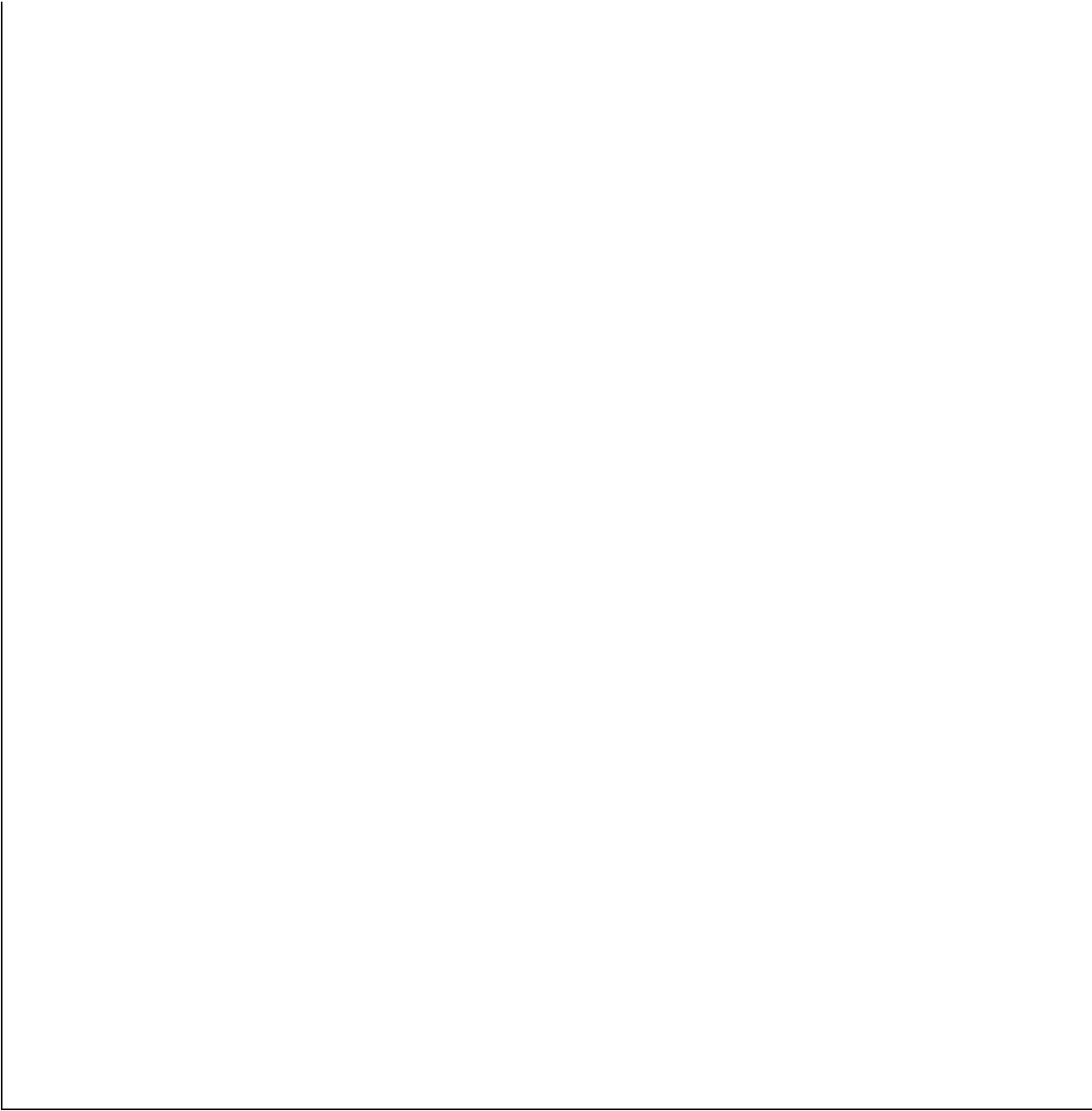


<b>Report to</b>	<b>Amesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> May 2012</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Area Board Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider applications seeking 20012/13 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Stapleford Parish Council.  
Upgrading of Playground Equipment and Football Pitch.  
Funding sought £3,968.31 officer recommendation Yes
2. Winterbourne Parish Council.  
Allotment renovation works & creation of additional plots.  
Funding sought £ 995. Officer recommendation Yes.
3. Larkhill Community Partnership.  
Layers of Larkhill Community Project  
£ 5,000 officer recommendation £2,500



## 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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £50,455 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives.
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5,000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.

- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.12. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. The 2012/2013 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.
- 1.14. A decision was 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.
- 1.15. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.16. At the last Area Board meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 delegated authority was given to the Community Manager to authorise outstanding grants and Jubilee payments of £6,990 and the amount and date is £43,465
- 1.17. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board.
- 1.18. Amesbury Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £17,500 for 2012/13. With the option to bid for further funding.

<p><b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision</li> <li>• Amesbury 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.
- 2.2. There will be 7 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The first is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
  - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012
  - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012

## **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 Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Amesbury Area Board will have a balance of £36,169.

## **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
8.1	Stapleford Parish Council.	Upgrading of Playground Equipment and Football Pitch	£3,968.31

8.1.1. Officer recommendation is for approval.

8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2012/13 benefiting all ages of the community

8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, by providing more outdoor recreational facilities and equipment for children and young people.

8.1.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.1.5. The group which is the Parish Council, aims to enhance the recreational facilities by bringing them up to a modern theme, a recent ROSPA report red flagged parts of the equipment condemning it for safe use.

8.1.6. The play equipment on site has proved popular with local residents visiting families surrounding villages and passing visitors. The area has recently been used to celebrate the opening of the dipping platform in the river, in association with Natural England.

A recent tree planting event in conjunction with the Woodland Trust to mark the jubilee has also taken place.

8.1.7. This project demonstrates Equality and Inclusion.

8.1.8. Should the board not support this project then the project will be delayed until further funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Winterbourne Parish Council	Allotment renovation works and creation of additional plots	£995

8.1.0 Officer recommendation is for approval.

8.1.9. The application meets grant criteria 2012/13 benefiting all ages of the community.

8.1.10. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, by providing leisure and cultural activities.

8.1.11. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.1.12. The group aims to enhance and improve the visibility of the land by creating additional plots of land for allotment use. The land is owned by the Parish Council which have a waiting list for allotments

8.1.13. This project which is already enthusiastically and productively used will provide two extra plots, the renovation work which includes cutting back hedges on the road boundary in an effort to aid road safety and visibility on the exit from the site will enhance the visibility of the whole area.

8.1.14. This project demonstrates community cohesion equality and Inclusion

8.1.15. Should the board not support this project then the project will be delayed until further funding can be sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Larkhill Community Partnership	Layers of Larkhill Community Project	£5,000

8.1.16 Officer Recommendation to grant £2,500

8.1.16. The application meets grant criteria 2012/13 benefiting all ages of the community

8.1.17. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, by providing leisure and cultural activities across the community.

8.1.18. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.1.19. Julian Richards the internationally famous historian /archaeologist has committed to run this project and will open up the history of the area to those who live there, a series of events over the coming year will uncover the long history of Larkhill and these findings will form a travelling exhibit which can be displayed in locations across the Salisbury Plain.

8.1.20. This project aims to accredit the work undertaken in order to enhance educational outcomes by engaging the community, there will be strong links formed between the military at Larkhill and the surrounding civilian areas including schools of Durrington Shrewton and Amesbury all with a shared interest in the Stonehenge landscaped.

8.1.21. This project demonstrates community cohesion equality and Inclusion with Military Civilian and local schools.

8.1.22. Should the board not support this project then the project will be delayed until further funding can be sought.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<p><b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Stapleford Parish Council*</b>  <b>Appendix 2 Grant application – Winterbourne Parish Council.*</b>  <b>Appendix 3 Grant application – Larkhill Community Partnership*</b></p> <p><b>*Appendices available online or on request</b></p>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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