
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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 2024-25	£ 24,639.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 23,019.50	£ 1,900.00	£ 3,675.00
Current Balance	£ 1,619.50	£ 18,016.00	£ 4,025.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ - 751.40	£ 4,792.60	£ - 475.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2121	Community Area Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Petanque Club	Canopy provision with drainage at RWB Petanque Club	£6750.00	£1870.90

Project Summary:

We are seeking financial support to provide a wooden Canopy shelter, with wood and transparent screening to facilitate wider access to our facilities. We have invested in increasing the playing areas as a result of demand for regular opportunities to play, increasing the playing terrains from 8 to 12 pistes. Our sport is suitable for all ages and abilities, and it meets the needs of a range of people with health or physical constraints. We have disabled players using walking aids, mobility scooters and wheelchairs. We have a small number of youth players but we working to increase this offer. Membership has risen to 70 members. The additional canopy would allow us to continue to offer play through summer and winter giving members opportunities to be active all year thus improving well-being. Over 75% of our members live in RWB, a significant number of members are 65+ who gain access to physical activity through participation in club sessions throughout the year summer and winter. The Project Funding Request is for £1870.90 total for proposed development of a second canopy. This would be 50% of the cost (£3741.80) associated with the activity.

ABG2190	Community Area Grant	White Horse Cricket Club	White Horse CC – Community Storage Container	£1200.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: To fund a storage container to replace the dilapidated existing one to allow the cricket club to store machinery and to store community assets (chairs, tables, gazebos) which are used for Parish events (e.g. fun days, fetes, parties)</p>					
ABG2226	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Hope and Harmony	RWB Dementia Choir and Cafe	£8000.00	£4000.00
<p>Project Summary: RWB Dementia Cafe is a weekly therapeutic Community group run by an HCPC Music therapist together with a group of trained and supervised volunteers. The group provides bespoke group and care for those with Dementia and similar conditions together with their families and carers. We run a client centered, trauma informed group based in RWB, with fortnightly outreach sessions at the invitation of local Care Homes or other settings.</p>					
ABG2228	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Cricklade Memory Cafe	Cricklade Memory Cafe members trip for afternoon tea	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like to arrange a FOC trip for our members and their carers to take them for afternoon tea. This would involve hiring the local minibus.</p>					
ABG2129	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The Digital Empowerment Programme	£1350.00	£675.00
<p>Project Summary: The Digital Empowerment Program is an educational initiative designed to equip secondary school students with the knowledge and skills to navigate the online world safely, positively, and responsibly. Targeting Year 7 and Year 9 students, as well as their families, the program aims to foster critical thinking, promote digital well-being, and strengthen online safety practices. This programme addresses the challenges of the digital age, including social media, online influence, mis/disinformation, online exploitation, and the long-term impact of digital footprints.</p>					

ABG2137	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	Boyz 2 Men	£1200.00	£600.00
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Project Summary:

The "BOYZ-2-MEN" initiative by The Stay Safe Initiative CIC focuses on supporting teenage boys' mental health, promoting positive masculinity, and preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG). This project addresses the influence of toxic masculinity, online disinhibition, and harmful online influencers, aiming to foster respectful behaviours and emotional resilience in young men. The initiative will collaborate with local secondary schools, offering educational programs that emphasise understanding masculinity, promoting healthy relationships, challenging toxic online behaviours, and navigating online spaces responsibly. The primary beneficiaries are teenage boys, who will gain critical skills and knowledge, but the project also aims to benefit women, educators, families, communities, and online environments. Expected outcomes include increased awareness of positive masculinity, reduced incidents of VAWG, improved mental health among young men, and a scalable model for broader implementation. Ultimately, the initiative seeks to build a safer and more inclusive society.

