

Salisbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Salisbury 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	£ 31,653.00	£ 24,422.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 19,059.95	£ 17,540.00	£ 4,726.00
Current Balance	£ 12,593.05	£ 8,873.00	£ 2,640.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -4,536.80	£ 0.00	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1588	Community Area Grant	Morning Star Salisbury	Former Bowls Club Victoria Park Salisbury essential improvements	£15187.68	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Local Charity supporting people primarily in recovery from addiction, homelessness and poverty . The Former Bowls Club has been offered to us on a five year lease with a rent reduction. We hope to open the Centre for three days a week, providing a safe community for recovery, our life recovery course, life and job skills courses, mentoring and advocacy. The building is in need of some upgrading to make it warm and welcoming in an environmentally sustainable way. The building is in need of an improved heating system and loft insulation. There is currently no loft insulation, and wall heaters are inefficient.</p>					
ABG1608	Community Area Grant	Rise61	Outdoor Activities and Adventures	£10000.00	£3000.00

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<p>Project Summary: We are a youth charity operating on Bemerton Heath and we want to take young people into the outdoors, to give them fun new experiences that help build resilience.</p>					
ABG1621	Community Area Grant	Alzheimers Support	Scots Lane Dementia Day Club supporting local people living with dementia	£2080.00	£1030.00
<p>Project Summary: Our specialist dementia-friendly day club on Scots Lane SP1 3TR is open from 9.45am to 3.45pm four days a week (Tuesday to Friday) with space for 11 members per day, 44 people per week. The club features a spacious main activity room, an open plan kitchen and quieter indoor garden area where members can unwind in more natural-feeling surroundings. Each day follows our trademark formula of small group activities, a relaxed informal atmosphere and high staff ratios allowing everyone to follow their own preferences, with a focus on providing a stimulating and engaging day out for people who, with the right support, have much still to enjoy in life. We get to know members well and activities are tailored as much as possible to a member's own interests. General activities include art therapy, cookery, board games, reminiscence, poetry readings, photography and much more, alongside plenty of chat and laughter. The club is keen to forge close links with the local community with visiting schoolchildren, musicians and entertainers all welcomed. Lunch is prepared from fresh ingredients each day in the club's open plan kitchen, with members getting involved with preparations if they wish to. Members will joined at least once a week by therapy whippets Higby and Dottie and by other local volunteer dogs during the week. A full day out in a supportive, stimulating environment is hugely beneficial to people living with dementia and provides a real break for family carers. Each daily 6-hour session is also 6 hours of respite for the carer - for many, the only extended period of social interaction they have with non-family members all week. The carers often tell us that the club and the respite it provides is the one thing that allows them to continue caring for longer in their own homes. As a dementia carer myself, I can attest to the real risk of becoming incrementally more isolated as your loved one becomes increasingly unwilling to get out of the house. Having a regular event to look forward to, especially one that gets you both out of the house where you know that your loved one will be in a safe and fun environment becomes one, if not THE highlight of your week. The feedback from the families is very positive: "What a fantastic day club thank you for all you do. It was successful for my mum."; "My mum does love it there. Thank you for all your kindness and all you do."; "The difference this has made to her week is incredible and she tells everyone about it and her brother is very grateful she is enjoying it". We have now identified a number of additional items that would enable us to improve the club still further: A digital projector (£400) and an accompanying screen (£100) would enable us to run slide shows and vintage films in a large room as part of our reminiscence project; a set of 5 window blinds at £200 per window (£1,000 in total) to reduce the glare for our members (not least when they are sitting at tables undertaking an activity) and to help regulate the club's temperature, some additional cabinets in the toilets (£180) to increase storage capacity for cleaning materials and finally, a chest freezer (£400) that will enable us to buy and store food in bulk, thus reducing our weekly food costs which have risen substantially over the last 18 months.</p>					
ABG1638	Community Area Grant	St Marks Church	St Marks Church Hall Renovation Project	£7000.00	£3500.00

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<p>Project Summary: Having carried out a community questionnaire, we are refurbishing our hall next to the church. We have already replaced the lighting with LED lights and have obtained a grant for £3,000 towards a new kitchen. The projects we are working on are new ceiling tiles, new flooring, replacement kitchen, new windows. This is phase one of the project. Phase two will be renovating the entrance to the hall to create a disabled access, reception area and treatment room. The community questionnaire showed that people in the area want a) a place to meet, have coffee; b) a treatment room which specialists can use; c) a large space where they can run exercise classes. In the past we have used the hall for exercise classes, children's parties, slimming club, training, schools and choirs for changing facilities. Going forward we would use the space for wedding receptions and funeral buffets. In renting out the hall in the future we are eager just to cover the cost of heating, lighting, etc</p>					
ABG1642	Community Area Grant	Salisbury Methodist Church	Installation of battery storage for existing solar panels and Air Source Heat Pump	£7000.00	£3500.00
<p>Project Summary: Some years ago we had 36 photovoltaic (PV) panels fitted to the roof of the Hall. The power they produce is used within our premises, and any surplus is sold to the grid. Our old gas boilers have recently been replaced with 2 new 50 kw gas boilers. We have also had fitted a 12 kw air-sourced heat pump (ASHP). That needs electricity to power it, but we get more energy out of it than is put into it. We are advised that it would be a more efficient use of the electricity generated by our PV panels to store the surplus to use for the ASHP rather than selling it to the grid. That is done with a battery. We received 2 quotations ranging from £7,000 to £10,531. We wish to accept the lower quotation. It is estimated that the cost should be recouped in about 7 years.</p>					
ABG1644	Community Area Grant	The Salisbury and Amesbury Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club	Salisbury and Amesbury AFVBC Gazebo	£1299.70	£649.85
<p>Project Summary: The Salisbury & Amesbury Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club (AFVBC) has been running since July 2016 . The club has over 600 members in the South Wiltshire area and operates on a wholly volunteer basis. The club takes part in various events throughout the year in Salisbury including but not limited to the Charter Market, Armed Forces Day, Arundel's open days, Salisbury District Hospital Armed Forces Champions awareness mornings. We have for some time needed a large industrial gazebo to act as a point of awareness and shelter at the events</p>					
ABG1646	Community Area Grant	Safer and Supportive Salisbury	Setting up a new Community Information Hub in Salisbury	£450.00	£450.00
<p>Project Summary: Working with the City Council Communities Team, Safer and and Supportive Salisbury is to provide a Community Information Hub at 59 Catherine Street, the building used by the Community Pantry for part of each week. We will use an area of the shop, including highly visible window space, to display a range of current information about activities and services provided in the community for older and vulnerable people. On the days when the premises are not being used by the Pantry SaSS will also be able to make the space available as a meeting space for community groups. In order to do this we need a number of small items - foldaway tables and chair, a mobile display stand, a small trolley. These will also be available for use at outreach events such as People in the Park.</p>					

