

Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Devizes 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	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 16,350.00	£ 16,380.65	£ -55.00
Current Balance	£ 9,519.00	£ 5,939.35	£ 7,755.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -2,422.66	£ -4,591.35	£ 490.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1627	Area Board Initiative	Devizes Area Board	Million Hours Youth Project	£89591.35	£4591.35
<p>Project Summary: Devizes Town Council working with the area board and key partners within the area have submitted an application for over £80k of funding in order to expand on the youth work that is on offer within the town. There are three parts to this work • Continuation of the 'Roots and Shoots' programme, operated by Wiltshire FA. These are football based sessions and facilitated discussions around healthy lifestyles. • Extension of the pop up Youth club work operated by Youth for Christ. • Specific targeted youth sessions based on feedback from young people, delivered by 4Youth. So far Cookery, fishing, girls only football sessions have been requested In order to help deliver this project over a 2 to 3 year period, some additional match funding is required and the area board is asked to make a contribution of £5k. The Town Council are already committed to these activities and are planning to expand their offer to young people over 2024.</p>					
ABG1628	Area Board Initiative	Devizes Area Board	Youth Space in Devizes	£10000.00	£4591.35

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<p>Project Summary: Devizes has no youth centre of safe dedicated space for young people to go. It has become clear over the past couple of years that this needs to be addressed and all stakeholders are now committed to making this happen. A large investment has taken place over the past year to expand the support for young people through detached youth work. the key partners including 4Youth and Youth For Christ are equally keen to see this become a reality. An empty shop has been identified within the town centre that is owned by the Town Council. Some capital works are required to be made on it and once completed it will need to be equipped. The current thinking is that this will include a youth cafe and space upstairs for workshops and other activities. The hope is that the centre will be open every day. The area board is being asked to help provide funding for the equipment required to kit out the building. This will include items such as furniture, computers, screens, cafe etc. An application has also gone into the Future High Streets Fund for the initial capital works</p>					
ABG1510	Community Area Grant	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts	Devizes Community Arts Hub Capital Support Project 2024	£10094.06	£4844.06
<p>Project Summary: The project will provide essential capital equipment to be used in the new Community Arts Hub in Devizes, and in related arts projects in and around the town and surrounding villages. The Hub not only houses DOCA, but also the White Horse Arts collective, a community of a dozen or so artists and creatives, all of whom, like DOCA, are working in the arts, culture, and education sectors throughout the Devizes Community Area. We also have plans to develop the outside garden area for community events and are exploring the possibility of a gardening club. The vision for the Hub is to create a sustainable, not-for-profit arts centre in Devizes, where the local community can meet, work, exhibit and participate in workshops. This particular project will provide the appropriate equipment and suitable work areas within the Hub for community groups, schools and businesses to take part in creative arts workshops where costumes, lanterns and other elements are made for use in community arts events such as the Devizes International Street Festival, the Confetti Battle, the Carnival Parade and the Lantern Parade.</p>					
ABG1512	Community Area Grant	Seend Lye Recreation Field	Replacement mowing equipment for Seend Lye Recreation Field	£18000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: To provide a 25hp compact tractor and finishing mower for recreation field maintenance. The new equipment replaces a 48 year-old Ransomes Parkway 226, purchased in the last century and now disposed of as it was beyond economical repair. The equipment is securely garaged in an on-site equipment garage.</p>					
ABG1582	Community Area Grant	Drews Pond Wood Project	Drews Pond Wood Project path improvement	£4195.20	£2097.60
<p>Project Summary: The fencing to the back path of the nature trail at the Drews Pond Wood LNR is in urgent need of repair to ensure the safety of users and the integrity of the path. This task is beyond the scope of the volunteer group due to the site access, skill mix and specialist plant machinery required</p>					
ABG1490	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Arts Together	Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Devizes	£6764.00	£2500.00

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<p>Project Summary: Arts Together is a Wiltshire charity that has been running creative support groups for isolated and vulnerable older people in six areas of Wiltshire for 23 years. We provide regular, meaningful activities that build trust, confidence and friendship, supporting group members within their community to combat the damage caused by isolation. From April 2024 to March 2025 we will run 6 art projects in Devizes, led by local artists and supported by a team of local volunteers. Projects are stimulating and challenging and adapted specifically so that they are accessible to all. Projects will cover a wide range of methods and materials such as making stained glass panels and storywriting and creating models for a filmed a performance piece. Each project takes place over a 5-week block, in the community lounge at Elizabeth House in Devizes. This venue is provided as an in-kind donation, free of charge, by the Guinness Partnership. Assisted transport is arranged for the group members, the majority of whom would be unable to attend otherwise. We also provide refreshments, a hot lunch and a warm accessible place to be at each weekly project session, increasingly important for frail older people during this cost-of-living crisis. Our art tutors are professional artists fully insured and with DBS checks and our group manager and volunteers (also DBS checked) are trained in supporting members who might have barriers to taking part, be it through poor health, disability or mental health issues. An accredited carer is at each group session as the dedicated first-aider and for any personal support needs. The carer is provided as an in-kind donation, free of charge, by the Home Instead Care Agency. The group manager has extensive experience and offers wellbeing support to each beneficiary beyond the weekly sessions to enable them to keep attending the group. This year our transport, food and materials costs have increased due to the cost-of-living crisis. We have increased the number of members per group from 12 to 16 in response to increased need and referrals which has also increased our costs. We are constantly fundraising and request £2500 from Devizes Area Board towards the cost of running three of these engaging, confidence building and life enhancing 5-week projects for some of the most vulnerable older members of our community.</p>					
ABG1567	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Alzheimers Support	Sidmouth Street dementia day club supporting local people living with dementia	£3080.00	£1440.00

