
Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge 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	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 22,534.24	£ 20,515.21	£ 7,700.00
Current Balance	£ 12,135.76	£ 9,948.79	£ 0.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -5,525.33	£ 853.07	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1502	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Youth for Christ	Additional pop up youth cafe van	£25000.00	£5000.00
Project Summary: Our current pop up café van is an amazing and fairly unique resource in the area. It enables us to do detached youth work with many of the benefits of a base, in that we can serve food and drinks and provide a wide range of games and activities. It also gives great visibility, appeals visually to young people and is recognised in numerous locations where it has been deployed over the years. It has the obvious additional benefit of being mobile, so we can deploy it anywhere there is a safe and suitable area to park and engage with young people. However the van is now 17 years old and is reaching the point when problems will start to multiply. Therefore it is prudent that we start working towards securing another van. Ideally there would be an overlap period, when a second van located in the Trowbridge area would enable more community projects in the town and avoid the logistical challenges of having one van to deploy across several areas of the county.					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1524	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Rural Music	Equipment for Wiltshire Rural Musics Trowbridge Older Peoples Wellness Club	£495.00	£495.00
<p>Project Summary: We would like £495 to buy equipment for a new music club project for isolated and older people at our hub in Gloucester Road, Trowbridge. We need a projector, an air pot for hot water, a coffee hot plate and jug, plus 7 tables which will allow participants to sit and enjoy a nutritious lunch. The Wiltshire Community Fund grant would not stretch to include this equipment which would make delivery better, smoother and more environmentally friendly. We secured two years initial funding from the Wiltshire Community Foundation for this new two-year program. Up to 15 older people who have lost regular contact with their community will enjoy twice monthly 1.5-hour gatherings where they sing, make music with percussion instruments, kazoos etc, participate in simple movement sequences, have a light lunch in a warm space and, crucially, make friends, exercise their brains and feel part of a group. There will be no cost to them. Activities like this can help keep them independent and healthier for longer. Members will be referred to us by local GP surgeries, faith organisations and other older people's services as well posters in our local area. We can also sign-post other services. Many of these people came from our locality, our hub is on Gloucester Road, in central Trowbridge just by the John of Gaunt school and a few roads away from the Studley Green area. Many people here are on low incomes, and the Studley Green area is the most deprived neighbourhood in Wiltshire (Needs Analysis for Wiltshire and Swindon 2023). The funding provides a professional musician facilitator, lunch, transport and miscellaneous overhead and basic staff costs. The underpinning equipment is where we would appreciate Area Board support.</p>					
ABG1654	Community Area Grant	Studley Green Community Association	Studley Green Community Centre refurbishment	£8465.29	£4230.00
<p>Project Summary: This is the first phase of our refurbishment, this is painting the whole community centre from top to bottom and making energy efficient changes to the ceiling and lights.</p>					
ABG1667	Community Area Grant	North Bradley Peace Memorial Trust	North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall urgent drainage	£2700.00	£1350.00
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Project Summary:

The main toilets at the Peace Memorial Hall have been becoming problematic in recent years and are now requiring frequent, expensive rodding to keep flowing. This means that at times the toilets are out of use for hall users. Following a recent inspection the engineer explained to us the cause is old, pitch fiber pipes that urgently need replacing with modern ones. If the toilets are not in a safe, hygienic condition then the hall cannot be used by regular or one off hirers. This impacts on the Peace Memorial Trust's finances and our ability to ensure the facilities are available for use, thus causing disappointment to local people of all ages as our hall is normally in use by a wide variety of groups and clubs as well as one off parties and events and our own fundraising events.

[ABG1670](#)

Community Area Grant

Trowbridge Environmental Community organisation

Trowbridge town park Wildlife garden and woodland glade project

£1586.00

£793.00

Project Summary:

The project concerns Go Wild, where our organisation looks after a public space within Trowbridge Town Park, near the Polebarn Road entrance. We do this in agreement with Trowbridge Town Council and their Neighbourhood Services Team. We have created a wildlife garden/woodland glade, and over the last 2 years we have planted bulbs, trees and native plants, cleared nettles and built a bug hotel. We have so much more to do and would like to further develop and enhance the area with our group of volunteers, for the benefit of the Trowbridge community and with inclusivity in mind. Further, we enjoy watching the plants grow and helping the environment. The area will be a great habitat and food source for birds, mammals and insects with the added bonus of looking pleasant for the people of Trowbridge. Recently, with a group of Committee members and volunteers, we have seen one family planting a hedge together in the entrance near the Almshouses, we have planted more tree whips to make a Dog Wood patch, a Dog Rose thicket, and more plants have been added to Polebarn and Raleigh Court hedges. Our group aims to raise awareness, encourage and act through positive practical action, and inspire others to change lifestyles to the betterment of our community, and the Go Wild project helps us to achieve these aims. To that end also, we wish to raise funds and access a community grant for the various pieces of equipment etc. that we require, as set out below.

[ABG1671](#)

Community Area Grant

Lions Club of Trowbridge

Defibrillators within Trowbridge Town Centre

£1760.00

£880.00

Project Summary:

To provide and support defibrillators for 24/7 use by the public within Trowbridge

[ABG1687](#)

Community Area Grant

Biss Meadows Country Park

Biss Meadows South Field enhancement

£5669.54

£2819.54

Project Summary:

The south field has lacked any real attention other than grass cutting. It presents as a wonderful walk through enjoying connectivity with nature and is disabled friendly, the main issue is that seating for the less able is very sparse. To this end the Friends were successful in getting an NHS grant for £500 along with £300 personal donation specific for seating. This grant uses additional park development funding held by the Friends as part of its drive towards LNR status for the park, a move supported by both WC and TTC. All fund contribution is available.

