

# APPENDIX A

## APPLICANT – WANTAGE AND GROVE STREET PASTORS

### Years in existence

Three months

### Type of organisation

In the process of applying for charitable status

### Project, service or event details

Wantage and Grove Street Pastors is a scheme set up by a group of Christian communities in Wantage and Grove. The scheme is seeking a grant towards the cost of providing administrative support to volunteers and to provide equipment such as uniforms and mobile 'phones. The project trains and equips volunteers to provide care, support and help on the streets between the hours of 10pm and 2am, initially on Friday nights only. The project will extend to Saturday nights as it gains momentum. The volunteers will provide help where needed and where it is accepted, such as helping someone to walk home, engaging those on the streets in conversation, or sitting with someone who is waiting for a taxi or bus alone. Statistically speaking, the people to be found on the streets at the times in question tend to be young people of lower income, of low attainment and skills or of an ethnic minority group.

In other locations these simple actions have been shown to have a significant and positive effect on the atmosphere of the town and to result in a reduction in crime.

The project organisers intended to recruit twenty volunteers in the first year, but in the first three months twenty-two people have already come forward to volunteer. Following training by the Ascension Trust, a registered charity which operates the street pastors initiative, the first presence on the streets of Wantage is planned for October.

This is the first street pastors initiative in the Vale and the pilot project for the county. It has widespread support from politicians at all levels, statutory agencies, the Vale Partnership as well as the faith community.

### Supports the following Vale community strategy priorities

Healthier communities	
Improving quality of life for older people	
Safer communities	X
Fostering a greater sense of community	X
A good understanding of town and parish priorities	
Involving young people	X
Helping those without cars to access jobs and services	
Affordable homes	

Good quality homes	
Access to good quality green spaces, sport, cultural and leisure facilities	
Addressing economic weaknesses	
Building on our economic strengths	
Maintaining and enhancing the health and vitality of the Vale's market town centres	<b>X</b>
A low carbon Vale	
Living with extreme weather conditions	
Using resources wisely	
Reducing waste and increasing recycling	
A high quality natural and historic environment	

### **Area of the Vale covered**

The initial focus of activity will be in Wantage town centre, based on advice from the Wantage Police. Ultimately the aim is to cover Wantage and Grove as appropriate.

### **Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit**

Five hundred (250 male and 250 female) across a wide age range

### **Charge to public for using the project/service/event?**

None

### **Total estimated project cost**

£12,710 for 2009-2010

### **Balances**

£ 507.57 on 1 September 2009

### **Running costs**

£12,710 per year

### **Own contribution**

Volunteers are expected to pay a contribution towards their training and uniform – likely to be £50 – leading to an expected £1,000 income for the year.

Wantage Baptist church is providing use of their hall free of charge. This will be used as a base for the street pastor operations whenever they go onto the streets.

Churches which have signed up to the scheme are offering (on average) a subsidy of £150 per person for training – leading to an expected £3,000 income for the year.

Each volunteer spends twelve days in training and forty-eight hours p.a. on the streets. The management committee is comprised of volunteers. The Chair of the management committee,

who is a leader of one of the participating churches, spends time on the project at the expense of the church he leads.

**Grant requested**  
**£5,000**

**Previous awards (Vale)**  
None

**Parish council support**  
Wantage Town Council has awarded a grant of £400

**Town/Parish council precept**  
Wantage Town Council: £126,700, Band D: £32.25

**Other support**  
VOWHDC Community Safety Partnership has granted £2,000 for 2009/2010  
General church funding/donations - £1,000  
Thames Valley Police is exploring funding options and is positive

**Officer recommendation**

Recommend support?	Yes
Amount recommended	£4,500
Reasons:	
Meets CG Scheme criteria?	Yes
Supports Council Corporate priority(ies)?	Helping to maintain a safe Vale
Supports Community Strategy?	Yes
Remaining budget	To be advised verbally at the meeting
Remaining committee meetings	To be confirmed
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£1,300
Recommended conditions to grant award	Standard conditions
Other comments	This project not only meets a corporate priority for the council, it also meets several priorities of the Sustainable Vale Community Strategy. It addresses community safety issues and helps to foster a greater sense of community as well as providing support to the most vulnerable people, particularly young people.

## **Applicant – EAST HENDRED COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **Years in existence**

35

### **Type of organisation**

Registered charity

### **Project, service or event details**

East Hendred Community Centre is seeking a grant towards the cost of removing the existing badly-damaged steel fencing at the eastern boundary of Snells Hall, and replacing it with a new steel railing fence.

The district council's officers have identified the current fence as in need of urgent renovation to enhance the area as it spoils the visual appearance of this attractive part of the village conservation area. It is adjacent to a footpath which is well used by villagers and visitors.

Snells Hall is used by the village residents for meetings, classes and a wide range of recreation and leisure time occupations. This new fence will enhance the hall's environment.

### **Supports the following Vale community strategy priorities:**

Healthier communities	
Improving quality of life for older people	
Safer communities	<b>X</b>
Fostering a greater sense of community	
A good understanding of town and parish priorities	<b>X</b>
Involving young people	
Helping those without cars to access jobs and services	
Affordable homes	
Good quality homes	
Access to good quality green spaces, sport, cultural and leisure facilities	<b>X</b>
Addressing economic weaknesses	
Building on our economic strengths	
Maintaining and enhancing the health and vitality of the Vale's market town centres	
A low carbon Vale	
Living with extreme weather conditions	
Using resources wisely	
Reducing waste and increasing recycling	
A high quality natural and historic environment	<b>X</b>

### **Area of the Vale covered**

East Hendred primarily, however the Hall is used by groups from neighbouring villages and towns including groups such as Wantage Morris Men, Guild of King Alfred Players etc.

