

## List of Grant Applications for Westbury Area Board – December 2018

Applicant	Project summary	Amount Requested from Area Board	Total Project Cost
<p><a href="#">3132</a>  <b>POPCAN residents association</b></p>	<p>Penleigh Park wobbly footpath resurfacing            This application is being made by POPCAN Penleigh and Oldfield Park Community Action Network for a contribution towards the cost of resurfacing the footpath that runs through Penleigh Park connecting Queens Road with Hackney Way. The footpath is not a public right of way and park of it sits on land owned by Persimmon Homes. It has become seriously eroded and now presents a trip hazard for walkers a serious impediment for those needing to access the path using wheelchairs and buggies. POPCAN identified this as a local priority during their summer consultation exercises.</p> <p>POPCAN carried out two detailed community listening activities during 2018 which identified a range of improvements local residents wanted to happen in the wider estate. The main area of priority concerned upgrading Penleigh Park so it could provide the full range of benefits to residents one might expect from a park and large recreation field. The adjacent housing areas of Phoenix Rise and Oldfield Park have a range of challenges that POPCAN is aiming to overcome. These are improved community safety a better lived environment improved well-being and a strong connected local community. POPCAN has already been successful in taking forward a number of improvements at Penleigh Park by listening to the views of residents and young people and acting accordingly. POPCAN worked with Westbury Town Council to have a troublesome and somewhat unsafe youth shelter removed. The improvements to litter and ASB have been dramatic and feedback from other residents has so far been completely positive. Building on this work POPCAN is now targeting the wobbly footpath that most park-goers use to access the park. The footpath is a popular route connecting Oldfield Park with Leigh Park too. As it crosses public open space but is itself not a designated right of way it is not maintained by Wiltshire Council. Part of it also sits on land owned by Persimmon Homes. POPCAN and Westbury Town Council have both communicated with Persimmon who give permission to have the footpath resurfaced. We are also aiming to secure some funding from Persimmon towards the costs of this. Working with the town council we have secured three quotes for the work the cheapest so far has been ID Verde which we are basing this funding application on. We are also working to secure funds from other sources. This project fulfils a number of local priorities. It improves community safety and social isolation by increasing the number of people who can access the space. It contributes to community spirit by demonstrating how local peoples views are being listened to and acted upon. It provides a number of benefits to the local environment including access to open spaces. It has a</p>	<p>£5000</p>	<p>£13286.35</p>

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	<p>benefit to community activity by making the space more useable for community events. It helps to demonstrate the value of community members working together with partners on groups such as POPCAN. It benefits local well-being by making a space more accessible to those with limited mobility and those who use pushchairs. It benefits local well-being as it validates the views of local residents who have identified this priority which helps to challenge the feeling that the area isn't being heard. Having this footpath resurfaced will generate more community engagement in the vision to convert Penleigh Park from a negative space into a space which is entirely positive for local people and the wider town.</p>		

**Capital budget 2018/19: £30,749.27**

**Current capital budget: £16,738.42**

**Total of current applications: £5,000.00**

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