

Vale Community Grants Evaluation

Name of Organisation		Hanney Cricket Club	
Ref	826	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Cricket Square Improvement Programme		£
Project Area	East Hanney	Total Project Cost	£8,364
Area Committee	South East	Amount Requested	£2,864
Project Description To improve the playing performance of the cricket square by the acquisition of specific machinery and equipment. This will enable us to meet ground performance requirements of the OCA League in which we participate in. Developing a more reliable, consistent and safe playing surface will encourage skill development and, promote wider participation from the local community, particularly youth cricketers.		Secured Funding	£0
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£2,291
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	By acquiring specific equipment to significantly improve the safety and playing quality of the cricket square. This will enhance the club's reputation as having an excellent playing surface, so attracting new members into the organisation to improve their cricketing skills and strengthen the teams that we run.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Yes - Involving Young People by achieving the first priority we will be in a position to attract younger people to participate and compete in our cricket teams as they will have more confidence in developing their skills on a reliable and safe surface. Yes - Healthier Communities Enhancing our cricket facility provides a more attractive outlet for physical activity, particularly during the warmer months and longer holiday periods.	
The purchase of maintenance equipment will have a good impact on these priorities		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Improving the playing surface of the cricket square will allow us to continue our involvement and progression in the OCA league. It will therefore offer opportunities to develop young person's skills, enabling them to participate in teams in a safer and more reliable environment. Having activities available for young people encourages them to spend their time constructively rather than destructively.	

C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	No	
The project will have a minimal impact on this priority		Score	15
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Contacting parish council to acquire their endorsement of our intentions (see attached letter). Communication from parents confirming that there was enthusiasm from their children to use our facility and improve their skills (see attached letter). Poll of current players asking for their feedback on what they would like to see improved within the club.	
The application provides minimal evidence of consultation		Score	5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Feedback from parents who would like their children to play and compete on safe and reliable surfaces. Requests from the parish council and the league that we compete in to improve the quality of the playing surface. Requests from members of the community to use the cricket pitch for friendly and fundraising occasions. Requests from local work teams to use the pitch for mid-week league fixtures. Current members requesting that the square is improved to enhance their enjoyment and performances. The club has an excellent relationship with the local community spanning many years and has always worked with other stakeholders to encourage sports development.	
The application provides good evidence of a local need		Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Directly playing - 50 Adults 18 years + 15 Youths 13 years + The two villages of East and West Hanney - an activity to observe and potentially participate in. Regular, higher quality cricket matches serve as a visitor attraction to the Hanney's and enhance the villages overall reputation as a desirable, inclusive community.	
The purchase of maintenance equipment will allow for continued improvement of the green space which will in-turn provide a good community benefit		Score	10
Finance score 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		Score	10
Scoring Points System: 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		TOTAL	90
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
Hanney Cricket Club are applying for funding towards ground maintenance equipment which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sit on tractor, with numerous attachments • two walker mower's • a scarifier 			

- two cricket boundary ropes and a rope trolley
- wicket rain cover
- cricket crease marking frame
- wicket drag mats
- fertiliser and seed spreader
- hand seed slotter and combi-rake

The club are looking to meet the gap in funding through a parish council grant of £500 and a Sport England grant of £5,000. The club have a small set up and their expenditure is consistently matched by their annual income. They held at February 2011 £3,625 cash in hand, and as such require external funding to purchase the equipment.

In line with the scoring criteria, and as the project has scored 90 points, the project should receive funding.

Recommendation: to award **£2,291** towards the purchase of maintenance equipment, as detailed within the application.

Has this organisation previously received funding?

2003 - £5,000