

**RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

**Applicant :**

**Description of scheme:**

**Evidence of need:**

**3 years accounts  
received?**

**Financial Performance;  
minus figure = deficit**

**Available Funds (cash  
reserves)**

**Details of membership,  
fees etc:**

**Details of usage:**

**Details of Organisations  
equalities policies:**

**3 quotes provided:**

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

**Reduce Anti Social  
Behaviour**

**Reducing Obesity,  
particularly in children**

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

**Engaging and  
strengthening  
Communities**

**Total cost of scheme  
(including VAT where  
appropriate)** £87,169

**Funded by:**

**Town Council** £1,169

**Sport England; Inspired  
Facilities** £50,000

<b>Total Rural / Urban Initiatives Scheme</b>	<b>£36,000</b>
<b>equates to</b>	<b>41.3%</b>

**MENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 12th FEBRUARY 2014 EXECUTIVE :****Leamington RFC**

Build an extension to install disabled toilet facilities, refurbish female and male toilet facilities including converting players communal baths to showers and create disabled access to the main entrance.

Current facilities do not meet the requirements of the latest legislation regarding provision for people with disabilities; this has been highlighted by existing disabled club members. The male toilets are visibly antiquated. Letters of support have been received from; a) Old Milverton and Blackdown Joint Parish Council, b) Simon Winman, Head of Club Development, Rugby Football Union, c) Hitchman Stone Partnership Architects & Consultants (this company has provided professional services to Leamington RFC), d) Richard May, Sport Development Manager, CSW Sport, e) John Richardson (disabled club member), f) Jan Thomas, Chairman of Leamington Netball Club, G) Leamington Jazz Club

The previous three years accounts covering the period 2011 to 2013 have been received and a bank statement covering the period 30.11.13 to 31.12.13.

<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>	<b>Year ended</b>
30/4/13	30/4/12	30/4/11
-£2,258	-£2,293	-£78

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30/4/13	30/4/12	30/4/11
£20,894	£15,859	£18,851

It's estimated that there are over 1000 senior and junior players, vice-presidents, parents and social members who use the club grounds and the clubhouse. Senior rugby players pay £192p.a. Vice-presidents £50p.a. Social members £30p.a. There are also fees for mini and junior members and family member arrangements. The Netball and Hockey teams who come under the umbrella of Leamington RFC and / or use the club facilities also have similar membership fee arrangements.

The club runs 4 senior rugby teams plus age group teams (under 7's - 18's, includes boys & girls teams). There is an annual mini festival where the club hosts teams from across the country. The grounds and clubhouse are also used by other rugby teams such as South Warwickshire RFC and Leicester Tigers rugby club (annually to run a week long coaching course for junior players). Leamington Netball Club is an integral part of Leamington RFC and have teams in local & national leagues and also have junior teams at all age groups. Leamington Hockey Club have recently relocated to Leamington RFC as a social base. Leamington Junior FC train at the club utilising the floodlight facilities. The Go4Goal organisation uses the ground for multi-sports after school/holiday clubs for children up to the age of 11. There is also a gym based at the club which, in addition to providing fitness facilities for players and club members, has a small number of "gym members" from outside the club. Leamington Jazz Club holds regular events at the club along with other organisations such as the Podiatrist Association. The clubhouse is regularly hired out for weddings & birthday parties, the club grounds are used throughout the summer to hold a weekly car-boot sale and there is an annual bonfire and fireworks display.

The club has the "RFU Club Accreditation", the "Sport England Clubmark" and has its own equality policy (a copy has been provided)

Yes - three quotes have been received for all aspects of the project work

**Evidence**

Whilst the project doesn't directly effect this issue, as noted above, the club runs senior and junior rugby teams, hosts Leamington Netball Club which also runs senior and junior teams and its grounds / club house facilities are utilised by other organisations to provide activities such as rugby coaching courses and multi-sports after school/ holiday clubs. The provision of wide-ranging sport facilities/activities and the discipline accompanying sports activities act strongly in favour of responsible behaviour. The sports of rugby, netball and hockey all have a strong disciplinary basis and Leamington RFC fully supports the codes of behaviour that rule these sports. All of this helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Whilst the project doesn't directly effect this issue, the teams mentioned above enable children to participate in physical activities; getting children fit is an essential part of their preparation to take part in team sports such as rugby and netball. Additionally, events organised at the club including the schools rugby tournament, the annual mini festival and coaching sessions all help to support a fit and healthy youth community. Sporting activities provided by the club for all age groups certainly contribute to avoiding obesity.

In addition to all the sporting activities, the club is also used for 8-12 weeks a year for rehearsals by a theatre group who perform nationally and Leamington Jazz Club regularly meets & performs at the club. The establishment of disabled facilities will further increase opportunity for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities.

Whilst the project doesn't directly effect this issue, there is an extensive programme of rugby coaching in local schools organised by the club, additionally rugby festivals are promoted; these activities involve a wide range of people from within the community. Installing disabled facilities will also enable more people to use the facilities which further engages and strengthens the community.

**Status**

A Leamington Town Council grant has been requested

Requested