



To: **North Area Committee - 9th April 2015**

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Wards affected: Arbury, East Chesterton, King’s Hedges, West Chesterton

AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2015-16

1. Executive summary

1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2015-16 funding for projects in the North Area, makes recommendations for awards and provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

2. Recommendations

The North Area Committee Councillors are recommended:

- 2.1 to consider the grant applications received, officer comments and proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria detailed in paragraph 3.3.3.
- 2.2 to agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award
N1	Arbury Manor Branch, Royal British Legion	Coach hire for day trip	440
N2	Arbury Townswomen's Guild	10 monthly meetings	270
N3	Bermuda Community Room	22 winter teas and suppers	500
N4	Bridho Society	Four trips and two joint Eid parties	1,000
N5	Cambridge Community Arts	Two 10 week creative activity programmes for young people	3,500
N6	CamDig	Meeting room hire, insurance, stall	£0
N7	Chesterton Community Association	Summer outing	787
N8	Chesterton Eagles FC	Start-up girl’s football team age 7- 8	500
N9	Chesterton Festival Committee	Chesterton Festival 2015	3,240
N10	Chesterton Garden Club	Outing	300

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N11	Chesterton Garden Club	Projector stand for speakers	0
N12	Chesterton Parents Group	Little Music Makers	500
N13	City Life Church Cambridge Trust	10 week Parenting Puzzle Programme	1,000
N14	Darwin Drive Youth Association	Weekly football sessions and three trips	1,000
N15	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Running costs - newsletter, website, insurance, meetings and events	1,200
N16	Friends of Mitcham's Corner	Meetings, website, communications	600
N17	Friends of Mitcham's Corner	Christmas lights purchase, installation and event	1,423
N18	GAP Learning CIC	2 Craftworks 'start your own' creative business courses	1,900
N19	King's Hedges Brownies	2 trips	500
N20	Knitted Together	Weekly knitting group	300
N21	Meadows Bowlers	Weekly bowls session.	733
N22	The Meadows Children & Family Wing	6 week programme "All about Me"	1,217
N23	Moonbeams Preschool/ CFW	Replacement shed purchase of a Play Pod	2,000
N24	North Cambridge Sports Association	Weekly football, badminton and basketball sessions	1,000
N25	Rainbow Playgroup	Storage shed and playhouse	470
N26	The Red Hen Project	2 summer outings	0
N27	Sin Cru	"Watch me now" busking project	2,000
N28	St Georges Over 60s Club (WRVS)	Programme of activities for the year including talks, demonstrations, AGM and events.	500
N29	St Giles' Church	Annual Christmas tree festival	700
N30	Under 5s Roundabout	2 trips - <i>Refer to West Central (£300)</i>	100

Budget available	£27,680
Total awards	£27,680
Budget remaining	£0

3. Background

3.1 Management

3.1.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports or Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Communities, Arts and Recreation who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.

3.1.2 The 2015-16 grants were publicised, via neighbourhood workers, in local publications and voluntary organisations newsletters, by posters and publicity leaflets and previous applicants were also invited to apply. Over 30 organisations attended briefings held to explain the application process and revised eligibility criteria and priorities. (See 3.3.3)

3.2 Funding Available

3.2.1 There is a total of £80,000 available across the four area committees for 2015-16 made up as follows:

- £60,000 Community Grants
- £20,000 Safer City

3.2.2 The budgets have been divided between the area committees in accordance with population and poverty calculations. The Safer City allocation has provided £5,000 for each area committee. The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Community Grants £	Safer City £	Total available £
North	37.8	22,680	5,000	27,680
East	32.2	19,320	5,000	24,320
South	20	12,000	5,000	17,000
West Central	10	6,000	5,000	11,000
Total	100	60,000	20,000	80,000

3.3 Eligibility Criteria and Funding Priorities

3.3.1 In July 2014 the Community Services Scrutiny Committee considered new priorities and outcomes for community, arts and recreation development funding which was agreed by the Executive Councillor for Community, Arts and Recreation. This new funding programme is named 'Community Grants'.