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<p>Project Summary:</p> <p>Engaging with people with dementia and their carers in the most humane loving way possible is Alzheimer’s Support’s core methodology, treating the people we support and their carers as distinct individuals with their own life stories - not just service users. One of our most popular services are our four award-winning day clubs that follow our trademark formula of small group activities, a relaxed informal atmosphere and high staff ratios allowing everyone to follow their own preferences. Our clubs are run by specialist staff and trained volunteers who focus on the person rather than the dementia. Boosting confidence, building relationships and creating opportunities for social engagement are at the heart of their ethos. A perfect example of this ethos in action is provided by our day club based at 5 Sidmouth Street which has been described as 'one of the jolliest places in Devizes' by one longstanding volunteer, and her verdict would be echoed by members, carers and many members of the local community. The club in the heart of Devizes provides a warm, stimulating and friendly environment for up to eight members at a time. Since opening in 2008 it has built up strong links with its community and has frequent visits from local actors and musicians. Regular activities include photography, painting, cooking, art therapy, mosaic making, dance, gardening and personalised reminiscence. While there is a wide choice of small group activities, club members are also very welcome to 'do their own thing' in the company of others. Lunch is prepared from fresh ingredients each day, with members getting involved with preparations if they wish to. Members are joined twice a week by therapy whippets Higby and Dottie and by other local volunteer dogs on other days of the week. The garden, a haven of greenery maintained by volunteers, has won its category of Devizes in Bloom multiple time was graded as Outstanding by the Royal Horticultural Society's South West in Bloom competition four times in a row pre-pandemic. It's greatly enjoyed by club members who plant and harvest their own vegetables and this year watched the progress of a nesting blackbird and her young. The club has won a number of awards, including Best Community Group in the Wiltshire Life Awards and a Services to the People award from the Mayor of Devizes. A full day out in a supportive, stimulating environment is hugely beneficial to people living with dementia and also provides a real break for family carers. They often tell us that the clubs, and the respite they provide, is the one thing that allows them to continue caring for longer in their own homes: “My Mum has a wonderful time at the day centre in Devizes, thank you for all your care and attention. I really appreciate all your hard work.” “She absolutely loves attending the club, she said she wakes up on a Wednesday and can’t wait to get to club and wishes she could attend more than once a week! She wanted to say how wonderful Becci and the girls are and always so welcoming and she loves all the hugs!” “You all do such an amazing job and that comes across in the smiles and laughter of all the members. A truly wonderful place. Thanks for being so welcoming.” “It truly is like no place I’ve been before; absolutely bonkers and so full of positivity. The staff are just wonderful and do so much to support these wonderful characters with dementia.” Our Sidmouth Street club has clear benefits for those living with dementia, not least by encouraging them to get out of their homes and become more socially active. Carers of people with dementia are more likely to experience physical illness, depression and social isolation. As a dementia carer myself, I can attest to the real risk of becoming incrementally more isolated as your loved one becomes increasingly unwilling to get out of the house. Having a regular event to look forward to, especially one that gets you both out of the house where you know that your loved one will be in a safe and fun environment becomes one, if not THE highlight of your week. We charge members £52 per person, per day but this is subsidised and we need to find a further £36 per person to meet the full £88 costs. This daily subsidy will provide not only 6 hours of high-quality care to the person living with dementia but will also, by default, give their (overwhelmingly family) carer a 6-hour break from their exhausting round of 24/7 care. Every £36 therefore provides 12 hours of desperately-needed support. We are now asking the Board to consider supporting this shortfall for up to 40 day’s-worth of visits with a grant of up to £1,440, thus enabling us to continue this vital programme, although we would of course be very appreciative of any level of support. As noted above, the Board’s support would not only help our day club members but also their carers, for whom these six hours may be the only break they get all week . Your £1,440 represents 240 hours of direct help plus a further 240 hours of respite, a total of 480 hours of support for just £3 per hour.</p>					
ABG1596	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	OUR TIME PROJECT	DEVIZES MOVEMENT AND THEATRE WORKSHOPS FOR ELDERS	£6000.00	£3000.00

