

APPENDIX A

(i) Applicant: DAMASCUS Youth Project

Years in existence: 9 Years

Type of organisation: Registered charity

Project, service or event details: The DAMASCUS Youth Project is seeking funding towards the cost of employing Youth Workers, whose objectives are:

- To enable young people to challenge and change the way communities perceive young people who congregate outside shop fronts/on street corners and get them to take young people seriously as potential young community leaders
- To raise young people's aspirations and build their confidence and skills to articulate and present their points of view at meetings with adults in community settings
- To train a small group of young people as young community leaders.
- To enable young people to reach their full potential and, where appropriate, connect them to existing provision where they have not been able to access it due to lack of confidence, awareness etc.

There is a recognition that the support young people are given must be an integral part of their life in the community and not just a service delivered through schools or community centres. The youth workers are ex-beneficiaries of DAMASCUS so they are all credible role models for the young people involved in the project. They have done an excellent job in befriending some of the most hard to reach young people in the area, giving them a sense of purpose and even transforming their lives.

To reach out to all young people a variety of provision is offered such as a mobile drop-in bus, youth clubs/drop in, street work, specific activities.

The project is at a critical stage in that all community stakeholders and young people are engaged and full of excitement at the potential for community involvement. This work relies heavily on the current youth work staffing and will receive an enormous setback should it not be possible to renew the employment contracts. The project is applying to the BIG Lottery for funding for the youth workers but will not know the outcome until at least July 2009. The Parish Councils and Champion Recruitment are providing ongoing funding. This application is to make up the shortfall until the outcome of the Big Lottery application is known. The project expects that their financial support for the youth workers will reduce in about one year's time as the current work starts to bear fruit and less facilitating support will be required by young people.

A grant application for £3,500 was submitted to the South East Area on 14 October towards this project as it covers two parishes in the South East Area. The full amount requested was awarded.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Safe & supportive Communities, Education & Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: Drayton, Appleford, Sutton Courtenay (Abingdon Area) and Steventon, Milton (South East Area)

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 400+

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Nominal fee of £1 for youth clubs and sports' activities. No charge for the bus (funded by a lottery grant) or for the outreach work on the street.

Total estimated project cost: £55,744.00 excl VAT, £56,047.00 incl VAT (VAT cannot be reclaimed)

Balances: £53,602.04 as at 04.05.08

Running costs: £39,935.50

Own Contribution: £6,574

Grant Sought: £6,500

Previous Awards (Vale): £3,500 awarded by South East Area Committee October 2008 towards this project

Parish Council Support: £7,000 has been awarded from the five "DAMASCUS" Parish Councils

Parish Precept: Drayton £24,000 (Band D £25.33)

Appleford £6,200 (Band D £38.47)

Milton £18,000 (Band D £37.23)

Sutton Courtenay £34,513 (Band D £35.00)

Steventon £23,500 (Band D £37.42)

Other Support: This is the final nine months of funding from the Big Lottery Fund (£12,873 this year), Parochial Church Councils and All Saints' Sutton Courtenay £9,000, Champion Recruitment £10,000

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£6,000
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Safe & supportive Communities, Education & Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellbeing

Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	This project supports and develops initiatives that break the cycle of deprivation, encourages young people to participate in decisions within the community and seeks to reduce anti-social behaviour. These are all key priorities for action in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

ii) Applicant: Abingdon Performance Arts Group Enterprise (APAGE)

Years in existence: 11 years

Type of organisation: Association

Project, service or event details: APAGE is seeking a grant towards the printing and distribution of the Abingdon Arts Festival brochure 2009. The brochure is being distributed to every household in Drayton, Sutton Courtenay, Wootton, Marcham, Radley as well as Abingdon.

The brochure comprised 32 pages in 2008 and is attracting more events each year

The Festival's aim continues to be to encourage people not yet involved in the arts to become participants. The Arts Festival has become a popular and well supported highlight of the year and has made a significant contribution to the community.

