



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3 Mar 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding to assist with the staging of the Pirton Summer Fair 2016**Name of organisation: **Pirton Sports & Social Club**Sum requested: **£500**Total project cost: **£750+**

Brief details:

Pirton Summer Fair is an annual event run by Pirton Sports & Social Club. As well as providing a day of activities and entertainment for all the village community, it is also a vital fund raising event to help the Sports & Social club put on other events & activities throughout the year. It also supports other village groups by providing them with a fund raising opportunity and generally assisting them in raising awareness on how each group support rural community life.

Last year was the first time the Summer Fair applied for grant funding via the Area Committee (£500) which enabled them to provide a number of free activities for the local children attending. This was much appreciated by all and the organisers received a great deal of positive feedback from the community, with many saying it was the best summer fair the village had hosted.

The coordinators would like to build on the success of 2015 and hope to provide further free attractions at this year's event. It was clear from last year that if the children were kept entertained, then their parents and visiting adults were more likely to stay longer, thus making it not only an inclusive event which helped to build and reinforce community cohesion & bonds, but also clearly helped to raise vital funds for local groups / societies and the Sports Club.

Matched / linked funding: **£250**Funder: **Other sponsorship / funding**Matched /linked funding : **£**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Community Officer:

The group is therefore seeking a grant award of £500 from the Committee's main budget to go towards the provision of a bouncy castle, giant slide and a fairground ride. All these would be free of charge to participants. The total cost of these is around £750, the balance will be covered by alternative sponsorship.

The group is very grateful to Members of the Committee in their support in the past and hope they will be able to support the event again this year.

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