

# Vale Community Grants Evaluation

## Appendix 1

<b>Name of Organisation</b>		Abingdon Rowing Club	
<b>Ref</b>	800	<b>Project Costs / Funding Position</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	Junior Coxed Quad		<b>£</b>
<b>Project Area</b>	Abingdon	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£10,054
<b>Area Committee</b>	Abingdon	<b>Amount Requested</b>	£2,500
<b>Project Description</b> To purchase a coxed quad boat suitable for younger juniors weighing 60kg or less.		<b>Secured Funding</b>	£3,234
		<b>Town/Parish council funding</b>	£234
		<b>Recommended Award</b>	£2,000
		<b>Committee Decision</b>	
<b>Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy</b> <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		<b>Application Details</b>	
<b>C1</b>	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	involving young people	
<b>C2</b>	How does your project meet this priority?	All rowing boats are designed for particular crew weights. Currently the equipment suitable for junior crews can barely support the existing squad. Existing juniors aged 13 to 18 will benefit immediately. But the new boat would also allow new members from our waiting list aged 11 up to be introduced to rowing.	
<b>C3</b>	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Healthier communities - we offer 4 sessions a week, each with 1 hour in a boat - contributing to the recommended 60 mins physical activity per day for children. Access to good quality sports facilities - the rowing club is open to all juniors who wish to row but we are limited by lack of suitable equipment.	
<b>The project will have a good impact on this priority.</b>			<b>Score</b>
			<b>40</b>
<b>Contributing to the council's priorities</b> <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C4</b>	Which priority of the council does your project support?	Not applicable	
<b>C5</b>	How does your project meet this priority?		
<b>C6</b>	Does your project meet any other council priorities?		
			<b>Score</b>
			<b>0</b>
<b>Consultation</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C7</b>	How did you consult with the local community?	Meeting with chairman of Abingdon Marina Residents Association who is looking to get more kids in the area involved in a sport or activity, including rowing	
<b>Good evidence of consultation</b>			<b>Score</b>
			<b>10</b>
<b>Local need</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C8</b>	How do you know the community need this project?	We have not been proactively looking for new members. But since May 2011 I have received 10 applications from potential rowers aged from 11 to 16, all but one of whom could benefit from the proposed new equipment.	
<b>The club is volunteer committee led and a new junior boat will help</b>			<b>Score</b>
			<b>10</b>

increase the clubs junior participation. There is a good level of local need within the club to enhance their junior section			
<b>Community Benefit</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C9</b>	Who will benefit from this project?	Abingdon Rowing Club lies between Hinksey Sculling School in Oxford and Wallingford club, so is the ideal choice for children in and around Abingdon. We currently have 12 juniors, 8 of whom would benefit from training in the boat, with the girls J14 squad being able to race in the boat. Beginners invited to join the junior squad would benefit from training and racing in the new equipment.	
There is a good level of benefit for those using the boat. It will also add to the clubs equipment and enhance the overall provision the club offer		<b>Score</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Finance score</b>  Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		<b>Score</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Scoring Points System:</b>  79 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 80 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 95 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>
<b><u>Comments Section</u></b>			
<b>Grants Officer:</b>			
<p>The club are applying for one rowing boat and four sets of oars, which will improve the equipment on offer at the club, which in-turn will help the club increase junior participation. The club seems to be well managed and they have received financial support from Abingdon Town Council. The club was awarded a grant of £500 in this financial year for an upgrade to electrics in their boat store, which has yet to be claimed.</p> <p>The application has scored 80 points and in line with the revised scoring criteria the project should receive some funding.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> to award £2,000 towards the purchase of a junior coxed quad boat, in line with scoring criteria.</p> <p><b>Previous awards:</b> 2002 - £250 2003- £7,400 2011 - £500</p>			

