

Report by: Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

To: Area Committee – North, 24th March 2011

Wards: Arbury, Kings Hedges, West Chesterton, East Chesterton

<p>Community Development Grants 2011/12</p>
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REPLACEMENT FOR SECTION 1

1. Recommendations to be considered at this meeting for funding from the 2011-12 budget.

Community Development 2011-2012 spend to date: £3,134

WEB18601b	Chesterton Festival Committee	To pay the costs of Chesterton Festival 2011.	3,134
Total			£3,134

To consider the grant applications and agree recommendations detailed below.

Community Development current applications.			Available: £ tba		
CCF ID	Group	Project	Requested £	Recommended from Area Committee Grants £	Offer from other CCF funds £
WEB 17950b / 22764	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	1) to run an open day in the Cemetery in July 2) running costs	£1,645 (450 + 1,195)	1,450	0
WEB13 132b	Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground	to hold a one day community event in July	£1,680	1,500	0
WEB19168	Kings Hedges Family Support Project	to pay for an additional play worker to enable more children to attend drop in sessions during the holidays	£900	700	200
WEB 19167	Meadows Children and Family Wing	to pay for an additional play worker for one year	£890	690	200
Total			£5,115	4,340	400

Grant application background information

North Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB17950b
Applicant: Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Ward(s) : Arbury
<p>Purpose of group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to protect and enhance Histon Road Cemetery for the public benefit as a place of remembrance, spirituality, history and nature • to ensure continued public access to, to increase awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of the Cemetery within the local community and the wider city, • to speak and act with Cambridge City Council and other organizations on behalf of all who care for the Cemetery as such a place, particularly those who cherish the memory of one buried there. 	
<p>Projects: to run an open day in the Cemetery in July 2011 and to fund running costs</p> <p>Breakdown of costs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Open Day £450 - production of information card hand outs/leaflets for participants £250, Materials and Posters (including stone, clay, paint brushes, posters) £117, Extras including ID labels, banners and safety equipment (e.g. goggles) £83 2) Running costs £1,195 - Committee and volunteer support (stationery, secretarial, post, phone, internet) £440, Volunteer support (events, garden, grave research) £235, Insurance for volunteer workers £220, Publicity (newsletter printing) £300 	
Total costs: £1,645	Requested: £450 + £1,195

Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:

- 1) Open Day –the day is aimed at encouraging local families and young people as well as the wider community to come and appreciate their local historic site and more specifically the art of stone sculpture. Seeing and trying the traditional skills of stone carving and lettering will help bring this past to life. Through this open day we hope to increase the awareness and interest of the local community and show that the cemetery is now a more open friendly place, and promote the valuable work of the Friends of Histon Road Cemetery. Three Cemeteries (HR, Mill Road and Ascension Burial Ground) will be part of the Open Day and this will be the first collaborative project between the three cemeteries and is a foundation for further work together. Project success will be measured by, visitor numbers, anecdotal evidence, increased Friends membership and future collaboration with the other cemeteries.
- 2) Running costs - The FHRC group has provided a point of focus for community spirit and voluntary engagement to join forces with the City Council's efforts. A Management and Conservation Plan is being drawn up for the Cemetery with active involvement of the FHRC Committee and considerable interest among FHRC members. As part of the work required by the Plan the Council has already cut back inappropriate shrubbery, has removed diseased trees, will plant new trees and has reduced the height of the border hedges and shrubs. This has opened up sight lines, making the Cemetery an approachable and inviting space. Volunteers have also contributed to that effort and have made a huge impact on clearing rubbish and reporting needles. Volunteers have, among other things, tidied and planted grave plots, planted 1000's of bulbs and flowering plants, have installed nesting boxes and sown meadow flowers. Street people meet and sit in an open area, posing less of an inhibition to other users.

Number of beneficiaries: 150 at the open day, 2000 as a result of annual activities

Background information:

The group is trying to strengthen links with other similar groups in the city and feel that the open day will be a good way of cementing this cooperation between groups.

Activities will be held simultaneously in the three Cemeteries from 12-4pm on Sunday 11th July 2011. The Open Days will be linked in posters and publicity and information about all three will be available at each cemetery's event. Leaflets will include maps to allow the public to visit all three on the day if they choose. The Friends of Histon Road Cemetery anticipate 7-8 volunteers.

CCF Comments: The group has identified a need to promote interest and pride in the local cemeteries and the impressive stonemasonry within them. By including a range of activities they are expanding the demographics of participants to include all age ranges. They are may borrow small marquees in case of poor weather. All three cemeteries will put on very light refreshments. They feel that by joining together, the three groups will offer a better family event than if they had attempted to run them alone. The events will widen the exposure of the cemeteries and it is likely that more volunteers will be access as a result, thereby strengthening the sustainability of the Friends as a whole. The Friends of Mill Road Cemetery are applying to the East Area Committee for £450 from the 11/12 budget as their contribution to the event and the Friends of the Ascension Graveyard will apply to the West/Central Committee for the other £450. Friends of Histon Road Cemetery have a formal constitution and equal opportunities policy.

Previous funding from this Area Committee: £825 from 08/09 to cover their deficit, £282 from 09/10-10/11 to contribute to a project to encourage wildlife and collect rainwater, £1,041 from 10/11 to pay running costs

CCF recommendation: Award £1,450 (£450 for Open Day, £1000 towards running costs), suggesting they seek to raise balance of £195 towards running costs themselves

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North Area Committee 2011-12 grants		CCF ref WEB13132b
Applicant: Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground		Ward(s) : Arbury
Purpose of group: To improve, conserve, support and protect Histon Recreation Park, for the use and enjoyment of the public. To provide an opportunity for members of the Friends to meet and socialise.		
Project: to hold a one day community event in July		
Breakdown of costs: prizes, local musicians, a school folk band £75, community choir and steel band £75, PI insurance £100, entertainment licence £30, Children and Young People's Service team £160, arts workshops £90, marquee £850, amplification £80, refreshments £20, publicity £120, consumable materials for art workshop £80		
Total cost: £1,680		Requested: £1,680
Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The aim is to encourage responsible use of the park to bring all sections of the community together in a local area and to promote the importance of this green space Its aim is to promote community capacity building ,environmental awareness and to develop a stronger,more inclusive local park promoting the groups aims,which is to enhance support and develop the recreation ground.		
Number of beneficiaries: 200		
Background information: Activities on the day will include observational drawing and music from local community bands. Children's activities will be led by Chypp's team workers, who will do wide games and outdoor activities. They want to hire a marquee so that events can continue regardless of the weather (last year they used gazebos which were not sufficient). The event will be advertised by a door-to-door leaflet drop, around the Histon Road area and through posters in local schools and shops and on lampposts. All members are encouraged to come along to build and strengthen relationships between residents who may not otherwise meet. The budget this year is higher because they want to do more publicity and provide musical entertainment. However, the committee are conscious that they want retain local community focus and not expand too much. The organisation is keen to get more active members involved in the committee, as well as to make the committee more diverse, to reflect different ages and backgrounds within the whole community.		
CCF Comments: Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground (FHRRG) ran a community event in 2009. 200 people attended, despite it being postponed due to bad weather. The 2009 event focused on dog ownership, and it has promoted responsible use of the park. A request for funds towards a 2010 event was approved by the area committee but eventually not awarded as there were delays in arranging/finalising the event.		
Previous funding from this Area Committee: £69 from 08/09 to cover operating costs (£710 from West AC in 06/07 to run a family workshop weekend making bird nest boxes, £278 from West AC in 08/09 to cover operating costs).		
CCF recommendation: Award £1,500, suggesting they seek to raise balance of £180 towards costs themselves		

