

(i) **Applicant:** Dorchester Sailing Club, based in Abingdon Road, Dorchester

**Years in existence:** 49 Years

**Type of organisation:** Not for profit company limited by guarantee, now registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). This is a scheme recognised by the Inland Revenue which allows amateur sports clubs 80% mandatory rate relief, gift aid on donations and exemption from some levels of corporation tax. In order to register clubs have to comply with certain criteria including having a constitution which requires that profits from the club go back to the club and that membership is open to the whole community.

**Project, service or event details:** Dorchester Sailing Club is seeking a grant towards the cost of building a new clubhouse which will provide changing and showering areas, toilets, a kitchen, a dining and social area, disabled facilities and a club and training room with a hearing loop. The existing building, which reached the end of its life some years ago, will be converted to a secure workshop and storage location. The new unit will be a modern 'fit for purpose' onshore facility to support the continuation and development of a fuller and wider range of year-round activities for all the local community especially for the disabled, children and young people in the community.

Dorchester Sailing Club is the only club in the south of Oxfordshire which offers year round water sports. Other organisations will be encouraged to use the facilities when not required to support sailing and related activities, for example a Bridge Club has already expressed an interest in hiring the new facilities. These open facilities will be of particular interest to residents in Abingdon and the surrounding villages. The club has 190 family members and, if the relatives who are active from time to time are included, this rises to 320.

The club is the only local club recognised by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) as an "On Board" club. This is due to its commitment to widening access, through water sports, to an active lifestyle for young people through school and youth group links. "On Board" relates directly to the Government's Physical Education School Sports Club Links initiative and to the Department of Culture, Media and Sports Public Service Agreements with Sport England. The club works to agreed set targets for levels of initial introduction to the sport and ongoing participation. It aims to reach out to disadvantaged teenagers in the Vale (and South Oxfordshire) through this scheme.

The District Council's Sports Development Officers were very pleased to be able to use Dorchester Sailing Club's facilities at short notice for their summer canoeing activities when Abingdon marina became unavailable due to the flooding.

Although the RYA does not directly provide capital funding for large projects, the club receives some revenue funding on a "matched" basis and low cost access to training courses for its volunteers.

**Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:** Access to Services, Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Safe & Supportive Communities, Town & Village Vitality, Environment, Health & Wellbeing

**Area of the Vale covered and estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** The club is open to everyone in the Vale who is interested in watersports; in addition the new club-house will be available for hire to everyone in the Vale, although the

benefits of both will primarily be felt in Abingdon and the surrounding villages. Abingdon Sea Scouts use the facilities on a regular basis.

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** Around 35% of the current membership lives in the Vale.

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** Joining fee £60.00, Family Membership £100.00 pa, Boat usage/storage £49 pa. Special arrangements for OAPs, disadvantaged adults and young people.

**Total estimated project cost:** £212,729.00 excl VAT; £249,957.00 inc. VAT (VAT may be reclaimed)

**Balances:** £98,098.00 as at 30/06/06

**Running costs:** £21,418 for year ending 30/06/06

**Own Contribution:** £90,957.00

**Grant Sought:** £2,000.00

**Previous Awards (Vale):** None

**Town/Parish Council Support:** Has applied to Parish Councils (total £1,500.00) and Abingdon Town Council (£1,000.00) – outcome awaited

**Other Support:** SODC £110,000.00 awarded Application to Sport England £19,500.00, TOE £1,000.00 - awaiting outcome.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£ 500
Reasons:	The club does provide sailing facilities for residents in the Abingdon area but the majority of members live outside the Vale
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer & healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Access to Services, Recreation, Culture & Leisure, Safe & Supportive Communities, Town & Village Vitality, Environment, Health & Wellbeing
Remaining budget	£23,871.63
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£10,100
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(ii) **Applicant:** Compass Café, based at the Peachcroft Christian Centre, Abingdon

**Years in existence:** 5 years as Eclipse Café, reopened in new building as Compass Café April 2007.

**Type of organisation:** Youth Club.

**Project, service or event details:** Compass Café is seeking a grant towards employing a part-time youth worker to enable the Café to extend its activities to 16-19 year olds twice a month. Two local police officers have promised to help run these sessions. 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 part-time trained youth worker would keep in regular contact with these young people and be able to offer advice, friendship and support to 11-19 year olds when needed outside the Café opening hours, as well as help to run the Café.

Currently Compass Café runs every Wednesday evening for 11-16 year olds providing a venue to meet, play games, watch films on a big screen and participate in other activities when arranged, such as dance and DJ workshops. It is the only evening venue open in North East Abingdon which offers something for teenagers to do. A number of teenagers who attend Compass Café have difficulties with school and a couple are excluded from school.

This grant would be supported by some limited existing funds. The Café aims to advertise the post soon with a view to employment starting on 1 January 2008 for one year. It is hoped that the church and other supporters will be in a better position to support a youth worker at least half-time from 2009.

