

Malmesbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Malmesbury 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	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 17,018.00	£ 13,865.00	£ 1,500.00
Current Balance	£ 201.00	£ 814.00	£ 6,200.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 201.00	£ 14.00	£ 204.80

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1603	Area Board Initiative	Malmesbury Health and Wellbeing Forum	Health and Wellbeing Forum Networking and Engagement event Summer 2024	£500.00	£500.00
Project Summary: In order to raise awareness about both itself and the many voluntary and community sector organisations working in the local area, Malmesbury Health and Wellbeing Forum will host a networking and engagement event in Summer 2024. Lots of different organisations will be invited to meet and share information with each other and the public.					

ABG1552	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Malmesbury Town Team CIC Regd. Charity No 12072909	Athelstan 1100 Commemoration and Celebration	£2870.40	£1435.20
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Project Summary:

2024 marks the 1100th anniversary of King Athelstan becoming the first King of all England. This is being celebrated by Malmesbury and the surrounding area, due to his strong connections here and that he chose to be buried in the Abbey. A cross-community group of organisations has come together under the leadership of the Town Team, to organise nearly a year's worth of events to mark and celebrate this anniversary. Events in June and July include a special exhibition in Athelstan Museum, a weekend of archaeological community digs supported by Cotswold Archaeology, live multi-media performances at Malmesbury Abbey, a Saxon food, drink and craft fayre, a large scale Saxon re-enactment village by Regia Anglorum, and eight speaking events, followed by an Athelstan themed Carnival procession in August and 'Wessex Week', with a complementary programme of talks, walks, entertainment and music in October. We wish to make as many of our events as accessible and inclusive as possible to everyone in our community, especially the more older and vulnerable residents, who need extra help to participate. This project will enable us to bring 60 to 90 residents from local Care Homes and others with limited mobility who would otherwise not attend any of the events to participate in and directly engage with a cross-section of at least six of these events. We will also take an Athelstan 1100 'show' to local Care Homes to include 60 to 120 individuals who cannot access the events.

ABG1548	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club	Malmesbury Boxing Club Equipment for Parkinsons Group	£3410.00	£1705.00
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Project Summary:

This project is raising money for further equipment for Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club (MABC) Parkinsons' Boxing Sessions. MABC run 'Open Door' boxing sessions for those affected and living with Parkinson's. The sessions are free of charge and run by fully qualified coaches who volunteer their time. The sessions are hugely popular, and attendance is growing. We require further equipment to be able to meet the demand and offer more sessions. The sessions focus on movement and co-ordination which help improve both mental and physical health and over all well-being. The feedback we have got from those attending is fantastic and also showing in the numbers as people return.. with friends! "Just wanted to thank you for the training today, it was good fun, stiff as a board, love that feeling." And "Thanks Mike, really enjoyed today roll on the 19th" The BBC visited the group at the club in December. This short video demonstrates the positive impact the project has improving well-being, reducing loneliness and isolation in the community: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-wiltshire-67732097> We have fundraised to date to run the sessions . We would like to continue these sessions and offer it to more people. In order to do this, we require funding.

ABG1555	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Malmesbury Luncheon Club	Malmesbury Luncheon Club To Support Older People	£16432.00	£1920.00
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Project Summary:

Malmesbury Luncheon Club provides a discounted weekly cooked meal for older people at Malmesbury Town Hall. The club provides a nutritious cooked meal, such as a roast dinner, which some older people would not be able to cook for themselves. The Club also provides a safe and friendly opportunity for social interaction, especially needed for those living on their own or who might be socially isolated in other ways. The food which is very affordable, as well as socialising and participation with others in the club, positively promotes older and vulnerable people's health and wellbeing.

ABG1556	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Friends of Riverside	Saturday Friends Meet The Devereux Regiment	£592.80	£435.00
<p>Project Summary: Saturday Friends is a regular monthly session at Riverside Community Centre, organised by Friends of Riverside the trustees who run the Centre. This session is for older and vulnerable people, those who are disabled infirm and especially welcoming to those who live with dementia. We invite people from the following to our sessions: three local Care Homes, Athelstan House, Stainsbridge and Somerhill plus carers, five local assisted living accomodations, Burnham Court, Orchard Court, Glovers Court, Townsend Court and William Lodge, plus people who live in their own homes. On the 4th and 5th May 2024, there will be a big community weekend, which will commemorate the English Civil War in Malmesbury, including a range of events by the Devereux Regiment Re-enactors, ending with a full skirmish repeating a real incident which happened in the town. Whilst access to this last event will be difficult for many older people to attend, they would love to participate in this weekend in some way. Therefore we are arranging for a special event for Saturday Friends (any older interested person) at Malmesbury Town Hall, where a talk will be given by a member of the regiment, plus there will be a show and tell session including other re-enactors bringing artefacts of interest. The re-enactors will be in costume and 'character'. We will be arranging community minibus and taxi transport where needed, plus will provide refreshments. We would also like to this opportunity to provide all attending with a souvenir and or leaflet and pamphlet advertising other scheduled dates for Saturday Friends sessions. In conjunction with others in the Malmesbury Area Health and Wellbeing Forum and other parish councils, we also wish to produce a leaflet with a list of other groups and activities in the area, which will be of interest to older and vulnerable people, to help reduce social isolation.</p>					
ABG1522	Youth Grant	The Last Baguette theatre company CIC	Theatre workshop project for young people in Malmesbury Spring 2024	£2000.00	£800.00
<p>Project Summary: We are applying to support a series of theatre workshops for young people in Malmesbury in early spring 2024. From January to March 2024, we will lead a series of 6 weekly after-school theatre workshops for up to 20 young people age 11 to 18 at St Mary's Hall in Malmesbury. We will work with the young people to create a performance about issues and themes that are important to them. This will be a participant led project around the theme of stress, looking at both academic and social pressure experienced by young people at school. The Mental Health Foundation says that 60% of young people have felt so stressed by the pressure to succeed that they have felt overwhelmed or unable to cope. The young people will create characters and scenes exploring this theme and will devise and write the script for the show. We will also create a set and props using recycled and re-used materials. The final piece will be performed to an audience of friends and family on a Saturday afternoon at the end of the project in March. Tickets for the workshops will be Pay-what-you-can, to make them financially accessible to a wide range of families. These workshops will build confidence in speaking, performing and teamwork, & will provide affordable cultural activity after school.</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 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.