ABG2165	Youth Grant	2491 Lyneham RAF Air Cadets	Residential Training Camp 2025	£6426.00	£3200.00
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Project Summary:

Summary: We would like to conduct a residential training event held over a weekend in early/mid-summer of 2025 for cadets of 2491 (Lyneham) Squadron Air Cadets. The event is to be held at PGL Liddington with total cost of £6426. Squadron training staff will be present on a pro-rata basis and will receive free board and lodgings. The primary focus of event is teamwork, personal development and confidence building. Who we are and why we deserve and Area Board Youth Grant: 2491 Lyneham Air Cadets is based at MOD Lyneham and attracts cadets mainly from the Lyneham, Royal Wootton Bassett and West Swindon areas. At present, we have c. 60 cadets, 5 non-uniformed and 4 uniformed members of staff headed by our Officer Commanding (OC), Flight Lieutenant Louise Curtis. The squadron staff (uniformed and non-uniformed) give their time on a voluntary basis. They receive zero financial reward. At a minimum, this would be five to six hours per week but, in reality, the actual amount of time they give up is much greater. Our cadets represent a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds, and the squadron has policies in place to ensure that cadets are not disadvantaged because of factors such as household income. As with all Air Cadet Squadrons, we receive no funding from the government. Many of the cadet activities are supported by the Royal Air Force (flying, camps, fieldcraft etc.) but all other squadron costs are the responsibility of the individual squadrons. We have "excepted" charity status and are mandated (as per RAFAC constitution) to be financially independent. The Civilian Committee are the trustees of the non-public funds. How we make a difference: RAF cadet life is all about challenge, excitement and adventure and we focus on improving skills; the organisation prides itself on being fully inclusive. We also pride ourselves on developing cadets that would otherwise not have an opportunity to shine. Our Training Officer, Ft. Off. Stephen Maxsted, recalls a recent personal experience where two particular cadets who, at the start of their cadet journey, found it difficult to engage with groups of people but will now confidently stand up in front of 20+ peers to deliver presentations or issue orders. This was achieved by supported exposure to experiences, nurturing and mentoring that helped them achieve things they'd have felt overwhelming a year or so earlier. Without opportunities to test themselves cadets may not develop key life skills such as being part of a team or speaking in front of groups which are key skills in the modern work force. Why we need your help: Whilst the Royal Air Force Air Cadet (RAFAC) organisation is a large one, it is subject to more and more funding constraints and the availability of places on national camps is becoming more constrained. Even when camps are conducted, age is a key factor for eligibility, excluding many of our younger cadets. In 2024 there were only two main camps which were supposed to cater for a cadet figure of 45,000. Individual Squadrons are now more than ever tasked with organising their own activities to further the objectives of RAFAC. With this application we wish to provide our cadets with a local equivalent to a national camp. Whilst they won't be mixing with cadets from all parts of the UK, holding our own activity will present us with the distinct advantage of being about to tailor the course content to address specific training goals. This will allow them to test their current skill set and develop it by creating specific activities centered around our leadership and teamwork framework. Training enables cadets to gain and improve key life skills such as confidence, teamwork and leadership and this will help prepare them for all aspects of life, from now into adulthood. Without wishing to labour this last point too much, a four-year

study (2016-20) commissioned by the MoD and conducted by the University of Northampton, showed that, when compared with non-cadet peers, cadets demonstrated marked enhancements in areas such as communication skills, leadership skills, team working, social interactions, acceptance of diversity and... confidence. These differences were most apparent with cadets from socially disadvantaged groups! Why PGL: Many cadets will not have experienced this before and, by being away for two nights, it will push them in their personal comfort zones. Experience shows that; however, it will also help them develop the sense of comradeship and allow them to share their experiences in safe and structured environment. PGL Liddington is also fairly local which means we can minimise travel costs. The weekend aims to fulfil the following: Bolster and support Cadet welfare and mental health - The Squadron has a diverse social make up Squadron aims to utilise the setting and time to support the following activities: • Basic Navigation – Leading Cadet syllabus • Map reading Exercises – First Class Cadet Syllabus • Blue (basic) Leadership Exercises – First Class Cadet Syllabus • Basic Radio Communications - (if the setting permits) • Advanced leadership skills - Staff cadets will be able to hone leadership and organisational skill set as they will be assigned groups to lead over the weekend. • First aid practice - Utilise leadership Exercises to create scenarios to cover this area. • Fieldcraft – Leadership exercises utilising the area of the PGL to teach rudimentary fieldcraft such as camouflage. Teamwork will be the most targeted as we have no usable outdoor space (at the squadron) with which to practically demonstrate and teach, this weekend will add to the learning experience for a cross section of abilities and age groups. We will engage with PGL to absorb these activities, and we will create a programme, utilising their staff and facilities, to support the elements highlighted above. We can't use public open spaces (e.g. Lydiard Park) for these activities as it's a public space and the safeguarding element would be an issue. PGL will have facilities to ensure that should there be inclement weather, we are catered for, and the environment means we are kept within a specific safe area to utilise as we wish. As we have no outside space of our own and it is close enough to not warrant additional expense of transport, it fits the brief. Additionally, some cadets have never experienced a stay overnight in this type of environment therefore we are growing them.

