

Appendix 2 Open Grant programmes

(a) Supporting Parishes and Communities

(i) Community Chest:

The grants awarded from the Community Chest during Q1-2 of 2015/16 are summarised in table 1, below.

Date	Applicant	Purpose	Grant Awarded
20/04/2015	Arrington Parish Council	Purchase of new picnic tables and benches	1,500.00
20/04/2015	The George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall	New front door	630.00
20/04/2015	1st Whittlesford & Duxford Scout Group	Equipment to provide access to minority sports (fencing, archery, indoor caving)	1,500.00
20/04/2015	Grinnel Hill BMX Club	Upgrade top end locks to secure site	350.00
20/04/2015	Reboot Cambridge Community Interest Company	IT equipment for resource centre to support employability/self employability project	1,500.00
20/04/2015	Arrington Parish Council	Purchase two replacement notice boards	1,500.00
20/04/2015	Dry Drayton Village Hall Management Committee	Village hall car park refurbishment	1,500.00
20/04/2015	Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground Trustees	Memorial hall redevelopment	1,500.00
20/04/2015	All Saints, Rampton Parochial Church Council	Footpath repair and electrical upgrade	1,500.00
20/04/2015	Horseheath Village Community Association	Toilet refurbishment	1,500.00
20/04/2015	The Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Yout Project (WAY)	Acoustic sound boards for music and games room	1,316.00
20/04/2015	Castle Camps Bowls Club	Purchase of a 510 Groomer/Dethatcher	1,500.00
21/05/2015	Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council	New village sign	1,500.00
21/05/2015	Over Baptist Church	Remove pews and replace with movable chairs to increase versatility for community	1,500.00
21/05/2015	Milton Football Club	Pavilion upgrade (changing facilities)	1,500.00
21/05/2015	St Mary's Church Voluntary Working Group	Purchase gardening equipment and shed	1,500.00

21/05/2015	Hinxton Parish Council	Repaint and repair exterior woodwork, doors and fascias of Village Hall	840.00
21/05/2015	Castle Camps Playground	Purchase and install new play equipment	1,500.00
21/05/2015	1st Willingham Scout Group	Purchase of tents and shelter	1,500.00
21/05/2015	Mary Challis Trust Limited	Purchase of PC and printer	500.00
21/05/2015	Duxford Playgroup	Purchase reconditioned smartboard	1,266.00
21/05/2015	Friends of Girton Glebe Primary School	Replace pool cover and reel with a GeoBubble cover (past of project aiming to open up pool to wider community)	1,391.00
21/05/2015	Grantchester Cricket Club	Purchase of pop-up gazebo/marquee (4m x 8m) to serve teas and store bags	737.62
21/05/2015	Steeple Morden Bowls Club	Replace 2nd half of pavilion roof	1,500.00
21/05/2015	Cottontails Pre-school	Outdoor Learning Project: installation of two benches	1,349.38
21/05/2015	Sawston Youth Group	Climbing Equipment	1,000.00
21/05/2015	1st Hardwick and Highfields Scout Group	Camping activity tent	1,500.00
21/05/2015	Linton Village Hall	Lighting renewal: main hall	1,500.00
24/06/2015	Mother Goose Pre-School	To purchase and install grass matrix matting around and under outdoor play equipment	1,500.00
24/06/2015	The Cygnets, Milton Pre- School	To purchase tables and chairs for new building	1,500.00
24/06/2015	Friends of Milton Country Park	To purchase marquee and folding tables for regular events	786.92
24/06/2015	The Almshouse and Pension Charity of the Julia Norris Trust	Toward the refurbishment and remodelling of four almshouses	1,500.00
24/06/2015	Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association	To purchase table and benches	1,000.00
24/06/2015	Ladybird PreSchool	To purchase new metal storage shed	1,128.32
24/06/2015	Litlington Recreation Centre Management Committee	To purchase replacement tables and chairs	1,000.00
24/06/2015	Lolworth Parish Meeting	To purchase road planings, fuel and weedkiller to repair the millennium footpath between Lolworth and Bar Hill	400.00
24/06/2015	Little Shelford Bowls Club	To replace badly damaged fencing along one side of the green	1,000.00
24/06/2015	Longstanton Grasshoppers Cricket	To purchase a secure container to store the club's	1,500.00

