

7. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES

REPORT OF: HEAD OF LEISURE AND SUSTAINABILITY & HEAD OF ECONOMIC PROMOTION AND PLANNING

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Wards Affected: All
Key Decision: No

Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is to present fourteen Facility, Small Revenue, Community & Economic Development and Sponsorship grant applications for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel.

Summary

2. A summary of the applications to be considered and the recommendations from the Grants Assessment Group on the level of financial assistance to be awarded to each organisation are detailed as follows:

Facility Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
Warden Park Academy Trust	Perimeter fencing for new ATP	10,000	10,000*
Scaynes Hill Cricket Club	New cricket nets	12,600	12,600*
Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club	Pavilion extension	65,000	61,716*
Total		87,600	84,316

Community and Economic Development Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
Haywards Heath Twinning Association	175 th Railway Anniversary Mosaic Project	1,020	1,020*
Turners Hill Parish Council	The Ark – heating & water control panel	7,000	0
Burgess Hill Rugby Football Club	Perimeter barrier and rubber matting	2,640	2,700*
East Grinstead Business Association	Website upgrade	1,500	1,500
Burgess Hill OpenSpace	Set up costs	2,100	0
Total		14,260	5,220

Small Revenue Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
Circles Network	Culture Kitchen and Community Garden	1,000	1,000
Haywards Heath Cricket Club	Mobile cricket net	1,000	1,194*
Tadpoles Swimming Club for the Disabled	Pool hire costs	1,000	1,000
Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network	Equipment for wildlife themed activities	1,595	1,595
Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus	Services to support people with disabilities	2,000	1,500
Total		6,595	6,289

* Funded from Section 106 reserves

Sponsorship

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
South of England Show	Sponsorship of Young Craftsman of the Year Award	1,000	1,000
Total		£1,000	£1,000

Recommendations

Members of the Panel are requested to consider and decide upon the recommendations for each of the above applications, summaries of which are attached in Appendices A, B, C and D of this report; and the recommendations made in Appendix F in relation to Facility Grants.

Background

3. This is the third meeting in the 2015/2016 financial year, which considers Small Revenue, Facility and Community and Economic Development grant applications. At this meeting, the Cabinet Grants Panel are also asked to consider an application for Sponsorship for which there is a separate budget allocation.
4. Applications for all grants are assessed against a standard checklist and considered by a "Grants Assessment Group" to ensure a consistent approach to the awarding of grants.

Assessment and Policy Context

5. All applications are assessed against the criteria for the grant scheme, the strategic & cultural context and the Council's corporate priorities.
6. The applications received in this grants round have been considered by the Grants Assessment Group comprising relevant officers from across the authority together with a representative from West Sussex County Council's Public Health, and, unless there is a conflict of interest, the local Council for Voluntary Service.

7. The Group reaches a consensus as to the merit of each application judged against the agreed criteria and the level of funding that should be recommended to the Cabinet Grants Panel.
8. The presence of outside representatives on the group has enabled effective information exchange with regard to any possible duplication of funding and service delivery. A summary of the assessment of each application is included within the individual project reports in Appendices A, B, C and D.
9. All organisations have met the basic criteria and specific grant criteria, i.e. are fully constituted voluntary and not for profit organisations, and have provided the relevant information to support their application.

Other Options Considered

10. The grants provided by this Council are 'pump priming' in the context of enabling the applicants to lever in substantial monies from other organisations, grant-giving charities and national schemes.

Financial Implications

11. All Facility Grants are funded through the use of S106 contributions which the Council holds for the enhancement of capacity for sport, community buildings and other purposes as a result of residential development.
12. Following various small underspends on previously agreed grants and a decision by the Cabinet at their November meeting the current fund stands at:

Scheme	Fund as at 1 st April 2015	Allocated and spent to date	Balance
Community & Economic Development	£178,257*	£119,484	£58,773

*Cabinet agreed to increase the fund by £50,000 at their meeting of the 30th November 2015.

13. Those allocated and spent grants include some carry over grants which were agreed last financial year and also some Cabinet Member delegate applications agreed during this year.
14. If Members agree to the recommendations the balance will be reduced by £6,595 leaving a remainder of £52,178 in the Community & Economic Development fund reserve.

Risk Management Implications

15. The main associated risks that may impact upon the successful implementation of the decisions arising from this report would be the inability of the funded organisations to carry out the services, activities or equipment purchase for which funding had been awarded.
16. Additionally, the sharing of information with West Sussex County Council will ensure that organisations are not being double-funded for the same purpose.
17. A Contract is signed at the application stage by organisations seeking funding that details the terms and conditions under which the grant is given, including the return of all monies to the Council should the purpose for which the grant is awarded not

materialise. In respect of Facility Grants, the Council may impose additional safeguards.

18. All organisations are requested to complete an End of Grant Report at the end of the funding period and required to submit information relating to the grant including purchase invoices, details of the number of residents benefiting from the grant, annual accounts, how the grant was used etc.
19. It is considered that these measures would mitigate the main risks from materialising and indicate a low-risk to the successful outcomes arising from this report.

Equality and customer service implications

20. As part of the assessment process all of the organisations applying for funding from the Council have complied with the required conditions of funding and have the requisite policies and procedures in place including any other relevant legislation.

Legal Implications

21. The Council is not obliged to provide grant funding, but by virtue of section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, it is able to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of its area. This includes the incurring of expenditure, giving financial assistance to any person (or organisation) and entering into arrangements or agreements with any person.

Background Papers

Grant applications and associated documentation for the Small Revenue Grants and individual Facility Grant project files are held in the Community Services and Culture and Economic Development Sections.

Facility Grants Scheme * new application

Town:	Cuckfield
Title of project:	3G Pitch fencing
Applicant:	Warden Park Academy Trust
Type of applicant:	Academy Trust Limited by Guarantee
Previous Grants in past 5 years:	£70,000 - 2012 (Community Room at Warden Park Primary)
Grant Request to MSDC	£ 10,000 (22%)
Total project cost:	£ 45,000

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

Friends of Warden Park	£8,000	Secured
Warden Park Academy Trust	£4,000	Secured
West Sussex County Council Members Fund	£9,000	Unsecured
Student fundraising	£10,000	Unsecured
Sussex Community Foundation	£4,000	Unsecured
Total	£35,000	

Summary of project proposal and aims:

Perimeter fencing for a new 3G sports pitch to be installed and made available for community use at Warden Park Academy, Cuckfield.

Background

Warden Park is a specialist secondary school based in Cuckfield. It specializes in mathematics, ICT, modern foreign languages and sports. There are approximately 1500 students at the school, aged 11 to 16 years old.

The school has grass playing fields which get waterlogged in bad weather which restricts their use and they are not available for community hire. They intend to replace the existing grass playing fields to the rear of the academy with a new floodlit 3rd Generation synthetic rugby / football pitch (97m x 61m) which can be used far more frequently and made available for hire. The school will fund the installation of the new pitch through a seven year leasing agreement linked to income from hirings by local clubs.

They are seeking funding toward the cost of perimeter fencing for the new pitch. The fencing will enclose the pitch to retain the ball during play and will include a rebound feature (e.g. timber kickboard) which allows balls to bounce without damaging the mesh.

The facilities will be made available to local clubs for community hire on week day evenings (40 weeks), weekends (10 hours per day, 50 weeks) and school holidays (10 hours per day, 10 weeks). It will be necessary to get planning permission for the new facilities and the opening times will be subject to planning restrictions.

The school has researched demand for the facilities and negotiations are currently underway with two local sports clubs who are keen to use the new facilities regularly. Based on discussions with interested clubs, they estimate that up to 1,500 Mid Sussex residents could use the facilities which will be available for approx. 2,000 hours annually,

The project plan is to tender for the work in March 2016 in readiness for a twelve week construction phase beginning in early July 2016 (as soon as GCSE exams finish), with a view handover and opening in October.

The Mid Sussex District Council Playing Pitch Strategy identified a shortfall in junior football and rugby pitch provision and identified Warden Park School as a potential site for additional facilities. Cuckfield Parish Council also supports the use of the S106 Formal Sports contributions to fund the facility which will benefit the community and local groups.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st August 2014 which show a surplus of £61k.

Total income was £9,337k; mainly generated from DfE/EFA Revenue Grants (£7,707k), Restricted fixed asset funds (£796k), Catering Income (£423k), Other Donations (£244k) Local Authority Grants (£134k) and Hire of facilities (£33k).

Total expenditure was £9,276k; consisting of Staff Related (£6,929k), Supplies and Services (£1,548k), Actuarial loss on defined benefit pension scheme (£397k), Depreciation (£245k) and Premises (£157k).

Balances held at the end of the period showed net assets of £26,814k, comprising of Tangible assets £27,580k, Cash £797k, Debtors £657k, Stock £5k and Creditors less than 1 year (£913k), Creditors after more than 1 year (£61k) and Pension scheme liability (£1,251k).

How does the project meet the Council's aims?

Better Lives

This project supports healthy lifestyles by increasing the availability of outdoor leisure facilities and providing opportunities for children and adults to take part in sporting activities.

Better Services

New high quality sports facilities will be available for community hire at evenings, weekends and during the school holidays. The floodlighting means they can be used throughout the winter and the synthetic surface ensures they will be bookable whatever the weather.

Better Environment

The school is considering solar powered floodlighting for the pitch. The project will also provide local facilities which should reduce the mileage Cuckfield residents need to travel to access high quality facilities.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project

The assessment group feels that this project to provide perimeter fencing for a new 3G sports pitch at Warden Park Academy will benefit the residents of Cuckfield and the surrounding area by providing improved recreational facilities. This is a relatively modest contribution toward a much larger project which will help to provide much needed additional facilities.

Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award Warden Park Academy Trust a Facility Grant of £10,000 (22% of the total project cost) to fund perimeter fencing for a new 3G sports pitch, which is made up of - £10,000 (P35/737 Land at Ardingly Road, Cuckfield) Section 106 Formal Sport monies.

This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:

- ***that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer***
- ***the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***
- ***planning permission granted allowing community use at evenings and weekends***
- ***An ATP with floodlighting is constructed and a signed community use agreement between the Council and the School is agreed prior to release of funding***

Facility Grants Scheme * new application

Town:	Scaynes Hill
Title of project:	New cricket nets
Applicant:	Scaynes Hill Cricket Club
Type of applicant:	Unincorporated Association
Previous Grants in past 5 years:	None
Grant Request to MSDC	£ 12,600 (75%)
Total project cost:	£ 16,800

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

Scaynes Hill Cricket Club	£4,200	(unsecured)
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Summary of project proposal and aims:

New cricket nets at Scaynes Hill Cricket Club to provide training facilities for juniors and adult players.

Background

Scaynes Hill Cricket Club, founded in 1905, is based at the Awbrook Ground on the A272. The club provides a friendly and relaxed environment within which local community members can learn, play and enjoy cricket and take part in social events. The club offers junior, senior, friendly and league cricket for all standards and abilities and provides coaching to promote skills development.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI all play on Saturdays in the West Sussex Invitation League. The club also plays on Sundays and has a cricket week every year in August. The junior section is thriving with nearly 100 members and five UKCC Level 2 accredited coaches who play and coach at the club.

The club carried out a user/member consultation during Summer 2014 and based on the feedback received, replacing the static nets is the main priority for the committee. They have degraded beyond repair and have not been used recently as they are dangerous and need to be replaced.

The club obtained competitive quotes for replacing them and negotiated a discount from the company that previously serviced their nets. The total cost of replacing them to meet current English Cricket Board standards amounts to

£16,800. The club aims to raise £4,200 toward the cost of the project through fundraising events and donations.

They are intending to purchase an "International" Pitch System (£10,368), Vermin Deterrent Skirting to help deter local wildlife from chewing and damaging the netting (£528) and to replace all the cage components and netting (£5,904).

The ClubTurf 'International' Pitch has a woven synthetic turf surface laid on unbound mineral material (hard-porous) and a stone base. A stiff, porous resin-bonded pad (InterPad) is laid between the ClubTurf surface and the hard-porous top course throughout the pitch. The InterPad resin protects the surface and reduces the need for routine maintenance.

ClubTurf use a Kee Klamp system for the construction of their Netcages using 42.4mm diameter tubes. Kee Klamp fittings are galvanized malleable iron castings designed to create strong, rigid structures that are protected against corrosion. The nets are made from 45mm high tenacity polypropylene square knotless mesh.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 30th September 2014 which show a deficit of £6,763.

Total income was £10,211 mainly generated from Subscriptions (£4,665), Sponsorship (£2,400), Fundraising (£1,595), Bar (£1,541) and Interest (£10).

Total expenditure was £16,974; consisting of Supplies and Services (£10,344) and Premises (£6,630).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £27,268, comprising of Tangible Assets £19,319, Debtors £4,160, Cash £3,516, Stock £2,073 and Creditors (£1,800).

How does the project meet the Council's aims?

Better Lives

The project will provide improved sports facilities which will encourage more people to take part in healthy activities which is good for their physical and emotional wellbeing. In addition to sports training and matches, the club offers provides opportunities for social and community engagement through hires and running a bar.

Better Services

This project will enhance the community cricket facilities available in Scaynes Hill which will help the club to continue to provide high quality training and coaching for children and adults.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project

The assessment group feels that this project to provide new cricket nets at the Awbrook Ground will benefit the residents of Scaynes Hill and the surrounding area by providing improved sporting facilities. The Mid Sussex District Council Playing Pitch Strategy recognised the importance of village cricket and the recommendation regarding this site was that the facilities should be retained and enhanced. By 2031, a shortfall of two cricket pitches in the District is forecast as a result of housing growth so it is important that we support pro-active clubs.

Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award Scaynes Hill Cricket Club a Facility Grant of £12,600 (75% of the total project cost) to fund new cricket nets, which is made up of - £872 (P35/563 Land at Lark Rise), £3,288 (P35/507 Land adjacent to Backwood), £7,128 (P35/548 Land at Compton Road) and £1,312 (P35/594 Land North of Lyoth Lane) Section 106 Formal Sport monies.

This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer***
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***

Facility Grants Scheme * new application

Town:	Hurstpierpoint
Title of project:	Extension to bowling club pavilion
Applicant:	Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club
Type of applicant:	Unincorporated Association Community Amateur Sports Club
Previous Grants in past 5 years:	None
Grant Request to MSDC	£ 65,000 (50%)
Total project cost:	£ 130,000

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

WSCC Big Society	£13,825	Secured
Bowls England	£20,000	Secured
Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club	£12,000	Secured
WSCC Big Society	£11,175	Unsecured
WSCC Community Initiative Fund	£5,000	Unsecured
HBC 50+ Club	£3,000	Unsecured
Total	£65,000	

Summary of project proposal and aims:

Extension to the bowling pavilion at South Avenue Recreation Ground, Hurstpierpoint to provide more space for short mat indoor bowls and other activities, improved changing and social facilities.

Background

Hurstpierpoint Bowls Club in South Avenue was founded in 1923. The site is owned by the Parish Council and leased to the club who maintain the building and grounds.

The Club is open for bowling every day from late April until mid-September. Mens, Ladies and Mixed "Friendly" matches with other Clubs take place throughout the season, and the Club also enters Teams for several Leagues and Knock out Cups. In recent years the Club has seen a lot of success in these competitions, including winning the Mid Sussex League for the eighth time in 2009.

The club has 150 members with its present playing members being approximately 60 men and 40 women with the proportion of women members

steadily increasing. It is accessible and inclusive and caters for members who want to play socially and for those who want to play sport at a national level. They are pleased to have members who are, for example, nearly blind or physically handicapped. Members represent Hurstpierpoint in District, County and national competitions and the ladies team were runners up at the National Finals in 2015.

The Club has a five year development plan and aims to increase membership, support members to gain coaching qualifications and make improvements to the clubhouse.

The capital project will improve the changing facilities, install an acoustic ceiling, create a new bar area and enlarge the social space so that it is suitable for short mat bowls and can be used all year round. These improvements would allow the club to hire out the pavilion to other users for exercise classes such as pilates, tai chi and yoga and to social and community groups such as U3A, the historical society and the Women's Institute. This would bring in additional income through hires and the bar which will help the club remain sustainable and viable in the long term.

The plan is to extend the western end of the clubhouse by approximately 7 metres and the eastern end by 3.5 metres. Extending the western end will create space for a new men's changing room and an enlarged ladies changing room and more space in the clubhouse by the removal of the existing men's changing room. The extension to the eastern end will enlarge the clubroom so it is long enough for short mat bowls and a self-contained bar.

The club aim to carry out the work in October 2016 – April 2017 and it will cost £130k in total. The club has already secured £45,825 match funding to date so this award would leave them £22,459 to find through further fundraising. If necessary the work could be carried out in two phases but this would be more costly.

Cabinet Grants Panel members should note, the recommended grant is funded through developer contributions from three sites in Hurstpierpoint and three in Burgess Hill (*marked with an asterisk) that were collected for Formal Sport in the South Area and are due to expire shortly so must be committed and spent as soon as possible to comply with the terms of the legal agreements.

Also, there are few precedents for awarding a large grant of this amount for facility improvements but this project has the full support of the Parish Council and the grant is fully funded through Section 106 Formal Sport contributions.

Head of Finance Comments

Audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 30th September 2014 which show a surplus of £1,085.

Total income was £28,614 mainly generated from Miscellaneous (£9,959), Subscriptions (£9,399), Other Income (£2,516), Donations (£2,330), Other Activities (£2,210) and Match and Green Fees (£2,200). Total expenditure was £27,529; consisting of Supplies and Services (£14,711), Donations (£10,596) and Premises (£2,222). Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £13,667, comprising of Cash £13,667.

