



To: **North Area Committee - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**  
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## AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2017-18

### 1. Executive summary

1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2017-18 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 3.5.

2.2 To agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
N1	50+ Friends	Monthly meetings and bi-monthly cooking sessions	260
N2	Asian Women's Group	Weekly meetings	100
N3	Bermuda Community Room	20 winter teas and 15 winter suppers	850
N4	Cambridge & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Extension of 2016 outreach service	4,000
N5	Cambridge Gymnastics Academy	Weekly freestyle gymnastics class	3,000
N6	Chesterton Community Association	Summer outing for families and older people	490
N7	Chesterton Festival	Chesterton Festival 2017	2,500
N8	DEARA (Darwin, Erasmus, Akeman Street Resident's Association)	Street party	500

N9	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Information and activities	800
N10	Good Sounds	Weekly singing sessions	350
N11	Grove Community Swimming	Free-play swimming sessions	1,000
N12	Illuminate Charity	Confidence and personal development coaching	1,000
N13	King's Hedges Brownies	Two trips to Woburn Safari Park and bowling in St Ives	400
N14	King's Hedges Guides	Climbing activity session	200
N15	Meadow's Bowlers	Weekly indoor bowls sessions	500
N16	The Meadow's Children & Family Wing	3 x 6 week disadvantaged women's programme	3,000
N17	Not Quite Over the Hill Club	Mystery tour, holiday seaside outings	200
N18	Romsey Mill	Media video project	3,000
N19	Royal British Legion Arbury	Day trip to Lowestoft	450
N20	St George's Over 60's Club	Transport; volunteer petrol expenses; annual event costs	200
N21	Sunshine Group	Day trips using Dial-a-Ride	200
N22	The Red Hen Project	2 summer outings	1,600
N23	Young People's Puppet Theatre	Puppet theatre project in Shirley School	0

<b>Budget available</b>	<b>£ 24,920</b>
<b>Total awards</b>	<b>£ 24,600</b>
<b>Budget remaining</b>	<b>£ 320</b>

### 3. Background

- 3.1 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 Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.
- 3.2 The 2017-18 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, in local publications and voluntary organisations newsletters and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants are also sent information. 11 people representing 10 organisations attended a briefing held to explain the application process and eligibility criteria and priorities.
- 3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2017-18 made up as follows:
- £60,000 Community Grants
  - £10,000 Safer City

- 3.4 The budgets have been divided between the area committees in accordance with population and poverty calculations. The Safer City allocation has provided and additional £2,500 for each area committee. The amount available for each area is as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Community Grants %</b>	<b>Community Grants £</b>	<b>Safer City £</b>	<b>Total available £</b>
<b>North</b>	<b>37.37</b>	<b>22,420</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>24,920</b>
East	31.95	19,170	2,500	21,670
South	20.65	12,390	2,500	14,890
West Central	10.03	6,020	2,500	8,520
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>

### 3.5 Area Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

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** by undertaking one of the following funding priorities:

- 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

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

- 3.7 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.

- 3.8 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:

- grant scheme priorities
- grant scheme outcomes

- identifying need
- quality or viability of the project

or

- proposals were the remit of another service or organisation such as the County Council, Health, Housing etc
- organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

- 3.9 All awards are subject to funding agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.
- 3.10 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 Committee in January 2014.
- 3.11 In December 2017 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.
- 3.12 After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2016-17 and circulate a summary to members. A list of awards to date for 2016-17 is attached as Appendix 2.

## Appendix 1 - North Area Committee Community Grant - Applications and Recommendations 2017-18

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N1	<b>50+ Friends</b>	Monthly meetings; bi-monthly affordable meal. Based at 82 Akeman Street	Reduce social isolation, improve mental and physical wellbeing, develop cohesion and integration within local community and reduce inequality through provision of an affordable, nutritious meal.	12 Arbury older people, some with disabilities and low income.	Full cost: £907 Income: £540 + reserves	£260	<b>£260</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £260 towards monthly meetings and bi-monthly cooking sessions.					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £800						
N2	<b>Asian Women's Group</b>	Weekly meeting costs (room hire). Based at 82 Akeman Street. Include some intergenerational sessions with younger Asian women	Reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing; overcomes cultural/religious/language barriers that means the women are unable to attend other local groups. Free meetings address economic disadvantage	20 Bengali women (age 50+ )	Full cost: £715 Income: £120 + reserves	£315	<b>£100</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £100 contribution. Reserves and underspend last year					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £500						
N3	<b>Bermuda Community Room</b>	Contribute to cost of 20 winter teas and 15 winter suppers for local residents	Bringing local people together, leading to a cohesive community. Reduce social isolation and mental health problems. For many low income residents meeting locally is the only outside activity they attend. Those with mental health problems find it difficult to travel distances during winter months	87 mainly older generation including some people with disabilities (52 Arbury, 35 King's Hedges)	Full cost: £2,087 Income: £500 + reserves	£850	<b>£850</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £850 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £450, 2015-16: £500						

