

## RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 8TH MARCH 2017 EXECUTIVE :

**Applicant :** Warwick Cricket Club

**Description of scheme:** The existing mowers used to maintain the cricket square and wickets are at the end of their useful lives. As well as requiring more frequent maintenance, they are breaking down and there is an increased risk of damage to the playing surface. Purchasing new mowers will resolve these issues, improve morale across the club and free up additional time for volunteers to coach junior players instead of fixing mowers.

**Evidence of need:** The need has been established from the team of volunteers who operate the mowers on a regular basis; i.e. the frequency of breakdowns and the time spent maintaining and repairing them.

**3 years accounts received?** 2013 - 2016 accounts have been received; this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

<b>Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	31/10/16	31/10/15	31/10/14	31/10/13
	£7,469	-£4,351	£5,565	£398

<b>Available Funds ( cash and reserves )</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
	31/10/16	31/10/15	31/10/14	31/10/13
	£19,000	£11,531	£15,582	£10,016

**Details of membership, fees etc:**

Membership fees:

- Seniors = £75
- Juniors = £55
- Social = £10

Playing Fees:

- Seniors match = £8
- Juniors match = £5

Third party use of the facilities is charged on a case-by-case basis.

**Details of usage:** Warwick Cricket Club operate 3 Saturday teams & 2 Sunday teams (11-a-side) during the season (April – September), alongside a thriving junior section; junior coaching sessions are run every Friday evening from April – July, with an average attendance of 55 per session. In addition there are 4 junior teams playing matches each week during this period; U11s 8-a-side, combined U12/U13 8-a-side , U13 11-a-side and U17 11-a-side. The club also run winter nets from January to late-March, at either Warwick School or North Leamington school, each Sunday (1 hour juniors, 1.5 hours seniors). 2016 membership figures; 49 seniors, 82 juniors. The club's facilities are also used occasionally by 3rd parties for a nominal charge, for example; Westgate Primary School and veterans teams; this happens in total approx. 6 times per season.

**Details of Organisations equalities policies:** Warwick Cricket Club's Code of Conduct, includes the following; "Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief".

**3 quotes provided:** Yes

**Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?** **Evidence**

**Reduce anti-social behaviour** Whilst the project of purchasing mowers doesn't directly impact on this, the club has a membership of 131 people (49 seniors, 82 juniors) and offers sporting activities as below:

- 3 Saturday teams
- 2 Sunday teams
- A thriving Junior section (including 4 junior teams and coaching sessions)

This all helps to reduce anti-social behaviour by keeping people engaged in positive, healthy activity. There is also a personal development aspect for some individuals, as they also assist with ground preparation, facility upkeep and general activities to support the club.

**Reducing obesity, particularly in children** The club has a membership of 131 people (49 seniors, 82 juniors) and offers regular activity which helps people to keep fit and healthy, also helping to reduce obesity:

- 3 Saturday teams
- 2 Sunday teams
- A thriving Junior section (including 4 junior teams and coaching sessions)

This project has a direct link to increased coaching time for our Junior section, hence will further help to reduce obesity in children.

**Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities**

As this project will provide new, reliable mowing equipment which will reduce maintenance work it will free up volunteers time (currently approx. 2 hours per week x 36 weeks of the year not including time spent on any breakdowns) to spend more time participating in sport, including coaching and interacting with members, rather than continually repairing existing equipment which is at the end of its useful life. The project will also increase opportunities for 3rd parties to use the club's facilities as preparation of the wickets will be easier and less time-consuming. Therefore the project will increase opportunity for the community to enjoy and participate in sports activity.

**Engaging and strengthening communities**

The club is run by, and the wickets are maintained by, a wide range of volunteers from across the local community. The project will provide new, reliable mowing equipment which will free up volunteers time (currently approx. 2 hours per week for 36 weeks of the year not including time spent on any breakdowns) to spend more time coaching and interacting with members rather than continually repairing existing equipment which is at the end of its useful life. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

**Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)**

£9,400 Including vat

**Funded by:**

**Status**

**Organisations Own Funds**

£1,205 Approved

**Warwick Town Council**

£675 Application made, waiting for a decision

**Total RUCIS**

**£7,520**

**equates to**

**80.0%**