

Appendix A

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Summary of Applications received

Messy Play Days – St Peters Hall, Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury

This project has been submitted by Shropshire Pre-School Learning Alliance and seeks to provide four 'messy' play days to be held in St Peters Hall in Monkmoor in the May and October half-terms, and during the school summer holidays. Activities planned include painting, playdough, water, ice and sand play, 'goo' such as shaving foam or cornflour, and making things with glue, card, glitter, etc and face painting. The range of activities is suitable for children of all ages from pre-school up to eleven, and they are designed to allow children to have fun, explore different materials, be creative and make a mess. The applicant suggests that many parents and carers do not allow this type of play to take place at home simply because it is 'too messy' or they do not have the confidence, knowledge or resources for it. Some of the activities will allow the children to produce an end product, whilst others are designed just to allow children to explore and are invaluable for practising skills which support writing. The funding requested is to provide four playworkers to facilitate each event and play alongside the children, and totals £1,438.00.

Need and demand – the applicant provided three similar days last year at the same venue. These were very popular, and received very positive feedback. Funding will allow the events to be run free of charge.

1st Robertsford Scout Group

This project has been submitted by the First Robertsford Scout Group and seeks a contribution towards the costs of re-felting, and partial re-timbering (50%) of the scout hut roof. The repairs are required partly as general maintenance, but also in response to a considerable amount of winter snow and ice damage. An insurance claim has been made, but will only cover 40% of the costs. Therefore there is a need to make up the shortfall. Tenders have been sought for the work, and the preferred contractor has indicated that the replacement roof will be guaranteed for 25 years. The total cost of the works is £5,000 – the insurance company will contribute £2,000, the Scout Group are undertaking to raise £1,000 themselves, and they are requesting £2,000 from the Local Joint Committee.

Need and demand - the hut is home to four local groups – scouts, beavers, cubs and guides, accommodating approximately 80 local five to sixteen year olds for social, educational and recreational activities. The building is also used by other community groups including Severnside boxing club, a local relaxation class, a local youth rock group, and cycling club. There is an increasing demand for the premises, with a further five new groups expressing an interest in using the building from September 2011.

Monkmoor Fun Day

This project has been submitted by Severnside Housing and West Mercia Police, and seeks a contribution towards the costs of Monkmoor Fun Day which is being held on 2nd July 2011 at Upton Lane playing fields, Monkmoor. The fun day is being held partly in response to community concerns raised at PACT meetings regarding dog fouling issues and anti-social behaviour in the area. The day will include a fun dog show, help and advice to dog owners, graffiti wall and professional artist, BMX bike displays, face painting, penalty shoot out walls, Army cadet displays, local community group stands and music provided by local schools. The majority of the costs for the day are being covered by those participating and organising. However, the LJC is being asked to specifically fund the costs of the graffiti artist and the printing costs of the posters which are the subject of a design competition in the local primary schools. The amount requested from the LJC is £500.00.

Need and demand – Upton Lane is highlighted as a PACT priority, following public consultation and face to face surveys.

Shrewsbury Baptist Church

This project has been submitted by Shrewsbury Baptist Church, and seeks a contribution towards the cost of improving disabled access and renovations to the church hall floor. The church hall is used by a wide range of people including children, youth, health groups, a choir, senior citizens and many other groups. The applicants state that unfortunately limited access to the church hall severely restricts some of the activities that can be provided as the building is unable to adequately meet the needs of those with disabilities. The applicants state that desire of the church is that all people should have access to the buildings so that they can continue to provide and increase provision of activities for everyone in the community. £5,000 is requested from the LJC towards a total project cost of £6257.12. £400 has already been secured, and the church has committed to raising the remaining £875.12 through voluntary fundraising.

Need and demand - The church hall currently does not have appropriate access for those who use wheelchairs or who are physically impaired. The step up into the building is deep and so is extremely restrictive for those with impaired mobility. The building is used by all ages of people and groups within the community but anyone who has mobility impairment or who uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter is inhibited from using the church hall or the kitchen which is situated within the church hall building.