How does the project meet the Council's aims?

Better Lives

Short mat bowls is an inclusive sport that would appeal to older members for whom playing outdoors is becoming increasingly difficult and some social members who have given up playing outdoors. The improved acoustics will benefit all users and particularly those with hearing difficulties.

Better Services

The extension will allow members to play short mat bowls in the winter and will mean that the club facilities are available all year rather than primarily in the summer. It will also mean that there are more social and physical activities available to local residents.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project

The assessment group feels that this project to provide an extension to the Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club pavilion at South Avenue will benefit the residents of Hurstpierpoint and the surrounding area by providing improved facilities for indoor and outdoor sports and recreational activities. It will provide more choice for local residents and a range of activities that are accessible to older and disabled participants.

Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club a Facility Grant of £61,716 (47% of the total project cost) to fund an extension to the pavilion, which is made up of - £40,752 (P35/778 Land at Chalkers Lane), £4,941 (P35/544 Land at Orchard Way), £2,162 (P35/450 Land at Fielding, Reeds Lane), £4,087 (*P35/344 Land at 167-171 Junction Road), £4,050 (*P35/555b Land at 94 Mill Road Scheme B), £5,724 (*P35/523a Land at 26 and rear of 20-24 Folders Lane) Section 106 Formal Sport monies.

This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:

- that it can be demonstrated that the project can be funded in its entirety with 12 months of the grant offer***
- the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***
- planning approval is obtained for the project***

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Twinning Association
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	175th Railway Anniversary Mosaic Project
Total Project Cost	:	£4,300
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,020
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information:

The Haywards Heath Twinning Association (HHTA) is a community group formed to promote and foster friendship, understanding and links between the people of Haywards Heath and our twinned towns of Bondues (France) and Traunstein (Germany). The twinning association aims to encourage visits by individuals and groups from the twin towns and develop personal contacts to broaden mutual understanding of cultural, recreational, educational and commercial activities.

In 2016, it will be 175 years since the railway came to Haywards Heath and there will be an important town celebration. Southern Rail have agreed that the HHTA can place two mosaics within the station to celebrate both the anniversary and the twinning links.

The HHTA intend to commission experienced mosaic artist Oliver Budd to create the works. Budd Mosaics work across Kent, Sussex, London and South East England and have designed and produced works for churches, schools, public spaces and private clients (<http://www.buddmosaics.co.uk/publicart.html>)

The first 47 x 47" mosaic will be on the station concourse at the foot of the stairs leading to platforms 3 and 4. A draft design depicts the flags of the three countries, various motifs of national significance, a steam and a modern train. The mosaic will be a visual reminder of the importance of the educational and social links between the three twinned towns.

The second 48 x 36" mosaic will be made following workshops with eight local schools and will be installed in the information / waiting room on platforms 3 and 4. The work is planned to take place between February and August 2016.

The twinning association has raised £500 in match funding from Haywards Heath Town Council, £500 through fundraising activities and donations and £2,280 from the Central Mid Sussex CLC. In addition they will be hosting large delegations from the twinned towns during the 175 year celebrations and these costs are not included as part of this application.

Haywards Heath Town Council is fully supportive of this initiative, to celebrate the Town's association with French and German twin towns, and has been working closely with the Twinning Association.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st December 2014 which show a deficit of £141.

Total income was £1,384; mainly generated from Fundraising (£905), Membership Subscriptions (£471) and Interest (£8).

Total expenditure was £1,525; consisting of Supplies and Services (£1,525). Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £4,473, comprising of Cash £4,473.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Corporate Grant Assessment Group Passengers from Mid Sussex and visitors to the town will benefit from this creative project which will be unique to Haywards Heath and provide a lasting reminder of the friendship links between the twin towns.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project will involve children and young people and teach them new design and making skills. It will also inspire them to find out more about the cultural, educational, commercial links between Haywards Heath and our twined towns.

Better Environment – the project will create two permanent works of art which will enhance the functional station environment and add some local character.

Recommendation

As there is Section 106 funding available for Public Art in Haywards Heath the Assessment Group recommend that the sum of £1,000 is awarded to the Haywards Heath Twinning Association toward the 175th Railway Anniversary Mosaic Project as follows - £1,020 (P35/648b Land at 18-22 Franklynn Road).

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Turners Hill Parish Council
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	The Ark – heating & water control panel
Total Project Cost	:	£12,081
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£7,000
Previous Grants	:	£18,307 The Ark - refurbishment (2014) £2,511 The Ark – refurbishment (2014)

Background information:

The Ark is a purpose built village hall, built and owned by the District Council. Turners Hill Parish Council lease the building and is responsible for internal maintenance. The hall provides a centre for a variety of local activities as well as being let to the general public for parties, meetings and other community events. The Parish Council has worked hard to ensure the facilities are well maintained and has recently carried out a major refurbishment of the hall.

The Parish Council raised extra funds by holding several fund raising events over a 12 month period. Further decorating and refurbishment is required and work will continue over the next 12 months.

In addition there is a pressing need to replace the heating control panel which is now 22 years old and obsolete. Spare parts are needed that are no longer available. The Parish Council has set aside a sum of money raised through rental income to have the new panel installed but it is insufficient.

The Parish Council states that if the application is unsuccessful, they will have to do more fundraising but that will seriously delay the work.

Head of Finance Comments

Turners Hill Parish Council is a statutory body and therefore it is not normal practice to comment on the organisations financial accounts.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Although this project would improve the facilities at The Ark and reduce energy bills it does not strongly support the Council's corporate objectives. Turners Hill Parish Council are responsible for internal repairs and this project should be part of routine repairs and renewals.

The guidelines state Community & Economic Development grants should be used to support projects that contribute to a prosperous local economy and the

maximum award is £5,000. The Council has already made an exception to this rule and awarded Turners Hill Parish Council £20,818 in 2014/15 for a capital project to refurbish the Ark because there were (and still are) no Section 106 funds available to fund capital improvements to community buildings in Turners Hill.

It would not be advisable to waive the rules on a regular basis as this could set a precedent, making the guidelines invalid and open to challenge by other organisations seeking funds for routine maintenance.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project will improve the leisure facilities.

Better Services – the project will provide value for money and a more efficient and effective service.

Better Environment –the work done will make the heating system efficient and costs will be reduced which will be of benefit to residents.

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel does not offer a grant to Turners Hill Parish Council for this project.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Burgess Hill Rugby Football Club
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Perimeter barrier and rubber matting
Total Project Cost	:	£3,190
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,640
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information:

Burgess Hill Rugby Football Club (BHRFC) known as the Sussex All Blacks, is a company limited by guarantee that was established in 1961. The team is based at the Southway Recreation ground, Poveys Close which is owned and managed by the Council.

BHRFC is a rugby union club that currently fields a 1st XV in the Sussex Spitfire 1 league and a 2nd XV in the Sussex 'Oranjeboom' 2 West league. The club provides rugby for both genders and currently has 83 adult players, 108 players between 5-18 years of age and 16 volunteers who help with coaching, clearing, cooking maintenance and administration.

The rugby club wants to install a pitch perimeter barrier and permeable grass plastic mats on one side of the pitch supplied by Stadium Solutions, based in Sayers Common. Pitch barriers protect both spectators and players from accidents happening by limiting the proximity to the pitch. The addition of a permeable plastic mats will create a safe not-slip surface for the spectators to stand on.

The matting is made of recycled rubber is recycled and the pattern of 25mm holes allows for adequate and efficient drainage. The mats limit soil erosion and damage to the grass roots and the holes allow the grass to grow through and be mowed as usual.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 28th February 2015 which show a surplus of £620.

Total income was £48,324 mainly generated from Bar and Catering (£12,801), Junior Rugby (£9,675), Subscriptions (£9,646), Marketing and Commercial (£7,808), Social and Fundraising (£5,123), Donations and Grants (£3,265) and Interest (£6).

Total expenditure was £47,704; consisting of Supplies and Services (£42,289) and Depreciation (£5,415).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £53,584, comprising of Tangible Assets £29,052, Cash £28,324, Debtors £2,442, Stock £2,202 and Creditors (£8,166).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

This project will provide a safe place for spectators to stand and will improve the facilities at the rugby club. There are some questions about whether it is acceptable to install fencing on a public recreation ground but these would be dealt with through the special conditions.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project will improve the facilities for rugby players and spectators. Community sports provision encourages participation in healthy outdoor pursuits and improves wellbeing.

Better Environment – the project will make use of recycled materials and be provided by a local company which limits the environmental impact.