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Applicant: Kings Hedges Family Support Project	Ward(s) : Kings Hedges
<p>Purpose of group: Our aim is to educate families and the public in better standards of childcare and the importance of sound relationships between parents and children for the maintenance and enrichment of family life. We provide a high quality 'holistic' range of informal support services for families in Kings Hedges, Chesterton and Abbey Cambs. We offer twice weekly drop-ins, providing a warm, safe, non-judgemental environment where families are encouraged to grow & develop their own skills/support networks in an area defined as having high levels of deprivation. These families face many issues including domestic violence, drug and/or alcohol dependency, homelessness and poverty. These challenging issues and barriers can make good parenting extremely difficult, we work hard to offer relevant and timely support to these families. Activities include: twice weekly family drop-in for those with children under 4 years old, where we offer a warm, safe environment for families to grow and learn together.</p>	
<p>Project: to pay for an additional play worker to enable more children to attend drop in sessions during the holidays Breakdown of costs: Play worker @ £7.48 per hour x 11.5hrs x 8 weeks = £688.16 (Mon 3hrs, Weds 3hrs, Thurs 5.5hrs) - (6 weeks of sessions plus 2 weeks planning & prep), resources for activities @ £50 per week x 6 weeks = £300.00</p>	
Total cost: £988.16	Requested: £900
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: The 6 weeks summer holidays can be an extremely difficult time for many local families who, perhaps due to financial constraints, cannot afford to 'go away on holiday.' They face 6 weeks at home with their children some of them are single parent families with no extended family living nearby. By being able to welcome their older siblings into the family support drop-ins, means that they can all get out of the house for a couple of hours. Integrating these older children into our family support drop-ins not only supports the primary carer but also provides a positive experience for the older siblings. We would have fully trained Family Support Workers on hand to offer help and advice as necessary to the primary carer/other siblings. If we could extend our service to these older siblings for 6 weeks it would enable more local people to access local support, join in with activities and share healthy snacks/lunches. It would help build a stronger, more inclusive community.</p>	
<p>Number of beneficiaries: 288</p>	
<p>Background information: The organisation has identified a need for additional support workers through informal discussion with families who attend. The group does not have reserves in place to be able to offer this service without financial aid.</p>	
<p>CCF Comments: The organisation has contact with over 120 families through their drop-in sessions held three times a week at community centres in disadvantaged areas of Cambridge. They have a volunteer protection policy in place.</p>	
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £653 from 10/11 to purchase toys for special needs children</p>	
<p>CCF recommendation: Award £ 700</p>	
North Area Committee 2011-12 grants	CCF ref WEB19167

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Applicant: The Meadows Children and Family Wing	Ward(s) : Arbury and Kings Hedges
<p>Purpose of group: We help to educate families and the public in better standards of childcare and in the importance of sound relationships between parents and children for the maintenance and enrichment of family life. We work to relieve poverty and provide recreational facilities or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and aim to improve the conditions of life of persons having need of these facilities by reason of their youth, poverty or social and economic circumstances. We provide high quality informal support services for families with pre-school age children living in Kings Hedges, Arbury, Orchard Park and Kings Meadows, Cambridge. We offer twice weekly family support drop-in sessions, for 50 weeks of the year, and regular after school clubs for 5-8 and 8-11 year olds. We provide preventative help, early intervention, sign posting and intensive family support to many local families.</p>	
<p>Project: to fund a play worker for 1 year Breakdown of costs: Play worker @ £6.85 per hour x 2.5 hours each week x 52 weeks = £890</p>	
Total cost: £890	Requested: £890
<p>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant: Our fully trained staff help many local families who face disadvantage, to overcome a wide variety of issues. Benefits include: an increase in self-esteem, self confidence and social skills, enabling more people to access local community provision, building on community cohesion and friendship base. This improves the overall quality of life for each family and builds on opportunities to enhance life skills and employment opportunities. Many of our attendees (74%) report a reduction in isolation after coming to our family drop-ins. The CARE parenting Course helps to build on good parenting skills, evidence shows that this high quality course can help break the cycle of poor parenting which we often see among families facing deprivation. An improvement in health in its widest sense, healthy eating, visits from oral health workers, nursery nurses etc. This will help to reduce the health inequalities currently seen between families living in and around Cambridge.</p> <p>Number of beneficiaries: 537</p>	
<p>Background information: This support is for local parents and primary care givers with babies and pre-school aged children (opened up to older siblings during school holidays).</p> <p>CCF Comments: This group is well established in the area with a constitution and operate equal opportunities and child protection policies.</p>	
<p>Previous funding from this Area Committee: £1,859 in 04/05 for parenting courses; £736 in 04/05 for publicity and information brochure; £5,044 in 05/06 for after school club; £997 in 05/06 for messy play sessions; £5,860 in 06/07 for a playworker; £983 in 07/08 for messy play sessions; £2,924 in 08/09 for parenting courses, £816 in 10/11 for a support worker</p>	
<p>CCF recommendation: Award £690</p>	