

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Tidworth Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, 20 March 2023</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Tidworth Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Tidworth 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> <u>2022/2023</u>	£ 16,353.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 7,009.75	£ 7,935.00	£ 1,090.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 9,343.25	£ 8,775.00	£ 6,610.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ -706.75	£ -1,725.00	£ -2,455.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1096</a>	Area Board Initiative	Tidworth Community Area Board	Detached youth work in Tidworth Community Area	£10000.00	£5000.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> Following feedback from Wiltshire Council's youth justice team, several concerns were raised about young people in the community area. Some of whom are persistent offenders, and others who are part of a cohort of young people involved in minor ASB. Concerns around county lines and other exploitation have been raised but are unconfirmed. This project would provide detached youth work with an aim of encouraging these young people to re-engage with services, school and activities.					
<a href="#">ABG1105</a>	Area Board Initiative	Tidworth Area Board	Tidworth Community Area Biodiversity Audit	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> To audit the biodiversity around the whole of the Tidworth Community area in order to inform the plan of the Environment Sub-Group of the Area Board. All projects which will be taken on as a result of the audit will be either based around health and wellbeing for older people, or as a positive activity for young people.					
<a href="#">ABG916</a>	Community Area Grant	Ludgershall Scout Hall	Ludgershall Old Scout Hall Replacement Windows	£3500.00	£1750.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Seven rear elevation windows on the premises are single glazed 'Crittall' style windows. As a first step towards making the premises more heat efficient and therefore environmentally friendly the committee propose to replace them with double-glazed units as a first step towards making the premises carbon neutral. The ultimate aim is to wean the premises off heating oil for obvious environmental and financial reasons by exploring solar energy and an associated electrical heating system in the future. This is the first step towards that aim.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1071</a>	Community Area Grant	Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council	Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council Playground Refurbishment	£28000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Currently the village playground has nothing for children aged between 10 and 16 years. The proposal is therefore to install some equipment for them, namely a zip line, and a sunken trampoline. Additionally a dangerous and worn rubberised surface needs to be replaced with a modern equivalent, and a worn item of play equipment also needs replacing. This will give a playground that caters for children from 2 years to 16 years for safe play.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1098</a>	Community Area Grant	St James Ludgershall PCC	Lych Gate Restoration	£6600.00	£3300.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We are just about to celebrate the centenary of the Lych Gate being installed in memory of a local resident. We will make this centenary celebration a community event once the restoration work has been completed. The Lych Gate provides a covered entrance area to our community's churchyard when many local families have their relatives buried and people visit their family graves regularly throughout the year. Over the last ten years we have worked hard to make the churchyard a space that the community can feel proud of at the heart of our community, and a number of people who don't come to church are now active members of our volunteer churchyard maintenance team. Many groups use the churchyard including a preschool group who have a little children's garden and have plans to install a wormery and a hot-composting compost bin in our churchyard to teach the children about insects and caring for the environment; a Community Café that meets every Friday and uses the churchyard during the summer months, and our local primary schools also visit our eco projects, meadow area where wild flowers are encouraged along with butterflies and moths and slow worms, as do other groups on an occasional basis. To improve access to the churchyard as a space for our community and to support people's mental health we have installed 6 new benches, which have been installed to encourage local residents to use the churchyard as a quiet space and as a safe space to meet in pleasant surrounds to meet and talk. These benches are used by young and old alike. The grant is required to enable us to replace the two 100-year-old oak footplates which support the entire structure of the Lych Gate. The total cost of the project is £6,600 and we have already secured £2,000 of funding from Ludgershall Town Council with plans to fundraise the remaining £2,600 to enable the restoration to go ahead this Summer.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1069</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Chute Design Guide Organisation and Committee	The Chutes Design Guide Project	£1230.00	£615.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The Chutes Design Statement was originally adopted in 2005 and is now totally out of date. A community committee has taken over two years and has now prepared an updated Design Guide which represents the views of the residents of the Chutes following lengthy consultations and has now been approved by Wiltshire Council. To take this forward we now need to print the Design Guides with graphic designs for use in the villages of the Chutes to which we are requesting a grant to help with this project. This will then be used in the decision making for planning applications etc in the villages</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1070</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Chute and Chute Forest Parish Councils	The Kings Coronation Celebration	£950.00	£450.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  To bring the villages of Upper Chute, Chute Standen, Lower Chute and Chute Forest together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles</p>					