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<p>Project Summary: TO PRODUCE AND DELIVER A SERIES OF HIGH QUALITY INSPIRING THEATRE AND MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS WITH ELDERLY COMMUNITIES IN DEVIZES: CREATING JOYFUL, LIFE - ENHANCING EXPERIENCES, UNDER THE GUIDANCE AND THE EXPERTISE OF THE OUR TIME PROJECT COMPANY. INVOLVING ACTIVE ELDERS, VERY FRAIL, THOSE WHO HAVE HAD STROKES, AND THOSE WITH DEMENTIA .ULTIMATELY ENCOURAGING PERSONAL DISCOVERY AND A SHARED AND ENLIGHTENING COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE WHICH WILL HAVE POSITIVE REPERCUSIIONS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY. The workshops will improve the health and well-being of participants at Hayward's Care Home, encouraging mental and physical stimulation as well as being a joyful creative collective experience for both elders and carers. www.ourtimeproject.weebly.com https://www.youtube.com/@ourtimeproject Tailor- made to the needs of each group whether very frail, active elders or those with dementia or who have had strokes, the OUR TIME PROJECT inspires through the use of movement and theatrical play, drawing from the life experience of participants, guiding with delicate expertise and taking ideas onto a theatrical level,allowing and encouraging the participants to see each other in new ways, and encouraging a fantastic shared experience which has an impact inside the prospective homes and groups as well as having ripples into the wider communities through the carers and families ; Carers are encouraged to participate and sometimes family members who are visiting. In the Devises area Hayward's Care Centre been highlighted as having a clear need and keen interest in having OUR TIME PROJECT delivering this work for the beneficiaries of elders.Each residency workshop is a unique experience in itself and is tailor made to the needs and requirements of each group whether very frail active elders those with dementia or physically disabled. These workshops draw from the distinctive experience of the Company and the experience of the Director who has created pioneering theatre and movement work with the elderly over the past 14 years . It is a pre- requisite of the company's ethos to have an innovative creative and life enhancing approach to interactive workshops with the elderly. Drawing from training at the Lecoq International school 1992 -1994 and over 20 years'experience as a Director of theatre Sue Lee B.A Hons Diploma Ecole Lecoq Director coordinates the OUR TIME PROJECT and encourages a direct and stimulating environment with the Our Time expert practitioners where wonderful experiences and great discoveries happen with much laughter under the care and collaboration with care workers within each workshop setting. The workshops aim to inspire and bring out the undiscovered in each participant drawing on the creativity that stems from each individual's life experience and celebrate this in a joyous way. Movement is at the core and each workshop begins with simple movements which will have a great physical benefit then leading to simple improvisation creating a unique vibrant and life enhancing experience that bonds the collective and rejoices the individuals uniqueness. The workshops are delicate drawing out the creative potential in each person in a sensitive way as well as encouraging a group shared experience. The workshops aim to stimulate physical activity as well as spiritually bind the group encouraging well-being and improved quality of health. Some feedback from the previous set of workshops in the area Rebecca Brown leader from Forum Stroke Club "I think the members really enjoyed it they were smiling and laughing it is wonderful for their imagination and memory. It is good for them to interact as a group. They gain confidence I could really see this programme happening again as it was great fun.' Chris brown day centre participant Mrs Alison Meer's .'It took me out of my shy comfort zone.... Making a fool of oneself isn't a bad thing from time to time... I wish I had started being so fluid in movements earlier'.</p>					
ABG1598	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Nosh and Natter Seend	Seend Nosh and Natter Lunch Club	£325.00	£325.00
<p>Project Summary: Monthly hot lunch and chance to meet old and new friends.</p>					
ABG1516	Youth Grant	The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	£1996.00	£998.00

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<p>Project Summary: This project involves many young people and we produce various Safety, Safeguarding, Child Protection, Junior Kit Lists etc. to support the young people and their families. It is a canoe race started by 1st Devizes Scouts back in 1948, there are usually up to about 600 competitors, and with friends, family and support crews means that about 3000 people come to Devizes over Easter.</p>					
ABG1566	Youth Grant	KOTB Angling Club Kids On The Bank	Kids On The Bank Help Fund	£350.00	£350.00
<p>Project Summary: We are KOTB Kids On The Bank Angling Club we promote youth mental health, self confidence and family interaction through fishing, we have found that time on the bank with family clears the mind opens up channels of communication with the parents/guardians and spend less time on technology. We supply donated tackle and bait and arrange fortnightly matches at local fisheries and also provide tuition on the bank. We do all this for free except for a £10 yearly membership fee, we rely on goodwill donations through fundraising and members donations. Our main number of young anglers come from Devizes and surrounding villages so any funding would benefit the local youngsters. The funding will be used to purchase medals, trophies and small tackle set ups for local youngsters to use on fishing days.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.