

<b>Report To</b>	<b>Corsham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, 26 January 2023</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Corsham Area Grant Report</b>

## Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Corsham 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> <u>2022-23</u>	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 3,900.00	£ 7,674.00	£ 6,345.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 12,627.00	£ 6,142.00	£ 1,355.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 447.00	£ -4,363.00	£ 855.00

## Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG837</a>	Community Area Grant	Corsham Rugby Football Club	Corsham RFC Solar Panels and Battery Storage Facility	£15500.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>An array of solar panels and battery storage facility to reduce the rugby club's electricity costs and to reduce the club's carbon footprint. The roof space is south facing and therefore ideal for the installation of solar panels. Their installation will reduce substantially – if not eliminate completely, which is our aim – our electricity bill of approximately £4,500 per annum. This figure is going to increase given the recent announcements regarding escalating electricity costs. The solar panels will ensure the rugby club is more sustainable, both environmentally and financially.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG947</a>	Community Area Grant	IMPROVEMENT OF THE BOX PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK	IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE BOX PARISH PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK	£2000.00	£1000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Restoration of Public Right of Way (PRoW) Footpath BOX20 and PRoW80. PRoW BOX20 is a bridleway that links Lower Rudloe Farm with Mills Platt Farm. PRoW BOX80 joins the hamlets of Ashley and Shockerwick via the Rail footbridge. The surface of both PRoW are assessed as very poor and in need of restoration due to the high footfall and soil erosion along the footpath. In sum, both PRoW require the installation of revetment boards along both sides of the and an estimated fifty tonnes of Grade 1 scalping and a layer of Mendip 'Dust' in order to improve navigation on these PRoW. The resource estimate for the materials is £2k with £1k provided by Box Parish Council. We are seeking £1k from the CAB. The project will be managed by Wiltshire Council Public Rights of Way department (Paul Millard). The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens will provide the manpower for the task which is estimated as being 300 man hours.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG949</a>	Community Area Grant	The Pound Arts Trust Ltd	Sustainability work	£4360.00	£2180.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>This work will help us to reduce our Carbon footprint, reduce operating costs, increase revenue &amp; facilities for use by community groups. The project includes loft insulation, PIR installation on all light fittings, new plumbing &amp; lagging on pipes and a new projector in one of our community spaces to replace a broken, 10 year old projector.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG950</a>	Community Area Grant	Box Village Hall known as the Selwyn Hall Registered charity number 305468	Selwyn Hall Box Replacement Stage Extension	£7651.20	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The current stage extension was built 40+ years ago to fill a need for the Panto Group and other hall users. It is of a wooden modular construction, consisting of 6' x 8' x 4' sections. It was never initially built to last this long and has been repaired numerous times over its life span. Due to its construction and materials, it does not meet current standards for temporary staging, and it cannot be verified that it will carry the weight that is required of it from the hall users. It is proposed to procure a suitable replacement of metal construction, that is verified to a specific safe weight limit. The proposed replacement is a modular design, consisting of 2mx1m frames and decks that will predominantly make an 8mx3mx0.9m stage extension. Due to its modular design and extendable legs, it opens itself up to a host of uses.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG951</a>	Community Area Grant	Cotswold National Landscapes Voluntary Wardens Scheme	Colerne Rights of Way Improvement project	£2016.00	£1000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Cotswold Wardens are working together with the volunteers in the Colerne Climate change and Biodiversity working group to make existing rights of way within the parish more accessible for all abilities. Landowners permission is gained for this application. In addition, rather than repeatedly repairing damaged wooden stiles, installing metal gates ensures longer term secure access to stock fields, whilst being safer and more accessible for walkers. The Colerne Neighbourhood Plan also has a policy to increase access to all footpaths close to housing areas.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG943</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Box Methodist Church	Box Methodist Church Community Cafe Warm Welcome Scheme	£3323.60	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To help the local and wider communities of Box, Corsham and Rudloe cope with the huge rise in their cost of living and heating bills. Objectives: • To offer a safe, warm and welcoming environment to all. • To enable members of the community to save on their own domestic heating bills. • To provide a hot soup lunch on alternate Thursdays.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG731</a>	Youth Grant	The Corsham School	On going Music Therapy to support the mental health of vulnerable pupils at Corsham School	£13650.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            In response to the high impact and beneficial work delivered by Will Lawton (trading as 'The Rhythm Practice') in the 2021/22 academic year, we like to extend this valuable intervention for the 2022/23 academic year. The Area Board funding will be used to deliver music therapy sessions for the period Jan to April 2023. Will supports the emotional and mental health of many of our most vulnerable pupils by offering 1:1 Music Therapist sessions at The Pound Arts Centre. As a result of this intervention we have observed an increase in attendance, reduction in behaviour points and incidents and most importantly intangible developments such as greater self-esteem and confidence in the selected pupils. Some pupils who were struggling to engage with school whatsoever are now re-engaged. To widen and develop the impact of this service, Will plans to start a weekly group therapy session focusing on pupils suffering with anxiety. This was highlighted as the top mental health concern by young people during the Wiltshire Council Youth Survey conducted in 2021. I have attached impact statements relating to this intervention as part of this proposal.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG887</a>	Youth Grant	The Portable Wellbeing Studio	The Portable Wellbeing Studio at Corsham School	£5980.00	£2980.