

Area East Community Funding Support Schemes 2013/14

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Purpose of the Report

To give a summary of community projects and activities from across the area supported with grants during 2013/2014 and to highlight some of the outcomes for communities.

Public Interest

The report and presentation identify the community benefits of the community projects supported in Area East last year.

Recommendation

That Members note the report.

Background

The provision of grant aid is a key part of the work that we do to support and help improve the work of voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across Area East.

Community and Leisure Capital Grant applications are considered twice a year in June and December. Capital projects requiring grants of up to £1,000 can be dealt with at any time and are subject to Ward Member agreement.

Requests from community organisations for non-capital works are now restricted to small grants of up to a maximum of £1,000.

The approach that we promote is to encourage applicants to use SSDC funding to encourage investment from other external sources. As a result of advice given to groups the proportion of Area East funding required can be reduced significantly and leverage figures are presented in the report. A number of groups have also received non-financial support (photocopying, equipment, loans etc) throughout the year.

Overview of projects supported

The attached appendices detail the Community projects that have been supported through the Area East Community Grants programme during 2013-14

The information has been compiled from the following budgets:

- Area East Capital
- Community grants budgets
- Youth and Play budgets

Funding Leverage

Grants awarded to local projects from Area East Capital budgets total £34,352 this represents 19% of total project costs. Small grants awards from the Community Development budgets supported 31 groups with grants totalling £26,911 (inc Balsam Centre programme). This equates to 29% (exc BC programme) of the total project costs and clearly demonstrates how small grants can be used to encourage community activity and financial investment in the area. A further £400 was awarded from the Youth and Play budget towards projects in Area East.

There has been an increase in the number of small grant awards made during this financial year in comparison to 2012–13.

In addition to the grants awarded, support and advice has been given to several community groups in Area East to enable them to complete projects within their Town or Parish without the need for grant assistance. Each case is discussed to agree the type of support needed to help them achieve their goals.

The Sports and Leisure team have also supported and setup play days in Bruton, Mudford, Milborne Port and Wincanton.

Of the 31 projects supported by Area East through the Small grants scheme, 30 have been completed.

Of the 4 projects supported through the Community & Leisure Capital budget, 4 have been completed.

Financial Implications

No additional implications – all grants are met out of existing budgets.

Corporate Priority Implications

This work contributes towards increasing economic vitality and prosperity and ensuring safe, sustainable and cohesive communities.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications

Improved local provision of facilities and activities within each village or town and increasing local participation reduce the need to travel.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Other Implications

None.

Background Papers: *Funding Support Applications, Files and Area East Financial Spreadsheets*

Appendix 1

COMMUNITY & LEISURE CAPITAL GRANTS						
Applicant	Ward	Project	Amount of award £	Total project costs £	Project complete	Status and summary of benefits
Castle Cary Eat Cary project	Cary	Community Garden	4,482	35,160	Yes	Project set up and is running very well. Annual report received.
Keinton Mandeville Sports Field Association	Northstone	Trim trail	12,500	32,191	Yes	
Kingsdon Parish Council	Northstone	Installation of new play equipment	7,370	18,370	Yes	
Wincanton Town Council	Wincanton	MUGA	10,000	99,090	Yes	Installed June 14. Floodlight power connected August 14. Very well used with no age restriction. Opening ceremony on 6 September 14.
SMALL GRANTS						
Applicant	Ward	Project	Amount of award £	Total project costs £	Project complete	Status and summary of benefits
Compton Pouncefoot Parish Meeting	Blackmoor Vale	Verge clearance	750	1,960	Ongoing	Project will be ongoing over the next 2 years
Holton Village Hall	Blackmoor Vale	Kitchen upgrade	640	1,289	Yes	Purchased a new cooker which is fabulous. Photos sent to TC.
Horsington Parish Council	Blackmoor Vale	Defibrillator	750	2,050	Yes	Additional successful fundraising completed. Defibrillator is located in phone box. Training completed with 10 volunteers.
Bruton Trust	Bruton	Gateway improvements	500	1,000	Yes	Improved pathways completed. Now going onto next stage (meeting 08/14) i.e plans for signboard.
Bruton Festival of Arts	Bruton	Packhorse Fair	750	5,000	Yes	The Packhorse Fair was very successfully re-launched after a period of scaling back.

