

## Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee Funding Applications Summary

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### 1. Summary

This report considers the devolved funding allocated to Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April up until 31st March 2014.

A total of £30,817 has been devolved to this Committee to fund projects in the local community serviced by the LJC for the 2013/14 financial year.

Thirteen applications have been received for this reporting period and these applications are to be considered at the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

### 2. Recommendations

- That the LJC considers the applications received and awards funding to those organisations and their projects that provide a wide community benefit.

### 3. Background

The Wem and Shawbury LJC are responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget. The amount available to the LJC in 2013/14 is supplemented by the transfer of funding previously available for community arts projects into the LJC budgets and some under spend carried forward from 2012/13.

### 4. Finance

The total amount available to Wem LJC is calculated as follows:

LJC Budget	£27,000
Arts Grants Funding	£2,070
Carried forward from 2012/13	£1,747
<b>Total Budget for 2012/13</b>	<b>£30,817</b>

The following applications have been submitted (please see Appendix A to this report for further details of each project).

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>£</b>
Wem Platoon, Shropshire Army Cadet Force	824
All Saints' Church Parochial Church Council, Clive	500
Goal (getting older adults online)	2,000
Wem Christmas Festival	2,000
Wem Sports and Social Association	2,000
Wem Town Hall	2,000
Friends of Wem Swimming Pool and Lifestyle Centre	2,000
Royal British Legion	500
Stanton Upon Hine Heath AED	750
Harmer Hill Village Hall Management Committee	550
1 <sup>st</sup> Wem Scouts	596
Lee Brockhurst Parochial Church Council	1,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,605</b>

Total Budget 2012/13	£30,817
Applications 4 <sup>th</sup> July	(7,016)
Applications 14 <sup>th</sup> October	(10,520)
Ringfenced AED Funding	128
Applications 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	(15,605)
Remaining balance if all applications are accepted	<b>£ (2,197)</b>

# Application Summaries

(appendix A)

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Wem Platoon, Shropshire Army Cadet Force</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.40
Project Title	Training Equipment		
Project Cost	£924	Amount Requested	£824
Project Summary			
<p>The cadets currently have 25 members working towards different awards. A majority of the cadets training, including the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme and BTEC scheme are via the internet and powerpoint. To enable the cadets to access this information the platoon would like funding to purchase the following equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Optima Projector</li> <li>- Samsung Laptop</li> <li>- Screen</li> </ul>			

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>All Saints Church Parochial Church Council, Clive</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.41
Project Title	Restoration of the bells and bell frame at Clive Church		
Project Cost	£22,047	Amount Requested	£500
Project Summary			
<p>The bells and bell frame at Clive Church are in need of a major overhaul due to deterioration over 120 years. Because of the importance of the church and the bells this project is more than just repairing the bells, the Clive and Grinshill History Society will be compiling an oral history of the church, churchyard and bells, the Clive Photographic Club will compile a digital record of the church, churchyard and restoration, the village primary school will also be involved in project about bell ringing, Clive Bell ringers will be running open sessions for people to develop the skill and finally, a new website will be developed to make all the information about the history, oral and photographic widely available.</p> <p>Funding is requested towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bell and frame restoration</li> <li>- Oral history project</li> <li>- Photographic record</li> <li>- Primary school expenses</li> <li>- Open days and bell ringing tasters</li> <li>- Web site development</li> </ul>			

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Goal Community Group</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.42
Project Title	Goal (Getting Older Adults on Line)		
Project Cost	£2,652	Amount Requested	£2,000
Project Summary			
<p>Goal are a recently formed group working with people over 55 to gain confidence and an understanding of computers as a means of communication in today's world. They are already tutoring members of the senior club and hold weekly training session at the Castle. 46 people have enrolled on the course since May 2013. Their aim is to also provide a service where they can visit people who are disabled/house bound and</p>			

provide them with the opportunity to learn about computers. They are currently loaning equipment from Shropshire on line.

Funding is requested towards purchasing:

- 3 laptops
- 2 tablets
- Insurance
- CRB checks
- WIFI dongles

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Wem Christmas Festival</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.43
Project Title	Wem Christmas Tree replacement		
Project Cost	£2,700	Amount Requested	£2,000
Project Summary			
<p>The Wem Christmas Festival is an annual event with the turning on of the Christmas tree lights being one of the main attractions. 75 Christmas trees are put up each year, over the years the trees have deteriorated resulting in 50 artificial and 25 real trees being used last year. Of the 50 artificial trees used a majority were severely damaged due to the bad weather some are in such a fragile state that they are too badly damaged to use again.</p> <p>Funding is requested towards purchasing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 75 artificial trees</li> </ul>			