A thorough community survey was carried out two years ago and the feedback indicated a need for youth facilities and support. Local councillors and local police officers have visited the Café and discussed local needs and they are encouraging this application.

**Supports following Vale Community Strategy strands:** Safe & Supportive Communities, Recreation, Culture and Leisure, Town and Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning

**Area of the Vale covered:** Peachcroft and North East Abingdon

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** 56+

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

**Total estimated project cost:** £9,000.00 (VAT does not apply)

**Balances:** to be advised

**Own Contribution:** Minister's time running and organising Compass Café and a well-motivated team of adult helpers.

**Grant Sought:** £5,000.00

**Previous Awards (Vale):** None for the Café, but Peachcroft Christian Centre has received £15,000 from this Committee and £10,000 as a capital grant from the Executive, both in 2005/06

**Town/Parish Council Support:** £500.00 awarded by Abingdon Town Council

**Parish Precept:** £854,185.00 (Band 'D' £68.57)

**Other Support:** £2,000.00 from members of Peachcroft Christian Centre

Oxfordshire County Council's Local Network Fund granted £5,000.00 for the provision of cinema and games equipment (now in weekly use)

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£ 5,000
Reasons:	The project is well supported by the local community
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer and healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Safe & Supportive Communities, Recreation, Culture and Leisure, Town and Village Vitality, Education & Lifelong Learning
Remaining budget	£23,871.63
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£5,600
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(iii) **Applicant:** Abingdon Concert Band, Abingdon

**Years in existence:** 30 years

**Type of organisation:** Club

**Project, service or event details:** Abingdon Concert Band is seeking a grant towards the purchase of a set of new banners which include its new logo to mark the band's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The existing banners are over 25 years old and showing obvious signs of wear and tear.

Abingdon Concert Band forms an important part of Abingdon's cultural activities with its distinct sound and musical repertoire, based on its mix of woodwind and brass instruments.

The band continues to go from strength to strength and has recently attracted new players and larger audiences. The existing members recognise the importance of recruiting young members into the band to secure the long term future of the band and its continued contribution to Abingdon's cultural life. They intend to build on this growth and maintain the appeal and viability of the band for the future by improving their image. The new banners will give the band a fresh, more professional and consistent identity and as such will play an important role in marketing the band and promoting their concerts and activities.

Abingdon Concert Band is pro-actively looking at ways to work better with other local organisations to promote the cultural life of Abingdon as witnessed by their joint concert at the Guildhall with Abingdon Town Band on 13 October which is expected to draw a capacity audience.

The new banners will be stored safely in a dedicated area at Dunmore Junior School and will be covered under the Band's insurance policy. It is anticipated that the banners will last for as long as the old ones.

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

**Area of the Vale covered:** Membership of the band and attendance at concerts is open to anyone but members and audiences are drawn predominantly from Abingdon and the surrounding area.

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** There are 34 direct band members but audiences for the concerts generally number about 80 people and there are over 100 on their mailing list.

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** A reasonable charge of £7.00 is made to attend the concerts in order to cover costs. There are concessionary rates (£5.00) for those with low incomes.

Band membership costs £105 p.a. with a concessionary rate of £60 p.a.

**Total estimated project cost:** £1,600 excl VAT; £1,900.00 incl VAT (VAT can not be reclaimed)

**Balances:** £4,199.40 at 31/08/07

**Running costs:** £4,936 for year ending 31/08/07

**Own Contribution:** £700.00

**Grant Sought:** £700.00

**Previous Awards (Vale):** An application for funding for timpani drums and assistance with a Play Day workshop was made in December 2005. A provisional allocation of £1,000.00 was agreed by the Abingdon Area Committee but was not needed as other grant applications were successful.

**Parish Council Support:** £300.00 awarded by Abingdon Town Council

**Parish Precept:** £854,185.00 (Band 'D' £68.57)

**Other Support:** Local businesses have donated £200.00 in return for advertising in the programmes and free concert tickets. Unsuccessful Awards for All Lottery application made in early 2007. Applications have been submitted to the Doris Field Trust, the Schuster Charitable Trust and the Golsoncott Foundation (outcome awaited)

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£ 700
Reasons:	Group has demonstrated that there is good community support for its activities
Meets CG Scheme criteria	Yes
Supports Council priority(ies)	Cleaner, greener, safer and healthier community and environment
Supports prospectus strand(s)	Recreation, Culture and Leisure, Town and Village Vitality, Education and Lifelong Learning
Remaining budget	£23,871.63
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£9,900
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	

(iv) **Applicant:** Abingdon Performance Arts Group Enterprise (APAGE)

**Years in existence:** 11 years

**Type of organisation:** Association of Arts Organisations in Abingdon and surrounding area; it organises the Abingdon Arts Festival by co-ordinating and publicising the individual events, sponsoring specific events such as the opening and closing events, and introducing new, speculative events.