3.3.2 In addition to the Community Grants priorities the Area Committee Grants also have priorities reflecting the financial contribution made from the Safer City budget.

3.3.3 Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, South, East or West Central) by either:

- reducing social or economic inequality or
- tackling crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour

and they must meet one of our funding priorities below:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- legal and/or financial advice (*Organisations applying to give legal advice and support must have The Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent*)
- employment support
- capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above
- community projects aiming to tackle crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour

3.3.4 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.

3.3.5 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.

3.3.6 All awards are subject to funding agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

3.4 **Year Round Applications**

3.4.1 Applications made after the main grants round will be considered on an individual basis until all the funding is spent. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny in January 2014.

3.4.2 In December 2015 the area budgets will be merged and any funding remaining will be allocated across the areas as applications are received, to ensure effective use of the funds available.

3.5 **2014-15 Awards**

3.5.1 After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2014-15 and circulate a summary to members. A list of awards to date for 2014-15 is attached as Appendix 2.

Appendix 1 - North Area Committee Grant Applications and Recommendations 2015-16

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N1	Arbury Manor Branch, Royal British Legion	Day trip to National Memorial Arboretum (Litchfield) for members and community friends	Provide members and community friends with day out. Many ex-services members can find the memorial for their regiment. For some it is their only chance of a day out with friends. They would be unable to go otherwise. They will take wheelchairs and cater for carers.	30 all elderly, some with disabilities	Full cost: £440 Income: £0	440	440
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested for coach hire. It is the UK's Living Centre of Remembrance.				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £500 13-14: £400					
N2	Arbury Townswomen's Guild	10 monthly meetings (room hire and speakers)	Inform, educate and entertain members. For many this is their only outing each month. Beneficiaries are mostly reliant on state pensions and many are taxi card users.	26 North 2 East Older women	Full cost: £589 Income: £319	270	270
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £330 13-14: £250					
N3	Bermuda Community Room	22+ winter teas and suppers	Reduce social inequality for local residents and improve their way of living during winter months. Many residents receive low incomes and see this as a barrier to outside activities, which at a higher cost they are unable to afford.	70 adults (over 50 years)	Full cost: £1437 Income: £750 (includes £448 of reserves)	687	500
		Officer comment	Recommend £500 contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £420 13-14: £400					

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award			
N4	Bridho Society	Two trips for older Bengali men and two trips for older Bengali women and two joint Eid parties	Provide social, practical and emotional support for elders, entertaining, stimulating and beneficial activity programme. Majority of members on low income. Language barriers make it difficult to go out. For female members cultural barriers make this more difficult still. Many members experience poor health and isolation/loneliness.	20-25 all older	Full cost: £2,000 Income: £100	1,900	1,000			
								Officer comment	Recommend £1,000 contribution	
								Previous 2 years funding:	14-15: £1,500 13-14: £1,000	
N5	Cambridge Community Arts	2 creative activities programme for disaffected young people x10 weeks	Provide arts and cultural activity to disaffected group. Provide personal achievement, build skills in musical creation, production and performance, improve literacy, IT and communication skills, reduce social isolation through group working.	20 (10 x 11-14 year olds, 10 x 14-18 year olds)	Full cost: £4,240 Income: £0	4,240	3,500			
								Officer comment	Recommend £3,500	
								Previous 2 years funding:	New organisation	
N6	CamDig	Monthly meeting room hire, insurance and costs of stall at Arbury Carnival	Meeting place for North Arbury residents interested in local archaeology, helping people to get out and meet their neighbours and have a sense of place.	20	Full cost: £492 Income: £210	282	0			
								Officer comment	Recommend no funding as does not fit funding objectives	
								Previous 2 years funding:	New organisation	