Recommendation

As there is Section 106 funding available for Formal Sport in Burgess Hill it the Assessment Group recommend that the sum of £2,700 is awarded toward the Burgess Hill Rugby Club for a perimeter barrier and rubber matting, as follows - £2,700 (P35/555a Land at 94 Mill Road Scheme A)

This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:

- **the project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained**
- **obtaining landlords consent to install the fencing and matting on Council owned recreation land**
- **obtaining planning permission (if necessary)**

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	East Grinstead Business Association (EGBA)
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Website upgrade
Total Project Cost	:	£2,160
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,500
Previous Grants	:	£1,000 Music Video (2014) £4,750 Mural (2014) – withdrawn £1,000 Welcome sign (2015) £2,500 Revenue funding (2015)

Background information:

The East Grinstead Business Association (EGBA), established in 2008, is a non-profit making unincorporated association that aims

- to advance the interests of the businesses and service industries of East Grinstead
- support measures to improve the social, environmental and economic conditions of the community
- to work with local government and other organisations on behalf of the business and commercial interests of the town

Membership of the EGBA costs £95 per annum and is open to representatives of trading and commercial entities operating within the greater East Grinstead area, or wishing to do business in the area.

The EGBA believes that their current website does not utilise modern technology efficiently, and is looking to update it and increase visits to the site by businesses, people (particularly visitors) and potential investors in East Grinstead.

The business association intends to revamp and update their website to make it more responsive and with a view to increasing membership. The project aims to generate more hits per page and a more vibrant local business community.

The upgrade will ensure that the website is adapted to work fully on all smartphones and tablets. The existing events, promotions and membership directory systems will be upgraded to allow members to be more interactive with the website. The membership directory also requires upgrading to help member businesses to be showcased more clearly.

The project aims to improve accessibility and the business association's image in order to drive up membership thus improving the financial independence and the sustainability of the EGBA.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year 2014 which show a surplus of £3,436.

Total income was £14,145 mainly generated from Subscriptions (£11,810) and Sundry income and advertising (£2,335).

Total expenditure was £10,709; consisting of Supplies and Services (£10,709).

No balance sheet was provided.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The applicant has provided limited information to demonstrate how this project meets the Council's corporate objectives. The main benefit identified is the potential increase in membership resulting in greater financial stability for the EGBA but the applicant has not provided any information about targets for new members, promotions and campaigns or how the project fits within the Council's priorities.

EGBA has had an operational website for several years and this project could be considered part of their ongoing running costs. However, a vibrant business community is undoubtedly of benefit to residents by providing employment, services and retail opportunities and the Council is keen to support the local economy.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Services – a good website is essential for a modern organisation.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1,500 from the Community and Economic Development Fund be agreed as a contribution towards an upgrade to the East Grinstead Business Association website.

Community and Economic Development Grants Scheme * new application

Name of Organisation	:	Burgess Hill OpenSpace
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Set up costs
Total Project Cost	:	£4,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,100
Previous Grants	:	None

Background information:

The application form states that the Burgess Hill OpenSpace is a company limited by guarantee but the draft constitution submitted does not support this and the organisation is not registered at Companies House. Also, the draft constitution indicates that the applicant intend to set up as a community interest company.

The aim of the project is to establish an open space facility which will meet the common aims of Shed and Hackspace memberships, and provide further opportunities for other professional groups.

OpenSpace is a new development for the Burgess Hill community based on two successful movements: Men's Shed and Hackerspace. The Men's Shed movement began in Australia in the 1990's to address the loss of occupational social interaction due to retirement or redundancy. Today Men's Sheds are found throughout the world and currently 150 are operating in the UK with over 3000 members. The Hackerspace Movement also began in the 1990's, in Germany and its members were interested in computers and associated technologies. The UK Hackspace Foundation was formed in 2009 to help communities start and create their own spaces locally.

Hackspaces and Sheds have some common features, they are community based, where people meet to socialise, share knowledge, learn and collaborate. Both provide open workshop spaces with equipment, tools and other facilities to help members with their own projects and collaborative ventures.

The Burgess Hill OpenSpace project aims to be self-supporting in terms of funding, management, control, training and development through an active membership, largely drawn locally. The organisation will engage local industry, businesses, education centres and the wider community in order to make voluntary contributions in the form of supporting or leading projects, workshops and events and resources.

The applicant states that the formation of a board of trustees, setting up of a company and defining a constitution is considered to be straightforward and is

unlikely to need external funds. However access to premises and membership (estimated at 100) may prove more difficult to address.

Funding is required to run a series of five awareness and introductory workshops in the Burgess Hill area in early 2016, involving potential members and community stakeholders. A grant would cover the cost of promotional / marketing materials, handouts and room hire. During 2016 OpenSpace will seek appropriate premises and a grant would also contribute to the costs of running workshops on a weekly basis in temporary premises during the first year.

Head of Finance Comments

No accounts were provided only projections.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Although this project appears a worthwhile venture, it is currently being led by an individual and the applicant has failed to demonstrate any local demand or interest from community stakeholders. The purpose of the grant is to generate this interest. The Assessment Group think that further work is needed to establish the organisation, find interested partners, locate suitable premises and develop a business plan before the Council should consider offering grant aid. It is therefore suggested that Officers should provide the applicant with feedback and encourage a reapplication when new partners are engaged in the project and demand for the project has been proven.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the project would provide opportunities for socially excluded people, men in particular, to socialise, learn and share skills.

Better Services – there are limited services available in the local area. The applicant states that nearest Men's Sheds projects are in Worthing, Eastbourne and Tunbridge Wells.

Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel does not offer a grant to Burgess Hill OpenSpace for this project at this time.

SMALL REVENUE GRANTS

Name of Organisation	:	Circles Network
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Culture Kitchen and Community Garden
Total Project Cost	:	£1,000
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,000
Previous Grants	:	2014 - £1,000,
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	n/a

Background information:

Circles Network have been working in the Mid Sussex area for 10 years. They work to build inclusive communities by working with disadvantaged, disaffected, isolated and disabled people, supporting them to be fully included in their community by valuing their skills and abilities and by helping them to develop support networks. Circles Network runs the Mid Sussex Time Bank, which was seed funded by the Council.

Grant funding will enable Circles Network to continue to run the 'Culture Kitchen' and 'Community Garden' projects which involve over 50 local people in social activities. The Culture Kitchen project began with cooking classes to share experiences and cooking skills. Participants teach each other authentic ethnic recipes and share stories from their countries to bring the flavours to life and celebrate their cultural heritage. They currently meet at the Yews in Haywards Heath but would like to take the Culture Kitchen to community events into the rest of Mid Sussex during the summer.

The Community Garden project is based behind Saltworkz Café in Bentswood and members are largely from low income families, people not in education or employment, have a disability and older people. These people in particular benefit from not only eating a healthier diet but also from a healthier lifestyle – exercise and fresh air. The participants grow seasonal vegetables, herbs and unusual 'ethnic' crops like wasabi horseradish with a wildflower bed to encourage bio diversity. Members may take their produce to the Cultural Kitchen where they can explore the richness of other cultures, breaking down barriers to isolation.

The grant will make a contribution toward promotional materials (£300), insurances (£200) and fees for staff to supervise activities and manage the project (£500). The Circles Network is also investigating the potential to extend this project to Burgess Hill.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently audited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2013 which show a deficit of £82,266.

Total income was £1,325,018; mainly generated from Charitable activities (£1,129,629), Other income (£162,484), Voluntary Income (£16,162), Unrealised gains on investment assets (£13,965) and Investment income (£2,778).

Total expenditure was £1,407,284; consisting of Staff Related (£1,018,923) and Supplies and Services (£388,361).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £402,690, comprising of Tangible assets £16,754, Investments £254,397, Cash £180,310, Debtors £74,392, and Creditors (£123,163).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

These Culture Kitchen and Community Garden projects provide social and constructive activities that support disadvantaged people. These activities help to combat loneliness and social isolation and are of great benefit to the participants who can learn and share skills.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – through research the Maudsley NHS Foundation has identified a number of key factors that can help combat loneliness and promote good mental health and physical wellbeing such as activeness, learning, giving, connecting, taking notice and caring for the planet. This project aims to provide opportunities for people to take part and improve their lives based on these principles.

Recommendation

£1,000

Name of Organisation	:	Haywards Heath Cricket Club
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Mobile cricket net
Total Project Cost	:	£1,194
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,000
Previous Grants	:	N/A
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	n/a

Background information:

Haywards Heath Cricket Club, situated at Clair Park, was founded in 1897. The club has a thriving colts section (Reception to Year 12) and entered five teams in the North & Mid Sussex Junior Cricket League (two U9s, plus U11s, U13s and U15s). They also have a large coaching team that hold ECB Level 1 or Level 2 coaching qualifications.

The club runs 2 Senior Saturday sides competing in the top Sussex Cricket Leagues and their Sunday XI play friendlies against local teams and the Midweek XI play throughout the summer.