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Wem Sports and Social Association</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.44
Project Title	Provision of Fitness Equipment for Adults		
Project Cost	£7,005	Amount Requested	£2,000
Project Summary			
<p>The aim of this project is to provide four items of fitness equipment (installed on grass mats) on Wem Recreation Ground. The recreation ground is the main park in Wem as is well provided with play equipment for younger children and teenagers, however, there is no fitness equipment for use by adults.</p> <p>Funding is requested towards purchasing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One walker</li> <li>- One double slalom</li> <li>- One double leg push</li> <li>- One hip spin</li> </ul>			

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Wem Town Hall</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.45
Project Title	Into Work Project		
Project Cost	£ 23,360	Amount Requested	£2,000
Project Summary			
<p>The Town Hall would like to continue the 'into work' project that provides very customised and bespoke support to people who have been unemployed for less than 52 weeks. In November, when the project started, there were 53 unemployed people that met the criteria, 14 of these have been referred to the project. They have been seen on</p>			

a weekly basis and supported via 1:1 interviews, the provision of better off calculations to show the financial benefit of work, work experience being organised, help with CV writing, interview skills and computer skills. 3 people have now moved into employment.

The project is due to end at the end of March; the Town Hall are working with Job Centre Plus, Shropshire Housing, Shropshire Council and other partner organisations to raise enough funding for this project to continue for 12 months ,after which it is hoped that this approach to helping unemployed people will be commissioned countywide.

Funding is requested towards the project:

- Room hire
- Staff time 2.5 days per week
- Equipment
- Training
- Resources
- Travel costs
- Marketing

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Friends of Wem Swimming and Lifestyle Centre</b>		Application Ref	LJC3.46
Project Title	Market Research			
Project Cost	£4,640	Amount Requested	£ 2,000	
Project Summary				
<p>The Friends of the pool have been asked by the Town Council to take over the running of the pool in January 2015. To make the pool more sustainable the friends have committed to an ambitious scheme to replace the existing heating and distribution plant in a new building, enlarge the gym and build a new exercise hall, entrance and changing facilities, the overall cost of this is expected to be over £700,000.</p> <p>To succeed with large scale funding applications it is important to carryout market research to evidence need.</p> <p>The group would like to apply for funding towards market research as set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Desktop analysis</li><li>- Existing users</li><li>- Potential users</li><li>- Stakeholders</li><li>- Reporting</li></ul>				

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Royal British Legion</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.47
Project Title	Remember Them – World War 1 Commemoration Event & Exhibition		
Project Cost	£1,250	Amount Requested	£ 500
Project Summary			
<p>The project is to mark, commemorate and remember the lives of those who lived, fought and died in the first world war. It gives residents from Wem and the surrounding villages and hamlets the opportunity to take part in a local themed event.</p> <p>The project had two elements: an exhibition in Wem Town Hall running between 26 July and 23 August 2014 and ‘Remember Them’ an evening of Commemoration to be held in Wem Town on 2 August following a Sunset Parade and an act of Remembrance at</p>			

Wem Recreation Ground.

Funding is requested towards:

- Hire of Town Hall
- Hire of Whitchurch Band
- Exhibition Costs
- Hire of period Costumes
- Publicity
- Programmes

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Harmer Hill Village Hall Management Committee</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.48
Project Title	Grass Maintenance		
Project Cost	£ 719	Amount Requested	£ 550
Project Summary			
<p>To purchase a substantial sized lawnmower to mow the 0.5 acre of grass belonging to the village hall situated behind the car park. In past years grass maintenance has been through a contractor, this is no longer possible due to the expense. Last season the committee members undertook the grass cutting on a rota basis to test the viability of the system. The trial worked well but highlighted the need for a mower of substantial size.</p> <p>Funding is requested towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Stihl Petrol Mower</li></ul>			

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Scouts Wem</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.49
Project Title	Camping		
Project Cost	£696	Amount Requested	£ 596
Project Summary			
<p>The group have grown in size and now have 26 scouts (20 boys and 6 girls), 25 cubs (24 boys and 1 girl). There are also 2 beaver colonies with 18 in each, by September there will be 30 cubs. As a result of this increase another tent is required for each camping trip.</p> <p>Funding is requested towards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- RT14G Patrol Tent</li><li>- GS14 Ground Sheet</li></ul>			

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Lee Brockhurst Parochial Church Council</b>	Application Ref	LJC3.50
Project Title	Repairs to Church Porch		
Project Cost	£ 2,622	Amount Requested	£ 1,885
Project Summary			

The Church porch is in urgent need of repair; the unique coloured glass tympanium mounted above the entrance doors has had to be removed as the supporting frame has rotted. To mend the porch pointing working on the roof verges is needed and a new wooden cross Recclesia.

Funding is requested towards this work - £1,885