance at the Wiltshire Jubilee celebrations. This award to be rescinded in the event of resources being made available from a successful bid to the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme.**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Bradford on Avon Olympic Torch and Jubilee Working Group	Supplementary grant towards the 2012 Summer Events Programme	£ 4, 000

8.2.1 The application meets the Community Area Grant Scheme criteria for 2011/12. It is a supplementary application to one considered and approved at the Area Board meeting in January 2012.

8.2.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and to the Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support to culture, leisure and sport and to supporting community cohesion.

8.2.3 Following Working Group meetings, various discussions, the last Area Board meeting, a well-attended public meeting, and communications from Wiltshire Council and the Lord Lieutenant's Office, four particular areas for additional attention and resource were recognised, beyond the previous emphasis on the Sports Festival and Olympic Torch Relay. These are:

1. The obligation for Bradford on Avon to be represented at the Jubilee Event and Royal visit in Salisbury on 1st May;
2. The need to promote and encourage local-based celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee from 2nd to 5th June;
3. The popular idea of "World for a Week" as a major part of the Cultural Olympiad element, where businesses and organisations "become" different "Nations" during the Sports Festival;

3. Following from the above and other deliberations, it became obvious that there was a glaring need to engage Event Management Expertise on a temporary basis, in order to ensure success in the Programme – this expertise has been bought in from K13.biz (aka Kevin McGuire) on a consultancy basis from February to June 2012.

The costs of the Summer Events programme are estimated at in excess of £ 25,000 and a substantial element of this, at £ 8, 770, is covered in a bid to Sports England, the outcome of which has yet to be announced. The purpose of this supplementary application is to cover these additional costs as a contingency in case the Sport England bid fails.

8.2.4 The costs of expenses for the Salisbury event on 1<sup>st</sup> May (Point 1) are covered in the Councillor- led bid from Councillor Rosemary Brown, also on this agenda, and so are not eligible for double-funding. The events this Summer to celebrate the Sports Festival, Olympic Torch Relay and Jubilee, have been the subject of several meetings of a Working Group set up under the auspices of the Town Council and project managed by Kevin McGuire. The logistics and costings have been worked up in full detail and can be verified. The Town Council and the Area Board are the prime funders, but for the full programme to go ahead the bid to Sport England will need to be successful too. The Area Board has contributed £ 5,450 to date, some of which has contributed to the increased costs of event management of the Summer programme. Despite the costs, it is considered that these once-in-a-lifetime events provide an exceptional opportunity to reflect well on the Bradford on Avon community area in terms of reputation, publicity and business spin-offs. Officers therefore support this bid as a contingency in the event that the Sport England bid fails.

**Officers recommend a reduced sum of £ 3, 500 is awarded towards the 2012 Summer events programme. This award to be rescinded in the event of a successful bid for extra resources by the applicant to Sport England.**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Castle Gardens Pre-school, Bradford on Avon	To support children to develop communication, spatial awareness, control and programming skills through the use of ICT	£ 619.75

8.3.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.3.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for education and skills development in young people.

8.3.3 Castle Gardens is the only charitable community run pre-school in Bradford on Avon and faces competition from several private nurseries in the area. The project will benefit approximately 26 children aged rising 3-5 years through the purchase of a Bee-Bot, an award winning programmable floor robot and accessories, plus Easi-Cars a set of rechargeable cars. These will help the children to develop communication, directional language, spatial awareness, programming and control through the use of ICT. Accessories such as an obstacle course, maps and mazes will help children make informed decisions and improve hand-eye coordination. Providing the children with a voice recorder enables them to record and play back their voices, helping their language skills.

8.3.4 Officers consider this to be a worthwhile project in support of a charitable organisation. The school has to fundraise on a regular basis and so far this year has held a Christmas raffle, Easter Cake sale and raffle, commission from catalogue purchases and tea towel sales and will be holding a sports day and sponsored events.

**Officers recommend that £ 619.75 is awarded to Castle Gardens Pre-School to support childrens' skills through the use of ICT.**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Limpley Stoke Parish Council	Entertainment and a variety of events to enable residents of Limpley Stoke to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee	£ 840

8.4.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.4.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for village communities and for community development and capacity building.

8.4.3 The Limpley Stoke Parish Plan 2008 identified the need to engage more people in the community in improvement activities. The Jubilee provides an opportunity for residents of all ages to come together to participate in celebrations to mark this historic, once in a lifetime event, reaching out to potentially 500-600 people. The project includes the costs of live music; commemorative mugs for children; village hall hire; street party food and drink; bunting; paper plates/ cutlery/ tablecloths; an art workshop; a mural by the village arts group; advertising and printing. The Parish Council is contributing £ 500 towards the costs of the event.