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<b>Name of Organisation</b>		Abbey Brass	
<b>Ref</b>	803	<b>Project Costs / Funding Position</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	Renew Instrument Stock		£
<b>Project Area</b>	Abingdon	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£1,500
<b>Area Committee</b>	Abingdon	<b>Amount Requested</b>	£500
<b>Project Description</b> TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS FOR OUR LEARNER GROUPS		<b>Secured Funding</b>	£500
		<b>Town/Parish council funding</b>	£0
		<b>Recommended Award</b>	£0
		<b>Committee Decision</b>	
<b>Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy</b> <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		<b>Application Details</b>	
<b>C1</b>	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	involving young people	
<b>C2</b>	How does your project meet this priority?	The aim of the band is to introduce children and adults to the pleasures of playing in a brass band. To do this we run Learner Classes where we provide tuition, music and instruments for anyone interested in playing (initially free of charge). Once the learners are reasonably proficient they join our training band and play at school fetes etc. From there players progress to the main band and play at more demanding venues.	
<b>C3</b>	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Yes - playing in a local band fosters a greater feeling of community as we play in the town square, at the "fun in the Park" events, as well as playing carols at Christmas. The fact that our membership encompasses a wider range of ages and backgrounds also promotes a grater feeling of community. We also have players who are in their 60's and over so we can also be said to be improving the quality of life for older people.	
<b>The project will have a minimal impact on these priorities</b>			<b>Score</b> <b>20</b>
<b>Contributing to the council's priorities</b> <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C4</b>	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
<b>C5</b>	How does your project meet this priority?	Youngsters who have hobbies and interests are much less likely to get bored and act irresponsibly. Also interacting with older people with a similar interests in an informal environment broads their outlook on life and helps them to appreciate the benefits of living in an orderly society.	
<b>C6</b>	Does your project meet any other council priorities?	Having a local band that performs in the town centre during the summer months helps to attract visitors which in turn promotes a more vibrant and vital atmosphere in the town.	
<b>The project will have a minimal impact on these priorities</b>			<b>Score</b> <b>20</b>
<b>Consultation</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C7</b>	How did you consult with the local	We advertise for new members and promote our concerts	

	community?	and events in local newspapers and magazines (Round and About) as well as putting notices in the windows of local shops.
<b>Minimal evidence of consultation has been provided</b>		<b>Score 5</b>
<b>Local need</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
<b>C8</b>	How do you know the community need this project?	We know from our own experiences how much enjoyment can be obtained from playing and performing and, in our 30 years of existence, have seen numerous young learners develop into accomplished players (some of whom have played with the band for decades).
<b>The project provides minimal evidence of a local need.</b>		<b>Score 5</b>
<b>Community Benefit</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>		
<b>C9</b>	Who will benefit from this project?	Anybody in the local community who plays, or want's to learn to play, a brass instrument or who likes to hear live music and is around when the band is performing in the town or at some other local venue.
<b>There is a good level of community benefit</b>		<b>Score 10</b>
<b>Finance score</b>  Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		<b>Score 10</b>
<b>Scoring Points System:</b>  79 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 80 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 95 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		<b>TOTAL 75</b>
<b><u>Comments Section</u></b>		
<b>Grants Officer:</b>		
<p>The organisation is applying for three instruments to add to their instrument stock. The organisation have also received numerous grants over the years to purchase instruments.</p> <p>The organisation held £18,101 in cash reserves and their annual expenditure at March 2011 was £5,655 (which includes depreciation of equipment), actual expenditure was £3,683. The organisation's income derives from performance and subscription income, which comfortably meets their expenditure. The organisation therefore has sufficient funds to meet the cost of the instruments.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> in line with scoring criteria, no award.</p> <p><b>Has this organisation previously received funding?</b>  2003 - £500  2004 - £500  2005 - £500  2007 - £400  2008 - £300</p>		

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<b>Name of Organisation</b>		ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children in Oxfordshire)	
<b>Ref</b>	828	<b>Project Costs / Funding Position</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	Book Box sponsorship		£
<b>Project Area</b>	All (covers whole of Vale)	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£4,800
<b>Area Committee</b>	Abingdon	<b>Amount Requested</b>	£800
<b>Project Description</b> We are asking the council to support volunteers helping children from disadvantaged backgrounds by sponsoring their book boxes. ARCh provides each volunteer with a box containing around 30 books and some games which costs approximately £300 to resource. Because our aim is to engage reluctant readers it is essential that we provide material to inspire. We therefore choose books carefully with each volunteer's 3 children in mind, taking into account their interests and ability		<b>Secured Funding</b>	£0
		<b>Town/Parish council funding</b>	£0
		<b>Recommended Award</b>	£640
		<b>Committee Decision</b>	
<b>Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy</b> <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		<b>Application Details</b>	
<b>C1</b>	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	involving young people	
<b>C2</b>	How does your project meet this priority?	ARCh volunteers work hard to engage the children they work with in reading. The children may be reluctant at first, they may lack confidence, may not have books or anyone to read with at home. The sessions twice a week with their enthusiastic volunteer for the school year turn around negative attitudes so that books cease to be daunting and reading becomes a pleasure. This has a positive effect on their learning in general, resulting in improved life chances for these children.	
<b>C3</b>	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Fostering sense of community - ARCh volunteers gain satisfaction from "giving back" to their local community, helping the younger generation enjoy and achieve, become involved with their local school. Our work aids cohesion, bringing together people from all backgrounds and cultures. Healthier communities - volunteering for ARCh promotes a sense of well-being, alleviates depression and stress, prevents isolation and loneliness. Improving quality of life for older people - most ARCh volunteers are retired and have great experience to pass on to the children. Twice weekly sessions provide a useful framework for the week for those just embarking on retirement. The children enjoy spending quality time with their volunteer who becomes their special friend within school. Children may not have other contact with the older generation so really enjoy the company of the volunteer. The bond which develops between volunteer and child is rewarding for both and the volunteers enjoy seeing their children progress.	
<b>The project will have a good impact on a number of priorities in the</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>40</b>

<b>strategy</b>			
<b>Contributing to the council's priorities</b> <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C4</b>	Which priority of the council does your project support?	Not applicable	
<b>C5</b>	How does your project meet this priority?		
<b>C6</b>	Does your project meet any other council priorities?		
<b>No information has been provided</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Consultation</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C7</b>	How did you consult with the local community?	Each year we ask schools to complete a Pupil Survey, a summary of our 2010 results will be sent with this application.	
<b>The application contains minimal evidence of consultation</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Local need</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C8</b>	How do you know the community need this project?	Around 20% of children leave primary school with a reading level below government expected which has an adverse impact on their life in secondary school and beyond, Schools select the children who will benefit most from ARCh help - they will have a reading level below expected, may have low confidence/self-esteem, may lack support at home, may have difficult home lives, may have English as an Additional language etc.	
<b>There is good evidence of local need, as the organisation receives subsidies from many local schools to deliver their services.</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Community Benefit</b> <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
<b>C9</b>	Who will benefit from this project?	Initially 48 children we are working with and their 16 volunteers	
<b>There is a good level of benefit to young people</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Finance score</b> <b>Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points</b> <b>21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points</b> <b>41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points</b>		<b>Score</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Scoring Points System:</b> <b>79 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding</b> <b>80 or more – recommend the project receives some funding</b> <b>95 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>
<b><u>Comments Section</u></b>			
<b>Grants Officer:</b>			
<p>Assisted Reading from Children in Oxfordshire is a charitable organisation that provides reading support to children in Oxfordshire, predominantly in a school environment. The schools in Abingdon that will benefit from this scheme are St Edmunds, Caldecott and Dunmore School. The organisations main income is from school subscriptions and donations. This application is towards the purchase of £300 boxes that include books and games, which will be allocated to one volunteer who supports three children. The total project includes the purchase of 16 boxes for volunteers, costing £4,800, which will initially help 48 children which they are working with and their 16 volunteers. They have asked for £800 towards this cost.</p> <p>The organisation is financially stable. The majority of their income is derived from school subscriptions and donations, and they hold current assets of £63,932 at March 2010. In line with the scoring criteria the project should receive some funding.</p>			
<b>Recommendation:</b> award £640 towards book boxes to be used by volunteers and children in the Abingdon area, in line with the scoring criteria.			
<b>Has this organisation previously received funding?</b> 2008 - £1,000 - to support training for volunteers			