



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3rd Dec 2015**3. Summary of application: **Enhancing the outdoor play space and purchasing additional learning aids**Name of organisation: **Kimpton Preschool**Sum requested: **£500**Total project cost: **£1,000+**

Brief details:

Kimpton Preschool is a voluntary managed, community-run preschool that provides high-quality early years care to local children from ages two to five.

They are a not-for-profit company, at present managed by ex-parents, who have signed on as trustees/directors in a voluntary capacity. They employ qualified staff to provide the childcare expertise, while the directors oversee and manage the business side of the preschool.

Their income derives from fees and "per head" funding from Herts County Council, with any shortfall coming from any reserves that they may have or in most cases via local fundraising.

They have invested in the staffing team over the past year and the practice in general. Ofsted visited mid November and rated the Preschool as Outstanding, praising the experience that the school offers the children.

Matched / linked funding: **£500**Funders: **Kimpton May Festival Committee**Matched /linked funding: **£ tba**Funder: **Local fundraising**

Comments from Development Officer:

Resources within the preschool and further enhancement to the outside area now need some thought / future investment. The Area Committee awarded a £1,500 grant in 2012 to fund the all weather external play surface and the group has continued to develop the area into a wonderful natural play space.

The group is also using quite dated IT resources. There is a computer for the children but they require simple programmable resources such as torches, remote controlled toys, recording devices for language development and resources for their listening station (story CDs, book to accompany, etc).

They requested funds recently from the Kimpton May Festival Committee which has made a promise to match an amount up to £500 by Easter.

As ever, the Preschool team are encouraging parents to get into the fundraising spirit, but any amount the Area Committee would be minded to award would be gratefully received.

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.

Amount recommended: **£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

