

<b>Report to</b>	Calne Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	22/01/2019
<b>Title of Report</b>	Health and Wellbeing Grant funding

**Purpose of the report:**

To consider three applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Calne Men's Shed <b>Project Title:</b> PAT testing kit and portable tools  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£995.37
<b>Applicant:</b> Calne Community Transport <b>Project Title:</b> Calne Community Transport Pub Lunch Group  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£564.00
<b>Applicant:</b> Calne Pocket Park <b>Project Title:</b> Calne Pocket Park and Community Garden  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5000.00

**1. Background**

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance](#)

[The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

**2. Main Considerations**

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications** - Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

**4. Financial Implications** - Financial provision has been made to cover this expenditure.

**5. Legal Implications** - There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**6. Human Resources Implications** - There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

**7. Equality and Inclusion Implications** - Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

**8. Safeguarding Implications** - The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

### 9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3138</a>	Calne Men's Shed	PAT testing kit and portable tools	£995.37
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Calne Men's Shed needs to undertake regular PAT testing of its electrical tools and are keen to enhance sustainability by acquiring a suitable PAT testing kit and to train 2 members to use it. In addition, this application will enable the group to acquire some additional portable battery-operated tools to enhance their offer to the members.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The Calne Men's Shed is an enthusiastic and dynamic group, providing older people from across the Community Area with a place to go and opportunities to make new friendships over a workbench and a cup of tea.</p> <p>This project will enable the group important safety checks without a need to commission a third party to carry them out.</p> <p>The Men's Shed is recognised as an important activity and social opportunity for the Community of Calne and it addresses all 5 of major JSA/Community priorities to some degree.</p> <p>If a grant is awarded to this project it will provide 100% of the funding required.</p> <p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3141</a>	Calne Community Transport	Pub Lunch Group	£564.00

**Project Description:**

To enable more senior residents of Calne and surrounding villages to meet socially whilst partaking of a lunch at various local venues. The project is aimed particularly at lonely and or isolated both socially or geographically members of the community. The use of the Community Transport bus provides a door-to-door service with additional opportunities for social interaction whilst travelling to and from the various venues.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

Calne Community Transport has sent regular representation to the Calne Older People/Carers Voices Forum over the past year and has been actively involved in listening to and contributing to discussions about positive activities and initiatives that will promote wellbeing of Older People and their Carers in the Calne Community Area.

This project has been discussed on numerous occasions and a project co-ordinator volunteer was identified through involvement in the Calne Treasure, Volunteers Fair initiative which the Area Board supported in the summer of 2018.

The Calne Voices Forum is supportive of this project, although has not been able to discuss this application in advance of the deadline for submission of funding reports. However, a verbal update may be available from the Older People/Carers Champion at the Area Board meeting.

The Co-ordinator has run a short pilot during the autumn of 2018 and the group now hopes to plan a 6-month programme of activities.

A grant from the Area Board will enable the project to become more sustainable, covering costs for the first 6 months and so allowing voluntary contributions/fares from participants to amass and form the basis of running the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-month phase.

This application can be seen to link directly to Calne Area Board JSA priorities:

- Older People - Social isolation and loneliness
- Health and Wellbeing - Active and healthy lifestyles

An award to this project would represent approximately 95% of the total project cost.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3146</a>	Calne Pocket Park group	Portable Pocket Park and Community Garden	£5000.00

**Project Description:**

To design develop and maintain a portable pop-up pocket park and community garden beginning on the site of the Old Market Place and with the capacity to move to accommodate events or to occupy other sites in the town.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This project has been developed by a local community led group which has recently joined the Calne Our Place group of initiatives in making the Calne Community Area a more attractive place to live work and go to school.

This Pocket Park Project aims to engage local people in enhancing the public space in the town centre. It will create a pleasant space for local people to meet and a potential space for activities and events.

The group hopes it will help to develop social cohesion by providing learning and growing opportunities for younger and older groups and people with different abilities including people with physical disabilities, mental health problems or dementia.

The group suggests that a portable pocket park in the Old Market Place will enhance a 'rather bleak unloved and little-used area with huge potential and provide a focus for community engagement in horticulture as well as an attractive and flexible outside space for events particularly in the summer'.

It is also suggested it may increase the potential of the river frontage and provide a habitat for birds and insects for example with nesting boxes, insect hotels made by young people. Additional planting will also contribute to improved air quality.

The group hopes it will add to the improved image of the town centre and help to attract additional footfall to the town centre.

The space proposed for the location of the park is owned by Wiltshire Council.

Calne Town Council has agreed to help, advise and support the group To negotiate a licence with Wiltshire Council and to develop and manage the further development of the project.

The proposed portability of the park includes raised beds seating and planters which can be moved and artificial grass which can be rolled up. This will enable the area to be used for cultural and other community events particularly in the summer and will enable the elements to be moved to and/or replicated in other locations if the land is required by Wiltshire Council for other purposes.

This is an ambitious project and the applicant has also been directed to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) initiative which is currently inviting applications from communities to apply for funding to support them with establishing new pocket parks.

The applicant will also approach Calne Town Council for an element of financial support.

This application can be seen to link with all 5 major Calne JSA/Community priorities to some degree.

If Members are minded to support this application it would be advisable to make an award conditional upon the arrangement of an appropriate agreement/ licence with Wiltshire Council Estates.

If a grant is awarded to this project it will represent approximately 35% of the total funding required.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board determines the application.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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