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>            The Portable Wellbeing Studio is an art studio on wheels that can park up and provide mental health support wherever there is a need. So far we have gone to schools in Wiltshire. These are St Laurence Secondary School, Christchurch Primary School, Fitzmaurice Primary School, Corsham Primary School and we are currently doing a residency at Corsham Secondary School. The project at Corsham Secondary School is proving to be successful with mental health improving for those we are working with. We are hoping to extend this residency for a further two terms to meet the demand for our service. We would like to carry on doing 1:1 art therapy, introduce an art therapy group and do more teacher training on mental health so we can indirectly improve mental health in the wider school.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG939</a>	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2023 Digital Empowerment Programme	£1450.00	£725.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p>To help address the ever growing issue of online harm / abuse and the impact social media is having on young people, for example.... 1: Online grooming cases in the UK have risen by 80% since the pandemic (NSPCC). 2: The impact social media is having on young peoples mental health by being exposed to content promoting self harm and suicide is increasing every day. Highlighted by the death of Molly Russell 2022. 3: 68% of local young people have told us they know someone who has been a victim of online hate , bullying or sexual harassment. 4: Almost half (48%) of young people we have worked with over the last year have told us that social media and online interactions can have a negative impact on their mental health. .... today more than ever, young people and their families need as much direction, advice and support as possible. The Digital Empowerment Programme has been designed to be delivered in secondary schools to enable us to reach hundreds of our communities young people and families and will not only help them to stay safer online, but will also allow them to have a bright and positive digital future. This project has four main elements: ELEMENT 1 - Preparation Prior to us working with anyone all young people are given a voice! Allowing young people to share their own personal thoughts on living in the Digital World and giving them the opportunity to be heard is what shapes all of our work. It's for this reason that before we visit a school we invite all pupils to take part in an anonymous online student digital life survey. This not only gives us a great insight into our audience, but also allows us to reference lots of the groups thoughts and concerns during our live face-2-face sessions. ELEMENT 2 – Working with the whole family Parenting in the Digital Word ‘Virtual sessions’ Before we work with young people, we want to bring parents and carers up to speed, to allow them to have a greater understanding of their young people’s digital lives. Exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straightforward help and advice to keep everyone at home safer. Knowing that many feel overwhelmed trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, app's and social media platforms, they are quite understandably worried about online bullying, grooming and what their children are sharing online. This session will allow them to be well informed and NOT scared ELEMENT 3 – ‘In school’ sessions for young people. These session are 100% about them. We will work with every Yr7 and Yr9 student in school. Yr7’s ‘Keeping up with my growing digital life’ Yr9’s ‘Building a positive digital future’ It's by reaching these audiences individually, that we are able to provide age appropriate advice, direction and support throughout their secondary school journey. All of these sessions are delivered in a professional, relaxed and engaging way and involve audience participation / involvement throughout. It's important to us that our audiences always have the opportunity to be heard and are able share their thoughts and ideas. This allows for open and honest discussions to help promote critical thinking in young people when considering future online activity and behaviour. We don't want to talk AT THEM but instead WITH THEM. We address and discuss issues such as... Social Media Pro's and Con's Online Hate (bullying and hate speech) Online Sexual Harassment (child on child abuse) Online Grooming and interacting with strangers Sexting (sharing indecent images online) Digital Resilience Self-Image and Identity Digital tattoo / footprint (my online future) Getting help and support and more... ELEMENT 4 – Follow on support and evaluation Ongoing Support: Due all live sessions we highlight and signpost a wide range of places both young people and parents can get instant, free and non judgemental (and in some cases anonymous) advice and support after our visits. To back this up, every student and family at school will be provided this an extensive resource pack with lots of additional information, help and support they can use moving forward. This pack will sign post them to a wide range of charities and support networks should they need them in the future. Evaluation: Following all sessions students and parents will be invited to evaluate what they have learnt and have the opportunity to feedback how useful they found the project. To enable this to be as transparent as possible this follow on evaluation survey will be 100% anonymous to everyone wishing to share their open and honest views. This will allow us to continue to evolve both content and delivery of this project moving forward.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG942</a>	Youth Grant	Rewired Counselling	Spark 2023	£3900.00	£1800.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b></p> <p>In July 2023, Rewired Counselling and The Pound Arts Centre hope to run a one day event supporting the Mental and Physical Health of Young People. We will invite 200 Year 9 students from The Corsham School to engage in a whole day of events, at The Pound and at the School, which open up conversations and invite new experiences. The mission of the event is to show young people different ways in which they can choose to look after themselves. The day starts with a short informative and inspiring talk to normalise emotional health and set a framework for the day. Following this is a huge variety of activities geared towards looking after body and mind such as nutrition, sport, meditation, reading, movement, thinking, body image, gratitude, sleep, etc. We have many local professionals taking part for the students to explore including alternative health services, charities, nutritionists, artists, counsellors, yoga instructors, sports providers, drama, etc. It will also include the staff at the school highlighting what the students already do that forms part of their self-care - e.g. music, reading, etc. It's an interactive day full of fun and learning. Students attend the day in small groups so as to make the most of the activities and then come together at the end to watch a performance from an established artist . The school is really behind this day and are giving it their full support. We ran our first Spark event in 2019 and again in 2022. They were both a great success with positive feedback from students and their families (evaluation brochure available). From these events, we have started to look at more long term activities to support the students needs as identified at LYN meetings.</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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