

(i) Applicant: Sutton Courtenay Parish Council

Years in existence: Since 1894

Type of organisation: Local Authority

Project, service or event details: Sutton Courtenay Parish Council is seeking a grant towards the cost of a replacement village map and frame to affix to an existing stand on the Village Green. The map shows footpaths, bridleways, the river Thames and historic features and points of interest. The map serves as an information point for local people and visitors to the area. The original map was erected many years ago and has faded, is covered in verdigris which is difficult to clean off and is in need of replacement.

The replacement village map is to be affixed to an existing stand. This will keep costs down because the manufacturer who supplied the original map and frame will provide the new map which has the same fixings and connection points. If a different manufacturer were selected, the costs would double as a new stand would be required as well as the map.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town and village vitality; Environment

Area of the Vale covered: Sutton Courtenay, but of benefit to all visitors from the wider Vale and beyond.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: All residents in the village and visitors

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: None

Total estimated project cost: £1,035 excluding VAT; £1,192.50 including VAT (can reclaim VAT)

Own Contribution: £500 - £550

Grant Sought: £500

Previous Awards (Vale): The Parish Council applied in 2007 on behalf of the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall Management Committee for financial support towards improvement works to the village hall. £6098.40 was awarded

Parish Council Support: Yes - £500 - £550 will come from the Parish Council

Parish Precept: £34,513 (Band 'D' £34.53)

Other Support: Only the Vale of White Horse District Council as this project is to benefit Vale residents and supports tourism in the Vale.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£500
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town and village vitality; Environment
Remaining budget	£12,271.63
Remaining Committee meetings	0
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£10,270
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	The replacement map will be of benefit to residents of and visitors to Sutton Courtenay. The parish council has not sought support from other funders but parish councils may not be eligible for other funding.

(ii) Applicant: The Church of St Michael and All Angels, Park Road, Abingdon

Years in existence: The Church was first consecrated on 25 January 1867

Type of organisation: Churches are treated as charities, although no church in the Church of England is registered as such.

Project, service or event details: The Church is seeking a grant towards essential repair works and the development of the Church Room into a community facility for the neighbourhood and beyond.

In 2006 the church's architect advised that the joists under the wooden flooring, which had served the Church well for 140 years, needed to be replaced within the following eighteen months. It was decided to use this misfortune as an opportunity to renew and restore the Church more generally so that this beautiful and historic listed building would not only continue to serve the worshipping congregation and those who attend baptisms, weddings and funerals, but also become a Community Centre.

The development includes an enlarged and fully equipped kitchen as well as new facilities for the disabled. The pews will be replaced with stacking chairs to provide maximum flexibility for users. A new system of heating, including a replacement boiler, will be installed to replace the present inadequate and inefficient piped wet radiator system. The current lighting system will also be modified.

The church plans to make the church available to a wide variety of local people and organisations, for example, holiday clubs for young people, events linked to DESIRE (a network of Christian youth workers), a drop-in meeting place for mothers and carers taking children to and from the local primary school, nurseries and playgroups; it also hopes to offer a regular programme for older people with lunch and a talk or activity.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town and village vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: The immediate area, the whole of Abingdon and beyond.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:

There are in excess of 200 people on the Church Family Roll with an age range of 0 to 100. It is estimated that the new facilities will attract many more people from the wider community who are not members of the church.

Charge to public for using the project/service/event: None but donations are accepted if offered. In the year ended 31/12/06 the church received £2,549 from church hall lettings.

Total estimated project cost: £336,000 excluding VAT; £400,000 including VAT (VAT can be reclaimed on part of the works)

Balances: £65,336 total funds of which £28,694 are unrestricted (at 31/12/06)

Own Contribution: Currently £200,000

Grant Sought: £8,000.

