

<b>Report to</b>	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27/05/2021
<b>Title of Report</b>	Community Area Grant funding

## Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
<b>Applicant:</b> Naturally Social <b>Project Title:</b> Wiltshire Digital Drive  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5000.00
<b>Applicant:</b> My Salisbury <b>Project Title:</b> Community Journalism and Media Training Project  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£4479.97
<b>Applicant:</b> Laverstock & Ford Parish Council <b>Project Title:</b> Partridge Way Play Area  <a href="#">View full application</a>	£5000.00

## 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

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2021/2022 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.

#### 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="#">4206</a>	Naturally Social	Wiltshire Digital Drive	£5000.00
<b>Project Description:</b> Wiltshire Digital Drive is a Community Interest Company CIC set up to refurbish and recycle donated laptops to gift back to the community enabling education in Wiltshire and bridging the digital divide. Since October 2020 350 laptops have been refurbished recycled and gifted back into the local community. Schools charities voluntary organisations the local council and individuals from across Wiltshire have all benefited from the scheme.			
<b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> This project has arisen since the pandemic, responding to a local need evident across a range of ages. It complements Wiltshire Council and other organisations also involved in ensuring those without laptops have the means to engage digitally. The application meets a number of this area board's new priorities, in particular (i) Tackling Loneliness and Isolation in Older People and (ii) tackling the challenges of Rural Isolation for Families and Young people. This project has already benefitted people in this community area during the past year in Downton, and the CIC believes there is need across the community area to be met.			
<b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">3989</a>	My Salisbury	Community Journalism and Media Training Project	£4479.97
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Community Journalism and media training for a volunteer group of content creators. Utilising the mysalisbury.co.uk platform which targets South Wiltshire we intend to train volunteers in media and journalism skills through workshops and training programmes. The aim is to cover events activities and stories that wouldn't receive coverage from commercial news outputs.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> This application has also received part funding from the Salisbury Area Board earlier this year, as the content creators will also be trained from those volunteering from that community area. This project is separate, but also complementary to the Project Sparks youth project that the area board agreed funding for in March 2021. The project supports the area board work plan priority to strengthen communications in/across the community area. Having a pool of media trained volunteer journalists to collaborate with to ensure area board, parish council, village and community group events, initiatives and projects are better communicated, marketed and reported upon will be a bold step forward, and complementary to our existing methods of village newsletters, and other social media platforms.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<a href="#">4137</a>	Laverstock & Ford Parish Council	Partridge Way Play Area	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Description:</b> Replacement of damaged play equipment and surfacing to enable reopening of a closed Play Area in Partridge Way, Old Sarum.</p> <p><b>Input from Community Engagement Manager:</b> The current closed play area in no way adds to the sense of 'community' in Old Sarum. The Parish Council regard this as a local facility to keep (having been transferred as an asset from Wiltshire Council), but it cannot function without significant upgrade and a replacement of equipment. The area board's work plan priorities, relating to children and families, physical activity, and mental health, each are relevant to this application, particularly with this facility being sited within Old Sarum, which remains an area of relative socio-economic deprivation.</p>			
<p><b>Proposal</b> That the Area Board determines the application.</p>			

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

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