

Melksham Area Board, 13 November 2019

Chairman's Announcement

Wiltshire area boards – funding hundreds of projects, benefitting thousands

A recent survey has found that more than 70,000 local residents benefitted from projects supported through Wiltshire's area boards.

Each year more than £1.2M is available through the 18 area boards to invest in community projects that aim to address local priorities. More than 600 projects were provided with grant funding during the 2018/19 financial year which totalled a combined value of almost £4M.

Cabinet Member, Allison Bucknell said "Our area boards continue to support our communities through the grant scheme, which is going from strength to strength.

A huge variety of projects have gone on to flourish following our initial investment, making a real difference for people of all ages.

"We are delighted that we have been able to support so many applications from people who are passionate about helping their communities and organisations, and it's very rewarding to be able to help them on their way."

For further details about funding through the area boards please contact [your local Community Engagement Manager](#).

2018/19 Area Boards facts in full:

Number of grants awarded across Wiltshire	635 projects
Total amount of funding awarded	£1,141,326
Average size of grant given out	£1,797.36
Total value of the projects supported by area board grants	£3,988,465
Every £1 award levered community value	3.49 times

The Total amount of funding for each of the Revenue and Capital grants (the three funding schemes from the area board)

Community Area Grants £689,113

Young People £ 332,242

Health and Wellbeing £ 119,971

The total number of volunteers who help run these projects *	2,332
The average number of volunteers who help run each project *	11
The number of people who have taken part in the projects funded by area boards *	70,536
The number of people taking mild exercise as a result of these projects *	41,462
The number of people taking moderate exercise as a result of these projects *	12,674
The number of people involved in vocational training as a result of these projects *	1,184
The proportion of projects deemed to be successful as self-reported by the people running them *	98.1%

***based on 211 responses to the area boards 2018/19 survey**