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ABG1545	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Area Board Initiative	Carers and Past Carers Afternoon Tea and Mindfulness event	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Those who care for another person who could not manage without their help and support are known as Unpaid Carers. They are often a family member but may also be a friend or neighbour. They often have little opportunity for a break from their caring role so I plan to offer them an afternoon tea in Harnham Parish Hall with a Mindfulness session to help them relax and unwind. An opportunity to meet other people and rebalance themselves.</p>					
ABG1633	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Safer and Supportive Salisbury	Safer Salisbury Showcase Thriving on a Shoestring September 2024	£1591.00	£491.00
<p>Project Summary: This is one of Safer and Supportive Salisbury's regular events bring together local residents in need of support with their health and wellbeing with local voluntary and statutory groups that help meet a need.</p>					
ABG1637	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	MUSE SW CIC	Dementia Services Networking Event 2024	£2299.00	£1149.00
<p>Project Summary: The one day networking event, seeks to bring together all organisations in the Salisbury area that provide support for people living with dementia and their carers so that they are able to meet each other, present their services to the public and to healthcare professionals. We plan to host a Brain Dome for the day, which enables people to experience the disorientation and confusion of living with the disease, thus raising awareness and understanding of the condition. We plan to hold workshops and discussions with healthcare professionals so that their ability to advise and signpost newly diagnosed people to support in the community, is greatly enhanced.</p>					
ABG1657	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Safer and Supportive Salisbury	Print materials to Support Vulnerable People stay safe when out and about in Salisbury	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: This bid is for funding to pay for two projects that support vulnerable people to get out and about safely. 1. Our Safe Places schemes that provides support from local businesses and public buildings for people who experience distress when out shopping or using services has been recently successfully refreshed with businesses enthusiastic in their support. We have run out of the Safe Places stickers that tell people that a shop is part of the scheme and would like a small new supply. We plan to extend the scheme outside the City Centre in the future. 2. Pre Covid Safer Salisbury published a very successful 16 page A5 printed booklet "Feeling Out of the Loop", providing suggestions of things and places in Salisbury that people who were lonely and isolated might be encouraged to try. Social prescribers Community Connectors and other services found it very useful in helping their clients. It badly needs revising for the changed scene following the pandemic but SaSS has lacked the capacity to undertake this. However the Rethink Wiltshire Mental Health Inclusion service supporting people who are feeling isolated to access their community are currently working on producing paper format information and a new edition of the SaSS booklet sits nicely with this. Working together on the production will provide a chance for service users to contribute to the booklet's content and design.</p>					

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ABG1604	Youth Grant	ArtCare	Creative Wellbeing for Young People living with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	£7746.00	£3873.00
<p>Project Summary: One 8 week programme of creative well-being activities for young people living with chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) delivered by inspiring local artists. The young people taking part will be supported by trained facilitators who have been part of the Well-City Salisbury programme, to trial 4 different arts activities (1 per session for the first 4 sessions) working with a variety of mediums before choosing their own art project to work on in more detail for the following 4 sessions with mentoring from professional Salisbury artists. Young people have been consulted in the design of this project so that it meets their needs and is accessible for young people living with CFS. It will take place in person at Salisbury District Hospital with the option to attend online depending on health and support needs on the day. One artist will attend the course online with the specific remit to support young people attending online whilst the second artist working on the course will attend in person to ensure each young person receives an adequate amount of support within each session. Sessions will take place once a fortnight on weekend afternoons with time for participants to work independently in between at their own pace.</p>					
ABG1613	Youth Grant	Splash Youth Action Wiltshire Community First	Salisbury Underpasses Project	£10160.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: To refresh and revamp two underpasses in Salisbury making them a brighter and safer space filled with beautiful artwork that has been completed by local young people from the area in partnership with a local artist. They will have ownership of the space and feel that they are contributing to the local community by improving the area that they live in. Young people will be participants in our Splash programme, these are children who have experienced challenges in their lives and are aged 9-16</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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