Cricket is an inclusive sport that attracts a high percentage of black and minority ethnic players. Women's cricket is also growing and Haywards Heath Cricket Club junior teams often have a mixture of girls and boys. Haywards Heath Cricket Club holds the ECB/Sport England Club Mark accreditation. This is a national scheme that recognises good practice in a number of areas such as child protection and safety, quality coaching, equal opportunities and management.

The club is seeking a grant to enable them to purchase a 24ft Pro-Club cricket cage made from galvanised steel. The additional mobile cricket net will substantially improve the quality of training available to the juniors by allowing more practice on the square, rather than the outfield which is uneven and bumpy. The club currently has 111 junior members and additional net facilities will improve their development and enjoyment of the game.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st October 2015 which show a surplus of £2,433.

Total income was £23,746; mainly generated from Bar and Tea Income (£7,875), Subscriptions (£4,715), Match levies and indoor nets (£4,188), Fundraising (£2,270), Match Funds (£1,605), Sponsors (£1,000), Other Income (£858), Social members/donations (£477), Grants (£400) and Gift Aid (£358).

Total expenditure was £21,313; consisting of Supplies and Services (£12,814), Staff Related (£5,000) and Premises (£3,498).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £2,872, comprising of Cash £2,872.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

This project will enable the club to improve their facilities and the training opportunities available for junior players. It will enable more children and young people to take part in cricket and will support their development and encourage healthy lifestyles.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – by participating in cricket within an organised club environment, children develop fitness and stamina, balance and coordination, social skills, team skills and personal responsibility.

Better Services – the mobile net will last for a number of years and benefit a huge number of children. It will improve the facilities and service the club can provide to its members and should encourage more children to get involved.

Recommendation

£1,194 – to be funded through Section 106 Formal Sport (P35/339 Commonwealth House, Heath Road).

Name of Organisation	:	Tadpoles Swimming Club for the Disabled
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Pool hire costs
Total Project Cost	:	£3,314
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,000
Previous Grants	:	2014/15 - £1,000 2013/14 - £550 2012/13 - £500 2010/11 - £860 (S106) 2009/10 - £500
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	n/a

Background information:

Tadpoles is a local community organisation affiliated to the National Association of Swimming Clubs for the Handicapped (registered charity no. 477772). The club delivers high standards of assistance, through properly trained teachers in water therapy, to children, young adults and older people who have specialist requirements to help them cope with life and be more self-sufficient.

The activities provide enjoyment, social contact and rehabilitation following medical issues such as stroke or surgery. People can join Tadpoles through open membership or medical referral, there are approximately 80 members aged 10 – 80 years old who pay a small annual subscription charge of £2 plus 50p per session.

The current membership is a mixed gender group with a varied range of disabilities including cerebral palsy, amputees, strokes, multiple sclerosis, the partially sighted and arthritics.

Tadpoles is seeking a grant toward the cost of weekly pool hire which is £63 per session. Other running costs that are covered by the club include training of helpers, replacement and repair of specialist equipment such as a new poolside wheelchair and insurance.

This grant will make an essential contribution to the continued running of the club. Club members benefit from the swimming activities as evidenced by the high level of attendance and feedback of enhanced quality of life of the members. There are no other similar clubs in the local area.

Through active participation under trained supervision members gain self-confidence, learn to swim and / or be active in water, including cases of temporary disability, for example following strokes or surgery, assisting rehabilitation.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2014 which show a surplus of £86.

Total income was £4,185 mainly generated from Donations (£3,379), Subscriptions (£486), Other income (£312) and Interest (£9).

Total expenditure was £4,099; consisting of Supplies and Services (£4,099).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £13,334, comprising of Cash £13,334.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

The Tadpoles Swimming club for the Disabled provides a valuable service to people, predominantly in the north of the district, with disabilities and rehabilitation needs. It provides training for volunteers, opportunities for social contact and improves member's quality of life and health.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives - By attending swimming sessions members enjoy social contact with other people with disabilities and also able-bodied people. It helps increase their self-confidence and learn to cope better with their physical and mental problems, thus ensuring a better quality of life.

Recommendation

£1,000

Name of Organisation	:	Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Equipment for wildlife themed activities
Total Project Cost	:	£1,595
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£1,595
Previous Grants	:	2014 - £1,294
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	2014 - £1,437

Background information:

Friends of the Burgess Hill Green Circle Network carry out conservation work to maintain wildlife and wildlife habitats in and around Burgess Hill. Annual subscription costs £6 per household and members receive a 12 page quarterly A4 colour newsletter.

The Friends group provides informative educational activities throughout the year; all activities are free except for the indoor talks for which they make a small admission charge to adults to cover the cost of hall hire and speaker (£2 for members, £3 non-members). They also have regular visits from Woodland Meads and from Young Carers who have both written letters in support of this application.

The annual "Wild About Mid Sussex" event – in partnership with MSDC and BHTC – was attended by 3,000 visitors in June 2015 during Burgess Hill Town week. Free wildlife-themed school holidays activities attracted 1,021 attendances in total in 2015, despite some dreadful wet weather.

The grant will fund the extra equipment needed to run a range of free outdoor, wildlife-themed activities, mostly aimed at children, although they appeal to adults too. The Friends intend to offer bat walks, meadow-sweeping and pond dipping for "minibeasts", small mammal surveys, exotic reptile handling, butterfly, flower, fungus and tree spotting. They would particularly like to enable bird watching, which has a very wide appeal. They aim to engage 5,000 people from Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Hassocks and Hurstpeirpoint in the activities in 2016.

To run the sessions, and cater for growing numbers at events, they need additional equipment to so no one has to wait too long to use it. The grant will fund the purchase of the following equipment needed to carry out the wildlife sessions - ten meadow sweeping nets, a nature spotting telescope with tripod, 2 x 2 person chair hides, 2 foldable beating trays for collecting bugs and larvae, 2 packs of 30 collecting pots, a motic field microscope, 2 HB-type Pooters to draw insects into the collecting chamber, an A4 waterproof clipboard and 2 packs of 3 waterproof pens, 60 chairs and a Garmin eTrex20 GPS for logging the positions of dormouse, bird and bat boxes, rare plant locations, sites to revisit for observation.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st March 2014 which show a surplus of £1,239.

Total income was £8,864 mainly generated from Grants (£3,731), Donations (£2,422), Subscriptions (£1,101), Fundraising (£686), Entrance fees (£521), Gift Aid repayment (£246), Miscellaneous (£152) and Interest (£5).

Total expenditure was £7,625; consisting of Supplies and Services (£7,625).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £8,530, comprising of Cash £8,530.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

This project will provide the equipment needed to run a series of educational and fund workshops to enable children and their families to learn more about the local habitat and wildlife. The events are run by volunteers and are offered free of charge to participants so this seems very good value and a worthwhile cause that encourages children to enjoy outdoor pursuits.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – scientific studies have long proved the less obvious benefits of the countryside to the community. These include not only walking and other healthy activities in the open air, but also the therapeutic and uplifting effects of getting out of the stressful urban environment for a while, to enjoy relaxing open expanses of trees and wildflowers – and the occasional thrilling glimpse of wild creatures.

Better Environment – the Friends aim to encourage people to take a lasting interest in local wildlife around them and in the preservation of their habitats for everyone to enjoy. While aiming at all ages, they particularly seek to encourage children, the future citizens of Mid Sussex, to appreciate and cherish our open spaces and resident wildlife.

Recommendation

£1,595

Name of Organisation	:	Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SASBAH)
Purpose for which Grant is Sought	:	Services to support people with disabilities
Total Project Cost	:	£6,575
Amount of Grant Sought	:	£2,000
Previous Grants	:	2014/15 - £1,000 2013/14 - £800 2012/13 - £750 2011/12 - £1,000 2010/11 - £1,000
Grants Awarded from WSCC	:	2015 - £4,750

Background information:

The Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SASBAH) provides the following services for members who pay £5 per annum to join:

- Advisor Service which provides (through home visits, telephone and/or email) round-the-clock information, advice, support and advocacy in many different subjects, including health care, housing, transport, financial benefits, employment, family support, and help toward independent living.
- Education Advisors to work (in tandem with the General Advisors) with children, families and schools to enable children to get the best from their education.
- Family support – direct support to sustain care and quality of life, including respite and relief of stress.
- Youth work – providing fortnightly disabilities youth club, a large summer activities programme for those with disabilities and other special projects including specific support to enable those with disabilities to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- Residential breaks – providing respite and a chance for people to share experiences, 5 to 6 each year for different age groups (3 or 4 specifically for young disabled people, offering challenging new experiences).
- Health Clinic – a consultant led clinic at Chailey Heritage, run jointly with the NHS and offering conditions specific health care advice and treatment
- Community Development – creating a broader awareness and understanding of the conditions and disabilities generally, encouraging volunteering and running local support groups
- Social Enterprise Centre – to enable service users to train and gain work experience. Main aims are transition to employment and personal development.
- The Social Programme offers a full and varied programme of social events throughout the year, some in Mid Sussex, but all (with assisted transport if necessary) open to all Mid Sussex residents.
- The Sussex Buddy Scheme offers disabled people a one-to-one befriending service to enable them to access community facilities and to engage in community social activity
- The Mid Sussex Local Support Group which meets monthly enabling local service users and their families to share experiences, improve understanding of the conditions, combat social isolation, gain access locally to Sasbah support services, and keep Sasbah informed of their needs.