8.4.4. Wiltshire Council is promoting 2012 as ‘a year of celebration’ and has invited communities to come together to celebrate in this way. Officers are therefore supportive of the application.

**Officers recommend that £ 840 is awarded to the Jubilee celebrations in Limpley Stoke**

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5	St Mary the Virgin Church, Limpley Stoke	Installation of cloakroom and kitchenette for the benefit of the community	£ 1, 000

8.5.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.5.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for village communities and rural services.

8.5.3 The installation of a cloakroom and kitchenette will allow St Mary’s to hold not just the usual Baptism, Weddings and Funerals, but also numerous community events on behalf of its congregation, such as the St Mary’s Festival held last Spring which celebrated local skills in arts, crafts and music and was partly held in a marquee in an adjacent field to the church. This project will enhance the opportunities to use this open area, set in the heart to the village, on behalf of the community. It is hoped to attract a broader attendance of young children and older people in inter-generational activities. The Church and its facilities are maintained by collections and donations and an enormous amount of volunteer time. The project is supported by the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Community Association and funds have been raised through local events, donations and other grants.

8.5.4 Officers consider that the project will provide an important facility and contribution to village life in Limpley Stoke. The contribution of £ 1,000 towards total project costs of approximately £ 21,000 represents good leverage and value for money.

**Officers recommend that £ 1,000 is awarded to St Mary the Virgin Church towards planned improvements.**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
<b>8.6</b>	<b>South Wraxall Diamond Jubilee Group</b>	<b>Jubilee celebrations in the village on 4 June 2012</b>	<b>£ 767.50</b>

8.6.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.6.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for village communities and for community development and capacity building.

8.6.3 The village will hold a day of events on 4 June 2012 in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This will include a street party with sports and games; village photographs of people and places for a commemorative booklet; a flower festival; village proms with community singing and readings; souvenirs for each child and all 115 households in the village; an evening showing of the Queen's Concert from Buckingham Palace and the lighting of the South Wraxall Beacon as part of the nationwide beacon chain. The celebrations will be inclusive, with something for everyone, and will leave a lasting memory through commemorative photographs. The event will bring together all ages and backgrounds to improve the sense of community and capacity for working together in the future. The Parish Council has been asked to contribute £ 250 towards costs of the event and a similar amount has been fundraised.

8.6.4 Wiltshire Council is promoting 2012 as 'a year of celebration' and has invited communities to come together to celebrate in this way. Officers are therefore supportive of the application.

**Officers recommend that £ 767.50 is awarded to the Jubilee celebrations in South Wraxall.**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project proposal</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>
<b>8.7</b>	<b>The Mead Community Primary School, Wingfield</b>	<b>Creation of an Olympic and Diamond Jubilee Garden in the school grounds</b>	<b>£ 300</b>

8.7.1 This application meets the community area grant criteria for 2011/12.

8.7.2 The application demonstrates a link to the Bradford on Avon Community Plan and Wiltshire Local Area Agreement through its support for village communities and for community development and capacity building.

8.7.3 An Olympic and Diamond Jubilee Garden will be created in a similar way to that

created at the Olympic venue in London, leaving a lasting legacy for the children and families in the area to enjoy for years to come. Children will submit designs for the garden and the winning design will be created by parents, children and community groups working together with a shared purpose. The garden will be entered for the local 'In Bloom' competition. The project will help strengthen relationships in the village and between families, parish council and wider community in this small village school. It will leave a real sense of achievement and pride in the community and in the environment.

8.7.4 Officers consider that the project is valuable one in a school which has recently moved out of special measures and which is working hard to increase admissions. The Parent-Teacher Association and Parish Council are contributing funds to the project.

**Officers recommend that £ 300 is awarded to the creation of a garden at The Mead School.**

<p><b>Appendices:</b></p>	<p><b>Grant applications from:</b>  <b>Councillor Rosemary Brown</b>  <b>Bradford on Avon Olympic Torch and Jubilee Working Group</b>  <b>Castle Gardens Pre-School</b>  <b>Limpley Stoke Parish Council</b>  <b>St Mary the Virgin Church, Limpley Stoke</b>  <b>South Wraxall Diamond Jubilee Group</b>  <b>The Mead Community Primary School</b></p>
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**No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.**

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