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N7	Chesterton Community Association	Summer outing for low income residents from East Chesterton and Kings Hedges	Give children something to look forward to in the summer, many of whom may never have seen the sea before. Chance to make new friends. The trip is low cost to make it affordable.	77 children and adults. Majority are low income.	Full cost: £1,258 Income: £471	787	787
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £116, £650 13-14: £650, £100					
N8	Chesterton Eagles FC	Start-up costs of girl's only football team (7 and 8 year olds)	Reduce social inequality by creating opportunity for girls to have the same access to football as boys. Many of the girls find the club's existing mixed groups with boys too advanced.	15-20 girls	Full cost: £1,773 Income: £800	973	500
		Officer comment	Recommend £500 contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,500 13-14: none					
N9	Chesterton Festival Committee	Chesterton Festival 2015	Promote community engagement by encouraging people to come out and find what is going on in their neighbourhood and get involved.	2,600 all ages	Full cost: £5,863 Income: £1,935 (+ £688 reserves)	3,240	3,240
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £4,320 13-14 £3,520					
N10	Chesterton Garden Club	Outing to Grimsthorpe Castle	Many members are quite isolated and live alone. This will allow members to visit an unusual garden with like-minded friends.	32 beneficiaries. (13 Arbury, 13 W. Chesterton, 6 West Central - Castle). 4 outside of city.	Full cost: £1135 Income: £640	495	300
		Officer comment	Recommend £300. Contribution from reserves.				
		Previous 2 years funding: None					

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N11	Chesterton Garden Club	Purchase of projector stand	To share an interest in gardening and to increase friendship. It is also educational and we teach other garden techniques.	41 beneficiaries. (14 Arbury, 1 E Chesterton, 1 Kings Hedges, 19 W Chesterton. 6 W Central - Castle)	Full cost: £122 Income: £0	122	0
		Officer comment	Recommend no award as focussed funding on N10 above and did not fit the funding priority.				
		Previous 2 years funding: None					

N12	Chesterton Parents Group	Little Music Makers sessions twice a week	Introduce preschool children to playing musical instruments and teach parents/carers how to participate in musical play with their child. East Chesterton ward that do not have access to any other local, free music group.	68 adults and children. (Plus East 12, South 2, W/Central 8 and 16 outside city).	Full costs: £4,978 Income: £230 (from reserves)	4,748	500
		Officer comment	Recommend £500. Beneficiaries are city wide. Participants do not make a contribution.				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £305 returned 13-14: £1,390, £190					

N13	City Life Church Cambridge Trust	Parenting Puzzle Programme x 10 weeks	Improve the experience of family life for parents from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. Contributes to social cohesion. Parents provide better background for children's learning, sense of self-worth - improve future prospects and act as prevention against future anti-social behaviour.	15-20 - all adults (60% receive benefits and 25% are BME).	Full cost: £1,740 Income: £740	1,000	1,000
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,500 13-14: did not apply					

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N14	Darwin Drive Youth Association	Weekly five a side football sessions at St Luke's Barn and 3 trips	Provide activities for young people, so that they can be physically active and not engaged in anti-social behaviour on the streets. 80% of young people are low income.	25-30. Majority are Asian boys under 18 years.	Full cost: £1791 Income: £100	1,691	1,000
		Officer comment	Recommend £1,000 towards hall hire. Members could make a small weekly contribution.				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,500 13-14: £1,000					

N15	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Running costs: newsletters, website, insurance, meetings and events	Protect and enhance the Cemetery for public benefit, ensure public access to the Cemetery.	1,500 North. 500 W/Central.	Full cost: 2,841 Income: 1,641	1,200	1,200
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,200 13-14: £1,290, £400					

N16	Friends of Mitcham's Corner	Public meetings, website and communications	Ensure that the public at large are consulted, communicated with and kept informed about the implementation of the Mitcham's Corner 'opportunity area'.	8,000	Full cost: 1,009 Income: 291	718	600
		Officer comment	Recommend £600 contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £910, £1,000 13-14: none					

N17	Friends of Mitcham's Corner	Christmas lights purchase, install and event	Make a public space people want to visit, positive focal point. Increase sense of civic pride, improve perception of safety and design out ASB.	Community, traders, residents, elderly, commuters 14,000 W and E Chesterton + 26-32,000 cars p/w	Full cost: 4217 Income: 1,000	3,216	1,423
		Officer comment	Recommend £1,423 contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: As above					

