

**Report to** Malmesbury Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 28 January 2020  
**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>
Sherston Bowls Club	£190
Jackdaw Café Art Group for Wellbeing	£338
The Last Baguette Theatre Company	£650
Lea & Cleverton Parish Council	£2,500
Great Somerford Parish Council	£2,500
<i>Auto Speed Watch devices x 2 and signage (approved at September area board; for noting only)</i>	£638

**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.

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 £24,473.21 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
<a href="#">3614</a>	Sherston Bowls Club	New bowls mat	£190
<p><b>Project description:</b></p> <p>Purchase a nearly new bowls mat.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p> <p>A rare opportunity has arisen for the club to purchase a nearly new bowls mat from the England Short Mat Bowling Association, previously used for national championships for £380, compared to the cost of a new mat of circa £900.</p> <p>The club formed last year and inherited two old mats from Lee Bowls club which are now defunct and are inferior to the other mats of all the other short mat bowls clubs in the area. It is hoped that quality equipment will increase membership and potential to host events for area-based competitions.</p> <p>The total project cost is £400, the remainder of which is being provided by the club’s limited reserves.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b></p> <p>That the Area Board considers the application from Sherston Bowls Club for £190.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3588</a>	Jackdaw Café Art Group for Wellbeing	Art supplies for new art group	£338
<p><b>Project description:</b></p>			

Purchase new art materials for this newly-formed art wellbeing group.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

This is a new art wellbeing group being set up as a follow-on to the Artlift GP referral group running at the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre. The purpose of the group is to improve mental health and wellbeing by bringing people together. It enables those isolated by physical and mental health problems, loss, and old age to meet, make connections and find a new lease of life, via the simple and peaceful process of painting together. It seeks to improve wellbeing and so reduce the need for GP appointments, expensive prescriptions and overwhelmed health services.

The main benefit to the Artlift program is realised if participants move on to start their own groups to make room for new referrals to join the GP group.

This grant application is for a group that is moving on and will be available to subsequent participants moving on from future programs.

**Proposal**

That the Area Board considers the application from Jackdaw Café Art Group for £338.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3576</a>	The Last Baguette Theatre Company	New speakers	£650

**Project description:**

Purchase of 2 powered speakers and stands for music and sound.

**Input from Community Engagement Manager:**

The Last Baguette Theatre Company proposes to run a free theatre workshop at the Riverside Centre in Malmesbury for 20 young people aged 11 to 18 from Monday 3rd August for 5 days as part of Malmesbury Carnival. The workshop will culminate in a performance by the young people on Friday 7th August.

The project will explore themes around mental health and pressure at school. Participants will learn about performance, write scripts, direct scenes, create characters and devise their own show over the week.

The applicant is applying to support the purchase of a pair of speakers and speaker stands which will allow workshop participants to use music and sound in the production and will also benefit many other community events and activities.

**If approved, the application should be awarded subject to remaining match-funding being confirmed as secured.**

**Proposal**

That the Area Board considers the application from The Last Baguette Theatre Company for £650.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3561</a>	Lea & Cleverton Parish Council	Cone climber (play equipment)	£2,500
<p><b>Project description:</b></p> <p>To purchase and install a cone climber (play equipment) ay Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Playing Field.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p> <p>The Parish Council is seeking to expand the play facilities currently on the Jubilee Playing Field in order that it may expand the challenges to the youth of the parish in confidence, physical ability and general fitness.</p> <p>A cone climber is a circular, cone-shaped, rotating climbing frame. The Cone Climber is great for multi-play as children climb to the top of the net whilst spinning at the same time.</p> <p>The total project cost is £9,337.74, the remainder of which is being provided by fundraising, bank interest and parish council reserves.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b></p> <p>That the Area Board considers the application from Lea &amp; Cleverton Parish Council for £2,500.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3476</a>	Great Somerford Parish Council	Great Somerford Play area	£2,500
<p><b>Project description:</b></p> <p>To purchase and install a new climbing frame and sunken trampoline at Great Somerford play area.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b></p> <p>The children’s play area in Great Somerford was established in 1978 and has been used by many generations of children. Some equipment is now in need of renewal and updating and following a public consultation attended by 75 residents it was decided to have the following equipment installed; a sunken trampoline and a challenging ‘pick up sticks’ climbing frame.</p> <p>The parish is planning for the future. There is currently planning consent for 58 new houses in the village, 38 of which are due to be built starting in early 2020. In addition, there are planning applications for more houses in the pipeline. All young children resident now and who will shortly be living in the Parish of Great Somerford and Startley and elsewhere will benefit from the new equipment.</p> <p>These improved facilities will contribute to more exciting, modern and attractive use of the long-established play area in the future and will encourage physical activity, social opportunities and community cohesion among children and their parents.</p> <p>The total project cost is £21,900, the remainder of which is being provided by Community Landfill Trust, Jack Lane Charitable Trust, local fundraising and donations.</p>			

**If approved, the application should be awarded subject to remaining match-funding being confirmed as secured.**

**Proposal**

That the Area Board considers the application from Great Somerford Parish Council for £2,500.

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

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