



## NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Baldock & District Area Committee**2. Date: **5 Mar 2012**3. Summary of application: **Funding support for equipment for Youth Projects in Baldock**Name of organisation: **Ashwell Parochial Parish Council**Sum requested: **£2,000**Total project cost: **£2,000**

Brief details:

**St Mary's Youth Worker runs a number of clubs /drop in centres within Baldock and District. As well as the Asheteria in Ashwell, the Youth Worker also runs an after school club at St Marys Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons between 330 and 5pm. The club called L-E-MENTAL Café is open to anyone in years 6 to 8. The Youth Worker also runs FUN-DA-MENTAL which is a house / support group for years 9 and above. The group is seeking financial support from Baldock & District Area Committee to purchase new equipment for the clubs and also to help with the travel costs for events and residentials. In terms of equipment they are looking to buy a Wii console and games, a tv screen, air hockey table, pool table, soft chairs and bean bags to create a 'chill out' zone and arts and craft equipment.**

Matched / linked funding: **£0**

Funder:

Matched /linked funding : **£0**  
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

**Last year the Arbury Ward member provided funding for the Asheteria club in Ashwell, which is also run by the St Marys Youth Worker. This funding was for equipment as is being requested for the two clubs in Baldock. As a result of funding for the Asheteria, the popularity of the club has increased with the club attracting over 30 young people each week. The equipment required as part of this funding application will be used at the L-E-MENTAL club which meets every Wednesday after school. Whilst the group only currently attracts around a dozen young people, it is predicted that this new equipment will lead to double this figure attending regularly within a couple of months. L-E-MENTAL meets on a Wednesday afternoon and this is a day when there is a gap in youth provision in Baldock. There is a Youth Club on a Monday and Thursday and the Friday night project but no real provision on a Wednesday or indeed a Sunday which is when the FUN-DA-MENTAL group meets. FUN-DA-MENTAL currently has 10 regular members. Membership of these clubs is open to everyone within the age limits. In terms of the current membership there are young people involved from Baldock as well as the villages of Weston and Bygrave. The application is criteria compliant and meets the Town Centres Immediate Priority. The group is asking for £2000 but as the group has £8000 in its bank account my recommendation would be to support this project to the sum of £1000. Equipment funded from this project could also be shared with the Asheteria group in Ashwell**

Amount recommended: **£1,000**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name: .....

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name: .....

Signed:

Date: