

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

Applicant :	Norton Lindsey & Wolverton Cricket Club		
Description of scheme:	<p>Club practice nights and junior coaching sessions currently make use of the existing cricket square and a mobile practice net; in 2016 the flourishing junior section provided coaching sessions for 50-60 children aged from 6-13. In 2017 the Club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to have trained 5 more coach support workers through Warwickshire Cricket Board courses and a further Level 2 coach • Plan to provide competitive cricket matches for the junior section now that they have a sufficient number of players • Will be fielding, for the first time, a 3rd XI in the Cotswold Hills Cricket League using Snitterfield Cricket Club facilities on match days. <p>To support these activities the Club need to provide better all-weather practice facilities, the project will provide a 2 bay outdoor cricket practice net and an underground power supply from the pavilion to the nets for use of a bowling machine.</p>		
Evidence of need:	<p>In 2014 the Norton Lindsey Village Plan stated that "The lack of facilities for young people in the village is self-evident and it must be in the interests of everyone to try and provide for them". With the Club's plans to train more coaches and coach support workers in 2017 and to provide competitive cricket opportunities for juniors, plus the creation of a 3rd XI, there is a need to provide better all-weather practice facilities to support these activities.</p>		
3 years accounts received?	<p>2013 - 2015 accounts have been received along with recent bank statements (1st July to 21st December 2016); this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.</p>		
Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended 31/12/15 £1,864	Year ended 31/12/14 £2,821	Year ended 31/12/13 -£60
Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended 31/12/15 £13,376	Year ended 31/12/14 £14,465	Year ended 31/12/13 £13,652
Details of membership, fees etc:	<p>Open membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult playing member's; £60 p.a. • Youth members (16-21); £30 p.a. • Junior members; £5 p.a. or £40 per season for Junior coaching sessions • Social membership; £5 p.a. • Match fees for adults = £7 including teas. • Ground available for hire @ £50 per match. • Wolverton Primary School not charged for using facilities. 		
Details of usage:	<p>Members; 40-50 adults, 120 Social, 50-60 boys and girls in Junior section.</p> <p>REGULAR USE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 adult teams (3 Saturday teams, 1 Sunday team and one Mid-Week team) during the cricket season between April and September; approx. 25 people per game, there were over 50 home games in 2016. Also mid-week practice sessions, approx. 15 people attending per session. • Junior Section coaching/practice sessions during cricket season with between 40-50 attending, on Fridays, between May and August. • Use of Club changing/toilet facilities on weekends between September and April by Norton Lindsey Junior Football Club. • Dominoes team in Henley Dominoes League on Thursdays throughout the winter. <p>AD-HOC USE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasional hire by Wolverton Primary School, NFU Cricket XI. • Birthday parties/funeral wakes; approx. 60 attendees • Bi-monthly meetings of Cotswold Hills Cricket League Committee. • Village Fete in July; several hundred people use the club facilities. • Events held on the playing field by Norton Lindsey Stilton Sniffers fund raising charity; 100-200 attendees. • Warwickshire Beagles annual New Year meeting. 		
Details of Organisations equalities policies:	<p>The Club has provided a copy of its Equality Policy, a highlight of this policy is as follows: "The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status."</p>		
3 quotes provided:	Yes		
Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?	Evidence		
Reduce anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 40-50 adult playing members and 120 social members; 5 adult teams currently use the facilities as well as a junior section of approx. 50-60 children. • With the installation of 2 bay outdoor cricket practice nets there are plans to introduce competitive cricket matches for juniors and enter a 3rd XI team in the Cotswold Hills cricket league. <p>By engaging the youth of the village to participate in activities of the Cricket Club it is hoped that respect for the facilities on the Playing Field will be further engendered. All of the above helps to reduce anti-social behaviour. The Cricket Club enjoys widespread support in the village and receives many compliments on the way it has provided facilities in a rural location.</p>		

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

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- With the installation of 2 bay outdoor cricket practice nets there are plans to introduce competitive cricket matches for juniors and enter a 3rd XI team in the Cotswold Hills cricket league. Playing cricket is an energetic sport that helps people to get fitter and lose weight, and also keep healthy children in the best condition possible. The Wolverton village primary school does not have its own playing field; organised after school sporting activity and activities such as fun runs for events like Children in Need are held at the cricket ground, many of these school children also attend the junior cricket sessions. This all helps to reduce obesity, particularly in children.

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

Better all-weather practice facilities will support the provision of competitive cricket matches for the Junior section and entering a 3rd XI team in the Cotswold Hills cricket league; this will increase opportunity for the community to enjoy and participate in sporting activity.

Engaging and strengthening communities

There has been an influx of young families into the village in the last 5 years, since the Club re-started its junior section three years ago it has seen extensive use of its patio areas and bar facility by parents on Friday evenings whilst their children are participating in junior coaching sessions; this has been one of the few opportunities for social interaction in the village with the Club earning a reputation for providing a social and sporting meeting place for families. Many of the village residents walk to the Club to sit and watch matches and the Club is also run by a wide range of volunteers from across the community e.g mowing, ground and pitch preparation, bar staff, pavilion and machinery maintenance, tea ladies etc. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

Like many rural villages, most of the opportunity for sporting and social activities can only be accessed by car transport in nearby towns. The provision of quality cricket facilities within walking distance not only relieves parents of taxi duties and fuel costs, but also avoids environmental pollution caused by short journeys into town centres.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£34,122 Including VAT

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds

£61

Approved; in the event of other grant applications being declined or a lesser amount being offered, the Club will fund any project budget shortfall from their cash reserves

Norton Lindsey Parish Council

£5,000

Application made; Parish Council have confirmed that they are willing to contribute but this is subject to agreement from Warwickshire County Council (in connection with a release of "depot money" in 2001)

England Cricket Board

£10,000

Application made; waiting for a decision

Heart of England Community Fund

£2,000

Application made; waiting for a decision

Total RUCIS

£17,061

equates to

50.0%