

Marlborough Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Marlborough 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	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 5,134.95	£ 7,500.00	£ 3,300.00
Current Balance	£ 10,700.05	£ 10,286.00	£ 4,400.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 5,000.05	£ 7,756.00	£ 3,900.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1468	Area Board Initiative	Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Group	Marlborough Health and Wellbeing Groups Autumn Networking 2023	£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, Marlborough Health and Wellbeing group will host a networking and engagement event in December 2023. Lots of different organisations will be invited to St Peters Church to meet and share information with each other.

N.B. This application has already been awarded via delegated authority.

ABG1467	Community Area Grant	Minal Sports and Social Club	Mildenhall Sports and Social Club Replacement Gazebos	£619.95	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The MSSC Sports needs to replace gazebo/marquees. This project applies for 2 pop-up gazebos. The Minal (Mildenhall) Sports and Social Club (MSSC) is a voluntary organisation in Mildenhall (Minal) that has been operating since the 1980's with the objective of fostering sports and social activities in the village and area. To this end the club committee manages and maintains the sports field (aka Minal Cricket Field) and clubhouse. The field is used for cricket and for youth football (MYFC) as well as annual events such as school sports, the village fete and the bonfire/fireworks night. We use marquees/gazebos for these events and the existing ones are in urgent need of replacement - being torn in numerous places and with bent poles meaning they are difficult to erect, are prone to collapsing and are no longer weatherproof.</p>					
ABG1491	Community Area Grant	The Merchants House Marlborough Trust	The Merchants House roof project Phase 2b	£60000.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: Following investigations into the roof of the 17th century historic house, urgent plans were put in place to repair the structure. Due to the significant cost, the project was split in 3, and we are now seeking funds for the final phase. Following completion of these works, the house will not need further work on the roof for at least another 25 years. This project is a focus, and once completed will allow us to continue for many years as a centre for heritage volunteering in the town.</p>					
ABG1493	Community Area Grant	Aldbourn Community Heritage Group CIO Heritage Centre	Aldbourn Heritage Community Heritage Group CIO Environment Controlled Display Cabinet	£4854.00	£1700.00
<p>Project Summary: ACHG was formed in 2014 to found and maintain a community heritage centre to collect and conserve historical objects and documents and to promote research and interest in local history as a means of deepening community sentiment. The centre has become increasingly successful as measured by museum footfall and wider recognition with record figures for 2023. In particular we have become a focus for the widespread interest in the Band of Brothers phenomenon and have forged links with the American WW2 Museum in Texas and regularly throughout the summer host village tours for parties taking the Band of Brothers Trail organised by them. In addition we have also made close links with The Nightingale Project and as a result of their archaeology we has acquired a number of objects relating to the stationing in the village of the US 101st Airborne in WW2. In the summer of 2023, the dig was filmed by the Time Team programme and its subsequent release has generated a larger audience than any other episode in recent years. These activities can be said to have put Aldbourne, Marlborough and Wiltshire very firmly on the map of WW2 destinations, not to mention the significant amount of economic benefit to village businesses, We need to conserve and display these objects for the benefit of villagers' long term heritage, visiting Americans and anyone with an interest in the WW2 history and "Band of Brothers" story. However, many of the objects are in poor and deteriorating condition and should be kept in an environmentally controlled cabinet suitable for a museum. We propose to select and commission such a cabinet following advice from the Wiltshire Museum service. This will improve the display options and greatly enhance the experience of visitors with WW2 interests and offer opportunities to better conserve other types of objects. The grant application is to ask for part funding of this expensive investment.</p>					

ABG1498	Community Area Grant	The Merchants House Marlborough Trust	Heritage and visitor experience improvements	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: As part of significant plans to reopen the The Merchant's House after its usual winter break, we are seeking funding to support the purchase of archive grade storage materials, to allow us flexibility to display different parts of our collection. As part of our plans, we will be designing roller banners and display boards, integrating QR links to audio and visual material to immerse our visitors in the history of the building.</p>					
ABG1497	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Sing a long and Social	Sing a long and Social	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: This is a free group for elderly socially isolated and vulnerable members of the community. We meet weekly and provide a friendly space for people to come and meet other people, have tea and cakes and do some singing for fun.</p>					
ABG1452	Youth Grant	Marlborough Sports Forum	Marlborough Sports and Physical Activity Festival for Young People	£5060.00	£2530.00
<p>Project Summary: Due to the huge success of Marlborough's first Sports Festival held in 2021 where over 150 young people had a go at 14 different sports and activities on offer, we would like to be able to offer Marlborough's young people another sport and physical activity festival. The project aims to provide and support young people with new opportunities to get involved in becoming active by offering them a range of sports clubs and training in the Marlborough area to increase social engagement, improved physical fitness along with enhanced health and wellbeing aims.</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.