

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 10 MARCH 2015  
title: RECREATION/CULTURE, SPORTS & ARTS EXCELLENCE GRANTS  
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## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the recommendations of the working group in relation to the allocation of grants under Recreation/Culture, Individual Sporting Excellence, and Individual Arts Excellence.
- 1.2 **Relevance to the Council Aims / Ambitions**
  - **Principal Aim** – To be a well-managed council, providing efficient and responsive services, based on identified customer needs.
  - **Council Ambitions** – To make people's lives safer and healthier and, more specifically, to increase opportunities for people to access cultural activities and improve outcomes for children and young people.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The purpose of Recreation/Culture grants is to provide voluntary organisations with support for events/projects that enhance recreation and cultural provision.
- 2.2 The Council's Sporting Excellence Grants seek to assist many talented sportsmen and women in their chosen sport, helping towards the expenses associated with competition, training and equipment.
- 2.3 Arts Excellence awards are the same as above, and are awarded to people within the performing arts.

## 3 ISSUES

The overall number of Recreation grant applications has decreased slightly compared with the previous year, as well as a slight fall in the number of Sporting Excellence applications and Arts Excellence applications.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

Approval of this report may have the following implications:

- **Resources** – The following sums are available for distribution:

**Recreation / Culture Grants** £30,080

**Sporting Excellence** £3,600

**Arts Excellence** £4,140

- Technical, Environmental and Legal - none
- Political - none
- **Reputation** – the grants programme is well received within the community, and gives the Council a platform to demonstrate its support for the voluntary sector and young people.

#### 5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

Endorses the recommendations of the Working Group outlined in appendices 1, 2 & 3.

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ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PREVIOUS GRANTS	PROPOSAL
Ribble Valley Jazz & Blues	Annual Festival held on May Bank Holiday weekend. Improve on-line marketing and promotions, with particular emphasis on website performance, and enhanced social networking via Facebook and Twitter. Promotion of events in local villages.	£7,250	£3,000	2011 - £500 2012 - £600 2013 - £1000 2014 - £1000	£1000
Clitheroe Concerts Society	Promotion of annual concert programme	£9,800	Any amount gratefully accepted	2011 - £300 2012 - £300 2013 - £350 2014 - £350	£300
Ribchester Festival of Music and Art	International Festival in 22 <sup>nd</sup> year held in June. A showcase of musical talent.	£16,700	£2,000	2010 - £2,300 2011 - £4,000 2012 - £2,300 2013 - £2,500 2014 - £2,000	£1000
Clitheroe Town Council	Programme of summer band concerts	£6,000	£3,000	Various amounts since 1998 (£250 - £700)  2009/10 - £1000 2010/11 - £1000 2011/12 - £1000 2012/13 - £500 2013/14 – £1100 2014/15 - £1000	£1000

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Ribble Valley Choir	Choral event in December 2015	£460	£250	2010,11 & 12 - £200 2013 - £250	£200
East Lancs Ornithologists club	Cost of having website hosted on a special server	£354	£354		£354
Grindleton Recreation Ground Charity	Enhance the tennis court facility by buying rackets and balls for people to use	£200	£200		£150
Grindleton Recreation Ground Charity	Purchase of a Butterfly Indoor Compact table tennis table	£250	£125		£125
Grindleton Recreation Ground Charity	Replacement of safety surfaces on childrens' play area	£13,000	£5,000		£2500
Clitheroe Wolves Junior Football Club	Purchase of goalposts (5 teams) and footballs in order to target girls and disabled	£5,000	£5,000		£2500
Longridge Golf Club	Continuation of Junior Coaching programme	£5,440	£2,000	2013 - £935 (for youth element) 2014 - £400	£400
Whalley Cricket Club	Replacement of kitchen appliances, cupboards, work surfaces, flooring and electrical sockets and lighting	£3,210	£1,605		£1000

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Clitheroe Cricket Club	Renovation of clubhouse – specifically purchase of furniture, windows and flooring	£5,720 £3,946 £1645	A minimum of £500		£500
Salesbury Cricket Club	Replace 2 artificial pitches and nets	£14,400	£7,200		£500
Ribble Valley Raiders Cricket Club	Delivery of free weekly outdoor cricket coaching sessions at Roefield – purchase of equipment – hoops, cones, bats, hurdles, duffle bags, balls, cricket net	£670	£320		£320
Ribble Valley Triathlon Club	Launch of new junior section – provision of loan equipment and fitness equipment (16 bikes + sports equipment; marketing costs, coaching costs and facilities hire)	£8,625	£2,130		£2130
Ribchester Playing Field Trust working with Ribchester Rovers FC	Replacement of pavilion by one that satisfies Sport England and Football Association standards	£150,000	£10,000		£8000
Thornley Community Space	To refurbish and covert a former school to a mixed use community hub.	£81,000	£7,000	2014 - £3,000	£3500 contingent upon getting BIFFA grant
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£25,479</b>

## SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2015

NAME	AGE	SPORT	STANDARD	SCORE	GRANT
Oliver Murray	16	Pentathlon	National	28	£200
William Murray	18	Swimming	National	23	£200
Emma Fox		Swimming	National	17	£150
Joshua Leathard		Athletics	County	17	£150
Charlotte Williams		Athletics	County U15's	16	£150
Harry Lang		Cricket	County U15's	15	£100
Charlie Dewhurst		Cricket	County U15's	14	£100
Alice Fox		Swimming	County & Regional	13	£100
Omar Hussian	16	Cricket	County U16's	10	£100
Charlie Atkinson		Cricket	County U10's	7	£50
Natalie Kaye		Cricket	County U10's	6	£50
Helen Wharton		Cricket	County U10's	5	£50
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1400</b>

### ARTS EXCELLENCE GRANTS 2014/15

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>GRANT</b>
Emily Billington	17	No specific standard – qualification is sought not excellence	£200
Elizabeth Burgess	16	Halle Youth Choir and Junior section of Northern College of Music	£200
Emily Warren	14	U14's All England Champion	£150
Oliver Kirk	16	U16's World Championship Runner Up Dance	£150
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£700</b>