Bruton Football Club	Bruton	Feasibility work	750	1500	Yes	Feasibility work is now complete and has contributed towards the Jubilee Park & Pavilion improvement project.
Rimpton Parish Council	Camelot	Playground access repair	217	780	Yes	Jointly funded with Yarlinton Housing Group and the Parish Council the improvement has made it safe to use the play area car park.
Rimpton Parish Council	Camelot	Produce Parish Plan	275	550	Yes	The Rimpton Parish Plan has been published and endorsed by AEC.
Sparkford Neighbourhood Watch	Camelot	Defibrillator	200	400	Yes	
Sparkford Playing Field Association	Camelot	Mower repairs	200	615	Yes	Repairs to the mower have ensured that the playing field and play area can be maintained easily
Castle Cary Football Club	Cary	Clearance at Maggs Lane	750	1,500	Yes	All done, thank you very much!
Castle Cary Town Council	Cary	Guarantee against loss for Castle Cary's Big Christmas	401	1,500	Yes	
Monday Dance Club	Cary	Running costs	350	1,800	Yes	The grant was awarded to help the group through difficulties as a result of the bridge repairs. It did continue for ?, but has since closed.
Barton St. David Parish Council	Northstone	Update Parish Plan	500	1,000	In progress	
Charltons Bowls Club	Northstone	Electric mat roller	750	5,000	Yes	
Kingsdon Parish Council	Northstone	Relocate and set up village shop	750	1,660		
Brewham Village Hall Committee	Tower	Defibrillator	750	1,650	Yes	Defibrillator was installed outside of village hall Feb 14. Information evening held, very well attended.
Charlton Musgrove Memorial Hall	Tower	Spinney project	750	1500		

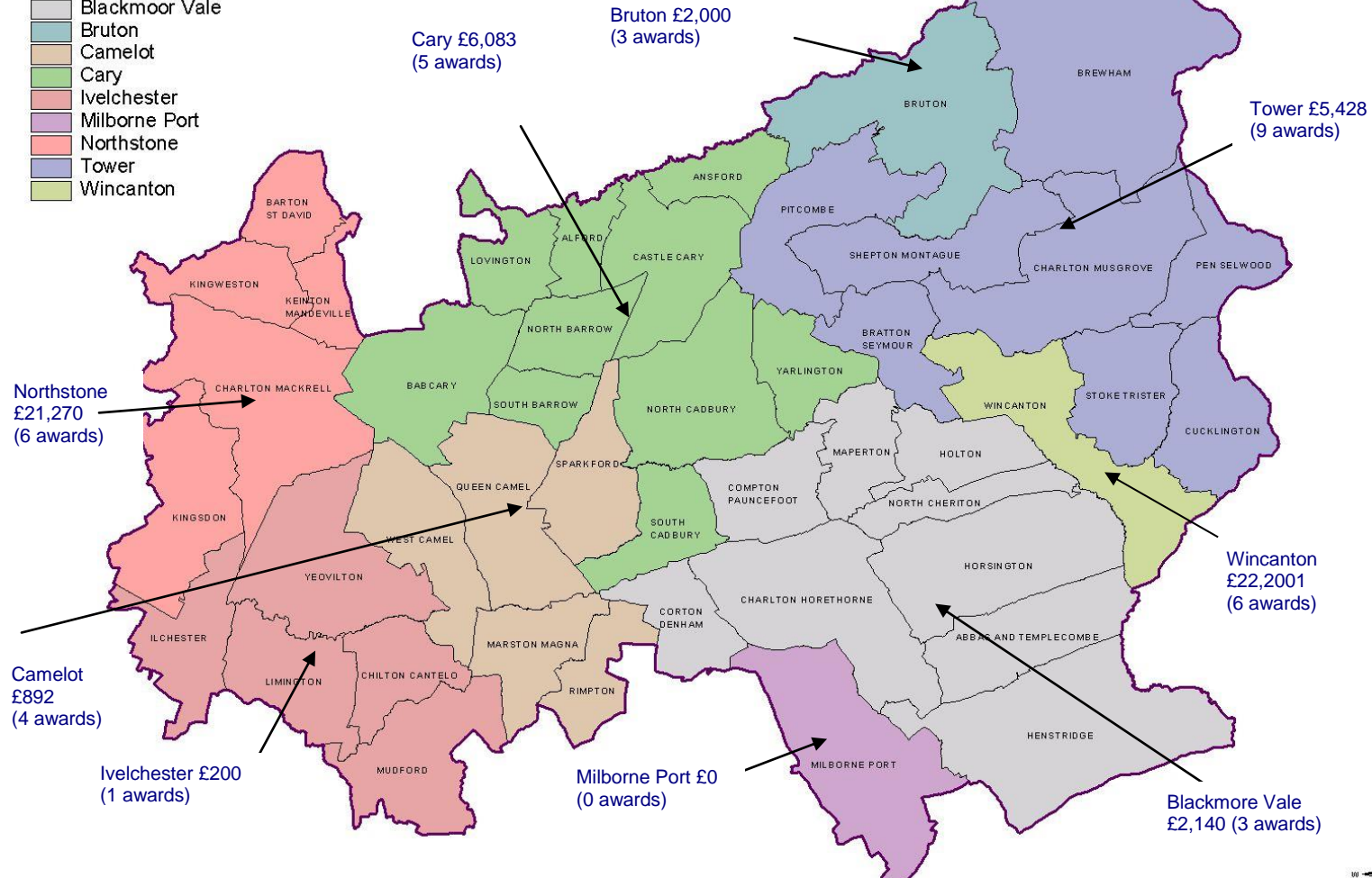
Stoke Trister and Bayford Parish Council	Tower	Grit bin	78	156	Yes	Grit bin in place and ready if needed.
Penselwood Village Hall Committee	Tower	Hall insulation	750	1500	In progress	
The Charlton's	Tower	Electric mat	750	5,000		
Cucklington Parish Meeting	Tower	Produce Parish Plan	100	400	Yes	The Cucklington Parish Plan has been published and the Parish Meeting has gone on to look at delivering priority elements.
Charlton Musgrove Countryside Group	Tower	All weather route	750	1,500	Yes	
Charlton Musgrove Parish Council	Tower	Improvements to ROW	750	2,110	Ongoing	Materials purchased. Still £380 left, two thirds of the way through, next stile mending day is 30 th August.
Penselwood Parish Council	Tower	Footpath improvements	750	1500	Yes	
CATCH	Wincanton	Cale clean up	750	8,500	Yes	Founded 2013 to restore the natural habitat of the river Cale. Regular litter pick/clean up.
Wincanton Community Church	Wincanton	Holiday club	200	400	Yes	51 children attended between 28/7–01/08/14. A great success, bouncy castle, games, crafts & bible stories.
Wincanton Sports Ground	Wincanton	Install toilet for outside use	750	3,630	Yes	Enables outdoor groups to use the toilet without having to access the building.
Wincanton Town Council	Wincanton	LIC running costs	500		Yes	Enables the Town Council to run the LIC and improve the service that they offer
Wincanton Healthy Living Centre	Wincanton		10,000			Report going to Committee
Life Education Wessex	Various	School visits	750	4225	Yes	Sessions delivered to 672 primary age children in Horsington, Ansford, Castle Cary, Templecombe, and Henstridge.

YOUTH AND PLAY GRANTS

Applicant	Ward	Project	Amount of award £	Total project costs £	Project complete	Status and summary of benefits
Castle Cary Play Day	Cary	Play Day	100	200	Yes	Support for Play Day which was setup and run by community
Ilchester Youth Parish Council	Ivelchester	Recruitment drive	200	500	Yes	Recruitment drive was successful and new members appointed
Charltons Play Day	Northstone	Play Day	100	300	Yes	Support for Play Day which was setup and run by community

Funding awards made in Area East 2012/13

- Parishes
- Area East Wards
- Blackmoor Vale
- Bruton
- Camelot
- Cary
- Ivelchester
- Milborne Port
- Northstone
- Tower
- Wincanton



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