

## Calne Area Grant Report

### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Calne Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

### Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023-24	£ 20,871.00	£ 17,843.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 6,628.50	£ 15,180.00	£ 2,211.50
Current Balance	£ 14,242.50	£ 2,663.00	£ 5,488.50
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 5,357.50	£ 2,663.00	£ -1,689.50

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1408</a>	Community Area Grant	Calne Wordfest	Calne Book Swap	£2976.40	£1488.20
<b>Project Summary:</b> Evie's Book Swap is a local residents small library box outside their house for any resident to swap books to gain new reading material. Wordfest and the Pocket Park want to expand this project to more venues in Calne and make books available for more people in Calne who wouldn't normally buy books or visit the library. The project is intended to be in the spirit of the international 'Little Free Libraries' movement which promotes neighbourhood book exchanges in the form of small bookcases located in public venues, often outdoors. The bookcases are always open and users are encouraged to take a book free and leave a book for others to read. Venues which have agreed so far to host a book swap library are: Northlands GP surgery, Beversbrook Medical Centre, Calne Leisure Centre, Calne Town Council, Calne Baptist Church, Calne Pocket Park, Evie's book swap. Collaboration with Foodbank, Colemans Farm and other residential locations to be confirmed					
<a href="#">ABG1422</a>	Community Area Grant	First Calne Scout Group	1 st Calne Scout Hall Toilet refurbishment	£13903.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Calne Scout Group will be refurbishing the Scout Hall 'boys' toilets, converting them to 3 separate WCs and hand basins. After at least 30 years of constant use, the project will bring them up to date and allow for welcoming young people and adults, regardless of their gender. Further to the Scout Group's use, the hall is widely used across the community of Calne and it is important to provide a safe, clean and attractive facility for them also.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1443</a>	Community Area Grant	Goatacre Cricket Club	Goatacre Cricket Club Pitch Cover Project	£4794.00	£2397.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Our cricket club is expanding at an impressive rate. We now have over 75 adult and 120 junior members. We introduced a second ground a few years ago and wish to improve the facilities to match our main ground. We renovated the pavilion ourselves last winter using volunteers and wish to upgrade our pitch covers from the current inefficient plastic sheets to custom made portable covers. We have had 2 quotes and are going with the cheaper one, but that is still costing £4,794. The implementation of these will improve our pitches, creating a safer environment and also lessen the risk of matches being rained off.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1388</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network known as WSUN	Administration support for Calne Health social care and Wellbeing meetings	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>WSUN would provide administrative support for 4x Health Social care and Wellbeing meetings. These will be face to face. We will provide support to the Chair of each meeting, this will include preparation of agendas, circulation to members, and minute taking.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1389</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Community Care User Involvement Network known as WSUN	Administration support for Calne Voices meetings	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>WSUN would provide administrative support for 4x Calne Voices Meetings. These will face to face. We will provide support to the Chair of each meeting, this will include preparation of agendas, circulation to members, and minute taking.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1431</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Calne Reconnecting Group	Reconnecting Calne Seniors Group	£10773.60	£2000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To provide support to Calne seniors to reduce social isolation and help with mental health and wellbeing. This project is mainly run by volunteers and we just need a contribution to the entertainment and refreshments.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1433</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Avon Needs Trees	Health and Wellbeing at Hazeland and Pudding Brook Wood	£8356.00	£4178.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  This winter the final 600 trees will be planted at Pudding Brook Wood, marking the end of the first phase of planting and maintaining two new, permanent woodlands at Hazeland and Pudding Brook Wood. More than 20,000 trees have been planted between the two: an incredible effort of communities coming together to raise funds, plant trees and care for them in their early years. As funding for Hazeland and Pudding Brook Wood comes to an end, we have been evaluating the project and identifying what we can learn for phase two of our woodlands. One striking statistic was that fewer than 10% of people who came on site were over the age of 65, whereas 22% of the population of Wiltshire are over 65. The reasons are clear: hard manual work is off-putting or inaccessible for many with health and wellbeing concerns, and it's too easy to make countryside locations accessible for the most able. With an aging population in Wiltshire, issues of health, wellbeing, loneliness and social isolation are becoming more prevalent and will continue to drive up health and social care costs locally. At the end of this planting phase of our woodlands the scope for the next phase is limitless. For the coming 6 months we want to trial weekly experiences with nature for older people on site at Hazeland and Pudding Brook Wood. These will be a combination of events like wellbeing days, tree identification, mindfulness and contact with nature - as well as 'light' and more accessible conservation volunteering. Our monitoring and evaluation demonstrates the benefit of these experiences. In the last 12 months 95% of people who came on site reported improved health and wellbeing. A consortium led by the NHS awarded ANT funding to review our site accessibility with a view to improving access to our sites and engaging in green social prescribing. This project will act as a trial for this approach as we sensitively maximise the accessibility of our woodlands for the people it will benefit the most.</p>					

## Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
  - Youth Grants (revenue)
  - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## Main Considerations

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Environmental & Climate Change Implications**

11. 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.

## **Financial Implications**

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

## **Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## **Workforce Implications**

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

## **Equalities Implications**

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

## **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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