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<a href="#">ABG1077</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Tidworth Town Council	Coronation	£10000.00	£400.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Tidworth Town Council are planning a community event to celebrate King Charles III Coronation on 6th May 2023. This includes live streaming the event on a cinema screen, entertainment and activities.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1092</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	The Castle Practice	Castle Carers Craft Cafe or The Four Cs	£4200.00	£2100.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Castle Practice runs Carer's events, where our registered Carers are invited in annually for a health check and to meet with Carer's UK, and they are offered advice and support. Our Carer's Team has recently achieved a Platinum accreditation for their work with Carer's UK, which we are all very proud of. Carers often feel forgotten, and socially isolated, being a carer is considered a health inequality and carers often have poorer health as they neglect time for themselves and their own mental and physical well-being. Our carers do not think of themselves as that, are often very proud and think they are just "doing their duty", but they provide essential care for those who otherwise would need to be cared for elsewhere in the community. Wishing to build on our Carer's Team's good work, something which came out in discussion between them and the Carers, was the opportunity for them to do something for themselves as a means of respite. They expressed an interest in something which would be their time, chance to meet like-minded people who were also Carers, and to do something new and exciting like maybe learning a new skill or revisiting old ones. Due to the nature of caring for someone they would like it to seem like a "treat" for them and also stressed that it could not be too time consuming or too often. Our Carer's Team have sourced a local Cafe who would be prepared to put on these events specifically for our Carer's population. They would involve card making workshops , and crochet workshops initially, lasting between 1-1.5 hrs with the opportunity to provide them with Relaxation colouring books if they did not want to do the craft element, or had dexterity issues. This would mean they could still join the group, have something to do and have tea/coffee and cake provided, and most importantly respite, and the opportunity to chat which would help to prevent the social isolation, often experienced by carers. The cafe is prepared to run the sessions at a discounted rate and they would supply the flyers. The Castle Practice would pay for one/two of our Carer's Leads to attend, especially in the first few months whilst the cafe established. The aim would be to hold the cafe monthly with a maximum of 8 attendees, and the craft element would be alternated. The costing is for 12 months of cafes, including the cost for the Relaxation Books and pens, and promotion of the cafes. We hope this grant application will be given your kind consideration.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1099</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Ludgershall Town Council	Community gathering	£10000.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We are hosting a local event to bring together the entire community by encouraging people to gather outside of their homes to prevent the effects of isolation and possible depression/loneliness and promote the health and well being amongst the community.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1104</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Tedworth Equestrian	Workshop Renovation Project	£44670.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The old grooms accommodation in the Tedworth Equestrian Centre is currently not used and needs renovating to make good for use. The need for a Men's Shed and its connected activity in the Tidworth Area Board area is proven. This grant is to support Phase One of a three Phase project. The first phase is design and make wind and weatherproof. The second phase is heating and lighting and the third phase is workshop installation , decoration and final fixes.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1102</a>	Youth Grant	Tedworth Equestrian	Pegasus Programme	£34400.00	£5000.00

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Our Pegasus Programme is an Equine Assisted Learning Program. It is wide ranging and supports the learning needs of those whom the charity is established to support. This is the Armed Forces Community and includes: Serving members of them UK Armed forces and their families, UK Military Veterans, their families, and those who have been bereaved and the local community around where we have equestrian centres. In this case our Tedworth Equestrian Centre supports the local community of Wiltshire. Within this programme and specifically to Tidworth Area we deliver a “pathways project” which supports young vulnerable people who are at risk of offending, failing to achieve qualifications and not exploiting life chances. Wellington Academy, The Army Welfare Service (AWS), Wiltshire Council and Police have identified these young people and refer them to the project. It has already proved to be extremely effective. Our Tedworth Equestrian Centre works with the Wellington Academy, other schools, the local police, The Army Welfare Service, Military Unit Welfare Officers and other health and wellbeing organisations within the Tidworth Area Board on a regular basis. The Wellington identifies young people with serious behavioural issues who would benefit from our equine assisted learning programme. In the last year, there have been eleven thousand, five hundred and forty-one (11,541) behaviour incidents across the Academy. On average there are between forty and fifty persistent offenders aged between thirteen- to nineteen-year-olds that accumulate over one hundred incidents per annum at the Academy and these same pupils deliver a similar number of incidents and anti-social behaviour acts within the local community that involve the local crime networks. In the last 12 months we will have supported forty young people with complex behavioural and mental health issues through our equine assisted learning “New Pathways Project”. Our equine assisted learning interventions have enabled these individuals to gain confidence, to develop coping strategies and they have gone on to make positive changes in their own lives, improving their lived experiences and setting themselves up for further success. The Pegasus programme learning objectives are about delivering and developing the whole person through a person centric approach. The core themes that we refer to are known as the “Five Cs.” These are Creativity, Competence, Character, Confidence and Connections.