ABG2177	Youth Grant	The RISE Trust Youth	RISE wellbeing sessions	£20326.82	£5000.00
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Project Summary:

The aim of this project is to hold weekly sessions for young people who would like to access youth work/sessions in smaller less busy environment than open access youth sessions. The sessions will be themed, and activities provided to support by using the 5 ways of wellbeing and will allow young people to connect with others, access support and have fun in a supportive environment. Referrals/sign up will be expected and can be made by the young people themselves or others working with them, i.e. - schools, social worker, YOT worker, or CAMHS. group numbers will be a max of 15 and held in the newly refurbished manor house.

ABG2195	Youth Grant	Connect Young Peoples Substance Use Service	Young Persons Drug and Alcohol Awareness Group	£498.40	£498.40
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Project Summary:

This is a preventative Project for those children who are the periphery of crime, substance use and exploitation. We have sought support from partnering agencies to refer young people into the group who require intervention regarding the topics mentions above. We aim to run a 5-week course with each session lasting 2 hours. These sessions will cover: education on drugs and alcohol, vaping harms and adulterated substances, exploitation, motivation to make changes, skills to make changes to substance use and, advice on how to maintain any changes made. Wiltshire Connect, delivered by DHI, provides crucial support to young people facing substance misuse issues. DHI's work is extensive, addressing a range of social problems including drug and alcohol misuse, poverty, homelessness, offending, and mental health challenges. Given the significant impact DHI has had, helping 12,000 individuals last year alone, securing funding for Wiltshire Connect could further enhance their ability to support young people in need. The free and confidential support, along with the non-judgmental approach, is crucial for creating a safe space for young people to address their substance misuse issues. The range of services offered, from brief interventions and individual sessions to outreach and harm reduction advice, ensures comprehensive support. Given that Connect is already commissioned to work within communities, schools, colleges, and through home visits, expanding this project aligns well with DHI's broader organisational aims. Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) are serious issues that can have profound impacts on their lives. These young people, especially those in care or with Child in Need status, are particularly vulnerable. Being NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) or at risk of becoming NEET adds another layer of instability and vulnerability. As a result of running these groups, young people will be better equipped to understand and navigate risk and have access to support services if

they need them, promoting their ability to thrive within a safer and healthier local community. We will ensure young people have access to support following this course that will reduce their risk of being impacted by these dangers, as well as being able to access the support they need to address existing problems.

ABG2255	Youth Grant	Champions In Community	Youthoria at The Coach House	£6510.00	£3250.00
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Project Summary:

Youthoria is a 6-week rolling programme that empowers young people to become high performers in the areas that they are passionate about. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THIS PROGRAMME TO 4 DIFFERENT COHORTS IN THE NEXT 6-12 MONTHS. Example Cohorts (We would work to local priorities) 1. BOYS 2. GIRLS 3. YOUNG CARERS 4. 16-24 w/ SEN We use our foundation of 7 components of mental fitness, to guide small groups of 6 - 8 young people at a time through 6 different 2-hour modules. Each of which is interactive and engaging to promote a specific feeling on completion of the session: Comfortable Connected Happy Healthy Challenged Celebrated We use our ever-growing network of local experts to deliver the best experiences, that without our Youthoria programme these young people may never get access to. By working closely with local professionals, community partners and businesses. We do everything with sustainability in mind. We develop the young people's belief, awareness and purpose over the programme. So that we can introduce them and their families to opportunities to flourish in their local area.

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

Additional information:

[Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#)

[Area Board Funding and Grants criteria.pdf](#)