The Festival will take place from 19 March – 4 April 2009.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Town & Village Vitality, Access to Services

Area of the Vale covered: Centred in Abingdon, delivered to surrounding villages.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 36,000

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Brochure entry fee £30 or £40 for multiple entries

Total estimated project cost: £9,900.00 excl of VAT, of which £5,000 is For brochure printing and distribution.

Balances: £4,128.91 as at 31.04.08

Running costs: £11,758.47 year ending 31.04.08

Own Contribution: £4,900 from donations and fees and charges. This covers the cost of event support. All management and accounting for the Festival is undertaken by volunteers. Design, valued at £1,000, is provided as in-kind support

Grant Sought: £4,500.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £4,000 has been awarded in each of the last five years.

Parish Council Support: Has applied to Abingdon Town Council for £500 (awaiting decision)

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: Other sources are sought and used for funding events but not for brochure printing and distribution. Will contact OCVA for advice on possible sources of funding.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£2,550
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Town & Village Vitality, Access to Services
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions.
Other comments	This application supports priorities identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: the brochure aims to raise awareness of a cultural opportunity available in the Vale and should encourage more people to become involved in the arts.

(iii) Applicant: Abbey Brass

Years in existence: 30 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity

Project, service or event details: Abbey Brass is seeking a grant towards the cost of purchasing additional learner instruments. Learner instruments have a useful playing life of some 5-7 years.

The band provides teaching, instruments and playing opportunities to any person willing and able to play.

During the year the band has conducted an advertising campaign in local papers to attract new members with the support of a grant from the Abingdon Area Committee. As a result several new members have joined and there have been 15 applications from adults and children to learn to play brass instruments. Consequently new learner groups for beginners will start in October. Children from previous learner groups are now moving up to the Training Band.

Brass instruments deteriorate especially quickly when they are consigned to the care of young inexperienced players. The numbers of new players is such that there are no longer sufficient instruments to cater for them.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure

Area of the Vale covered: Abingdon

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 65

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: £50.00 annual subscription though this can be waived when individual circumstances make payment difficult.

Total estimated project cost: £1,500.00

Balances: £12,069.00 as at 31.03.08

Running costs: £6,537.00 year ending 31.03.08

Own Contribution: £500.00

Grant Sought: £500.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £400.00 granted last year which resulted in new members hence the need for new instruments.

Parish Council Support: An application has been sent to Abingdon Town Council of £500.00 (awaiting decision).

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: Is seeking advice from OCVA.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£150
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions plus subject to seeking funding from other sources via OCVA.
Other comments	This application supports priorities identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: it encourages community cohesion and encourages people to become involved in cultural activities.

(iv) Applicant: Compass Cafe, Peachcroft Christian Centre, Abingdon

Years in existence: 1.5 years (plus 5 years as Eclipse Café)

Type of organisation: Youth Club

Project, service or event details:

On 25 October 2007 a grant of £5,000 was awarded to the Compass Café by the Abingdon Area Committee towards the cost of employing a part-time youth worker. Due to problems in recruiting to the post the £5,000 grant has not yet been taken up. However, following changes to the role (hours, job title) the Café readvertised the post and interviewed candidates in the middle of October. It is hoped that a full-time Youth Pastor will be appointed soon. The Café will then claim the £5,000 grant awarded.

Compass Café currently runs a session every Wednesday for 14-17 year olds and a session every Thursday for 11-13 year olds. The cafe provides a venue to meet, an opportunity to play games, watch films on a big screen and participate in other activities when arranges, such as dance and DJ workshops. In the absence of a part-time youth worker, the weekly session for the older age group has been run by volunteers with the help of police officers in their spare time. However, this is not maintainable as the café has to close if insufficient police officers are available.