[ABG1693](#)

Community Area Grant

British Moroccan Community Association

Correct Moroccan Community Town Council Festivals

£500.00

£500.00

Project Summary:

To obtain facilities and equipment for projects that are important to the local community. The community needs a gazebo, tables and chairs to display Moroccan Culture.

[ABG1697](#)

Community Area Grant

YMCA Little Shoots Nursery

YMCA Little Shoots Nursery Outdoor Learning Area

£3187.10

£1593.55

Project Summary:

Provide spaces and resources for children to play and learn in the outdoors.

[ABG1518](#)

Youth Grant

The Amber Foundation

Ambers programme of support

£7876.10

£2876.10

Application Reference

Grant Type

Applicant

Project

Total Cost

Requested

Project Summary:

Amber provides a temporary, safe place to live with up to 30 other young people at our residential centre in Trowbridge, Wiltshire. There, in a calm and nurturing environment, we provide a mix of support, structure, new experiences and training that builds our resident's motivation, self-discipline and skills. We help them address any issues that are holding them back and support them to move on from their troubled pasts and find the self-belief and determination to move forward. We are widely known as an organisation that will accept people who have had several failed interventions before and will accept those whose needs exceed those accepted by other organisations. Hence, we often fill a gap in provision, both locally and regionally. Our objective is clear – young people leave when they are ready to move on to suitable accommodation with sustainable employment or education / training. Part of being ready is to ensure that the young people in our care have built up the necessary skills to live independently. Young people cook for each other, ensure the site is clean and help with the maintenance when necessary. This helps to build the 'life' skills needed to live independently. As well as practical skills, Amber runs workshops on a variety of topics that help young people to identify, understand and overcome barriers that previously stood between them and employment, education and sustainable accommodation. Examples of the workshops include: - Specific training in adult literacy and numeracy - Budgeting and Debt Management - Managing stress and uncertainty - Safety and risk management in the home - Maintaining a tenancy Over the course of their time at Amber (which is on average 6 months), young people are expected to complete at least two workshops a month, many of which result in qualifications. In reality, most complete far more, building up a substantial set of qualifications and skills to support them when they leave; and, often these will be the first formal qualifications that our residents will have attained. We are looking for support towards the cost of development and delivery of these workshops.

ABG1611	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Town Council	Youth and Transition Event	£2739.24	£1369.62
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Project Summary:

We are working with key partners from the Child Wellbeing Group, including Trowbridge Future, Youth 4 Christ, Mighty Girls, Wiltshire Council to provide a Urban Festival enabling young people to connect and take part in sports, music, activities, art and support organisations. The Urban Festival will be held at stallards park 3.00 -7.00 on a Friday in September 2024. Allowing them to socialise safely and develop relationships with adults they can trust. All of the activities will improve young peoples self esteem , mental health and wellbeing and will afford us the opportunity to promote all activities available within the community. The Festival will also allow us to engage with the young people in consultation to understand how they view there community, town and how we can make Trowbridge better for our young people. After a fantastic event last year with over 200 young people attending we believe this provide a foundation to build from. We will be working with Wiltshire College and the secondary school student to ensure the event is young person led.

ABG1651	Youth Grant	Mighty Girls CIC	Trowbridge Girls PILOT	£5700.00	£2850.00
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Project Summary:

The aim of this project will be to create local girls groups in Trowbridge - suggesting x 6 weekly or bi-weekly sessions - in community spaces to encourage girls to socialise outside school in a safe space, with opportunities for creative activities and discussions about things that are important to them. Potential locations: Paxcroft Mead or Longfield community areas. The groups would be established along the same principals we run all of our activities: Co-created with the young people of that community. Provide a safe youth space for girls and young women to encourage girls to develop their social skills, increase their well-being and self-esteem. Create opportunities for them to learn new skills and try new things (arts, music, fitness, cooking etc.) Create opportunities for young volunteers to take leadership roles - project managing their own events Provide training and support for those young volunteers to succeed. After some initial discussions with young people we have been working with this year, they are keen to have sessions set up for girls to make new friends, hang out try new activities and put events on in their local communities (e.g. film nights, bake sales) to discuss challenges they are facing in the communities and to hear from inspiring women in positive roles (business, arts, volunteering etc.) These events would fund raise for the ongoing sustainability of the group. We would collaborate with existing community groups (Trowbridge Future, Active Trowbridge, Churches & Mosque) and the schools, and the new family hubs as they get up an running to get girls referred to the sessions, and ensure we are not doubling up on any other activities currently on offer, or being planned to happen.

[ABG1684](#)

Youth Grant

Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association

Saxon RDA Summer Outing

£1000.00

£500.00

Project Summary:

Each year we like to take our participants on a summer outing before we break up for the summer holidays. This year we have very kindly been invited to an Alpaca Farm in Rudge where they have said they will also provide tea and cakes. We have in the past relied on our participants paying a small charge which usually restricts what we can offer. Last year one of our volunteers kindly paid for a trip on the canal. Our concern this year is that some may not be in a position to join us because of their financial position.

[ABG1692](#)

Youth Grant

British Moroccan Community Association

Youth events and other activities

£3000.00

£1500.00

Project Summary:

To provide youth activities through out the year including music, sports and other activities.

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

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