



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**

2. Date: **13 March 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Funding support to purchase a new lighting deck**

Name of organisation: **Whitwell Players**

Sum requested: **£993**

Total project cost: **£993**

Brief details:

The Whitwell Players as a group has been in existence since the early 80's and is an unregistered local club providing amateur dramatics services and productions within the community and primarily staged at the village Hall.
The group has a coordinating committee of 7 with approximately 100+ volunteers involved the group's activities one way or another. The group caters for techies and actors of all ages ranging from 5 to 105yrs.
Members come from across the local community with other welcomed from further afield. The Players put on three to four productions a year including the Xmas Panto which is usually a sell out and involves over 100 members of the local community in some form.

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Comments from Development Officer:

The group is desperately in need of a lighting deck as their old one had become beyond repair and the organisers have been forced to hire one in each time, which severely eats into the group's reserves.
Like other arts and cultural groups within the District, any profits made by the staging of productions are given back to the other local community as donations to help them achieve their own aims and objectives.
This year the group has made donations to Lime Tree House, the Village Hall, Stagenhoe, the local youth club and with other small donations.
The group has full support from the Parish Council with this application.
The Group is seeking a grant award from the Area Committee in the region of £993 to cover the cost of a new lighting deck in order to continue its invaluable work within the community and raising funds for other local groups through the staging of theatre and drama productions.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: **£993**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

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