

Western Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the March 2021 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2020-21 - £40,000.00

Allocations previously agreed by Area Committee:

Upchurch Parish Council	£4,655.00
Newington Parish Council	£4,000.00
Wyvern Heritage & Landscape	£6,270.00
Total	£14,925.00

Available to allocate at the March 2021 meeting - £25,075.00

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	WAC001
Organisation:	Hartlip Parish Council
Applicant Name:	Mr G F Addicott OBE - Chair
Status of organisation:	Parish Council
Details of project/activity:	<p>Proposed purchase of kissing gate for erection on The Parkland, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip</p> <p>In 1983 Hartlip Parish Council purchased approximately six acres of land on The Lower Hartlip Road for the enjoyment of residents. The land concerned is known as The Parkland.</p> <p>The Parkland is a tranquil area managed and financed by the Parish Council. It is a special place for residents to spend time, to simply wander and relax.</p> <p>Since it was purchased, various HPC organised community activities have been held on it for the benefit of Hartlip residents.</p> <p>Income has been generated for its upkeep by allowing its use for Scout camps and the Caravan Club have spent weekends there.</p> <p>Always there has been emphasis on ensuring that it is a quiet, green area over which residents can roam freely thus benefitting their physical and mental health.</p> <p>In recent years the Parkland has been let for horse grazing and the Grazing Agreement makes clear to graziers that Hartlip residents have the 'right to roam' over the whole of the land and that graziers must not do anything to restrict this.</p> <p>During the Covid-19 pandemic it has been an extremely popular area for people to take their children and grandchildren for</p>

	<p>walks, walk their dogs and generally wander and enjoy the rural environment they choose to live in</p> <p>As six horses now graze on the land, The Parkland has been divided into two so that not all the horses graze in the same area. A fence and gate divides the Parkland into two fields but the central gate is now locked to satisfy the wants of the graziers. As a result, resident access to the southern half of the field is not possible.</p> <p>Of course, this brings complaints from residents whose use and enjoyment of the land is restricted.</p> <p>A solution must be found to ensure that residents have free access to the whole of The Parkland and that they may avail themselves of this at any time and safely.</p> <p>The Parish Council have therefore decided to erect a kissing gate.</p> <p>It will also be important to emphasise to graziers the importance of this and to firmly reiterate the terms of their agreement which makes clear that they must not at any time or for any reason hinder or restrict the free movement of residents over the whole area.</p> <p>Research has been undertaken for a suitable gate and the recommendation is that the Parish Council should install a Matlock metal pedestrian kissing gate at a cost of £730.80 including VAT and delivery plus £300 for installation. (Total £1030.80)</p> <p>A Matlock kissing gate would provide inclusive and safe access for all residents, enabling people unsteady on their feet, disabled people, those walking with children and pushchairs to access the second field safely.</p> <p>Hartlip Parish Council requests that the Western Committee considers funding for this project so that it can go ahead very soon in readiness for springtime.</p>
Supporting papers attached?	None.
Total project expenditure:	Matlock Kissing Gate - £499.00 Delivery - £110.00 Installation - £300.00 VAT - £121.80 Total - £1,030.80
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	HPC is able to reclaim VAT
Funding request:	£1,030.80

Reference:	WAC002
Organisation:	Sittingbourne In Bloom
Applicant Name:	Lynda Marshall – Committee Member
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	<p>The Sittingbourne In Bloom Committee would like to apply for funding from the Swale Western Area Committee towards refurbishing the Sensory Garden at King George V Playing Fields.</p> <p>The Park has been entered into the South & South East In Bloom competition for the last 4 years and has progressed from a Silver to a Silver Gilt (High) during that time. We would very much like to achieve Gold this year to make it a hat trick with the Town and Milton Creek Country Park. We are also working towards entering it for a Green Flag. To achieve this, a start was made to setup a Friends Group and organise a number of events in the Park but this has been halted due to the pandemic. To maintain public engagement a Facebook page was setup last May which is regularly updated by Wes, who is the gate keeper and lives in the park house. The S&SE In Bloom judges have commented on this area every year and it has been considered that this would be a good project to involve the community and develop the Friends Group.</p> <p>Our plan is to encourage community involvement, increase pride in the environment and get people actively involved in a wide range of activities to increase enjoyment and wellbeing.</p> <p>It is intended to use this project to establish the Friends Group and restart the events program in the Park once Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted. The cost identified is to do all 4 beds but if the full funding is not available the project could be tackled in stages doing 1 or 2 beds at a time.</p> <p>This project will contribute towards the objectives of Swale Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2023: Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone: 3.5 Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural, leisure and development activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.</p> <p>Please see attached sheet for further details.</p>
Supporting papers attached?	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Materials & labour (and removal of rubbish) - £4,991.41 Additional top soil - £1,344.00 Plants - £750 Total project expenditure - £7,085.41

Total project income (<i>addition sources of income including cash/in kind</i>):	We are not VAT registered but normally make purchases via Swale BC and reimburse them.
Funding request:	£7,085.41

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