This new application from Compass Café is for a grant towards the cost of employing the full time Youth Pastor in order to run the café on a second evening each week. A number of teenagers attending Compass Café have difficulties with school; one or two have been excluded from school. A group of 16-19 year olds, who are in regular contact with local police, are known to be involved in anti-social behaviour. The youth pastor would keep regular contact with these young people and be able to offer advice and support when

needed, as well as help staff at Compass Café. Compass Café provides the only evening venues open in North East Abingdon that offer something for teenagers to do.

A thorough community survey was carried out three years ago that indicated the need for youth facilities and support. This need was supported by feedback from local councillors and police.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Safe & supportive Communities, Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Abingdon

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 90

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

Total estimated project cost: £18,000.00

Balances: To be advised

Running costs: To be advised

Own Contribution: Plan to raise £1,000 through various activities.

Grant Sought: £5,000.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £5,000.00 awarded in 2007/08

Parish Council Support: Will be submitting an application to Abingdon Town Council. (£500 awarded in 2007/08).

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: Members of Peachcroft Christian Centre have already given £6,000.00. All Saints Methodist Church is considering supporting the project and matching the £6,000.00 but this has yet to be confirmed.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£4,000
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
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, Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£22,637.47

Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions. Any grant awarded would have to be reduced by the amount awarded by All Saints Methodist Church during the first year of the post as the Vale is a funder of last resort.
Other comments	£4,000 recommended which, added to the £5,000 grant already awarded, represents 50% of the cost of employing the youth pastor. This application supports priorities identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: it seeks to reduce anti-social behaviour, provide access for young people to non-judgemental advice and encourages faith groups to play their full part in community life.

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

Years in existence: 62 years

Type of organisation: Musical society, registered charity

Project, service or event details: ADMS is seeking a grant towards potential losses on a series of four concerts being held between 15 November 2008 and 6 June 2009.

The musical society with its choir and orchestra was set up to 'foster public knowledge and appreciation of music and to develop local musical amateur talent both choral and instrumental'. There are 4-5 concerts for held in the District each year including a charity concert in Trinity Church, Abingdon. There are approx 75 members in the choir and 35 members in the orchestra. The programme of concerts for 2008-9 involves expensive pieces of music to stage but will offer much to the performers and the audience. ADMS is forecasting a loss of £891 based on typical audiences.

ADMS believe they are the only music society in the Vale with both a choir and orchestra which are led by a professional conductor and leader. They recently put on a performance of Mozart's Requiem from scratch (ie a rehearsal and concert all on the same day) which they made available to all choirs and singers in the area. Approximately one hundred singers took part, half of whom were from other choirs in the area.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning

Area of the Vale covered: 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?: Members subscription £95 per year. £10/£12 adult, £1 for children's tickets to concerts

Total estimated project cost: £7,805.00 excl VAT; £7,900 incl VAT (VAT cannot be reclaimed)

Balances: £7,189.68 at 30.06.08

Running costs: £22,198.17 (taken from unaudited 2007/08 accounts)

Own Contribution: Money is raised from tickets sales, programmes and interval drinks – expect to raise £6,864 in 2008/09.

Grant Sought: £891.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £800 awarded in 2007/2008

Parish Council Support: Application submitted to Abingdon Town Council for £400.00 (awaiting decision).

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: £1,000 in sponsorship has been secured for November's Concert.

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

Recommend support	No
Amount recommended	
Reasons:	Although the concerts are an important part of the cultural life of Abingdon, the Committee's budget is limited and other applications meet more important priorities.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
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	
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	The concert programme which is the subject of this application forms part of the cultural offer available to local residents and contributes towards the vitality of the town.

(vi) Applicant: Abingdon Band

Years in existence: over 40 years

Type of organisation: Club

Project, service or event details: Abingdon Band is seeking a grant towards the purchase of additional instruments (1 trombone and 2 cornets), new music stands and two stage banners.