### **Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit in the Vale**

Three hundred and ninety regular users of the Hall, split across both males and females, and a broad age range, however the facilities are used by groups from other areas of the Vale, and the improvement to the village conservation area will benefit all of the village residents.

### **Charge to public for using the project/service/event?**

Hall fees are set at a level to cover the running costs of the building

### **Total estimated project cost**

£1,756 excluding VAT; £1,997 including VAT. VAT cannot be reclaimed.

### **Balances**

£2,281 as at 31 December 2008

### **Running costs**

£11,943 for the year ending 31 December 2008

### **Own contribution**

Balance remaining after all grants received. Expected to be £997

### **Grant requested**

**£500**

### **Previous awards (Vale)**

2004/05 - £3,000

### **Parish council support**

East Hendred Parish Council: £500

### **Town/Parish council precept**

Precept: £20,000, Band D: £41.78

### **Other support**

East Hendred Community Centre has applied to Oxfordshire County Council and UKAEA at Harwell but both applications were rejected.

## Officer recommendation

Recommend support?	Yes
Amount recommended	£300
Reasons:	
Meets community grant criteria?	Yes
Supports corporate priorities?	No
Supports community strategy?	Yes
Remaining budget	To be advised verbally at the meeting
Remaining committee meetings	To be confirmed
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£5,500
Recommended conditions to grant Award	Standard conditions
Other comments	Although this application does not meet a corporate priority, it meets several priorities in the Sustainable Vale Community Strategy. In view of this and the reduced budget a modest grant is recommended.

# **Applicant – WANTAGE BETJEMAN FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE AND POETRY**

## **Years in existence**

New organisation set up in June 2009

## **Type of organisation**

Organising Committee for Literary Festival

## **Project, service or event details**

The Wantage Betjeman Festival of Literature and Poetry is seeking a grant towards the organisation and staging of a new festival designed to celebrate the work of Sir John Betjeman and other authors and poets with local connections to the Wantage area. The organising committee plans to use the festival to encourage greater interest in poetry and literature especially amongst children and young people, to raise the cultural profile of Wantage locally and nationally, and to foster a sense of pride in the cultural heritage and history of Wantage.

The main festival is planned to take place over a 10 day period in September 2011. It will include many performances from both leading national celebrities and local amateur organisations, and will include an extensive educational outreach programme to schools in the area, focussing on addressing aspects of low attainment in reading.

The organising committee is also planning to stage several pre-festival events throughout 2010 to raise awareness of the festival.

Local poet Pam Ayres and singer Sandie Shaw have agreed to be patrons of the festival.

## **Supports the following Vale community strategy priorities:**

Healthier communities	
Improving quality of life for older people	<b>X</b>
Safer communities	
Fostering a greater sense of community	<b>X</b>
A good understanding of town and parish priorities	
Involving young people	<b>X</b>
Helping those without cars to access jobs and services	
Affordable homes	
Good quality homes	
Access to good quality green spaces, sport, cultural and leisure facilities	<b>X</b>
Addressing economic weaknesses	
Building on our economic strengths	
Maintaining and enhancing the health and vitality of the Vale's market town centres	<b>X</b>
A low carbon Vale	
Living with extreme weather conditions	
Using resources wisely	

Reducing waste and increasing recycling	
A high quality natural and historic environment	

### **Area of the Vale covered**

Whilst the festival will attract visitors from across the Vale and beyond, the main cultural and economic benefits are expected to be for the residents and businesses of Wantage and the surrounding villages.

### **Estimate of number of people the project/service/event will benefit in the Vale**

Twenty four thousand males and females across a broad age range.

### **Charge to public for using the project/service/event?**

Many events will be free of charge and open to all members of the public. Any proceeds from ticket revenue for other events involving national celebrities will be carried to future festivals.

### **Total estimated project cost**

£17,000 excluding VAT; £20,000 including VAT over three years (2009-10). VAT cannot be reclaimed. Estimated expenditure is £2,000 in calendar year 2009, £5,000 in 2010 and £13,000 in 2011.

### **Balances**

£0 as new project

### **Running costs**

£20,00 for the full event

### **Own contribution**

£100 on initial running expenses

### **Grant requested**

**£6,700**

### **Previous awards (Vale)**

None

### **Parish council support**

Wantage Town Council has not yet been approached.



## Other support

Midland Co-operative has donated £300. Other approaches have been made but responses to date have been negative.

## Officer recommendation

Recommend support?	Yes
Amount recommended	£1,000 – see comments
Reasons:	
Meets community grant criteria?	See recommended conditions
Supports corporate priorities?	Supporting a vibrant local economy.
Supports community strategy?	Yes
Remaining budget	To be advised verbally at the meeting.
Remaining committee meetings	To be confirmed
Total amount recommended for other applications being considered	£4,800
Recommended conditions to grant Award	In order to meet the grant scheme criteria, any grant awarded should be subject to a reasonable grant from Wantage Town Council and applications being made to other funders in the current financial year. A grant award should be subject to detailed proposals as to how this funding will be used in the remainder of 2009/10. Otherwise, standard conditions.
Other comments	As the festival is being planned over 3 years and will not take place before the financial year 2011/12, it is only appropriate to consider a grant towards expenditure which will be incurred in the current financial year. This seems to amount to £2,000. A modest grant is recommended in view of the committee's very limited budget and the lead time to the festival. It would not be appropriate to tie up a significant proportion of the committee's budget now. Subject to budget, the committee could consider an application in 2010/11 and 2011/12 by which time the organisers will have had time to secure other funding.