

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, 15 June 2022</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> 2022-23	£ 24,639.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 24,639.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 18,258.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,200.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG654</a>	Area Board Initiative	Community Care Group	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area Information Booklet	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            This project will provide 500 copies of an information booklet containing useful information for older and vulnerable people living in the community area. Printed copies will be made available to the towns and parishes involved. An electronic version of the information booklet will also be produced for wider circulation, e.g. with partner organisations.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG627</a>	Community Area Grant	Lydiard Millicent Parish Council	Lydiard Green and Pill Boxes	£6240.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            One of the aims of this project is to enable residents of Greatfield to access Lydiard Millicent on foot without having to walk on the stretch of road through Lydiard Green that has no footpath. This can be achieved by: Clearing and enhancing the long neglected Footpath LMIL38 from Greatfield (near Garden Centre) to Lydiard Green Pillbox. Clearing the areas around all the pillboxes that are alongside the footpath. Creating a Historical Walk to encompass the pillboxes, explaining their history through interpretation boards.</p>					

<a href="#">ABG643</a>	Community Area Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Petanque Club	RWB Petanque Club Canopy for Shelter with facilities for disabled access and mobility	£6762.00	£3381.00
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**Project Summary:**

**We are seeking part funding to provide a hard standing area, and a canopy for weather protection with some seating and a gate for safety and security. We also need to improve our facilities to support access for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and for those who need to rest between games. Currently, the gravel areas surrounding the playing surface are unsuitable for elderly and disabled people to move around on. We do not have a covered area of shelter to protect members, who are predominantly over 65 years, from inclement weather. The sport has periods of inactivity, so cover is essential to maintain access during poor weather as we offer our sport all year around. The project is to remove the gravel and replace it with a concrete surface to provide hard-standing and a ramp needed for wheelchair access. We would then install a gate, and a 3m x 10m canopy with 2.4m headroom. The roof of this structure would be clear to allow light through, negating the need for lighting thus saving energy. This would allow all players to take refuge in poor weather and also provide a seated covered area for players and spectators. The project will allow us to provide access for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Additionally, we believe the continued development of our facilities will assist in offering the sport to a broader section of people to improve mental health and wellbeing across all generations. We aim to support young players in access to the sport as our sport offers easy and low-cost access to sport which is essential for low-income families, individuals and pensioners and while aiding the physical health and fitness in all generations. The sport is currently predominately played by retirees, who otherwise would not engage in being involved with others which helps to reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. We have engaged with young people through the RWB Academy and Scouts groups to take up the sport. It is also non-contact sport and socially distanced which makes the game suitable for a range of people with health or physical constraints. We do not receive funding from any other organisation and the RWB PC started in 2018 and is funded through membership subscriptions.**

## 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 person's 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 subgroups 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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