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N4	<b>Cambridge &amp; District Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	Extension of 2016 outreach service - combining free legal advice with free money advice at weekly drop in sessions. Currently at The Meadows Community Centre	Enable people facing financial hardship and/or legal difficulties and associated social and health problems to tackle their issues and learn how to better manage the issues themselves in the future. Will lead to reduced social and/or economic inequality, improved mental health and improved quality of life.	180 (70 Arbury, 30 East Chesterton, 50 King's Hedges, 30 West Chesterton)	Full cost: £12,217 Income: £7,217	£5,000	<b>£4,000</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend contribution of £4,000					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £3,000 plus funding from main Community Grant programme						
N5	<b>Cambridge Gymnastics Academy</b>	Freestyle Gymnastics class on a Friday youth night (age 14-25) x 48 weeks based at North Cambridge Academy	Project very successful in 2016. Many families low income. Targeting through North Cambridge Academy where 50% young people have negative home lives.	32 young people age 11-25 (85% Arbury; 5% East Chesterton; 5% King's Hedges; 5% West Chesterton)	Full cost: £7,734 Income: £2,304	£5,000	<b>£3,000</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend: £3,000 contribution. Award to target low income beneficiaries and specific equipment					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £2,000						
N6	<b>Chesterton Community Association</b>	Summer outing for families and older people	Many families find it difficult to organise long journeys by public transport even if the fares are affordable. Reduces social isolation as some are older with limited mobility - good cross section of the community goes along.	77 people including families with children; older people with limited mobility	Full cost: £925 Income: £385	£490	<b>£490</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £490 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £460, 2015-16: £787						

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N7	<b>Chesterton Festival</b>	Chesterton Festival 2017; specifically the Community Fun Day on Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebrate the diversity of Chesterton and encourage people to explore what is available locally in terms of social, education, recreation and other activities	3,900 (200 Arbury; 2,000 E, 1,000 W Chesterton, 400 King's Hedges); 300 East	Full cost: £5,841 Income: £3,300 + reserves	£2,500	<b>£2,500</b>	
	Officer comment	Recommend £2,500 contribution. Award to target disadvantaged residents						
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £2,500, 2015-16: £3,240							
N8	<b>DEARA (Darwin, Erasmus, Akeman Street Resident's Association)</b>	Street party including preparation meetings and follow up events	Promote community cohesion; positive activity; reducing social isolation; tackling crime; the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	150-200 (Arbury)	Full cost: £1,431 Income: £150 + reserves	£741	<b>£500</b>	
	Officer comment	Recommend: £500 contribution – equipment loan potential						
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £800							
N9	<b>Friends of Histon Road Cemetery</b>	Information and activity: newsletters, website, publicity, meetings and events	Protect and enhance the Cemetery for public benefit, ensure public access to the Cemetery. Surveys show need to sustain active community involvement	2,000 (300 Arbury; 400 E + 800 W Chesterton) 500 W Central	Full cost: £2,825 Income: £1,625	£1,200	<b>£800</b>	
	Officer comment	Recommend: £800 contribution (and £400 from West Central Area Committee)						
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £400, 2015-16: £1,200							
N10	<b>Good Sounds</b>	Weekly singing sessions (room hire and refreshments) plus musical instruments, workshops, travel expenses to performances. Based at Akeman Street	Encourage community cohesion, bring together people who might not ordinarily connect with each other; reduce social isolation; promote co-operation, build confidence, self-esteem; enrich mental and physical wellbeing; encourage personal responsibility; enable low income residents to join an activity	10-20; 7 Arbury, 2 Kings Hedges	Full cost: £1,514 Income: £800 + reserves	£414	<b>£350</b>	
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £350 contribution.						
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £500							