The grant will sustain support work for those with disabilities in Mid Sussex which has been an essential part of the support network in the area for 50 years, helping to combat social isolation and to increase prospects of independent living. Demand for these services continues to rise.

Head of Finance Comments

Independently examined accounts have been submitted for the year ending 31st December 2014 which show a deficit of £7,317.

Total income was £218,785 mainly generated from Grants and Trusts (£187,873), Fundraising (£8,680) Donations and Collections (£8,170), Gift Aid (£7,329), Subscriptions (£5,509) and Interest (£1,224).

Total expenditure was £226,102; consisting of Staff Related (£143,739) and Supplies and Services (£82,363).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £124,985, comprising of Tangible Assets £7,027, Cash £121,978, Debtors £45,311 and Creditors (£49,331).

Corporate Grant Assessment Group's evaluation of the project

Sasbah provide specialist service for people with disabilities that enable users, as far as possible, to live independently in the community. They rely on volunteers to carry out a variety of roles and provide excellent value for money.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Lives – the Advisors can assist service users and help them access services in relation to housing, transition to employment and health problems such as obesity, mobility, pressure sores and continence issues. Sasbah services help to combat social exclusion and assist with independent living and involvement in community life. The social programme, averaging around 10 events per month across the County provides opportunities to meet, share experiences and thereby gain advice and confidence.

Recommendation

£1,500

ORGANISATION: SOUTH OF ENGLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (SEAS).

Purpose for which Grant is Sought : Young Craftsperson Award 2016

Amount of Grant Sought : £1000

Previous Grants : Annual

Background information:

The South East Agricultural Society has for many years promoted the annual Young Craftsperson of the Year competition. The competition is open to anyone studying in the South East, aged 14-21 years and can be working in any medium e.g. wood, metalwork, glass or ceramics. 2016 will be the thirtieth year of staging the competition.

The Awards are showcased on the Wednesday of the annual South of England Show at Ardingly in June whilst the judging takes place on the day before the Show opens. The presentation of awards and prizes also takes place on the Saturday of the show.

The project meets the following corporate objectives

Better Services – By supporting this competition the Council will be demonstrating its role as a local leader to visitors to the Annual show as well as Members of the Society, who see that the Council associates itself to this significant event. This will have a positive effect on the Council's reputation and particularly amongst residents as it is seen to be supporting one of the largest events that take place in the district.

Better Lives - This will also encourage the continuation of skills and crafts in the future. The competition provides an opportunity to celebrate the work of young people in local crafts and skills in the South East.

Better Environment – the Council's sponsorship will enable the SEAS to encourage young people to develop skills which are environmentally sound and help promote greener and sustainable solutions. By association it also demonstrates the Council's support of this major event which derives a boost to expenditure in the local economy from primary and secondary spend by visitors to the show.

Conclusion

The Council has been supporting these awards for many years as these provide an opportunity to demonstrate skills of young people and demonstrate the Council's support of what is one of the major events in the District's Calendar.

Recommendation

That the sum of £1000 from the Community Services & Culture budget be agreed as Mid Sussex District Council sponsorship of the Annual Young Craftsperson of the Year award at the Ardingly Show 2016.

APPENDIX E

END OF GRANT REPORTS 2014/15

SMALL REVENUE GRANTS

Organisation	Award	Original Purpose of grant	How the grant was used	How has the grant benefited residents of Mid Sussex	How many people in Mid Sussex have been given assistance as a result of the grant	Other sources of funding received for the project in the financial year 2013/14
Circles Network	£3,000	Contribution toward setting up three rural Time Banks	The Mid Sussex Time Bank has shared over 900 hours of skills. The project has also run Inclusive Arts Festivals in Handcross and Staplefield and runs a community garden and cultural kitchen.	The service has helped members feel less isolated and vulnerable people are signposted to other services.	There are over 70 members and over 300 people have attended workshops, arts festivals and events.	£1,00 BHTC, £750 HHTC, £8,500 Lottery grant £500 Cooperative
West Sussex Mediation Services	£1,500	Provision of free mediation services using trained volunteers.	There were 62 referrals which was a 5% increase on the previous year. Recruited and trained one new mediator and provided refresher training to all Mid Sussex based mediators.	The service has helped to resolve conflicts that could have escalated to become more serious involving Police and other agencies. The mediation service has provided volunteering opportunities and helped with community relations and fear of crime.	62 referrals which equates to about 375 individuals directly affected and many more indirectly.	Affinity Sutton - £3,610, Police & Crime Commissioner - £9,000 (countywide), HHTC - £250, EGTC - £200, Parish Councils - £300.
Disability Access – East	£800	Contribution towards	The grant has assisted in enabling the group's work	The projects undertaken by the group potentially are of	Potentially, all disabled people	£400 from EGTC £500 collections

Grinstead Area		running costs	to provide and improve access to facilities and services in East Grinstead and the surrounding area.	benefit to all disabled people in the area. Individual projects have benefitted disabled users of the services and facilities. The mobility equipment loan scheme and the readers group continue to improve quality of life for the participants.	in the area.	£1000 from North Mid Sussex CLC – this was specifically to support mobility equipment loan service and Visually Impaired Readers Group
East Grinstead Choral Society	£2,000	Contribution towards staging	To purchase staging – decking units, guard rails, fixing brackets, chair stop plates, allen keys and spanners.	Having their own staging is safer for members of the choir and improves audience satisfaction. The new staging is easy to set up and take down for each event.	60- 70 members plus concert audiences of up to 200 people.	£2,000 East Grinstead Common Good Trust £500 from the family of the late Marion Ward, a long standing member.
East Grinstead CVS	£587	Projector	To purchase a projector which has been used at a number of training courses, forums and network meetings attended by voluntary sector groups.	Without the projector the CVS would have had to borrow one and may not have been able to run these events.	132 delegates at five events.	None.
East Grinstead Flower Club	£250	Contribution towards Flowers in the Community Event	To help with mechanics, flowers and workshop set up costs.	Taught the church how to run a flower festival to great effect. They were able to run workshops for children and adults and have attracted new members.	Difficult to quantify as they felt that the teachers and parents did not support the event	Rotary Club £150. £150 match funding by the Flower Club and donation of £150.

					as predicted, however, their club and others in Kent, Sussex and Surrey did support. They thought it was very good to see the club members working as a team.	
Filipino-British Association of Haywards Heath & Burgess Hill	£500	Sportsfest	Awaiting End of Grant Report.			
Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network	£1,294	Equipment for outdoor activities programme	The equipment has been used at numerous events and will continue to be used for many years at similar free events/	Provided free educational and recreational open-air wildlife orientated events throughout the year, particularly for children, aimed to foster interest in local wildlife and its habitats and a desire to preserve them for future generations. Also promoting the benefits of healthy outdoor activity.	At least 1481.	Burgess Hill Lions £2,000 South Mid Sussex CLC £1,300
Kangaroos Mid Sussex	£3,443	Contribution towards PALS Saturday Club and Playscheme	Kangaroos have run 36 Saturday afternoon sessions and 32 holiday sessions. They have increased their membership to 40	The children are not able to access mainstream activities and do not usually get opportunities to spend time with their friends or make new friends outside school	They now have more than 160 member families with around 44 children currently accessing their	Kangaroos receives funding from a wide variety of trusts and grant funding bodies.

			disabled children attending on a regular basis.	as their disabilities and behaviours make it extremely difficult to meet socially or go to each other's houses.	PALS Saturday Club and Playscme.	
Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council	£150	Purchase of a PA system for use at public meetings	The equipment can be used to amplify speech at smaller public meetings using lapel microphones.	It has meant that they have been able to follow proceedings at meetings held on a variety of subjects important to older people.	Four public meetings a year which usually attract about 100 people.	Affinity Sutton £10,000, Joan Ainslee Chairtable Trust £5,000, small grants from town and parish councils £1,400, WSCC £700, BH Lions £500
Mid Sussex Sinfonia	£500	Children's Open Day	The grant was used to pay for a conductor and extra players to hold a children's open day to encourage them to play an instrument.	The open day provided the opportunity for children to be able to take part in a performance to handle instruments and to learn how they were played and how they sounded.	Children who were interested in becoming orchestral players	No other funding received.
Relate North & South West Sussex	£1,500	East Grinstead Outpost Rental Costs	The grant of £1,500 has been used towards the rent and running costs of offering their service in East Grinstead. This is to enable people living in that area easier access to their help.	Helping couples, parents, young people and families to build and maintain strong, healthy relationships improves outcomes across a range of measures, including health & wellbeing, housing, community cohesion, community safety.	They offered 293 sessions of counselling to 59 cases.	Crawley BC £23,476 Horsham DC £2,580 Kelly Trust £5,000
Sheddingdean	£4,020	Rental costs of	To pay rental costs of	To have available for the	Around 880	No other sources

