

Westbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Westbury Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
- 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	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 10,827.00	£ 10,517.00	£ 2,231.54
Current Balance	£ 4,889.00	£ 2,375.00	£ 5,468.46
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -14,237.80	£ -4,945.00	£ 3,968.46

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1571	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Westbury Public Living Room	£2000.00	£1000.00
Project Summary: Public living rooms are aimed at reducing social isolation and loneliness within communities. Seating areas are established within public spaces or at community events where people can sit down just to socialise with others there. There are no "services" or other organisations for formal referrals, it is simply a space to sit, talk, enjoy a cup of tea and maybe a board game or similar. Successful local Public Living Rooms include at Devizes in the shambles marketplace					
ABG1572	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Dementia Friendly Westbury	£500.00	£500.00

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<p>Project Summary: Dementia Friendly Westbury is a project idea which will see Westbury residents, businesses and public sector and 3rd sector organisations, become "dementia friendly" This will include specialist training where necessary as well as awareness raising campaigns within the community area.</p>					
ABG1480	Community Area Grant	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party Equipment	£1357.60	£678.80
<p>Project Summary: Hello, West Wilts Ramblers have a Work Party, of which I am a member. The Work Party has worked most Tuesdays since 1984 mostly with a Rights of Way Officer and a Contractor – erecting kissing gates, stiles, bridges and steps. Since Austerity the Council has progressively reduced Rights of Way Maintenance, more so since Covid and in April 2023 the Countryside Team only committed to supporting us once a month but unfortunately could not do that. Since Covid, our Work Party has become more autonomous and in the absence of a Council funded Contractor we have become dependent on our own power tools. In 2022 we claimed a total of £500 from the Area Boards in Melksham and Devizes. We used this towards another battery for our brush cutter, hand shears, loppers and gloves. This year we would like to buy another Stihl battery tool, two batteries, brush cutter and hedge trimmer attachments. Shires in Devizes have agreed the council discount of 20% and the cost to us would be £1,358. Please would the Area board consider a grant towards this £1,358. Many thanks Dave Yearsley 01/12/23 West Wilts Ramblers Footpath Secretary/Work Party Coordinator</p>					
ABG1558	Community Area Grant	Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee	Bratton Recreation Ground New Storerooms	£26900.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We need to provide significantly more storage space for equipment used by the many football and cricket teams that use Bratton Recreation Ground as their home. There will be two stores, one each for football and cricket, with lockable cages inside each for the different teams.</p>					
ABG1559	Community Area Grant	Westbury Shed	Westbury Workshop facility repair and upgrade	£6896.00	£3448.00
<p>Project Summary: Westbury Shed operate out of our main portacabin next to the WCP building, and out of our second workshop at Grassacres where we tend the gardens. We are grateful for these forever workshops, although they have not weathered the past bad winter weather with our main workshop ROOF has now sprung a leak and brought down the inside roof lining and electrics. We have made it safe but these needs repairing asap as its getting worse. Our second workshop needs the lower FLOOR replacing as it is total rotten now</p>					
ABG1561	Community Area Grant	Westbury Youth FC	Westbury Youth FC equipment and facilities improvement	£8900.00	£4450.00

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<p>Project Summary: Westbury Youth FC has been established for 33yrs looking after the youth of Westbury, encouraging, and helping develop the early years of many of our now older resident of Westbury. Last year we had 230 children (mainly boys) and due to the new housing growth and girls wishing to play football our waiting list for places has gone through the roof! So, this year we have opened our facilities to even more children with our policy that we will offer football for all, and increased to just under 300, including under7s, girl's teams. Alongside this increase we need extra 2 sets of FA approved goals and our facilities need improving with updating our changing rooms and refurbishing our derelict toilet block that is unusable, this is a must do as we need to offer basic amenities.</p>					
ABG1565	Community Area Grant	Blue Circle Bowls Club	Blue Circle Bowls Club new external seating area	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: The bowls club would like to open up an additional area within our boundary to make an additional seating area for members to use, for watching matches and to allow us to hold more social activities for the members. This would entail the removal of a hedge running parallel to the front of the pavilion, erecting a fence parallel to the rear of the pavilion and erecting a canopy extending from the side of the pavillion.</p>					
ABG1573	Community Area Grant	White Horse Short Mat Bowls Club	New Short Mat Bowls carpet for White Horse Short Mat Bowls club	£1168.20	£550.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like to purchase a new Short Mat Bowls carpet for our local Short Mat Bowls club, to allow for the expansion of membership of the club, to allow more players to take part.</p>					
ABG1575	Community Area Grant	Westbury Leigh community project	Westbury Leigh community project improvements	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: V</p>					
ABG1320	Youth Grant	Leigh Park Community Centre	Skills for personal development and employment 2023	£10478.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Project purpose: To further develop opportunities for young people to access programmes that develop their practical and social skills, provide further educational attainment, open doors and support careers and employability, provide recreational and sports outlets, learn about and conserve the natural environment, and engage as full members of their communities.</p>					
ABG1525	Youth Grant	Westbury Parochial Church Council All Saints Church	Youth Cafe Westbury	£12360.00	£1820.00

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<p>Project Summary: We provide a weekly drop in youth session for young people aged 11 - 19 every Friday in Westbury Parish Hall. This service is a partnership project between Westbury Parochial Church Council who provide the venue and volunteer support and 4Youth (SouthWest) who provide professional support.</p>					
ABG1569	Youth Grant	Westbury Town Council	Soapbox Derby Workshops Wind turbines	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The project will focus on engaging with children in primary school and also older secondary aged students 12-16 year old. The young people in primary school will be give make your own turbine kits. There will be a competition where they will be given prizes based on efficiency (tested on site), creativity and best recycled materials used. The competition will be more open for secondary aged children. They will just be given a specification so that their turbine fits onto the testing motor onsite. The money spent will be on the kits, promotion and prizes. The focus of the project is to inspire these young people to find an interest in STEM activities, especially relating to environmental technologies, while also opening them up to the various engineering courses and careers on offer, particularly in the surrounding area.</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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