	Club	equipment.	
24/06/2015	Cambourne Comets	To purchase gymnastics/safety equipment	1,500.00
24/06/2015	Caldecote Scout Group	To purchase camping and orienteering equipment	1,500.00
24/06/2015	Comberton Bowls Club	Towards the refurbishment of toilet facilities	1,500.00
24/06/2015	The Phoenix Trust	To purchase two all-terrain pallet trucks	1,500.00
24/06/2015	1st Histon Scouts	To make repairs to the scout hut	1,500.00
24/06/2015	Meadow Out of School Club	To purchase outdoor play equipment	473.51
23/07/2015	Robinson Hall	To purchase chairs for the village hall.	1,191.00
23/07/2015	Bassingbourn Cricket Club	Wicket Refurbishment - as part of larger refurbishment plans for youth cricket club	640.00
23/07/2015	Eltisley Cricket Club	To purchase a new pitch roller	1,500.00
23/07/2015	St Peter's Church	Improving church facilities/ installing a new disabled toilet	1,500.00
23/07/2015	The Countryside Restoration Trust	To replace old and damaged notice boards and guided walk signs for community recreation and learning	1,000.00
23/07/2015	Elsworth Sports Club	To purchase a shipping container (to be clad) to provide secure storage for groundcare equipment	1,500.00
23/07/2015	Fulbourn Pre-School	To make repairs to outdoor wendy house and purchase books and bookcases for the space	350.00
23/07/2015	Harston Parish Council	To replace village noticeboard	764.00
23/07/2015	Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust	To provide a parking area for the playground	1,500.00
23/07/2015	Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust	To purchase multiple items associated with all-ability biking: an adaptive seat, ramp for container to allow wheelchair bike access. Also, a sign, noticeboard, allan keys, volunteer tshirts, magnetic postcards (for public £348)	567.00
23/07/2015	Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust	redecking a pedestrian bridge (badly damaged accident hazard)	1,500.00
24/09/2015	Willingham Parish Council	To purchase and install three picnic benches	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Comberton Crusaders Football Club	To purchase football goals	1,000.00

24/09/2015	Whittlesford Warriors Football Club	To purchase goals and corner flags necessitated by club expansion	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Linton Parish Council	To rebuild flint wall in Grade 1 listed churchyard	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Litlington Village Hall Committee	To purchase new kitchen equipment: cooker, fridge, dishwasher	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Toft People's Hall Management Committee	To purchase six LED theatre lights and mounting bars	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Hinxton Parish Council	To build a disabled access ramp from car park into village hall	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Fowlmere Recreation Ground and Village Hall Committee	To replace kitchen in village hall	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Linton Village Cricket Club	To purchase a new pitch roller	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Six Mile Bottom Sports and Social Club	To refurbish the interior of the Village Hall to improve security and meet fire regulations	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Trustee's of the Willy's Almshouses Fen Ditton	To reinstate iron railings in front of the Almshouses	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Dry Drayton Parish Council	To purchase two replacement noticeboards for each end of geographically divided village	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Stevens Close Sheltered Housing Scheme Residents Group	To purchase slabs, shrubs/plants, roses bird bath and compost	200.00
24/09/2015	Waterbeach Parish Council	To have the edges raised around the village bowls green	1,000.00
24/09/2015	Great Wilbraham Parish Council	To purchase two benches for parish cemetery	897.00
Total allocated to Q1 and Q2 2015/16			81,777.75
Budget allocated 2015/16			86,568.00
Budget remaining 2015/16			£3790.25

The budget was set at £53,000 for 15/16, this was supplemented with £20,286.80 from 2014/15 carried forward, with a further top up of £10,000 made in July 2015.

(b) Voluntary Sector – Advice and other grants

(i) Service Support Grants

1. General and Specialist Advice themes (reporting to PfH Leader)

General Welfare Advice:

The provision of free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to South Cambridgeshire residents on their rights and responsibilities in all the following areas: debt, benefits, employment, housing, legal and relationship/family matters.

Specialist Advice:

The provision of free, independent, confidential and impartial advice and advocacy to residents who are disabled, carers and to families with disabled children.

Grant recipients are required to facilitate access to these services where residents are unable to travel to district centres.

Allocations to the four CABx to provide these services are shown in table 2 below.
Table 2

Bureau	Allocation by CAB 15/16	Payment Made Q1-2	Payment Outstanding
General Welfare Advice			
Cambridge CAB	£51,120 £8,844	£30,000	£29964
Uttlesford CAB	£5,280 £938	£6218	
West Suffolk CAB	£5,280 £938	£6218	
North Herts CAB	£16,520 £2,680	£15,000	£4,200
Sub totals	£78,200 £13,400	£57,436	£34,164
An under-allocation in the Elite Athletes award was vired to the Welfare Advice Fund, providing an additional sum of £13,400 for Year 3 activity			
Specialist Welfare Advice			
Cambridge CAB	£3,290		£3290
Uttlesford CAB	£345		£345
West Suffolk CAB	£345		£345
North Herts CAB	£1020		£1020
Sub totals	£5,000		£5000
Total Welfare Advice			
	£96,600	£57,436	£39,164

Cambridge and District CAB is the lead member of the four bureaux who together achieve 100% coverage across the district. The following report was prepared by Cambridge and District CAB on behalf of all four CAB. Cambridge and District CAB, offer appointments at their central Cambridge offices, but also provide outreach at Girton Community Centre and John Huntingdon Charity, Sawston as well as Mortgage Advice at South Cambridgeshire Hall (see Section (c) (i) of this Appendix).

