

APPENDIX A

(i) Applicant: Wantage War Memorial Committee

The Wantage War Memorial Committee was set up about eight years ago to refurbish the war memorial which is situated in the closed churchyard of St Peter and St Paul Church in Wantage. The district council does not own the churchyard or memorial but it is responsible for their general maintenance and upkeep. Refurbishment of the memorial is not included in this responsibility.

As a first stage of the refurbishment five brass plaques, etched and filled with the names of those serving in the First and Second World Wars, were commissioned. A grant of £3,000 was received from JET towards the plaques.

The second stage of the refurbishment involves Roman stonework at the base of the memorial and will include the fixing of the brass plaques and this is the object of the current grant application.

Many of the residents of Wantage are relatives of the service personnel who gave their lives for their country. Other residents recognise the importance of recording and marking their sacrifice. At least five hundred people have helped in confirming the names to be included on the plaques, indicating the widespread commitment to the project.

This application supports the following strands of the Vale Community Strategy: Town and Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning and Recreation, Culture & Leisure.

Financial Information:

Total Project Cost	£9,423 excl VAT; £11,071.88 incl VAT
Balances	£1,490.16 at 02.03.06
Running Costs	General maintenance and upkeep provided by District Council
Own Contribution	£1,000
Grant Sought	£5,000
Previous Awards (Vale)	None
Parish Council Support	Applied to Wantage Town Council (outcome awaited)
Parish Precept	£120,000; Band D: £31.52
Other Support	Local businesses have been contacted for donations (responses awaited). Donations have been received from individuals including pensioners and families whose relatives are included on the plaques.

Officer comment (Grant Audley-Miller, Section Head (Environmental Planning and Conservation)):

The restoration of the war memorial and the provision of new plaques will enhance this very prominent churchyard located in the conservation area.

(ii) Applicant: Challow and Childrey Cricket Club

The Challow and Childrey Cricket Club is seeking a grant towards the purchase of a wheeled alloy mobile batting cage. This piece of equipment allows players of all ages to practice batting and bowling safely on the cricket pitch as it prevents balls going astray or flying around dangerously. The cage can be positioned for use on both prepared grass and artificial playing strips and removed when not in use. It is a coaching tool which encourages higher quality practice as it can be used on the actual cricket playing surface, mimicking game conditions.

The new cage is intended for use by all Club members, in particular the Youth Section members, and will serve to enhance participation and promote enjoyment of the game of cricket as well as sporting success.

The Club has a cricket-playing membership of 125 and a non-playing membership of 146. The Club runs teams at under 11, under 13, under 15 and under 17 age levels as well as four senior teams at the weekend. The vast majority of the younger members of the Club (up to 20 years of age) come from Challow and Childrey, Wantage and Grove and the surrounding villages such as Denchworth and Letcombe.

The success of the England Ashes winning team has prompted a surge in interest in local cricket. In 2005 up to forty youngsters frequently attended midweek training sessions. In addition the Club's under 13 and under 17 sides reached county finals in 2005 so the Club is anticipating further increases in numbers in the 2006 season. The Club works with the Vale's Sports Development Team and also loans its facilities to local schools such as King Alfred's as well as organisations.

The Club has increased its fundraising activities. As well as a 100 Club there is currently also a Bat Raffle. At the beginning of the year a limited edition Club Calendar for 2006 was produced and has sold well. The intention is to organise additional social events with the funds raised contributing to the purchase of the proposed equipment.

This application supports the following strands of the Vale Community Strategy: Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Town & Village Vitality and Health & Wellbeing.

Financial information

Total project cost	£1,200 excl VAT; £1,410 incl VAT (VAT can be reclaimed)
Balances	£3,298.07 at 31.03.05
Running costs	£74,906.97 for year ending 31.03.06
Own contribution	£200
Grant sought	£1,000
Previous Awards (Vale)	2002/03: £5,000 towards extension and modernisation of the club changing rooms
Parish Council Support	Letter of support received from East Challow Parish Council; however unable to provide financial support as they provided funding towards the extension in the recent past
Parish Precept	£17,000; Band D: £42.29; West Challow: £1,250; Band D: £13.75; Childrey: £10,500; Band D: £44.52
Other Support	Club has successfully applied to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts in recent years but they don't fund small projects such as the batting cage.

Conducted search of GrantNet and looked at Sport England and npower but didn't meet the criteria. Also looked at Awards for All but not able to submit application before submitting Vale application.

Officer comment (Helen Wynn, Sports Development Officer):

Challow & Childrey Cricket Club are an active member club of the Vale of White Horse Cricket Development Group. Their involvement highlights their commitment to providing the highest quality cricket opportunities for all members of the community including children, young people as well as adults. The club has a number of fully qualified coaches and is well on the way to achieving 'Clubmark' (a quality kite mark that recognises the club as a safe, effective, child friendly club). Challow & Childrey Cricket Club are fully supportive of the Sports Development Holiday activities and sessions are regularly hosted by the club who also take this opportunity to encourage new members into the club. The club also has links with local primary and secondary schools and again use these links to encourage both young people and their parents into the club.

(iii) Applicant: Wantage Summer Festival 2006

The Wantage Summer Festival is seeking a grant towards the cost of publicity and administration which supports the organisation of the festival, the programme creation and ticketing for the community groups involved in the festival. All entrance and ticket fees go to the individual groups involved.

The 2006 festival will be held from Saturday 10 June – Sunday 9 July and will include music, singing and dancing to suit all tastes, art and photographic exhibitions as well as theatre, poetry and a festival of flowers.

The purpose of The Wantage Summer Festival (WSF) is to encourage local (Wantage and district) people's voluntary, creative and performing arts groups to work together in the spirit of the community and to foster artistic and creative development. The festival committee is constantly seeking out new artistic opportunities and ways to improve traditional ones. Increasing emphasis is being given to working with the Youth Service to provide a showcase for youth music groups and to providing at least one event of a "family nature" where parents with young children can be thoroughly at ease.

For the 2006 festival the Youth Service has indicated that it will provide a financial contribution to the special youth event weekend activities at the end of the festival.

Since the festival began eleven years ago, support and participation has grown year on year. An increasing number of schools, churches and artistic societies and groups are getting involved in the festival each year which enhances community spirit and promotes artistic excellence in the area.

This application supports the following strands of the Vale Community Strategy: Recreation, Culture & Leisure and Education & Lifelong Learning.

Financial information

Total Project Cost	£7,900 excl VAT
Balances	£3,985 at 30.09.05
Running Costs	£5,638 for 2005 festival
Own Contribution	£1,800 plus time and labour provided by the committee of volunteers

Grant Sought	£3,000	
Previous Awards (Vale)	2003/04: £3,500 2004/05: £3,500 2005/06: £2,500	
Parish Council Support awaited)	Applied to Wantage Town Council for £1,100	(outcome
Parish Precept	£120,000; Band D: £31.52	
Other Support	Youth Service has indicated funding of £2,000 towards youth event weekend – to be confirmed	
	WSF was successful in obtaining a grant of £3,500 from Awards for All (Lottery) but the criteria exclude applications for the same type of event year after year.	

Officer comment (Abigail Brown, Strategic Arts Development Officer):

The Wantage Summer Festival is an essential event in the cultural calendar of Wantage and surrounding area, bringing together all the local performing arts groups to create a focus for their achievements. The grant is spent on the publicity and marketing of the festival events, which helps to attract and involve local residents and visitors to events and activities.