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N11	<b>Grove Community Swimming</b>	2 x one hour Saturday morning, term time, free-play swimming sessions (33 sessions per year) at the Grove pool. Up to 27 per session	Funding would pay for half the users to attend sessions at no charge. Aim to provide reduced cost entry to people who would be unable to afford the costs of travel to and entry to a council pool.	50+, 15 Arbury, 5 East Chesterton, 15 Kings Hedges, 15 West Chesterton Children under 6 + parents / carers	Full cost: £2,000. Income: £1,000	£1,000	<b>£1,000</b>
	Officer comment:	Recommend: £1,000 contribution to target low income families					
	Previous 2 years funding: New group						

N12	<b>Illuminate Charity</b>	4 day personal development programme combining group work and 1:1 coaching sessions.	Developing skills to bring participants with significant barriers to employment / access to progression routes closer to economic activities.	10 North disadvantaged people with multiple issues + 2 South Cambs	Full cost £5,140 Income: £3,940	£1,200	<b>£1,000</b>
	Officer comment:	Recommend £1,000 for beneficiaries from the North					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £1,000 main round , 2015-16: £1,000 main round						

N13	<b>King's Hedges Brownies</b>	Two trips to Woburn Safari Park and bowling in St Ives	The trips provide an opportunity for the Brownies to leave their local estate, something other children take for granted in Cambridge. Lots of the children don't have holidays or trips as many parents are unable to take them	25 girls aged 7-10 (15 Arbury, 10 King's Hedges). Including children with special needs	Full cost: £962.53 Income: £700	£160	<b>£400</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £400 contribution as <i>ambitious income target, support for low income families</i>					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £400, 2015-16: £500						



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N14	<b>King's Hedges Guides</b>	Climbing activity session at Clip n Climb Cambridge	Provide an affordable opportunity for young girls from low income families to try a climbing activity. For many it will be the only opportunity to try the activity	20 girls aged 10-14 years (10 Arbury, 9 King's Hedges, 1 Chesterton)	Full cost: £300 Income: £100	£200	<b>£200</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £200 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £250						

N15	<b>Meadow's Bowlers</b>	Hall hire for weekly indoor bowls sessions at The Meadows	To get out of the house, meet people, have fun and socialise. Reduce isolation and be active.	15 Arbury older people some with disabilities.	Full cost: £1,295 Income: £795	£500	<b>£500</b>
	Officer comment:	Recommend £500					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £500, 2015-16: £1,000						

N16	<b>The Meadow's Children &amp; Family Wing</b>	Programme of family activities - drop-in sessions for families with pre-school children; 2 weekly term-time clubs for children age 5-11; 3 x 6 week programme for 8 disadvantaged women	Reduce social isolation; improve health and wellbeing; reduce inequality for those on low incomes; enable local families to have a say in local services. Users are particularly disadvantaged	730 families (360 Arbury, 15 E. Chesterton, 355 Kings Hedges)	Full cost : £56,449 Income: £45,000	£5,000	<b>£3,000</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £3,000 contribution for All About Me courses..					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £5,000, 2015-16: £1,217 Receive main grant						

N17	<b>Not Quite Over the Hill Club</b>	Towards cost of coaches for trips for the social club for over 55's which meets at Arbury Community Centre	Reduce isolation by providing 4-5 excursions.	86 older people (most 70 - 80). 84 Kings Hedges, 2 East Chesterton	Full cost: £3,414 Income: £2,205 + reserves		<b>£200</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £200 contribution. Reserves					
	Previous 2 years funding: high reserves						

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
<b>N18</b>	<b>Romsey Mill</b>	Young people's media project. Develop skills to edit and produce videos & understand potential risks of putting content online. Weekly sessions x 5 hours; group and 1:1 work	Reduce social isolation; increase confidence; learn new skills; increase self-esteem & motivation. Vulnerable young people will be safer and more secure. Beneficiaries with difficult home situations, mental health issues and anti-social behaviour are at risk of isolation and exclusion from mainstream society and school.	25 11-18 year olds (10 Arbury; 5 East Chesterton; 5 King's Hedges; 5 West Chesterton)	Full cost £14,445 Income: £6,546 + reserves	£4,920	<b>£3,000</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £3,000 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £2,500						