- **Competence.** We develop an individual’s competence around skills that are required to work with equines and /or be employed in the equine industry. There are many crossovers between the required care and management of equines skills that can be related to how individuals can apply these to other areas in their lives. This includes their families, their friends, their teachers, those from society that deliver a community purpose and others. We encourage the ability to self-reflect and where appropriate share and feedback on themselves with others. We aim to help young people realise that we all need to grow and develop as we go through life and that our ability to recognise how best to do this and our ability to accept help in areas where we need support is key.
- **Confidence.** We develop confidence on many levels . Horses are larger and powerful animals, and it takes great confidence for an individual to effectively work and connect with them. The learning here is about growing self-confidence and part of that is demonstrated by the young person’s ability to talk about their setbacks, achievements, and ongoing progress with pride. We encourage all the young people we work with to have full engagement in all the activities, however scared or concerned they may be. We hope that they gain an optimistic perception of their own physical ability in a mastery/effort orientated environment. We encourage young people to take on the responsibilities for setting achievement and improvement targets.
- **Connections.** The moment when a horse willingly shows his trust in a human can be a powerful and emotional experience and starts a turning point in the participant’s own trust issues and self-belief. Young people become empowered to cope with real life situations and manage painful memories; enabling them to regain control, enhancing their relationships with family and the wider world and reigniting their zest for life. Young people will have improved their self-awareness of their stress levels and body language, and they will learn coping strategies to rebalance and regain control of emotions, breaking negative behaviour patterns and instilling confidence and self-worth. The programme aims to empower young people with the tools to reconnect and mend fractured relationships with friends, family education and authorities ; to rebalance their approach to issues with fresh mental resilience techniques; to reignite their sense of purpose and zest for life. Horses are extremely effective teachers, as they instinctively react to the behaviour of the person managing them. You might fool another human that you are relaxed or confident, but you cannot fool a horse... A horse will mirror the heart rate, anxiety, and adrenalin levels of those collaborating with them. Young people learn to control their body language and state of mind, taking control of their emotional responses and becoming calm and confident, inspiring the horse to choose to interact with them. These are all skills that can be transferred into everyday life, dealing with everyday stresses and interactions with friends, family and others including their future workplace. Taking young people out of their normal environments and routines is not unlike providing a blank canvas, and the chance to collaborate with horses in such an unusual way can be quite a revelation for the beneficiaries. Walls come down, traumas and feelings are released, and a renewed sense of self-worth and purpose are encouraged to flourish. Key outputs are young people learn how to recognise when and how to praise and deliver empathy, sensitivity and cooperation when helping others; embrace problem-solving techniques; collaborate effectively with others; improve patience with themselves, and learn to support others, particularly when learning/performing new and unfamiliar skills.
- **Character.** The Pegasus Programme helps to shape character and connected behaviours. The importance of establishing the values that are important to each young person that benefits from this programme. We challenge then as to how they can demonstrate and live these values and in doing so how they might assess their own performance and recognition of further character growth areas.
- **Creativity.** Through working with equines and those who work with equines we encourage the young people to devise innovative solutions in all that they do. We help them identify risks and we also help them recognise that the ability to view mistakes as a valuable part of life learning is essential to their growth and development. What we will deliver We will continue to deliver our successful equine assisted learning for young people whom for whatever reason have



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<p>become disengaged from education, society families, friends, and others. Subject to the young people proving equine competence/safety and ability their ability to act responsibly and safely with horses, each one will be further supported by us making available 12 x individual sessions at 50% cost. This is aimed at encouraging each pupil to take responsibility for planning their own time, effectively communicating with the equestrian centre for booking purposes, and contributing funding towards a sport /recreation activity that they enjoy and get life learning and rewards from. We also link the young people to other support and health and wellbeing programmes of activities, being run by others in the area who are also supporting young people like themselves. Project costs Each group session involves ten of our horses, the associated equipment, the use of our facilities and 2-3 of our qualified instructors and additional support staff. • Cost breakdown per afternoon session for ten young people is £500. This equates to £50 per young person per session. • 10 Sessions usually achieve the desired outcomes and therefore £5000 from the Local Youth Network funds will deliver successful outcomes for ten young people that reside within the geographical area of the Tidworth Area Board. • To facilitate the follow-on activity of 12 x riding sessions for each young person is £360. £30 per session per young person. The Armed Forces Equine Charity will support this success with £1800 meaning that for the ten young people supported they or their families need to find £180 for the twelve further sessions. • We aim to deliver to another forty young people in the next 12 months. This makes the total costs per annum of this programme is £34,440. Total: £34,440 Funding We are applying to the Tidworth Area Board for a £5,000 grant to support our work for the young people from the Area Board Parishes . The Armed forces Equine Charity will find/provide the additional £29,400 and we will again encourage the schools that put forward young people from MOD families to support the programme using their Service Pupil Premium and the MOD Education Support Funding mechanisms. We, the Armed Forces Equine Charity, will not and do not discriminate between each of our beneficiary groups which are : Service men and women and their families, Veterans and the bereaved and the local community around where we have equestrian centres. In this case our Tedworth Equestrian Centre supports the local community of Wiltshire. Our request We are extremely grateful to the Tidworth Area Board for previous grant of £5,000 in support of this programme and hope that the Board will wish to continue that support for another 12 months.</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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