Due to an influx of younger band members who want to play the trombone and cornet the band's existing range and quality of instruments need to be updated. A number of the instruments used by the training band are now beyond economical repair. The band proposes to purchase new instruments for main band players to release theirs for training band use. The band also needs to purchase new music stands to allow them to replace the broken and old ones. They hope to purchase 2 stage banners to help advertise the band and encourage even more new players.

Abingdon Band encourages younger members of society to mix with older generations. Providing musical instruments stands and uniforms free of charge to encourage interest in music. The band takes part in local events such as Remembrance Day Parade, Mayor Making and Last Night of the Proms which all attract a high turnout and local support.

Abingdon Band works with other bands where possible and they provide mutual support. However, it is difficult to collaborate to a greater extent as this would have logistical implications for example with regard to music and instruments.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning

Area of the Vale covered: Abingdon

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 35

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: £60.00 Full band member
£45.00 Training band member

Total estimated project cost: £5,500.00

Balances: £15,071.26 as at Sept 2007

Running costs: £14,163.57 as at Sept 2007

Own Contribution: Balance after grants raised from activities organised throughout the year

Grant Sought: £2,500.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £1,000.00 in 2007/08 towards the purchase of music and new instruments.

Parish Council Support: An application has been sent to Abingdon Town Council for £1,000.00 (awaiting decision).

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: Is seeking advice from OCVA.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£750
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
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	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	This application supports a priority identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: it encourages community cohesion (building understanding between people of different ages, circumstances and backgrounds).

(vii) Applicant: Abingdon Concert Band

Years in existence: 30 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity

Project, service or event details: Abingdon Concert Band is seeking a grant towards the purchase of new music and display boards.

New music will extend the band's musical range, broadening its diversity and appeal to more members of the public than many of the older pieces in their existing library. The new display boards will greatly assist in promoting the band to the general public and in attracting new players.

Abingdon Concert Band forms an important part of Abingdon's cultural activities. With a blend of woodwind and brass instruments they have a musical repertoire which is distinct from other groups in the local area.

Abingdon Concert Band is attracting larger audiences in the local area. A capacity audience (approx 200) attended the Proms concert, jointly staged at

Abingdon Guildhall with the Abingdon Town Band last October. This figure represents a significant increase over previous audiences (typically 60 – 70 in total in 2004). It is recognised that an audience of this size is not guaranteed, however, to maintain the interest of the existing audience and to promote the band to new audiences up-to-date music is required. This will help secure the band's future and continuing contribution to the cultural environment in Abingdon and surrounding area.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning

Area of the Vale covered: Band members and audiences come primarily from Abingdon and surrounding villages but band membership and concerts are open to anyone.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 100

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: £35 per term, concessionary rate £20 per term; tickets to concerts £7 full rate, £5 concessionary rate.

Total estimated project cost: £950.00

Balances: £4,633.08 as at 31.08.08 (£200 set aside for music – own contribution – but rest needed to cover running costs)

Running costs: £8,107.87 year ending 31.08.08

Own Contribution: £200.00

Grant Sought: £550.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £700 awarded in 2007/08; £1,000 was awarded in 2005/06 but due to the successful application to Awards for All the VWHDC grant was not required.

Parish Council Support: Applying to Abingdon Town Council for £200.00.

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: Band is in the process of writing to local businesses for donations/sponsorship. In previous years, has raised approximately £100 in this way.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£165
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes

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	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	This application supports a priority identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: it encourages community cohesion (building understanding between people of different ages, circumstances and backgrounds).

(viii) Applicant: Abingdon Town Council

Project, service or event details: Abingdon Town Council is seeking a grant to reproduce and update the Abingdon on Thames mini guide. This project is part of the drive to promote Abingdon's economic welfare.

A recent study, commissioned by the Joint Economic Forum to look at the vitality of the town, identified the need for a campaign to market Abingdon. The study recommended that the economic vitality of the town could best be promoted by a portfolio of publications covering different aspects of what the town has to offer. A shoppers' guide has just been re-printed and has proved to be very popular with the local community, visitors and businesses alike. The updated mini guide will form part of the portfolio.

It will contribute to the Town Centre Action Plan by championing and developing Abingdon's unique identity and assets to customers, potential investors, new businesses, local citizens and visitors.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Abingdon

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: potentially whole population of Abingdon plus visitors and investors

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Nominal fee of 50 pence per copy may be charged in future to fund future reprints and updates.

Total estimated project cost: £3,057.00 excl VAT; £3,591.98 incl VAT for a 20,000 print run. (VAT can be reclaimed)

Own Contribution: £100.00 agreed.

Grant Sought: £2,957.00

Previous Awards (Vale): 2004/05 £5,000 awarded but only £3,000 claimed towards professional advice on the Old Gaol and £1,000 awarded towards security cameras at Abingdon Museum (not yet claimed as work not yet undertaken)

Parish Council Support: See own contribution

Parish Precept: Abingdon £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: Sponsorship is being sought from town businesses such as ASK.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£2,000
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	This application supports a priority identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: the mini-guide promotes the town to residents and visitors and will help to improve the economic prosperity of the town.

(ix) Applicant: Vale of White Horse Foyer (Guinness Care & Support Ltd)

Years in existence: 4 years

Type of organisation: Charitable Industrial & Provident Society

Project, service or event details: The Foyer is seeking a grant towards the cost of an outward-bound personal development weekend in the Malvern Hills for 10 marginalised young people in Spring 2009.

The Foyer is a supported housing project for 16-25 year old young people who have been homeless or otherwise in housing need, providing safe, secure accommodation, and a holistic needs-based support and personal development plan.

Outdoor education provides an opportunity for these young people to try a range of new physical challenges, develop a host of vital teamwork and

communication skills and enhance their self-esteem and confidence. Outdoor activities also encourage an interest in the natural environment and promote a healthy lifestyle to young people who rarely get the opportunity to leave Abingdon. The motivational boost from a single weekend residential course can therefore translate into significant life-changing outcomes in health and education terms.

Activity planning is a regular item on the agenda at monthly Foyer residents' meetings, and a residential outward bound weekend has consistently been requested.

Following the success of the last course it has been agreed that the outward-bound residential weekend should be the centrepiece of the annual training programme, and should also serve as an incentive and reward for resident participation. The cost of this single event is the reason for applying for separate community grant funding. A similar weekend residential course was run in spring 2008 and those residents that attended all gave extremely positive feedback.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Education & Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellbeing

Area of the Vale covered: The Foyer is based in the centre of Abingdon and is open to anyone who has a local connection with the Vale.

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 21

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: No charge though a small refundable deposit may be asked for to reserve a place.

Total estimated project cost: £1,841.28 excl VAT; £2,090 incl VAT (VAT cannot be reclaimed)

Balances: £13.2 million year ending 2007/08

Running costs: £166.1 million year ending 2007/08

Note: The figures are taken from the entire trusts accounts as accounts are not produced for individual residencies. The group accounts provided show that a large percentage of funds are already committed to repaying loans etc.

Own Contribution: £420 in staff time for 2 members of staff to accompany the 10 young people (costed at 7 hours per day). Staff are also giving their own time as they are on duty throughout the weekend.

Grant Sought: £1,670.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £1,050 awarded in 2005/06 towards similar personal development course.

Parish Council Support: Abingdon Town Council has awarded £4,000 towards residents' activities in 2008/9 so has not been approached for

funding for this specific project.

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: Currently exploring other possible funding sources for this project with OCVA, but is not optimistic as the most obvious funder is Oxfordshire Youth Opportunity Fund from whom the Foyer has received an award in 2008/09 for dance lessons.

