

**Report to** Malmesbury Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 7 May 2019  
**Title of report** Community Area Grant Funding

## **Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
Alderton Village Pond and Green (via officer delegated authority)	£250.00 (awarded)
1 <sup>st</sup> Sherston Scouts	£2,500.00

## **1. Background**

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance available here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-area-grants-criteria-2015-16-april.pdf>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2019/20 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

## **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**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

**If all grants are awarded as below, Malmesbury Area Board will have a balance of £31,588 remaining in the 2019/20 Community Area Grants fund.**

## **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.

**9. Applications for consideration**

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Officer delegated authority	Alderton Village Pond and Green	Alderton Duck Appeal	£250.00 (awarded)
<p><b>Project description:</b> Protective fencing and restoring the duck population.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p> <p>Alderton’s duck pond, home to a collection of rare ducks, was recently very unfortunately ravaged with around forty birds being killed. The effect on this rare collection of ducks has been devastating and upsetting for local people and visitors.</p> <p>The Alderton Duck Pond charity began fundraising to improve the pond’s protective fencing and towards the replacement of birds.</p> <p>Alderton’s iconic duck pond is a wonderful asset enjoyed by many.</p> <p>It is expected to cost up to £1,000 to replace the ducks which were recently taken by wildlife from Alderton’s Pond.</p> <p>The pond is home to more than twenty species of duck, some of which are expensive to replace. Amongst the breeds that were killed were Snow Geese, valued at £100 each; Tufted Bahama Pintails; European Widgeon; Crested Pochards; Northern Shoveler and many more.</p> <p><i>After the ducks are even better secured, restocking will begin with species being paired up, so they breed.</i></p> <p>Members of the Area Board were keen to support the restoration of the pond’s collection and the decision was made to use officer delegated powers to award the sum of £250.00 to the appeal in between the March and May Area Board meetings.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board notes the award to the Alderton Village Pond and Green fund for £250.00.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">ID (hyper link)</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sherston Scouts	Scout hut renovations	£2,500.00
<p><b>Project description:</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sherston Scouts are planning a major, phased, renovation of the Scout hut to make it safer, warmer and more accessible to the Scouts, other local groups and the general community.</p> <p>The part of the project they are asking the Area Board to support us with is replacing the windows. They are likely to receive in the region of £20,000 from the North Legacy Fund held by Sherston Parish Council, which will be used for solar paneling, loft and cavity wall insulations, air source heating, replacement cisterns and plumbing, and floor rugs. This is all phase 1 of the project.</p> <p>Following this they will continue to fundraise for phase 2 - a new kitchen and phase 3 – additional storage to allow for a break out area. The Cubs and Scouts are planning and undertaking their own fundraising activities to raise money for the redecoration of the building and improving the acoustics of the building. Much of the labour to undertake the renovations will be donated through volunteer time.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p> <p>The proposed project involves the Scout Hut undergoing major refurbishment to ensure the hut is warm and safe for the children and young people who use it, and to allow the Scout section to become financially independent by renting out the premises to other Scout groups, room hire for birthday parties etc. This would result in generating additional income to cover running costs and put towards residential camps and general activities, making this cheaper for Cubs and Scouts to attend, and therefore making them accessible to more of the children and young people in Sherston and neighbouring villages.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application from 1<sup>st</sup> Sherston Scouts for £2,500.00.</p>			

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

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