

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	18/06/2014
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

## 1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Melksham Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount	£47,438.90
<b>Applicant:</b> Atworth Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group <b>Project Title:</b> Laptop & Projector	£610.00	
<b>Applicant:</b> Melksham Without Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Melksham Scout Hut - To replace rotten doors and windows	£1642.00	
<b>Total community area grant amount requested at this meeting</b>	£2252	
<b>Total Councillor initiative requested at this meeting</b>	£280	
<b>Total CPSO Bid requested at this meeting</b>	£442.90	
<b>Total Funding requested for CATG projects at this meeting</b>	£1750	(£4724.90) £42714.00balance
<b>Total amount allocated so far</b>	£1490	

## 2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

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.

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.

### 3. The applications

<p><b>Applicant:</b> Atworth Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group  <b>Project Title:</b> Laptop &amp; Projector</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board:          £610.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b>We would like to purchase a Laptop and projector for Atworth Youth club which would be used by the Youth Club and the Duke of Edinburgh team for a variety of uses including training, presentations and other activities.</p> <p><b>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</b> D of E Group would benefit by using it for researching information, training for example first aid training and for the groups to present their expedition experience with family friends and local people. Also the young people at the Youth Club would benefit by using it for training sessions, movie nights, sharing videos of youth club activities such as the drama workshop. There will also be the opportunity for the young people to produce their own presentations and films. All of our young people will benefit.</p>		
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Melksham Without Parish Council  <b>Project Title:</b> Melksham Scout Hut - To replace rotten doors and windows</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board:          £1642.00</p>	
<p>This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.</p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b>To replace the windows and doors at the Melksham Scout Hut. The window frames are rotten and some of them only support perspex and not glass. The main front door is nearly off its hinges and not secure, the replacement door will be wider to accommodate wheelchair access. The current 2 fire doors will only stay closed when bolted from the inside, this is not good practice. There is also a security issue as they have gaps between the frames when shut. The quotations received are for new white PVC U A-rated windows; the front door will incorporate a high security multi-point locking mechanism with low aluminium wheelchair threshold with toughened safety glass as required by building control and a reinforced PVCu panel in the lower section. The fire doors will incorporate a solid PVCu reinforced panel with a low aluminium threshold and fire escape panic bars.</p>		

**Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:** 70 boys and girls across 3 sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) plus the Scout Hut is regularly rented out to other groups and members of the public. It is used on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday by the Scout Group as well as events (some District wide). Hired by the Spiritualist Church on a Weds and Sunday and Martial Arts Group on Fridays. We need to keep the Hut up to a safe and secure standard to ensure the continued bookings from external groups to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the Hut; and the safety of the children who are the primary users. The replacement double glazed and well fitting doors and windows will not only ensure that the Hut is secure and meeting safety standards, but also will help retain heat and become a more pleasant (and draft free) environment for users. Melksham Area Board Priorities July 2013. Children & Young People A2. Support the provision of recreational activities / spaces for young people and their families. Melksham Community Area Action Plan Feb 2012. Children & Young People. 2. Provide recreational activities/spaces for young people. 15. Provide productive outlets for young people's energy. JSA for Melksham Community Area 2014. Children & Young People Key Issues: raising aspirations and narrowing achievement gaps; promoting healthy lifestyles. The Scouting organisation helps young people enjoy new adventures; experience the outdoors; interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Scouting is about doing great things, loving and enjoying the great adventures and helping others to do the same.

Councillor Initiative – Councillor Hubbard

To develop no cold calling areas in key parts of our local community, by consulting with the community and helping vulnerable people to become more aware of the support available to them, their rights and to participate in a no cold calling community area, using these signs to display to would be traders who call without an appointment. 25 signs at £9.90, (£247.50) plus 2 Zipties at £.25p -( £.50p -£12.50) and postage £20 (£280 in Total)

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Appendix reports from :

Atworth Duke of Edinburgh Award Group  
Melksham Scout Hut group (Melksham Without)  
CPSO Bid request Cold Calling project  
Councillor Initiative Cold Calling Signs  
CATG report Caen Hill