Previous Awards (Vale): None

Parish Council Support: Applying to Abingdon Town Council for £4,000

Parish Precept: £854,185 (Band 'D': £68.57)

Other Support: Having only recently received permission from the church authorities to proceed, the steering group is just embarking on approaching other potential funders. They expect to raise about £25,000 - £30,000.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£8,000
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town and village vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning; Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£12,271.63
Remaining Committee meetings	0
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£2,770
Recommended conditions to grant award	Subject to the appropriate planning and building control consents.
Other comments	This project benefits residents of Abingdon.

(iii) Applicant: Abingdon & District Musical Society (ADMS)

Years in existence: 60 years

Type of organisation: Musical Society with orchestra and choir. Registered charity.

Project, service or event details: ADMS is seeking a grant towards the forecast loss of £850 on a concert being staged on 5 April 2008 at the School of St Helen and St Katherine in Abingdon. This will be an orchestral concert with works by Stravinsky, Prokofiev and Rimsky-Korsakov. These are expensive pieces of music to stage but will offer much to the performers and audience.

ADMS is a musical society with a choir and orchestra. It was set up in 1946 to “foster public knowledge and appreciation of music and to develop local musical amateur talent both choral and instrumental”. Each year ADMS stages 4-5 concerts for people in the district including an annual charity concert in Trinity Church, Abingdon. They hire local professional musicians as conductor, orchestra leader and choir accompanist for weekly rehearsals with about 75 members of the choir and about 35 members of the orchestra.

ADMS sometimes collaborates with the choral society in Wantage. They held a joint concert in May 2006 which was very successful.

The Society continues as a result of its subscriptions. Grants help to put on concerts and to keep the subscriptions at a reasonable level, thus making the society accessible to the greatest number of people.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Area of the Vale covered: Predominantly Abingdon and surrounding villages

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 110

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Membership subscriptions are £90 per year. This covers rehearsal hall costs, admin costs and the weekly rehearsal fees for the professional musicians hired to lead. There will be a charge for entry to the concerts of £10 for tickets purchased beforehand or £12 at the door. Children's tickets cost £1.

Total estimated project cost: £2,350 excluding VAT

Balances: to be provided at the meeting

Own Contribution: See other support

Grant Sought: £800

Previous Awards (Vale): 2007/08: awarded £677 but only £579 claimed towards losses on May concert

Parish Council Support: A grant of £400 was received towards ADMS's Autumn concert and general running costs.

Parish Precept: £854,185 (Band 'D' £68.57)

Other Support: Ticket and programme sales for the concert and interval drinks sales plus adverts in the programme – expect to raise £1,500. Small amounts also raised at social events through raffles etc.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	Maximum £800
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	
Remaining budget	£12,271.63
Remaining Committee meetings	0
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£9,970
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	This concert benefits residents of the

(iv) Applicant: Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club

Years in existence: Established 2006

Type of organisation: The Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club is a formally constituted association. The Club is affiliated with the English Cricket Board and the Oxfordshire Cricket Board.

Project, service or event details: The Sutton Courtenay Cricket Club is seeking a grant towards the cost of providing the equipment necessary to kit out the junior players of the club, the Junior Club Bag.

From its outset the Club has been committed to incorporating a programmed designed specifically for young people of the village. They started this process in 2007 with a competition at the local primary school to design the Club's shield. Following an informal survey during the 2007 season it was estimated that about 15-20 young people would like to learn to play cricket. It is expected that more young people would be interested as a result of a targeted publicity campaign in schools and youth centres. Currently the Club is negotiating an introductory match with the local Damascus Youth Service to generate more interest.

The Club has decided to implement their Youth Development Programme in the coming 2008 season. This brings with it increased responsibility and increased costs particularly for participation on mandatory accredited courses and CRB checking. The development program is aimed at 12 – 20yr old male and females who would like the opportunity to learn the skills of playing cricket and the social values that participating in a team game bring.

