



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 for improvements & provision within the room for 2 yr olds**

Name of organisation: **Ickleford Preschool**

Sum requested: **£1,500**

Total project cost: **£2,000+**

Brief details:

Ickleford Preschool is a constituted playgroup which provides services to the community from the Village Hall. The atmosphere at the pre school is lively and busy with numerous activities for the children to do and try out.

The preschool operates two separate rooms, one for 2 years olds and one for 3 to 4 year olds. Average daily numbers attended are 24, 2 year olds and 30, 3 to 4 years olds, with an ever growing waiting list.

The group provides a service to the local community, at a reasonable cost, which is of immense value to parents within the village and surrounding area, who for example wish to return to work or attend training courses.

The Preschool is a member of the Preschool Learning Alliance, a national charitable organisation which supports voluntary sector providers of quality affordable childcare and Education in England.

Matched / linked funding: **est. £500**
 Matched /linked funding : **£0**
 or DRR

Funders: **Internal Fundraising**
 Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The funding award being sought from the Area Committee is primarily to improve the facilities and activities within the 2 years old room. One of the issues the group needs to address is to temporarily cover the radiators whilst the room in use as a health and safety precaution.

Additional resources and activity materials are also being sought for use in the 2 years old room, such as a small indoor climbing frame, safety matting, design and drill activity packs, balance bikes, mini micros, galaxy carpet & people rug and free standing pin boards.

The Preschool has various funding projects planned such as a Spring assembly, future quiz night and music event to try and meet some of the costs themselves, although they are asking the Area Committee to consider a grant award of £1,500.

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: **£1,500**

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: