



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**2. Date: **2 Mar 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding support to assist refurbishment of Barley Play Area**Name of organisation: **Barley Playground Refurbishment Committee** Sum requested: **£3,000**Total project cost: **£35,000**

Brief details:

Following views & comments from local families Barley Parish Council recognised that the playground located on The Plaistow (playing field) was not fulfilling its potential as an enjoyable and well used outdoor space for children of all ages. As a result, the Barley Playground Refurbishment Committee (BPRC) was formed as a subcommittee of the Barley Parish Council, consisting of a nominated Councillor and a group of local parents.

The group's main aim is to provide a modern, safe and imaginatively designed play facility, where children of all ages are encouraged to play outdoors all year round. The group has also carried out a tender process seeking value for money and the most appropriate range of equipment. The preferred contractor / scheme has advised that early Spring would be the most opportune time to install the new playground and that the facility would then be ready for use by local families over the summer.

The group is looking to raise in the region of £35K for the main phase of the refurbishment.

Matched / linked funding: **£9,975**Funder: **Awards for All**Matched / linked funding: **£5,763**Funder: **Parish Council**Matched /linked funding : **£11,036**Funder: **Local Fundraising**Matched / linked funding: **£5,475 various**Funder: **HCC Member / Johnson Mathey / Donations**

Comments from Community Officer:

BPRC has locally raised over £11K (children's disco, wine tasting, quiz night, gin tasting, auction of promises, private donations). The Barley Parish Council has contributed £5,763 and was also successful in 2014/15 in securing a scaled back Playground Fund award of £1,981.

The group has also recently been awarded £9,795 via a funding application made to Awards for All and is now looking to try and close the funding gap required to undertake the overall scheme. The group is seeking any routes possible to try and achieve this and is asking the Royston & District Area Committee to consider a grant award in the region of £3k.

The Area Committee may wish to note that the Parish Council is a precepting body which has the power to raise funds for such projects in its own right.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**