The Foyer has already obtained funding for other projects from a range of Funders in the current financial year including:

Foyer Federation- health & wellbeing programme & Christmas party

Abingdon Town Council - residents' activities and life skills training programme

Guinness Charitable Fund- refurbishment of residents' lounge

Christ's Hospital of Abingdon- training room IT facilities

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,400
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Education & Lifelong Learning, Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	This project supports a priority identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: it helps to break the cycle of deprivation by helping to improve the health and wellbeing of residents who are economically and socially disadvantaged.

(x) Applicant: Appleford Parish Council & Village Hall Committee

Years in existence: 50 years

Type of organisation: Parish Council and registered charity

Project, service or event details: The grant is requested to purchase new tables, chairs and curtains for the recently refurbished and extended village hall and for constructing new terracing and landscaping to the area surrounding the hall. The improvements that have been carried out to the village hall have provided enhanced social facilities for all residents of the

village and in particular for those residents with disabilities. Better sporting facilities are also now available for all residents.

The new furniture and furnishings inside the hall and the landscaping outside will provide greater comfort and an improved environment for users of the village hall..

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Recreation, Culture & Leisure Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Appleford and surrounding villages

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: Village population 270 approx

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: Hall hire is charged at £5 per hour or £10 per hour for non-residents of the village.
£1,000 a year membership for football team for all fixtures and practice sessions.

Total estimated project cost: £8,613.00 excl VAT (VAT can be reclaimed)

Balances: £1,484.25 as at 30.09.08

Running costs: £501.03 plus £39,220.00 on hall refurbishment year Ending 30.09.08

Own Contribution: £631.00

Grant Sought: £4,000.00

Previous Awards (Vale): 2007/08 £6,000.00 towards extending and refurbishing the hall.

Parish Council Support: No funds available this year but £13,000 was granted towards the refurbishment of the hall in 2007.

Parish Precept: Appleford £6,200.00 (Band D £38.47)

Other Support: Village Trust £4,000.00. Has approached RWE Didcot Power Station but no funds are available until after January 2009.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,000
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture & Leisure Town &

	Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions and subject to costings being provided.
Other comments	This application supports a priority identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: it seeks to improve the quality of existing leisure facilities in partnership with the parish council.

(xi) Applicant: Age Concern Oxfordshire

Years in existence: Over 20 years

Type of organisation: Registered charity

Project, service or event details: Age Concern Oxfordshire is seeking a grant to add value to the work carried out by the community development worker in Abingdon, Drayton, Sutton Courtenay and Appleford.

The community development approach seeks to promote independence, health and wellbeing of older people, “adding life to years” by connecting older people to a range of activities, opportunities and services which will increase their ability to remain in their own homes with choice and control over how they live their lives. This approach facilitates and encourages local community ownership of initiatives in order to ensure sustainability.

The development work planned will bring socially inclusive activities and opportunities to older people in Abingdon and surrounding villages, thus addressing the difficulty that many older people face in accessing services. Age Concern has recently established two new “hubs” in Abingdon in partnership with the Churches of Abingdon and the Fitzharris Arms Pub. These provide a coffee morning and lunch club respectively. In response to feedback from people attending these activities Age Concern aims to develop activities and opportunities to keep people physically and mentally fit. This will include: developing an activity library of sports equipment, reprinting a directory of resources for older people and their carers, information sessions on community safety, healthy eating, keeping warm in winter and benefits advice. Mindful of the difficulties faced by older people in accessing the existing hubs, Age Concern plans to develop its outreach approach and build on capacity of its Local Link volunteers.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Health & Wellbeing, Access to Services, Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Safe & supportive Communities, Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning,

Area of the Vale covered: Abingdon, Drayton, Sutton Courtney & Appleford

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: 400

Charge to public for using the project/service/event?: No charge

Total estimated project cost: £19,672.00

Balances: £513,759 at 31.03.08 for the whole of Oxfordshire.

Running costs: £1,916,200 year ending 31.03.08 for the whole of Oxfordshire. The accounts do not break down expenditure by district or office.

Own Contribution: Support provided to Community Development Worker.

Grant Sought: £8,608.00

Previous Awards (Vale): £1,000 awarded by Executive in April 2008 for a singing for health project

Parish Council Support: Applied to Abingdon Town Council for £500.

Parish Precept: Abingdon £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28), Drayton £24000 (Band D £25.33), Sutton Courtenay £34513 (Band D £35.00), Appleford £6200 (Band D £38.47)

Other Support: £10,564.00 awarded by the Big Lottery

In addition, the organisation has secure funding to sustain the organisational structure needed to underpin this community development programme, which they have received from Oxfordshire County Council, charitable donations, trusts and foundations.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£4,000
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Health & Wellbeing, Access to Services, Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Safe & supportive Communities, Town & Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning.
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	This application supports a priority identified in the Sustainable Community

	Strategy: the project is responding to needs expressed by older people and will improve their quality of life; it will promote and support healthy lifestyle choices.
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(xii) Applicant: Abingdon on Thames Chamber of Commerce

Years in existence: 86 years

Type of organisation: Association

Project, service or event details: Abingdon Chamber of Commerce is seeking a grant towards the costs of staging the Abingdon Extravaganza evening on 25th November 2008. In particular, the grant is being sought to pay for security, entertainers and fireworks.

The Extravaganza is a themed evening of entertainment, community involvement, including children and adult community groups participating in the parade and festivities. All local schools, scouts and guide groups are invited to take part and last year over 20 groups took part in the parade. There are street entertainers and a small Children's Fair in the Market Place.

This is the tenth year this event has been held and it has always been well attended. The Chambers sees the event as an opportunity to promote the town and its businesses and to encourage more residents to shop in Abingdon thus creating a more vibrant town centre.

Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands: Town & Village Vitality

Area of the Vale covered: Abingdon and surrounding villages

Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit: Approx. 500 but open to all residents of Abingdon and beyond

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

Total estimated project cost: £3,500.00

Balances: To be advised

Running costs: To be advised

Own Contribution: Time and in kind

Grant Sought: £1,500.00

Previous Awards (Vale): None

Parish Council Support: Abingdon Town Council has awarded £2,000 and provides a lot of in-kind support.

Parish Precept: £996,133.00 (Band D £81.28)

Other Support: In previous years, the event has secured sponsorship from local businesses, however, due to the current economic climate this has not been possible this year.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£500
Reasons:	Less than the amount requested due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Town & Village Vitality
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions plus subject to all requested information being provided (accounts information)
Other comments	This application supports a priority identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy: the event helps to maintain and enhance the health & vitality of the town centre.

(xiii) Applicant: The owner, 26 Pagisters Road, Abingdon

Brief outline of work: The work is to reduce by 35-40% three Lombardy poplars in the rear garden at 26 Pagisters Road and remove sections of deadwood.

The Lombardy poplars which run along the rear of Pagisters Road and Corn Avill Close are all covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). There have been several instances of illegal pruning here (not at 26 Pagisters Road), one of which is currently under investigation.

Financial Information: Total cost of work: £450 plus VAT £78.75 (Total: £528.75) – lowest quote

Officer comment (George Reade, Arboriculture Officer):

The owner of 26 Pagisters Road is adhering to the correct legal process to carry out work on trees which are the subject of a TPO. He is employing an arboricultural contractor who will reduce the trees but still maintain their public amenity value. This should be encouraged.

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

Recommend support	Yes
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Amount recommended	£100
Reasons:	Less than the amount under the former scheme due to limited budget.
Meets CG Scheme criteria	N/A; formerly separate grant scheme with own criteria which this application meets
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, healthier and safer community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Environment
Remaining budget	£22,637.47
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions for trees with a TPO.
Other comments	Under the former scheme, a grant of 40% of the cost was awarded. This would amount to £211.50. The correct maintenance of trees helps to maintain a high quality natural environment and helps to ensure a low carbon Vale, both of which are priorities identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy.