

Health and Wellbeing projects and activities FUNDING APPLICATION

1. Applicant:

Name	
Organisation	Mere Footpath Group
Address	
Phone number	
Email address	

2. Amount of funding required from the Area Board:

£0 - £1000	
£1001 - £5000	
Over £5000 (please note – our grants will not normally exceed £5000)	

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

Yes	
No	No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept?

5. Project title?

6. Project summary: (100 words maximum)

The group want to raise money for kissing gates to install on Mere footpaths to make them more accessible for older walkers. We plan to do this by donations from walkers on a mass walk of Great Bottom, the walk itself is meant to raise the profile of walking on local paths and to raise the walking aspirations of Mere residents young and old. The flyer for the event is attached.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

8. What is the Post Code of the place where your project is taking place?

9. Please tell us which themes best describe your project:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intergenerational projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage, history and architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Older People Support/Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion, diversity and community spirit
<input type="checkbox"/> Carers Support/Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment, recycling and green initiatives
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promoting physical and mental wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport, play and recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combating social isolation	<input type="checkbox"/> Transport
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promoting cohesive/resilient communities	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology & Digital literacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts, crafts and culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Safer communities	

If Other (please specify)

10. About your project

Please tell us about your project (a strong application will address all of the following):

How does your project support local needs and priorities?

We have already created an all weather hard surface circular walk which daily provides an exercise and recreation. We now wish to make more of the fabulous footpaths of Mere Parish accessible for older residents in particular. Money raised on the Great Bottom walk will purchase kissing gates which we can, with the agreement of landowners. The Great Bottom walk, where we hope to have over 100 walkers, will be a big event and raise the profile of the walk. We hope that residents who would not aspire to such a walk on their own will attempt it with others in the community. We have the support of the staff at Mere Surgery, who have commented on the work we have already done at Mere has a large number of 'older' residents and the splendid local paths are an opportunity for gentle exercise.

How many older people/carers to do you expect to benefit from your project?

We hope to have over 100 walkers on the day with a good number of them being older. We will be promoting the walk through local societies which have mainly older residents as members. As we install kissing gates, which will open up paths for older walkers, we will be informing residents - through

How will you encourage volunteering and community involvement?

As stated above - we shall be working through local organisations. We currently work with Seeds4Success. We have a website and facebook pages which both attract interest to walking in Mere and the work of the group on the footpath of Mere. We are a group of volunteers ourselves and our group has grown from additional volunteers. Our 'Walking in Mere' maps sell well and give guidance to residents on good local walks. The footpath group also We regularly report on our activities at Mere Town Council meetings.

How will you ensure your project is accessible to everyone (for example: people living with a disability or on low incomes, or vulnerable, or socially isolated etc.)?

Our circular walk was designed for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs. We plan to extend this walk. The monthly walks are open to all and give new walkers a simple social event to take part in. We are hoping that The support of Doctors in Mere Surgery will be used to reach residents who may be socially isolated.

How will you work with other community partners?

We already work with the Town Council, both in helping where there are footpath issues but also in reporting back. The Town Council helps with some funding for materials that we, as a group of volunteers, cannot afford. When working on larger projects we work with groups like Seeds4Success. We will promote our activities through We co-ordinate our work with other groups like the Mere Rivers Group and all of our work is done with the agreement. We will be giving information sheets about the walk and area to walkers - these are being informed by local groups.

11. Safeguarding

Please tell us about how you will protect and safeguard vulnerable people in your project (You must address all of the following):

- Please provide evidence of your commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of older/vulnerable people and their carers.
- How do you make sure staff and volunteers understand their safeguarding responsibilities?
- Who in your organisation is ultimately responsible for safeguarding?

Much of our maintenance work is intended to make stiles and gates safe and easy to use. We spend a good deal of money on this work. We work with the Wiltshire Rights of Way team to ensure that the work we do is of a good standard and that we are following the best practice. The Wiltshire Rights of Way team have given us training and guidance on how stiles and paths should be maintained. When doing work on footbridges, we always work with the Rights of Way team.

12. Monitoring your project.

How will you know if your project has been successful? *required field

This particular aspect of our work - the Healthy Mere Walking - Great Bottom event will be successful if we get good feedback. We hope that it will be well reported before and after in local news media and that 'Healthy Mere Walking' becomes a regular event. At the end of the event we will have funding to acquire kissing gates - installing these new gates will be a major part of our work. We will be giving walkers a 'Great Bottom' badge and a goody bag of healthy snacks which we aim to get from local businesses. We will know of the success as the walkers finish the walk and take the goody bag and put on the badge. We do hope to see an increased use of local paths after Great Bottom and to have more volunteers helping with the work. One day we hope to hear that everyone in Mere has a Great Bottom.

13. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

We are an ongoing project and receive funding from the Town Council for some of our material costs, Wiltshire Rights of Way. We have had the help of SWWAB to purchase equipment. Be assured, we have been working in some form since the funding ended, our group stopping its work as we endeavour to attract younger volunteers all the time.

14. If this application forms part of a larger project (eg. building of new village hall), please state what this project is and approximately how much the overall project will cost

We work across the Parish of Mere and, sometimes, in neighbouring parishes maintaining and improving footpaths. Our work is funded by the Town Council. With regard to larger improvements of hard surface paths, we are working with the Town Council who will be meeting the costs.

15. Finance:

15a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

Month Year

Total Income:

£

Total Expenditure:

£

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

I have included our Treasurer's report as we are a small community group but we do have an annual report. Our funding is largely attached to materials equipment that we use as detailed in answers above. Our small amount of money in hand is for running costs like petrol for the equipment.

In the request below, we are asking for money to buy the badges, bags and the information sheets we will give to walkers. We also need to construct a temporary stile to make the walk easier for new walkers - we will retain this temporary stile.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

15b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost £

Total required from Area Board £

Expenditure £ Income £ Tick if income confirmed

NB. If your organisation reclaims VAT you should exclude VAT from the expenditure (Planned project costs [help](#)) (Planned Income [help](#))

Great Bottom Buttons	£96	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary wooden s	£48	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paper goody bags	£4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paper and printing of	£24	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kissing gate	£360	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postcrete	£25	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total	£457	Total	<input type="text"/>	

16. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant for this project from another area board within this financial year? *required field

- Yes
 No

17. Please list which area boards you are intending to apply, including this one (You can apply to a maximum of 3 Area Boards for the same project in a financial year) *required field, if Yes to Q11.

South west Wiltshire Area Board

18. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request (You DO NOT need to send these documents to us):

Quotes:

- I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Project/Business Plan:

- For projects over £50,000: I will make available on request a **project or business plan** (including estimates) for projects where the **total project cost** (as declared in the financial section above) exceeds £50,000 (tick only when total project cost exceeds £50,000).

Accounts:

- I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

- I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

- I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

- I will make available on request evidence of ownership of buildings/land
- I will make available on request the relevant planning permission for the project.
- I will make available on request any other form of licence or approval for this project has been received prior to submission of this grant application.

And finally...

- I confirm that the information on this form is correct, any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