Community Association / Windmills Opportunity Playgroup		Sheddingdean Community Centre	community centre	community of Sheddingdean facilities to rent for various activities such as meetings, parties, keep fit, dancing classes and playgroup.		of funding sought
Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus	£1,000	Contribution towards the Advisor, Social and Buddy Service	The funding was used to part-fund the costs of providing the Advisor, Social and Buddy Service	Provided support, advice and social interaction for those people in Mid Sussex with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus.	The services were available to a total of 34 people in the Mid Sussex district during the year, each of whom has the condition of spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus. Most made use of at least one of the services during the year, many very frequently (especially our Adviser Service).	c£53k from a large number of grant givers.
Tadpoles Swimming Club for the Disabled	£1,000	Contribution towards replacement equipment and pool hire costs	The grant was used to help with the cost of equipment repair and maintenance. Including residual costs associated with the refurbishment of the pool in 2014.	Club members have continued to benefit from the swimming activities as detailed on the application form.	50 plus	£1200 Gatwick Airport Community Trust £400 East Grinstead Town Council
Vitalise	£200	Care breaks for people with	The grant contributed toward the cost of	20 people with disabilities and 20 carers benefited from	40 beneficiaries.	Vitalise have raised numerous

		disabilities and their carers	providing essential breaks with car to people with disabilities and carers from Mid Sussex.	respite care.		grants, donations and occasional legacies to support their work.
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SPOTLIGHT GRANTS

Organisation	Award	Original Purpose of grant	How the grant was used	How has the grant benefited residents of Mid Sussex	How many people in Mid Sussex have been given assistance as a result of the grant	Other sources of funding received for the project in the financial year 2013/14
6 th East Grinstead Guides	£500	Camping and map reading equipment	The guides purchased equipment (maps, compasses, hi-viz jackets, Trangiers) to enable the girls to enter the scout and guide hike this year and in future years.	The project teaches the girls teamwork, independence and practical skills such as map reading and first aid. They are able to enjoy the outdoors in a safe and challenging way.	50 girls aged 10-18 years took part in the activities.	No other funding received other than subs.
Bolney Rovers Football Club	£500	Training Equipment for Junior Side	Purchased training equipment to assist in the training of the junior side	Initially the young players were very enthusiastic but the numbers have dropped because the players want to play competitive matches. They now feel that they may need to recruit a coach with a level 1 coaching badge to build a team with sufficient players to play competitively.	Between 10 and 15	No other funding received

Bolnore Football Club	£500	Set up costs	The club has purchased a respect barrier to keep supporters and coaching staff off the pitch. They have also put the coaches on FA training courses to increase the number of qualified youth coaches.	The grant has provided facilities for the new community in Bolnore and given young people access to community football.	There are about 40 club members	Sponsorship £10,000 Club fundraising £1,050
Cuckfield Lawn Tennis Club	£518	Short Tennis Net Dividers and kit	To purchase short tennis net dividers and kit	The grant has encouraged young players to take up tennis	At the time of submitting the End of grant report (October 2015) the equipment has only recently been purchased	No other sources of funding received.
Hassocks Community Association	£379	New Table Tennis Table	Table tennis table purchased in October 2014.	The new equipment is used weekly, on Monday and Thursday afternoons.	Approx. 50 players.	Fees received from the players at £2.50 per session help with ongoing fundraising.
Haywards Heath Harriers	£450	Junior Club Competition Awards and Certificates	Awards purchased for 2015, 2016 and 2017.	All the children who attend the club live in Mid Sussex, so it has encouraged them to be more active and try new things.	A combined number of 104 children from Mid Sussex took part in the competition in 2015 and would hope to have more in 2016 and beyond.	No other sources of funding received.
Haywards Heath Youth CIC	£500	Circus Skills	5 x 1.5 hour workshops aimed at developing a variety of circus skills	The grant enabled young people to participate in a range of different activities,	31 young people aged 11 – 13, 100% of whom	No other funding received but small shortfall for the

			including a discussion on the history of the circus, design of costumes, role of animals, design of posters and planning and practising for a show.	building balance and strength, including working with others, problem solving, increased confidence to try new things and exploring learning responses to new situations. This will help them in their future education and life situations.	live in Mid Sussex	project was met from own resources.
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Applicant	Date	Total approved	Comment
Ansty Village Hall	11-Feb-09	£17,440	<p>This grant was initially awarded to rebuild the village hall in February 2009. The existing building remains in a very poor state of repair and this facility is still needed to provide a community facility for local residents.</p> <p>The Village Hall Trust has been working in partnership with Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council and the Ansty Sports and Social Club to develop a joint project to build and manage a multi-purpose facility. The Parish Council has planning approval for the project (13/04354/FUL) and the parties have registered the Ansty Village Centre Trust with the Charities Commission.</p> <p>Lease agreements will need to be drawn up between the Council, the Village Hall Trust and the new charity which should also provide the sports clubs with some security of tenure.</p> <p>In January 2014, the Cabinet Grants Panel agreed to extend the period to secure project funding to December 2015 and allow completion by December 2016. There is still a significant funding gap and a further extension is needed to enable the project to proceed.</p> <p>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to secure project funding to December 2016, completion by December 2017.</p>
Ansty Village Centre Trust – combined sports pavilion, social club and village hall	30-May-13	£127,000	<p>As stated above, progress is slow and the project partners need more time to secure the funds and deliver the project.</p> <p>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to secure project funding to December 2016, completion by December 2017.</p>
The Rawson Hall	15-Feb-11 16-Jan-14 10-2-14 (Cabinet)	£124,500	<p>The new building at Batchelors Field, Bolney opened to the public in May 2015. It has a large main hall, small hall, café, sports changing and office space and hosts regular activities including a daily play group, weekly youth club, dance classes, badminton, circuit training, Zumba and pilates, monthly WI meeting, gardening club events, a football club and amateur dramatics,. In addition, the community café operates from the premises on 3 days a week.</p>

			The applicant has drawn down the majority of the funds; the final £8,000 will be paid on submission of invoices / receipts in relation to the fit out and equipment costs.
East Grinstead Rugby Football Club – single storey extension	10-Oct-12	£50,000	<p>The building work has been completed and the junior clubhouse extension is now open and being used by the public and the rugby club are very pleased with the results. £46,089 was drawn down in four instalments, the remaining £3,911 will be settled on receipt of the contractors final statement to cover retentions.</p> <p>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to complete the project by October 2016.</p>
East Grinstead Cricket Club – outdoor cricket nets and maintenance equipment	30-May-13	£16,918	This project was delayed by inclement weather but the grounds maintenance equipment has been purchased; and the net refurbishment and final snagging was completed in April. The club have submitted before and after photos of the works which show a huge improvement and they are grateful to the Council for the financial support that enabled them to carry out these works.
Crawley Down Lawn Tennis Club – compost toilet extension	30-May-13	£5,218	<p>£2,236 has been drawn down toward the cost of building the path and base but the project was delayed due to bad weather and environmental health / drainage issues. There has also been a complete change of personnel on the committee and it has taken them some time to get up to speed. The new committee agree that there is still a clear need for the toilet facilities and would like to complete the work and make them available in the Spring.</p> <p>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to complete the project by June 2016.</p>
Cuckfield Cricket Club – four changing rooms	12-Sept-13	£30,000	The extension and refurbishment of the pavilion was successfully completed in June and the end of the defects liability period concludes Mid December. The remaining grant of £9,233 will be drawn down at this stage.
1 st Hurstpierpoint Scouts – single storey extension	12-Sept-13	£33,750	The work was completed and the new premises at the Scout HQ in Brown Twins Road were opened to the public in July 2015. The facilities have been kitted out with bench seating, storage and a climbing wall. The scouts reported that the new Activity Room is being fully utilised and has been welcomed with great enthusiasm by their members and the village public generally.

East Grinstead Sports Club – new boiler	16-Jan-14	£20,000	The new boiler was installed thanks to the Council's grant and £42,000 in match funding from the Sport England Inspired Fund which also paid for changing room refurbishments. The sports club and centre users were very pleased to have more reliable heating and warm water and were grateful for the Council's financial support. The applicant drew down £19,855, the remaining £145 can be used for other projects.
Copthorne Sports and Community Association	15-Sept-14	£15,163	The applicant has drawn down £14,022 to purchase a compact tractor, rear discharge deck and a Sisis quadraplay spiker/splitter. Under the terms of the grant have until February 2016 to purchase the final grounds maintenance equipment and complete the project.
Crawley Down Gatwick Football Club	15-Sept-14	£11,994	The project was delayed whilst the football club produced accounts for 2013-14 and 2014-15 to be reviewed by Finance, as required as a condition of the grant. They have now drawn down the funds and to purchase most of the ground maintenance equipment. Costs have risen in the interim and they had to forgo a number of smaller items. The club is currently negotiating with Property to get permission to install a secure container at the site to store the new equipment.
Bolnore Village Community Partnership	15-Sept-14	£9,000	The Bolnore Village Community Partnership submitted details of expenditure totalling over £50,000 for start-up costs and equipment. They grant has been paid in full and they have purchased a range of appliances, furniture, audio visual equipment and other items to run the building. The Woodside opened to the public in October 2014 and is being used regularly by a large number of community groups including Bolnore Village Pre-School, Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and new football and netball clubs.
Felbridge & Sunnyside Cricket Club	15-Sept-14	£1,000	The applicant has raised the match funding needed and has purchased a Powerroll 12 turf roller. The grant has been paid in full and the project has been completed.
Worth Parish Council	15-Sept-14	£62,799	The Parish Council has completed the work to create a new car public park on land adjacent to Auchinleck Court to serve the Crawley Down village centre. The area has been tarmacked, the parking bays have been marked out, drop kerbs, planting and knee rail fencing installed.
Crawley Down Cricket Club	15-Sept-14	£500	The cricket club has replaced the cracked cement base and upgraded their two lanes of outdoor practice nets so they can now be safely used by junior players. Project completed.

East Grinstead Tennis & Squash Club	15-Sept-14	£3,242	The cavity wall insulation was installed in February 2015. The applicant has drawn down the grant in full and this project has been completed. The committee thanked the panel for the grant for the improvement works.
East Grinstead Town Council	13-Jan-15	£47,302	Work to rebuild St Swithun's West Wall has been completed. The town council is waiting for the final invoice from the builders before drawing down the penultimate instalment. The final payment of 2.5% will be made following a 12 month retention period in case there are any problems.
St Johns Church, Copthorne	13-Jan-15	£24,900	Works associated with the construction of the Parish Hub, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne were successfully undertaken and a rainwater harvesting system, kitchen units and appliances and audio visual equipment was installed as a result of the Council grant. The new premises were open to the public in May 2015 and are available for hire by community groups and residents.
Crawley Down Community Centre Association	13-Jan-15	£9,000	The new front doors have been fitted with push button entry. They have proved to be a great success with all user groups benefitting and the Centre has received lots of positive feedback. The grant has been paid in full and this project has been completed.
Burgess Hill Youth	13-Jan-15	£19,710	The club has opted to carry out this work Spring 2016 as they use the multi-use games area throughout the winter when the floodlighting is needed. In the meantime, the Council has drawn up a License to Alter to allow them to go ahead with the work under the terms of the lease.
Trinity Methodist Church	13-Jan-15	£25,000	The project to install audio visual equipment has been completed and the grant paid in full. The multi-purpose building now provides a state-of-the-art performance venue for music, dance, drama, meetings and other events. The church held an Open House in May 2015 for neighbours and local residents to look around the new premises.
Crawley Down Cricket Club	13-Jan-15	£7,800	In the process of upgrading their practice nets the cricket club discovered asbestos under the concrete and employed a specialist contractor to remove it safely. This work has been satisfactorily completed and the grant has been paid in full.

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Burgess Hill Bike Ride	22-Apr-14	£1,000	The grant was used toward the cost of branded t-shirts for entrants to this summer event. Over 500 cyclists took part and the majority of participants were Mid Sussex residents. The grant was paid in full and the project is completed.
East Grinstead Business Association	22-Apr-14	£1,000	The promotional music video is featured on the East Grinstead Business Association website and is also on YouTube and the tourism website www.visiteastgrinstead.com . The grant was paid in full in June and the project has been completed.
East Grinstead Concert Band	22-Apr-14	£1,000	The applicant purchased 50 branded fleeces for all players to wear at events including the Band of the Last Post Ceremony at Ypres in October 2014. The band has also performed at Sissinghurst Castle, the Bluebell Railway, East Grinstead May Fayre and the Royal British Legion Sussex Branch Poppy Appeal.
Lindfield Arts Festival	22-Apr-14	£2,000	The grant was used to stage two performances of four short plays, written and directed by local residents, in Lindfield High Street in September 2015. The community plays were performed by members of the Lindfield Amateur Dramatic Society, students at Sussex Central College and two professional actors.
The Yews	22-Apr-14	£2,700	The dilapidated boundary fencing has been removed and new 1m high cast iron railings have been installed. The effect is to open up the gardens and façade of the Yews making the area more attractive and welcoming. The grant has been paid in full and the project completed.
East Grinstead Sports Club	22-Apr-14	£2,000	The project to engage a fundraising consultancy has raised over £150,000 for local schools and sports clubs. 15 organisations have submitted successful applications and funds have been raised to support squash, racketball, netball, cricket, football, triathlon and other sporting activities.
Burgess Hill Town Centre Partnership	22-Apr-14	£10,000	The town centre partnership used the grant toward the cost of a programme of activities in Burgess Hill town centre to mark Valentine’s Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Spring Celebrations, the Mid Sussex Marathon Weekend, Burgess Hill Means Business, Summer Fun and School Holidays, Bonfire Celebrations, Halloween Half Term and Christmas Celebrations.

Greater Brighton City Deal	22-Apr-14	£11,643	The grant has helped to support the Business Manager post and administrative costs associated with the Economic Board. Membership of the Economic Board and the support of other partners including Coast to Capital LEP has helped Mid Sussex to secure funding for the proposed A2300 improvement works. A range of other projects, such as the Science and Technology Park and sustainable transport improvements, are currently being progressed with the Board's assistance. The Economic Board is also working closely with the Three Southern Counties on devolution bids to Government.
Rural Partnership	22-Apr-14	£5,000	The Rural Partnership focusses on developing the rural economy across West Sussex and beyond. A Director was appointed on a two year contract from April 2014 to ensure the effectiveness of the Partnership and to engage in bids for funding. The District Council's grant has helped to support this post. The Director has been working across a number of issues affecting the rural economy, including improved broadband, wood fuel/low carbon projects and rural tourism. He has also been active in seeking funding from a variety of sources, including the EU, to support the rural economy and to develop the LEADER project.
Hassocks Community Association	15-Sept-14	£1,909	The new curtains have been purchased for Adastra Hall and the grant has been paid in full.
Church of the Transfiguration	15-Sept-14	£12,265	The completion of the extension to include a disabled toilet, kitchen and storage facilities has benefited the church community, Pyecombe village at large and thousands of South Downs Way walkers, many of whom are mid Sussex residents, and the visitors' book has been flooded with positive comments.
Hassocks Community Partnership	15-Sept-14	£4,000	The grant was used to subsidise the wages of a skilled technician to enable the cycle hire facility to open 3 days per week for 6 months (Apr-Sept 2015). Hire income rose during this period but the facility has suffered completion from a new cycle shop in the village which also offers bike maintenance.
Turners Hill Parish Council	15-Sept-14	£18,307	The applicant used the funds to redecorate the Dove Suite and Deck Room and purchased a dishwasher, wine cooler, cooker and hood, tables, toilet seats, curtains and flooring. The refurbishment will ensure the Ark remains a popular venue for functions and the proceeds will allow the parish council to charge a reduced rate to local clubs.
Burgess Hill Town	15-Sept-14	£1,000	Contribution towards a Plaque and Memorial Event in Memory of Belgium WW2 Pilot. The

Council			grant was paid in October 2014 – awaiting End of Grant Report.
Haywards Heath Town Team CIC	15-Sept-14	£500	The grant was used to help towards the costs of staging the village fete for the road closure, PA system and printing costs. The event was a great family day out attended by hundreds of people.
Turners Hill Parish Council	13-Jan-15	£2,511	Alterations to the kitchen cupboards have been carried out to meet Environmental Health requirements. The grant has been paid in full and the project is completed.
West Hoathly Village Hall	13-Jan-15	£14,800	The work to construct a new storage area has been completed and the grant paid in full. The Parish Clerk reports that the store will make a big difference to the appearance of the hall and the safety of users as all the tables and chairs can now be stored in a single space at floor level.
East Grinstead Sports Club	13-Jan-15	£2,850	The Kingscote Valley Project, set up to encourage tourism and economic growth in the area, has established a web presence http://visiteastgrinstead.com/kingscote-valley/ to promote local attractions and walking routes. Current activities are focused on developing a business and PR plan and improving footpath access. £1,257 drawn down to date, remaining £1,593 for ongoing work.
East Grinstead Town Council	13-Jan-15	£2,500	This project has been completed and the Town Council submitted details of the summer events programme which included musical entertainment at the VE Day Celebrations, and opera and jazz performances at East Court.