North Hertfordshire CAB provides general welfare advice from its office in Royston, but also from Letchworth and Hitchin. It also operates an advice line. In addition to core activity, this grant funds a caseworker 10hrs/week dealing with welfare rights (benefit reform) and debt (largely Council Tax and rent arrears). This service operates from the Royston office in the first instance, but now also operates two sessions per month from the Melbourn hub (from the beginning of March 2014) and a further session at The Limes Community Centre, Bassingbourn.

Uttlesford CAB is situated in Saffron Walden. Last year it saw clients from 16 wards in South Cambridgeshire, with residents of Duxford, Sawston, Linton, Balsham and Whittlesford in particular opting to access services from this bureau. In addition to advise on Debt, Employment, Housing, Legal, Immigration and Family/Relationship issues, they deliver specialist advice on disability benefit. They are soon to introduce services which cater for deaf clients, a specialism which South Cambs residents will be able to access by virtue of our core funding.

Suffolk West CAB provides access for South Cambridgeshire's residents via their Haverhill bureau. The phone network between the West Suffolk CAB offices has been upgraded, thus improving the remote access to their advice services. This bureau also provides training, including to school and college students, to assist financial capability and thereby enable better money management and avoidance of unmanageable debts in future.

Summary of Activity in South Cambridgeshire undertaken by the four bureaux during 2015/16 during the first two quarters

The following data relates to the sum of combined activity across the four bureaux serving the district. There were 2,203 unique clients (up 747 compared to the same period last year) and 7,055 advice issues dealt with (up 2561 compared with the same period last year).

Their nature and number of the advice issues dealt with in the first and second halves of the year are detailed in Table 3 below:

Benefits & tax credits	1,716
Debt	1,864
Housing	557
Employment	685
Consumer goods & services	199
Travel & transport	56
Utilities & communications	119
Financial services & capability	469
Relationships & family	581
Legal	331
Health & community care	107

Immigration & asylum	93
Education	34
Tax	67
Discrimination	25
Other	152
Grand Total	7,055

Interactive Help

The network of touchscreen kiosks, an important element of the outreach strategy, continue to attract a steady stream of users, around 8,000 2368 in the half year in South Cambridgeshire. There are now units in Cambourne Church, Melbourn, Gamlingay, Sawston (with a further unit recently installed in South Cambridgeshire Hall November, just outside this reporting period).

There has been a 56% increase in use over the previous years. However, there have been some issues with the remote reporting from some machines, so this does mean that the actual numbers of users is likely to be much higher. We can deduce that these units therefore continue to be a useful addition to advice services in local communities.

Cambridge CAB has received a grant to redevelop the advice website, allowing further improvements to be made in how the advice pages work.

Benefits & Debt

Benefits and Debt continue to be the most popular advice topics that we support clients with.

In Q1 and Q2 1,864 clients were assisted on 1,864 cases relating to debt, worth £1,484,185. In total 355 clients have received help regarding Debt Relief Orders.

Table 4: Collective value of debt written off

Debts written off	Bankruptcy	£357,162
	Debt write off - other	£62,493
	DRO - debt relief order	£1,057,378
	IVA - Individual Voluntary Agreement	£7,153
	Total	£1,484,185

Debt by type

Table 5: The top 3 areas of debt for these clients:

Credit card	£1,230,429.55
Unsecured loan	£1,008,735.89
Benefit overpayment	£455,270.32

The comprehensive service includes help with identifying benefits clients are entitled to claim and support with their applications, particularly where the applications are very complicated like the ESA50 form.

The following table shows collective benefits/financial gain for South Cambridgeshire clients over Q1 and Q2 and the range of different benefits with which clients were assisted. The collective financial gain for these clients amounted to £1.7 million over the first two quarters. (Last year the collective benefit was £899,952 over the same period).

Table 6: Collective benefit to South Cambridgeshire clients in terms of welfare payments

Income Support	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£23,033
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£3,216
	Total	£26,250
Pension Credit	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£35,609
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£1,345
	Total	£36,954
Housing Benefit	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£148,792
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£6,211
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£13,534
	Other (financial)	£2,534
	Total	£171,070
Child Benefit	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£11,422
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£1,066
	Total	£12,488
Working & Child Tax Credits	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£82,559
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£6,955
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£2,619
	Total	£92,133
Jobseekers Allowance	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£35,591
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£883
	Total	£36,474
Disability Living Allowance	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£83,993
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£15,915
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£4,655
	Total	£104,562
Attendance Allowance	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£107,419
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£4,280
	Total	£111,699
Carers Allowance	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£57,733
	Total	£57,733
Employment Support Allowance	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£189,288
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£24,364
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£20,826
	Total	£234,478
Personal independence payment	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£672,104
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£49,731
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£8,494
	Total	£730,329
Council tax reduction	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£18,150
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£285
	Benefit / tax credit gain - Money put back into payment	£5,741

	Other (financial)	£690
	Total	£24,866
Passported benefits	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£6,195
	Total	£6,195
Other benefits issues	Benefit / tax credit gain - a new award or increase	£78,867
	Benefit / tax credit gain - award or increase following revision or appeal	£1,904
	Other (financial)	£2,000
	Total	£82,772
Total		£1,728,003

Table 7: Client composition by ethnicity, gender, age and disability

Ethnic Origin	Clients %
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	1%
Asian or Asian British - Chinese	1%
Asian or Asian British - Indian	1%
Asian or Asian British - Other	1%
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	0%
Black or Black British - African	1%
Black or Black British - Caribbean	0%
Black or Black British - Other	0%
Mixed - Other	1%
Mixed - White & Asian	0%
Mixed - White & Black African	0%
Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	0%
Other - Any Other	1%
Other - Arab	0%
White - British	68%
White - English	12%
White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0%
White - Irish	1%
White - Northern Irish	0%
White - Other	9%
White - Scottish	0%
White - Welsh	0%

Gender	Client %
Female	59%
Male	41%

Age Profile	Clients %
0 – 16	0%
17 – 24	8%
25 – 34	21%
35 – 49	31%
50 – 64	27%
65 – 74	9%
75 – 84	4%
85 +	0%

2. Community Transport

Community Transport Theme (formerly reporting to Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder)

The fund was open to applications from

(a) Operators of community transport schemes currently delivering or

(b) Operators of community transport schemes planning to deliver Community Transport services within South Cambridgeshire and for South Cambridgeshire residents

(c) To Engage with geographic communities or user groups to

- Promote existing services to increase take up of provision
- Develop new services which meet identified need

(d) To develop the quality and capacity of community transport schemes, to include the development of learning networks to advance good practice and cooperation among Community Transport providers.

Allocation of Service Support Fund grants under the Community Transport theme are shown in table 8 below.

Table 8: Community Transport Service Support Fund grant recipients

Grant Recipient	Allocated 15/16	Additional Allocation	Payment Made
RDCT	£3,165		£3,165
CAMDAR	£5,333		£5,333
3 CT	£2,000		£2,000
Care Network	£2,667	£4,835	£7,532

The initial grant round covering the period 2013-16 did not result in the full allocation of funds available under the Community Transport Theme¹

A subsequent round of applications to VCS organisations to provide support for the delivery of Community Transport services to the district, to allocate approximately £8,500 for the remainder of the programme. The additional allocations are shown in the table above.

Royston and District Community Transport consistently deliver a valued service for South Cambs residents. They provide low cost door-to-door transport through their scheme, which is open to anyone who cannot use public transport for reasons of age, impaired mobility or the lack of a public transport option. This is achieved, in part, by the voluntary effort of over forty volunteer drivers operating in the district. The grant awarded covered core funding support.

Funding agreed: YR1 Q1 £703.75; Q 2-4 £2,374; YR 2 £3,165; YR 3 £3,165, total £8,704

Key achievements in line with the schedule of grant:

At the end of Q2 there were 261 regular users of RDCT services in South Cambs across 57 parishes.

2,008 journeys were undertaken in South Cambridgeshire. 3 presentations were given to community groups to promote the service. RDCT have been successful in bidding into the government's minibus fund for CT operators and are awaiting delivery of a new vehicle, a low floor vehicle suitable for running DRT services, which form part of the plan for their service development.

Cambridge Dial-a-Ride provides a set fare service, visiting villages on a daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly schedule, according to demand. They offer services into Cambridgeshire and group travel across the region. This grant affords a contribution towards core costs, although the grant awarded is small proportionate to their running costs.

Funding agreed: YR1 £4,000, YR2 £5,333, YR 3 £5,333, totalling £14,666

In the first two quarters of the year CAMDAR South Cambridgeshire ridership figures indicate 900 single passenger journeys under Dial-a-Ride, of which 107 were made by wheelchair users, and 2121 passenger journeys under group hire arrangements, of which 69 were made by wheelchair users.

CAMDAR have reviewed their charging schedule in the light of the announcement from the county council of withdrawal of their 50% reimbursement to for concessionary bus pass holders on Section 19 services from April 1 2015. By raising their fares by £2 for a return journey this loss of funding they are preparing to offset losses through increased revenue. So far the increase in fare does not appear to be deterring users. However, the prospect of withdrawal of their core award from April 1 2016 potentially jeopardises their entire operation and a pro-active response to these changes will be the prime focus for 2015/16 – the county's funding can not be agreed until Feb 2016. One possible outcome of reduced funding would be focus activity within the city of Cambridge, withdrawing the service from the district in its entirety. The uncertainty in funding has meant CAMDAR have opted for a three year rather than five year lease on renewal, which they have therefore had to take on less favourable terms, increasing overheads.

3 Counties Transport, based in Haverhill, serve South Cambridgeshire villages with wheelchair accessible minibuses for villages in the South East of the district, taking people into Haverhill on Mondays. Their vehicles are also available for group hire to South Cambridgeshire organisations. In addition they provide MIDAS driver training, an important element of support to fellow CT operators.

The grant awarded covered core costs.

Funding agreed: YR 1 £1,500, YR 2 £2,000, plus additional allocation of £2,023 YR 3 £2,000 totalling £7,523

In the first six months of this financial year 5 new South Cambridgeshire groups have begun using 3CT for minibus group hire. There were 262 single passenger journeys on the Dial A Ride service; Dial a Ride and Group hire figures are up (providing transport to 205 group members out of 15 groups in the first six months) although community car use is not increasing (187passenger journeys).

Care Network This organisation was awarded grant to support ongoing work of establishing and supporting community car schemes, a vital component of the Community Transport offer across the district. It is worth noting that collectively car scheme services transported 29,676 passengers throughout 2104/15 and covered 215,470 miles between them. The use of car schemes as gone up by 19% between 2011/12 and 2014/15.

Funding agreed: YR1 £2,000, YR2 £2,667 YR3 £2,667 £7,334
Additional funding: YR2 £215 YR3 £4,835 totalling £12,384

There are 29 car schemes that are supported in the South Cambridgeshire district. Care Network have undertaken a comprehensive survey to understand the support requirements and resilience of car schemes across the district in conjunction with SCDC (with a few to meeting challenges which may result from further reductions to subsidised public transport).

A training event was run for car schemes June 2015 in Bar Hill.

Two new car schemes, Fulbourn Community Car Scheme and Grantchester CAN, with a further one to launch in the final two quarters.

The additional funding was awarded to increase the capacity of the Community Development Worker for South Cambridgeshire to assist the Community Car Schemes, providing a support and networking function, in addition to instigating new car schemes. It seeks to increase the resilience of car schemes by encouraging more joint working between neighbouring schemes and this work is on-going.

Status: RDCT, Cambridge Dial-a-Ride, 3CT and Care Network have all broadly met the requirements of their grant agreement for this reporting period. Areas of concern will remain financial sustainability issues given the reduction in county council funding to CT operators.

3. Independent Living

Independent Living theme (reporting to the Health and Environmental Services Portfolio Holder)

This fund was open to organisations providing support to South Cambridgeshire residents to maintain their independence and reduce rural isolation, either through service provision or a means of access to services which

- Support the set up and continuation of good neighbour and befriending schemes (excluding Mobile Warden Schemes and Community Transport Schemes).
- Offer advice, information and support to those who would otherwise be unable to live independent lives;
- Support carers; and/or
- Tackle loneliness, dementia and depression.

Table 8: Allocation of Service Support Fund grant under the Independent Living theme (Year 3 payments incorporate inflationary uplifts)

Grant Recipient	Allocation 15/16	Payment made
Age UK Cambridgeshire	£ 4,000	£4,080
COPE	£ 5,000	£5,100
Arts and Minds	£5,000	£5,250
Care Network	£4,000	£4,000

Age UK Cambridgeshire - support older people to improve their experience of later life, through a range of preventative services and support which assist people to remain independent and increase their resilience to cope and be part of their local communities. Funding agreed: FY1 £1,750, FY2 £4,000, FY3 £4,000 Total £9,750
Key achievements in line with the schedule of grant:

The SCDC funding awarded was used to raise the general awareness of AgeUK Cambridgeshire Information, Advocacy and Information Service through the 0300 666 9860 Helpline gateway number. The advice line is operated locally Monday – Friday, outside of these times callers are redirected to the national helpline, any locally specific issues the enquiry is transferred back to the local service for follow up.

Age UK delivered 2 talks by radio, one package for ITV and presentations in person to 87 South Cambs residents to promote the Advice line, who were given tailored information packs. 22% of the calls received were to South Cambs residents (8,652 calls were received overall last year and demand is increasing year on year). The main areas of advice Finance, Care and Family.

Age UK is on track to meet the grant requirements for 15/16.

COPE - promote the interests of people aged 50 or over, through signposting, consultation, co-ordinating and advocacy, with the aim to reduce social exclusion, challenge ageism, promote active ageing, reduce isolation and demonstrate what older people can do in Cambridgeshire.

Funding Agreed FY1 £3,750, FY2 £5,000, FY3 £5,000, Total
Key achievements in line with the schedule of grant:

Regular monthly newsletters have been distributed to all COPE members , of which there are currently 858 in South Cambridgeshire, approximately 30% of COPE membership.

COPE has contributed at meetings of the AgeUK Policy Sounding Board, the Cambridgeshire Older Peoples Partnership Board, the Local Health Partnership, Futures

East, Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board consultations and workshops, other Older Peoples groups and has reported back to members on the activities of these bodies.

COPE provide social activities for their members, holding meetings in the north and south of Cambridge City, located to capitalise on public transport links and an exercise class is held in Fulbourn. However, they do not currently ask attendees to register their district of origin, so monitoring the levels of attendance from South Cambs residents has not been achieved – the requirement for this has been communicated to the grant recipient.

COPE appears to be on track to meet the grant requirements, although improvements to monitoring have been requested.

Arts and Minds - offer people living with mental health problems and their carers, opportunities for participation in, and experience of, high quality arts and culture, in order to maintain mental health and support recovery when they become ill in Cambridgeshire.

Funding Agreed FY1 £5,000, FY 2 £5,000, FY 3 £5,000 Total £15,000 (although were paid only £2,500 in year 1 as they ran only one course).

Arts and Minds were unsuccessful in securing enough match funding to run two courses over the last financial year. They were, however, able to run one course, which ran from March 11 2014 till June 06 2014 and were therefore eligible to claim an additional £2,500 from the sum rolled over from last financial year, in addition to their YR2 allocation. They are able to be paid a further £250.

The courses are 12 weeks in duration and offer weekly workshops plus a visit to an art gallery, culminating in a celebration event where participants can invite friends and family to see the work they have created. This is followed by a week-long exhibition open to the public.

The scheme is seeing increasing numbers of referrals from GPs as the sessions begin to gain profile. The second course funded under the 14/15 grant agreement (run between January and April 2015) held in Cambridge, had 8 participants from South Cambridgeshire. The first series funded in 2015/16 also to be held in Cambridge, was due to start in November, for which there were 7 South Cambs residents registered.

The schemes planned for 2015/16, are planned subject to receiving match funding to our £5000 commitment. The applicant has yet to provide dates for the second series of 2015/16.

Grant funded activities are on track for 14/15 at present.

Care Network – through the development of community and voluntary groups it helps to establish and support, it aims to allow older and vulnerable adults to stay independent and live fuller lives.

Funding Agreed: FY 1 £3,000 FY2 £4,000, FY 3 £4,000 Total under this theme, £11,000

46 Community groups and schemes are supported in South Cambridgeshire. There were 160 separate contacts with these groups over the first six months, with the Steeple Morden Lunch club receiving more substantive support.

All groups received a quarterly Newsletter, which includes news from other organisations and training opportunities.

Care Network has promoted opportunities for volunteering in South Cambridgeshire and has evidenced joint working with other organisations.

Care Network set up two new groups within this reporting period, Bar Hill Health and Wellbeing Club and Oakington and Westwick Neighbours, Caring and Sharing Network.

Care Network is on track with grant funded activities.

Status: The grant recipients under this theme are now largely performing as per their grant agreement, although in some instances continued delivery is dependent on them achieving match funding.

4. Support for Parishes and Communities

Support for Parishes and Communities theme (reporting to the Leader)

This fund was open to applications from

1. Organisations providing support to local community groups and charitable bodies who themselves wish to provide services for South Cambridgeshire residents to deliver
 - The provision of services and support to enable effective, sustainable and legal operation in the provision of services and activities for South Cambridgeshire residents, including Practical assistance and support including fundraising and training
 - General support on governance, management and employment

The representation of the Voluntary Sector at a strategic level, facilitating third sector involvement in shaping the delivery of public services.

The facilitation of consultation and communication, including providing an effective liaison function between the District Council and the voluntary, community, charitable and social enterprise sector in South Cambridgeshire and assist in capacity building of the voluntary sector

2. Organisations providing training to parishes
 - The provision of a bespoke training programme for Parish Councils, developed in cooperation with South Cambridgeshire District Council and parish councils, which may include such topics as Facilities Management, Business Planning and Fundraising

When awards were determined, no grants were offered to deliver activity (2); the Leader decided to take Parish Training in house (Decision, Joint Portfolio Holders Meeting May 23 2013).

Allocations given are recorded in the Table 9, below:

Grant Awarded to	2015/16	Outstanding this F/Y
Cambridge CVS	£8,700	£8,700
Care Network	£3,300	£3,300

Cambridge CVS have delivered as agreed in the South Cambs schedule appended to the joint service level agreement between Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, Fenland District Council, South Cambs DC and CVS5 (Cambridge CVS, VCA Hunts and Hunts Forum). Payment of grant is direct to Cambridge CVS.

Funding agreed: FY1 £6,375, FY2 £8,700, FY3 £8,700 Total award £23,775

Representation of the voluntary sector: C CVS represented the voluntary sector at key partnership meetings (attendances reported on its new C CVS blog and via its Newsletter).

Promotion of CVS to South Cambs District: Cambs.net entry updated regularly and e-bulletins sent to member and non-member contacts

Support for voluntary organisations and community groups to fulfil their missions more effectively: Monthly funding news was sent to all members and updates included in other newsletters. 44 groups working in South Cambs were given direct funding support, with "Developing a funding strategy for small groups" training session delivered June 2015. 47 groups have accessed C CVS training sessions during Q1-2.

9 1:2:1 support sessions were delivered over the last six months, with 167 enquiries answered.

C CVS continues to provide the representation and support functions it is grant aided to do in accordance with our grant agreement.

Care Network reporting combined with the Independent Living theme, given above, due to the overlap in delivery against these two themes.

Funding agreed: FY 1 £2,625, £3,300, £3,300 Totalling £9,225

Status: Delivery against this theme is in accordance with the grant agreements.

5. Housing

Grant support for organisations working for **Homelessness Prevention** was incorporated within the Service Support Grant Scheme (coordinating the administration of these schemes reduced the staff resource required for administration).

Activities supported under the Housing theme of the Service Support Grants

Table 10: Recipients of the Housing theme of the Service Support Grants

Organisation	Allocation 14/15	Payment 14/15
Cambridge Cyrenians	£1,712	£1,712
Cambridge Re-Use (previously known as SOFA)	£1,471	£1,471
Cambridge Women's Aid	£7,528	£7,528

Cambridge Cyrenians. The grant from South Cambridgeshire is contributing to the maintenance and upgrade of computers & IT support provided to service users. Cyrenians provides a PC and internet access for residents in each of the 11 properties. The ability to access the internet is becoming increasingly important, not just for bidding on Home-Link, but because most residents are job hunting on-line as the expectations of the DWP are increasing.

Between April and September Cambridge Cyrenians accommodated 12 new residents. This is approximately half the number normally accommodated. This is due to a programme of opening new houses and closing old ones. It is anticipated that the service will be able to operate at full capacity during the next 6 month period. Of those who moved in, one had a local connection to South Cambridgeshire. A second referral was made but not accepted due to non engagement with the drug treatment service.

Cambridge Re-Use provides low cost household goods to low income families in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.

During the first half of the 2015/2016 Financial Year (April to September) a total of 110 people living in the SCDC area accessed the service. This compares with the total of 114 people who accessed our service during the second half of the 2014/2015 Financial Year and indicates that demand for the service remains stable.

Cambridge Re-Use continue to put the grant funding towards the cost of running a furniture van which is used both for collecting donations of household goods and for delivering purchases to customers' homes.

Cambridge Women's Aid's (CWA)

CWA offers (mainly) women one to one support and access to group support sessions. CWA also provides women with weekly activities to encourage them to come together and offer each other peer support. Support is provided by two full time workers during normal office hours. Service users can also access support in an emergency 24 hours a day, 365 days a year thanks to the CWA on call worker who is available outside of normal working hours. During the first two quarters the Outreach project has had contact with 743 people and at least 202 of them were living in South Cambridgeshire (the service also provided advice to a further 129 people who did not disclose where they lived).

CWA provided

- An 24 hr emergency helpline for survivors of domestic abuse and professionals helping them on 100% of the days in this period to keep safe and prevent homelessness
- A flexible one to one support service to help survivors of domestic abuse to access a range of support such as advice on their relationship and personal situation as well as understanding their tenancies and housing options to avoid homelessness
- Support to strengthen survivors of domestic abuse engaging in options provided by other agencies such as the police, the courts and social care
- Support sessions every week for groups of survivors using CWA services to better understand the dynamics of abusive relationships and support to move on
- Support sessions every week to give women living in Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire and East Cambs opportunities to come together and take part in art activities and benefit from peer support to reduce isolation and build up confidence
- Money Matters training

In addition CWA provided

- Opportunities for service users to take part in Service User Groups to influence local and national policy
 - Supported ten women from Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire to complete the Cambridge City Council women's needs assessment
 - Supported eight women to contribute to the TUC and Women's Aid research on financial abuse to help lobby for changes to Universal Credit
- Direct support to Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council Housing Officers to find and access refuge space quickly
- Expertise to give training and awareness of domestic abuse to
 - 148 local authority workers
 - 45 GPs
 - 35 police call handlers
 - 4 medical students
 - 30 Health Watch Ambassadors
 - 17 Citizen Advice Bureau volunteers/workers
 - 2 Cambridge City White Ribbon Ambassadors
 - 400 sixth form students
- Worker time to support partnership working. CWA contributed to
 - Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership Strategic Board

- Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership Implementation Group
- The Cambridgeshire MASH Project Board
- The Cambridge City Domestic Violence Forum

Status: All grant recipients under this theme are delivering planned activities to time and to budget. Annual grant payments have been made in full.