It is essential for safety and performance reasons to provide right fitting and sized cricket kit and equipment. Young people cannot effectively or safely use adult equipment. The junior bag would include bats, balls, padding, wicket keeping equipment, wicket keeping gloves and inners, batting gloves and inners, protective equipment, thigh pads, helmets etc. The cost of a junior bag would be a one off as the equipment would last for several seasons, apart from cricket balls, before it needed to be replaced.

The Club's aim is to provide a constructive alternative recreational option for young people so that they are less likely to want to just "hang around".

The Junior Club Bag is a small part of a package of funding priorities identified by the Club for the 2008 season including the purchase of two sight screens to increase safety for the players and the laying of a synthetic surface for two practice pitches (essential for young people to learn the skills of batting and bowling).

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, culture and leisure; Safe and supportive communities; Health and wellbeing; Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Sutton Courtenay village initially, surrounding villages would be welcome to join the club in the future.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:
Approx 20 potential players in the first instance

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Currently the Club charges membership fees, match fees and other charges in order for the club to play and practice during the season.

Total estimated project cost: £2,780 excluding VAT; £3,266.50 including VAT. Of this, £400 excluding VAT; £470 including VAT is for the Junior Club Bag (VAT cannot be reclaimed)

Balances: £121.12 at 31/12/07

Own Contribution: The Club has a number of fundraising activities planned for the coming season. In addition, members of the club maintain the recreation ground (which is used by the Club) particularly during the season which represents a significant contribution.

Grant Sought: £470.00

Previous Awards (Vale): None

Parish Council Support: A grant of £500 has been awarded towards operating costs in 2008/2009.

Parish Precept: £34,513 (Band 'D' £34.53)

Other Support: Is actively seeking other support including from Oxfordshire County Council and local businesses.

Has applied to N Power Trust for £587.50 to cover the cost of accredited training, CRB vetting for club members to supervise young people joining the Youth Development Programme.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£470
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Safe & Supportive Communities; Health &

	Wellbeing; Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£12,271.63
Remaining Committee meetings	0
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£10,300
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	This is a positive activity for young people and is of potential benefit to the whole community of Sutton Courtenay.

(v) Applicant: Abingdon Band

Years in existence: 40+ years

Type of organisation: Club

Project, service or event details: Due to a recent publicity campaign by the members of the band there has been an increase in interest and membership of the training band. As a result the range and quality of the instruments needs to be updated and additional music needs to be bought in order to retain the new members and encourage their development and progression into the main band. Some of the instruments used by the training band are now beyond economical repair and need to be replaced in order for the band to continue to train to the standard required to participate in events in Abingdon.

The band encourages younger members of society to mix with older generations. Musical instruments and uniforms are provided free of charge to make the band accessible to a wider audience. The band is open to all ages and subscription charges can be reduced for those on a low income. Being a member of the band promotes an interest in and enjoyment of music.

Abingdon Band is invited by Abingdon Town Council to take part in local events such as Remembrance Day Parade, Mayor making and last night of the proms which always attract large audiences and local support.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:

Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning

Area of the Vale covered: Predominantly Abingdon and surrounding area; audiences from Abingdon area and beyond.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 35 new members but much larger potential audiences

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Subscriptions - £60 p.a. full band member; £45 p.a. training band member

Total estimated project cost: £3,400

Balances: £907.69 at 30/09/07

Own Contribution: details to be provided at meeting

Grant Sought: £1,000

Previous Awards (Vale): 2006/07 - £500 towards the purchase of band ties, music, advertising costs and a computer programme for music

Parish Council Support: Has applied to Abingdon Town Council for £1,000 (outcome awaited)

Parish Precept: £854,185 (Band 'D' £68.57)

Other Support: Details to be provided at meeting.

Officer recommendation (Toby Warren, Head of Community Strategy):

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,000
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes, once missing information has been received.
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure; Town & Village Vitality; Education & Lifelong Learning
Remaining budget	£12,271.63
Remaining Committee meetings	0
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£9,770
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	Awaiting information on other funders which have been approached and details of own contribution. This project benefits residents of the Abingdon area.