**Project, service or event details:** APAGE is seeking a grant towards funding for the printing, design and distribution costs associated with the brochure for the Abingdon Arts Festival 2008 which will be held from 1-15 March. 19,000 copies will be printed and distributed to every house and business in Abingdon and the surrounding villages. Copies will also be placed in information points and libraries throughout the Vale. APAGE now has 10 years of success to build upon and is committed to continuing to hold an annual event.

At the meeting of the Abingdon Area Committee on 19 October 2006 when the last grant application from APAGE was considered, the Committee resolved that any future financial support from the Council will be dependent on the production and distribution of future brochures having been subject to a competitive tendering exercise. For the current application APAGE has tried to negotiate sponsorship of part of the printing costs with its chosen printer but has been unsuccessful. APAGE will now be undertaking a competitive tendering exercise similar to the exercises undertaken in the past where three tenders were sought from different local companies including a new company each year. The cheapest tender was the one accepted which has resulted in five different printing companies being used since the first festival.

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

**Area of the Vale covered:** Abingdon, Sutton Courtenay, Drayton, Radley, Wootton, and Marcham

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** Events are open to everyone but are specifically aimed at people who have previously had little exposure to the Arts.

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** The grant application is for the publicity brochure only. Event organisers are charged a nominal sum of £25.00 for their entry in the brochure.

**Total estimated project cost:** £9,000.00 excl VAT (VAT does not apply)

**Balances:** £460.83

**Own Contribution:** The surplus from last year will again go to supporting the event and providing cover in case of loss.

**Grant Sought:** £4,000.00

**Previous Awards (Vale):** 2004/05 £4,000.00 + £2,400.00 but the latter amount was not needed  
2005/06 £4,000.00

2006/07 £4,000.00 awarded but £3,979.00 claimed

**Parish Council Support:** Application submitted to Abingdon Town Council for £250.00 awaiting outcome.

**Parish Precept:** £854,185.00 (Band 'D' £68.57)

**Other Support:** Other sources have at present committed £2,850.00 to particular events. Negotiations with the printer to sponsor a part of the printing costs have been unsuccessful.

Applicant advises that sponsors are more willing to give if they know the District Council has awarded a grant.

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	Maximum £ 4,000
Reasons:	The Abingdon Arts Festival is one of the town's most important and prominent cultural events
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	£23,871.63
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£6,600
Recommended conditions to grant award	The production and distribution of the brochure is subject to a competitive tendering exercise.
Other comments	



(v) **Applicant:** Abingdon Festival Music Association

**Years in existence:** 10 Years

**Type of organisation:** Charity

**Project, service or event details:** Abingdon Festival Music Association is seeking a grant towards the costs of running a concerto class in 2008. The concerto class was introduced in 2005. Candidates perform a concerto movement accompanied by a professional pianist. Professional adjudicators select a winner to play in a public concert with the Abingdon Symphony Orchestra and two runners up play in an open rehearsal with the orchestra.

The enthusiasm generated at the first concerto class led the Abingdon Festival Music Association to repeat the venture in 2006. The two winners gave a stunning public performance of the Poulenc double piano concerto.

Although several local festivals offer a concerto class, only the Abingdon Festival Music Association is working in collaboration with the town's symphony orchestra and as a result is able to provide this unique opportunity for young people to perform with a symphony orchestra locally. The 2008 concerto class will be held at Radley College.

The Association's aim is to advance the education of the public in the Arts, and in particular the art of music. It intends to run the concerto class on a biennial basis, depending on the orchestra's programme needs.

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

**Area of the Vale covered:** Audiences are primarily from Abingdon

**Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit:** Audiences vary between 200-300 people of all ages. Candidates for the concerto class will be under 19 years old.

**Charge to public for using the project/service/event?:** £20.00 entry fee for the concerto class

**Total estimated project cost:** £1,573.00

**Balances:** £3,820.06 at 30.04.07

**Own Contribution:** A committee of volunteer members who give considerable time to running the Abingdon Music Festival throughout the year.

**Grant Sought:** £500.00

**Previous Awards (Vale):** £ 495.00 Composers' workshop 2004, £375.00 composers' workshop 2005, £400.00 Concerto class 2006; an application submitted in 2006/07 towards a choral workshop was withdrawn before it reached the Committee as the Association was successful in obtaining an Awards for All grant.

**Town/Parish Council Support:** Awaiting outcome of application to Abingdon Town Council for £300.00

**Parish Precept:** £854,185.00 (Band 'D' £68.57)

**Other Support:** Awaiting outcome of application to 'Smile' fund of Infinium UK, Milton Hill for £500.00

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

Recommend support	Yes
Amount recommended	£ 400
Reasons:	In line with the amount awarded for the class in 2006
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	£23,871.63
Remaining Committee meetings	1
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£10,200
Recommended conditions to grant award	
Other comments	