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N18	GAP Learning CIC	Craftworks 'start your own' creative business course x 2 x 10 weeks	Enable those furthest away from opportunity, the skills to create financial independence, reduce social anxiety and isolation. Targeting specific women.	24 Asian women accessing ESOL provision through family learning.	Full cost: 2,770 Income: 780	1,990	1,900
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: None					
N19	King's Hedges Brownies	Two trips; guided bus to St Ives for bowling and day trip to London	To give disadvantaged girls the sort of experience they do not normally get.	24 girls aged 7-10 years.	Full cost: 1,047 Income: 547	500	500
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £851 13-14: £1,490					
N20	Knitted Together	Weekly knitting group	Promote craft activities, try a new craft and gain a new skill, improve community cohesion.	9-12 (7-12 North, 2 W/Central).	Full cost: 552 Income: none	552	300
		Officer comment	Recommend £300. Seeking 100% funding. Members could make a small contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £300 13-14: £433					
N21	Meadows Bowlers	Weekly indoor bowls session	Get together to play bowls, keep fit, exercise and help reduce isolation.	10 older people, some with disabilities.	Full cost: 1,783 Income: 1,050	733	733
		Officer comment	Recommend amount requested				
		Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,000 13-14: £1,116					

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award	
N22	The Meadows Children & Family Wing	New 6 week programme "All About Me"	A follow on from the Freedom, Care and Family Support drop in sessions; will help women increase skills confidence and look at future opportunities. Target women experiencing domestic violence, low self-esteem and confidence, low income, language barriers, social isolation, mental health issues, housing issues/homelessness and unemployment plus those lacking a range of skills and knowledge that may have been poorly parented themselves.	10 all local women	Full cost: 1,217 Income: 0	1,217	1,217	
	Officer comment	Recommend amount requested						
	Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,500 13-14: £2,000							

N23	Moonbeams Preschool (in partnership with MCFW above)	Replacement shed to store outside play equipment. Purchase of a Play Pod.	The Play Pod is a holistic process that works with the entire community to change both the human and physical play environment transforming play. Supporting free play opportunities that contribute towards the learning, health and emotional wellbeing of young children.	100 all children	Full cost: 5,000 Income: 0	5,000	2,000	
	Officer comment	Recommend £2,000. Seeking 100% funding.						
	Previous 2 years funding: None							

N24	North Cambridge Sports Association	Weekly football, badminton and basketball	Keep fit, stay active and not get involved with unsafe activities such as crime.	35 - children and adults, majority BME	Full cost: 3,180 Income: 600	2,580	1,000	
	Officer comment	Recommend £1,000 contribution towards hall hire						
	Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £2,000 13-14: £1,500							

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award		
N25	Rainbow Playgroup	New storage shed for outside toys and a playhouse	The new equipment will provide the children with many learning opportunities for social skills/communication/imagination/relationship building/self-selection of toys and equipment. Many of the children live in flats and do not have access to an outside area at home; very often the only green space they get to experience is when they come to playgroup.	30 all children	Full cost: 869.98 Income: 0	870	470		
								Officer comment	Recommend contribution subject to clarification of accounts
								Previous 2 years funding: 13-14: £1,000	
N26	The Red Hen Project	2 summer outings during the summer holidays	Many of the families never go on holiday, 60% live in social housing and receive benefits, 75% have no transport, and 25% have children with special needs and feel extremely isolated during the summer holidays.	110 – families - adults and children	Full cost: 900 Income: 0	900	0		
								Officer comment	Recommend no award as the group has high reserves
								Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £760 13-14: £800 (and DRR)	
N27	Sin Cru	"Watch me now" busking project - workshops, master classes and public performances	Increase access to the arts by presenting free work in public spaces. Improve wellbeing, reduce anti-social behaviour and promote the group and its activities. Allows families who have previously been hindered by financial constraints to get involved	29 young people. 1 East.	Full cost: 5,131 Income: 200	4,931	2,000		
								Officer comment	Recommend £2,000 contribution
								Previous 2 years funding: 14-15: £1,800 (Main grants) 13-14: £2,000 (Main grants)	

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N28	St Georges Over 60s Club (WRVS)	Annual programme of activities, talks, demonstrations, and events	Reduce social isolation for the elderly or housebound. Intellectually stimulating programme of talks. Transport is available to help disabled members attend.	55 - all older; several have serious health problems	Full cost: 2,896 Income: 2,336	560	500		
								Officer comment	Recommend £500
								Previous 2 years funding:	14-15: £850 13-14: £750
N29	St Giles' Church	Annual Christmas tree festival; 30 groups decorate a tree, then displayed for 9 days	To give pleasure to all who create the decorations for the trees, and who come in and visit the festival, at a time of year when many people feel especially isolated. The festival aims to make visitors feel part of a wider community.	325 North 175 West Central	Full cost: 1,767 Income: 600	1,167	700		
								Officer comment	Recommend £700 contribution and refer to West Central
								Previous 2 years funding:	14-15: £1,145 from West Central 13-14: £1,099
N30	Under 5s Roundabout	2 wildlife and outdoor discovery trips	Pre-school children experience the diversity of local wildlife and take part in new and challenging outdoor activities to broaden their experience of the world around them. Some would not normally access due to lack of transport and low income.	68 - all children under five 35% West Central	Full cost: 855 Income: 0	855	100		
								Officer comment	Recommend £100, high reserves (refer to West Central)
								Previous 2 years funding:	14-15: £600 (+£345 from West Central) 13-14: none

Appendix 2 – 2014-15 Awards

Organisation	Purpose	Award
18th Cambridge Beavers	Trip to seaside and sleepover	260
Arbury Artists	Tutor costs	250
Arbury Manor Branch - Royal British Legion	Day trip to Clacton	500
Arbury Townswomen's Guild	Meetings with speakers	330
Bermuda Community Room	16 winter teas and Christmas event	420
Bridho Society	Monthly meetings and trips	1,500
Cambridge Royal Albert Benevolent Society	Autumn Trip	150
Chesterton Community Association	Flyers for garden competition 2014	116
Chesterton Community Association	Coach hire -seaside summer outing	650
Chesterton Eagles Football Club	Under 6 and 7s children's football	1,500
Chesterton Festival Committee	Chesterton Festival 20-22 June	4,320
Church of the Good Shepherd	Purchase of equipment	791
Church of the Good Shepherd	Tables for Foodbank	238
City Life Church	Parenting Puzzle programme.	1,500
Darwin Drive Youth Organisation	Weekly sports activities, trips, events	1,500
Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Newsletters, events, admin	1,200
Friends of Midsummer Common	Community orchard equipment and events	325
Friends of Mitcham's Corner	Meetings, activities and publicity	910
Friends of Mitcham's Corner	Model project	1,000
Grovebury Ladies	2 trips	680
Hurst Park Estate Street Party Committee	Street Party 21st June 2014	500
Kings Hedges Brownies	Punting and trip to Wickstead Park	851
Kings Hedges Mohila Shomity	14 meetings, trip and 2 Eid parties	933
Knitted Together	Weekly knitting group	300
Little Monkeys parent & toddler playgroup	Repair existing soft play equipment	185
Meadows Centre Bowlers	2 hour weekly bowls sessions	1,000
North Cambridge Sports Association	Sport activities and weekly girl's activity	2,000
Romsey Mill	New monthly music project	5,000
Sport Cambridge	3 week summer sport activities	2,700
Sport Cambridge	20 x 2x1 hour badminton sessions	1,500
Sport Cambridge	20 x 2x1 hour football sessions	800
St Andrew's Hall	Celebrate 'May Day' drop in event	278
St Andrew's Hall	Chesterton Carols' event	241
St George's Over 60's Club	21 meetings and Christmas outing	850
St Luke's Church & Community Centre	Amplification equipment	2,000
Sunshine Group	Meetings and outings	280
The Kings Hedges Family Support Project	Playworker for summer drop ins	750
The Mariners' Club Community Group	Start-up costs of new group	266
The Meadows Children and Family Wing	Quality toys and bookcase	1,500
The Red Hen Project	Trips	760
Under Fives Roundabout	Two 2hr wildlife discovery sessions	600