

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Warminster Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, 21 March 2022</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Warminster Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Warminster Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> 2021/22	£ 43,118	£ 19,455	£ 7,700
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 41,468.98	£ 12,398.99	£ 4,615.66
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 1,649.02	£ 7,056.01	£ 3,084.34
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ -6,323.01	£ 4,688.01	£ 224.34

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG78</a>	Community Area Grant	Knook Heytesbury Imber Allotment Association	Knook Allotments require a Shed and mower	£1341.03	£659.81
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            The Knook, Heytesbury and Imber allotment Association has 10 allotments in Knook. We now need a mower to cut the grass around the allotments. Currently my husband and I lift our mower into our car, take it to the allotments, unload it, cut the grass and then load it up and take it home. We would really like a shed and mower on site, then all the allotment holders can take it in turn to cut the grass. We have recently been donated a shed and the members are planning to lay a base and build the shed.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG494</a>	Community Area Grant	Sutton Veny Parish Council	Provision of a Speed Indicator Device SID	£6262.00	£3131.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            Traffic approaching the village use four different entrances into the centre and this is where the local school is situated. with little or no pavement for pedestrians to use, it is essential that speed of traffic is maintained within the limit. The installation and a rotation of a SID to be used on these four entrances with a fifth situated near the school should improve and reduce the speed of traffic making it safer for all users.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG516</a>	Community Area Grant	Corsley Parish Council Parish Clerk	Maintain and Improve Accessibility on Public Rights of Way in Corsley	£2500.00	£1000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The project is seeking money to repair and replace access gates (mainly kissing gates and footpath gates) on public rights of way in the Parish of Corsley. Circa 20 years ago the residents of the Parish instigated a project to replace stiles on footpaths with kissing gates to improve access to the countryside for a wider range of the community of Corsley, Wiltshire and the wider area. The kissing gates were 'sponsored' by people/ businesses in the village. 20 years on and many of the kissing gates have now in a state of disrepair and there is no 'sinking fund' available to repair/ replace them. There is a fear that this could lead to landowners/ tenant farmers replacing these broken gates with stiles again as these are significantly cheaper and easier to maintain. However, this would significantly reduce the ability of members of the public to access the rights of way. In maintaining accessible rights of way in Corsley the project will aim to continue to promote the mental health and physical well being of the community of Corsley, Wiltshire and the wider area. There are circa 20 kissing gates in various states of repair in the Parish. The cost of completely new wooden kissing gate package is £312 or £360 for a metal version. The cost of a wooden footpath gate is £284 or £186 for a metal version. These prices do not include fitting costs which will rely on the good will of the landowner/ tenant farmer or the Ramblers Association. Corsley Parish Council have committed £1500 of funds. If Area Board can commit £1000 of funds too it is likely that a significant improvement can be made to the access gates in 2022/23.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG525</a>	Community Area Grant	Warminster and District Amateur Swimming Club	Upgrade of equipment for Warminster and District Amateur Swimming Club	£5520.00	£2500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  W&amp;DASC is a volunteer run community non-for-profit club that promotes swimming up to County-level competitive standard for all ages. The club has been a part of the Warminster community for fifty years. Our membership ranges from children aged eight through to Masters, of whom we have a number of people swimming and competing into their seventies and eighties. We are inclusive and welcome all people who can swim a basic entry criteria. Until the pandemic, we had a member of the GB Para-Olympic team training with us. Our ethos is one of progression and continuance. We have many members who have stayed with the club since its inception. We offer a pathway to the wider competitive swimming community at County and National level and have had many of our young swimmers progress to advanced competitive clubs. Alongside those who form our complete squad, we welcome people who simply want to improve their standard of swimming. For these people we provide the opportunity for them to enter within-county competitions if they wish, at both junior and Masters level. We travel throughout the county to attend competitions and promote the club, with the club providing transport, team management and officials to other events. As part of our recovery from the impact of the pandemic, we are looking to host competitive events at the Warminster Pool. This will promote both the club and the wider Warminster community. We have now gained the licence to hold Swim England recognised competitions. Sadly our equipment is limited and old. Specifically, we need new diving blocks. Diving blocks are essential for hosting competitions and for training members in readiness for competitive events elsewhere. The ones purchased by the club many years ago do not meet the standard of those used by other clubs for competitions in the county. The cost of new blocks that meet the standards of competition is approximately £5,500 (although we continue to look for a lower price. The club has raised £2500 through donations which we would like to match fund to give us a total of £5000 towards the cost of these blocks.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG566</a>	Community Area Grant	Warminster youth club	Warminster youth club	£9486.00	£400.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  A term time weekly youth club for 11-19 year old's and up to 25 with learning disabilities. We offer a range of different activities each week forming an informal education as well having youth support workers offering support to the young people any thing from help with school work or pressures to mental health issues. We work with outside organisations to deliver sessions on issues such as safe sex, drugs and alcohol and mental health. All staff are DBS checked references are obtained complete a safeguarding course and at least one on site member of staff is first aid trained. We also run off site activities and trips at least 3 times a year outside of the clubs usual hours. We work with youth action Wiltshire to offer a young leaders course for members aged 13 and over. Our aim funding permitting is to be able to bring an outside company in once every term to run a session the members have asked for such as a graffiti artist.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG571</a>	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Salisbury Plain Rights of Way Volunteers	Warminster Rights of Way Destination Signs	£1000.00	£1000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Warminster has a number of rights of way &amp; quiet lanes that allow walkers, riders &amp; cyclists to safely walk/ride to neighbouring villages. These include the Imber Range Perimeter Path (IRPP) (to Upton Scudamore &amp; around the Imber Range boundary in one direction &amp; to Heytesbury, Chitterne &amp; Tilshead in the other. Provision of destination signs is not a mandatory duty for Wiltshire Council but Warminster has a number of destination signs, from when the Bypass was built. Those are now generally in poor condition. The aim is to replace the signs we have and sign the links to and from Corsley &amp; towards Upton Scudamore &amp; Heytesbury on the IRPP.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG572</a>	Health and Wellbeing Grant	The Avenue Surgery	Recognizing Abuse towards Older People	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>A presentation for community workers to be able to identify and support older people who are subject to abuse of any kind, be it financial, physical or neglect. Thereafter to enable that older person to be able to move forward in a way comfortable to them, be it by taking no action or reporting to the Local Authority or the Police.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG580</a>	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£13860.00	£1360.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Warminster area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Responding to the Covid 19 crisis, our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG478</a>	Youth Grant	Friends of WCR	Teen Scene Radio	£3936.00	£1968.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To provide expert training, to teenagers from 13 and over, in Radio broadcast, presentation and technical skills. They will need to be supervised by expert tutors and mentors who will be DBS cleared. After qualifying they will be invited to join a team to broadcast radio, chat and music content for people of their age and a certain time of the week, to encourage community and social interaction. These sessions too, will need to be fully supervised.</b></p>					

## 1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.

Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:

- Community Area Grants (capital)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.

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

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

### **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**

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

### **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.

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

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