(c) Housing and Independent Living

(i) Mortgage Advice (Homelessness prevention)

The fund available for specific money advice to prevent homelessness (£8,520) allows Cambridge and District CAB to deliver a weekly advice session at South Cambridgeshire Hall. Reporting has been combined with the report on Service Support Fund grant aided activity.

(ii) Mobile Warden Scheme

Funding was allocated to support mobile warden schemes in 2014/15 as detailed in Table 11, below:

Table 11

Scheme	Grant Awarded 2015-16
Milton Community Care Scheme	£1,975
Mordens & Litlington MWS	£1,975
Cottenham MWS	£1,250
Harston & District Community Warden Scheme	£850
Great Shelford MWS	£1,400
Haslingfield Community Warden Scheme	£250
Melbourn MWS	£1000
Histon & Impington (Age UK Scheme)	£1,700
Teversham (Age UK Scheme)	£1,700
Linton (Age UK Scheme)	£2,500
Small Villages (Age UK Scheme)	£3,100
Swavesey (Age UK Scheme)	£1,300
Total	£19,000

In South Cambridgeshire there are 8 providers running 12 schemes covering 22 villages. Approximately 250 older people benefit directly across the schemes per year. The schemes

support older people in a number of different ways and each scheme runs differently reflecting local need and resources.

There are seven schemes supported by Care Network based schemes and five Age UK Cambridgeshire scheme (which covers five separate schemes). Age UK Cambridgeshire schemes. All schemes are progressing according to the grant agreement, with an end of year report due from each scheme as part of next year's application procedure. The 2016/17 application process is open from 23 November 2015 until 22 January 2016.

(d) Planning and Economic Development

(i) Farmland Museum
(reporting to Economic Development Portfolio holder)

In October 2013 a further two year funding agreement was signed, awarding £12,650 and £8,500 in 2015/16. The museum has staged living history events and refreshed its education outreach programme.

The first tranche of this, £4250 was paid in April 2015.

Status: Grant on track

(ii) Wildlife Enhancement

Discretionary awards and necessary purchases for council led projects have been made from this fund to the following projects in Q1 and Q2.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Fund recipient</u>	<u>Money spent on</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Fulbourn Community Orchard	Fulbourn residents	Tree etc	£278.87
Flower patches	project equipment	Pictorial Meadows seed (inc 10% disc) 3.85kg of seed exVAT	£869
St Denis Churchyard	St Denis spring bat survey	WiT (inc VAT)	£1,050
Wild flower patches	Applied to SCDC land holding	Grass/weed control, Coolidge Gdns, Cottenham (exVAT)	£125
Gt Shelford Churchyard	SCDC obliged to maintain a closed churchyard	Bramble control and wildflower management	£225
Girton Town End Close pond	Girton Town End Close Group	Pond restoration	£687
Millbridge Brook (back spend for 2014)	Gamlingay Parish Council	marginal plants	£500

Total funds allocated in Q1-2	£3,734.79
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£6765.21 of funds remain unallocated within this budget , however projects have been identified for spend in the third and fourth quarters almost up to the budget limit.

Status: This fund continues to meet identified needs for wildlife enhancements measures.

(e) Young People

(i) Young people's partnership

£10,000 was allocated to the Children & Young People's Area Partnership in 2015/16 to support the delivery of SCDC children, young people and families priorities.

(ii) Elite Athletes grant

The Elite Athletes Grant scheme offers grants of up to £2,000 to support athletes and para-athletes at all stages of their sporting careers. The budget allocation for 15/16 was £10,000 – awards were made totalling £10,050 to 16 athletes and para-athletes, awards were made in August following an allocation window between 01 April 2015 – 30 June 2015.

Gemma O'Connor	1,000.00
Ashley Jack Brown	400.00
Nicola Taylor	200.00
Anna Loughlan	750.00
Anna Quantrill	200.00
Joshua Dawes	250.00
Jacob Dawes	250.00
Albert Pavelin	500.00
Roan Turner	100.00
Claire Taylor	400.00
Georgina Bullen	1,500.00
Karyna Manuel	750.00
Charlotte Cox	1,500.00
Finn Barnes	500.00
Jasmine Seamarks	750.00
Gareth Furlong	1,000.00
Total funding allocated	10,050.00

¹ (Joint Leader, Planning Policy and Localism and Environmental Services Portfolio Holders Meeting 23 May 2014

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