<b>N19</b>	<b>Royal British Legion Arbury</b>	Coach costs for a trip to Lowestoft	Give members a day out. Most members are disabled + elderly; few could manage public transport - unable to get out without help. Many live on a restricted income and live very lonely lives.	30 older people (8 Arbury; 10 E + 8 W Chesterton, 4 King's Hedges).	Full cost: £450 Income: £0	£450	<b>£450</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £450 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £300 2015-16: £440						

<b>N20</b>	<b>St George's Over 60's Club</b>	1. Transport for Christmas lunch, Dial a Ride or coach 2. Volunteer petrol expenses for member to pick up for meetings 3. Costs of annual summer event	Reducing isolation and introducing members to a variety of speakers - includes local interest and also information such as hearing help. Members say how much they miss meetings in the winter / summer breaks. Transport is provided for members who cannot get to meetings on their own.	48 elderly people, some with disabilities. (46 North, 2 East)	Full cost: £2,240 Income: £1,734 + reserves	£500	<b>£200</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend £200 contribution. Reserves					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: no application 2015-16: £50						

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
N21	Sunshine Group	Day trip to Bury St Edmunds and a trip to Horningsea using Dial-a-Ride	Many members in 80s, one 89, 4 have very poor mobility; 1 wheelchair user. Dial-A-Ride enables wheelchair access to the trips. A day trip will give them some company and not to be alone.	13 older people many over 80 (2 Arbury, 9 East Chesterton, 1 Kings Hedges, 1 West Chesterton)	Full cost: £230 Income: £30	£200	£200
		Officer comment	Recommend £200 contribution				
		Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £300, 2015-16: £100					
N22	The Red Hen Project	2 summer outings for families who would otherwise struggle (financially or socially) to take their children on day trips or holidays	Targeting families who have problems accessing education through family difficulties or crises. Low income, confidence, self-esteem, lack of transport, social isolation. Previous feedback states 36% said that these would be the only trips / holidays they would have.	200 people / 50 families 106 per trip	Full cost: £3,000. Income : £1,400	£1,600	£1,600
		Officer comment	Recommend £1,600				
		Previous 2 years funding: 2016-17: £0, 2015-16: high reserves					
N23	Young People's Puppet Theatre	Two year-long projects with 2 x Year 6 classes designing and building puppets working towards the creation and delivery of a full scale theatre production at Shirley School performed by the children	Classes include many children from disadvantaged backgrounds who find academic work difficult, lack concentration, drive and ability to work in a team. Practical and social benefits for the children, developing skills/characteristics that will help them through the last year of primary school & ease transition to secondary school - self-confidence, resilience, problem solving, team work.	60 Year 6 children. 20% traveller, 50% minority ethnic, above average eligibility for school meals. Particular benefit to ESL children	Full cost: £8,150 Income: £3,150 contribution from school	£5,000	£0
		Officer comment	No funding in the school day and part of curriculum time				
		Previous 2 years funding: no application					

## Appendix 2: 2016-17 Awards

Organisation	Purpose	Award £
50+ Friends	Monthly meetings and cooking project	800
Arbury Carnival Committee	Arbury Carnival 2016	2,000
Arbury Townswomen's Guild	10 monthly meetings	200
Asian Women's Group (formally Bengali Older Women)	Weekly meetings	500
Bermuda Community Room	18 winter teas and 12 suppers	450
Bridho Society	Four trips	200
Cambridge & District Citizen's Advice Bureau	Money and legal advice outreach project	3,000
Cambridge Gymnastics Club	Freestyle group and Friday youth night	2,000
Chesterton Community Association	Summer outing	460
Chesterton Festival Committee	Chesterton Festival 2016	2,500
DEARA (Darwin, Erasmus, Akeman Street Residents Association)	Street Party	800
Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Running costs - newsletter, website, insurance, meetings and events	400
GAP Learning CIC	2 'start your own' creative business courses	1,500
Good Sounds	Weekly singing sessions	500
King's Hedges Brownies	3 trips	400
King's Hedges Guides	1 seaside trip and gymnastics session	250
Knitted Together	Weekly knitting group	200
Meadows Centre Bowlers	Weekly bowls session.	500
The Meadows Children & Family Wing	Family activity programme and 6 week programme "All about Me"	5,000
Romsey Mill	Girls group; trips; residential	2,500
Arbury Manor Branch, Royal British Legion	Coach hire for day trip	300
The Sunshine Group	Two trips	300