

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, 19 January 2022</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

## Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
<b>Opening Balance For</b> 2021/22	£ 49,278.00	£ 19,924.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 799.50	£ 4,030.00	£ 1,500.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 48,478.50	£ 15,894.00	£ 6,200.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 46,658.50	£ 15,894.00	£ 6,200.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG235</a>	Community Area Grant	RWB Sports Association	RWBSA Boundary Trees	£799.50	£799.50
<b>Project Summary:</b> We (RWB Sports Association) are wishing to plant 30 tree saplings on the boundary of our land facing the motorway, so as to further "green" our site and help with noise screening from the motorway.					
<a href="#">ABG320</a>	Community Area Grant	White Horse Cricket Club	White Horse Cricket Club new windows	£860.00	£860.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> To replace some windows that have rotten in our cricket club pavilion					
<a href="#">ABG337</a>	Community Area Grant	The Royal Wootton Bassett Community Garden and Nature Reserve Trust	Woodshaw Nature Reserve Heritage Orchard	£960.00	£960.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p>The Royal Wootton Bassett Community Garden and Nature Reserve Trust is a local charity comprised solely of volunteers and established to enhance green spaces in the town. We are working on 2 acres of land which is owned by the Town Council and leased to the Trust, to turn it from scrub land into a pleasant nature reserve that will benefit our community. Our plan to provide a range of habitats to increase the diversity of wildlife, has been developed in collaboration with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. This grant application is to cover a project where we have 13 Alternative Baccalaureate students (Year 11) from the RWB Academy, helping fortnightly to clear a large area of brambles and prepare the ground for planting. The aim is to establish a Heritage Orchard of fruit trees using varieties that are no longer favoured by farmers, but need to be preserved in the interest of biodiversity. This project will count towards the volunteering, community and environment elements of the students Duke of Edinburgh awards. We anticipate that this first cohort will be the start of a rolling programme of volunteering by Year 11 students for many years to come, as we link nature reserve projects into the Academy's curriculum and, hopefully, instil a life-long interest in nature and horticulture / land management in some of the students. Phase 1 of the Community Orchard is planned for planting in the Spring of 2022. It will include 'Wiltshire varieties' (such as Corsley Pippin, Bedwyn Beauty and Mary Barnett) plus 'Royal varieties' (such as Monarch, Queen and Jubilee). These will provide a range of early to late apple trees to extend the growing season. (Our final choice of varieties may change slightly according to availability when we come to order them). We will buy trees on semi-dwarf rootstock M26 that will be planted 5m apart and grow to 8-10ft at maturity. Costs will be around £36 per tree (6ft saplings) plus stakes @£6, ties @£2 and tree guards @£4. Giving a total of £48 per planted tree. We will need 20 trees for phase 1 of our orchard, giving a total cost of £960. All work is carried out by students or volunteers at no cost. A second phase is anticipated for 2023 and detailed planning will benefit from anything we learn with phase 1.</p>					

## 1. Background

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.

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)
- ◆ Young People (revenue)
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## 2. Main Considerations

2.1. 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.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## 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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## 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.

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

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