
South West Wiltshire Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the South West Wiltshire Area Board. These could include:
 - community area grants
 - youth grants
 - older and vulnerable people grants
 - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 24,876.00	£ 21,148.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 20,862.16	£ 21,148.00	£ 5,950.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1176	Community Area Grant	The Langford Parish Hall	Langford Village Parish Hall community Kitchen	£2827.67	£1413.84

Project Summary:

The application is for funds to upgrade the kitchen to offer a Community Meeting Place as an attractor a way of providing hot food with a Kitchen that has facilities that are compliant with health and safety legislation and regulations regarding the preparation of food. The existence of a more proactive social centre is key to this application, to enable age related as well as intergenerational activities to be created. To be part of a bigger community effort and partnership , alongside the arts, sports and health activities in the hall. Following the recent pandemic, compounded by the cost of living crisis, many of the residents in these villages are staying in their own homes and not socialising as they did before the pandemic. The villages have a high proportion of elderly residents who live alone and whose wellbeing has been hard to keep stock of. The more elderly residents are unable to afford an active social life and are increasingly finding it difficult or expensive to drive, or to visit the social scene elsewhere. They have become isolated and dependent on others. Providing for them locally is key, without good facilities, where people can socialise and feel cared about the task of building community becomes harder. Over the past few years there are families moving into the Langford villages. They need opportunities to meet together and the facilities to do this. Putting children in a car to go anywhere is a time and cost as well as a carbon foot print issue and that many would prefer to socialise locally. Rural isolation can be just as demanding for younger families as for the older generation. Members of the local community have set up a series of open events and published these both through the Parish newsletter , hand delivered pamphlets as well as personally inviting people to attend. These have been regular breakfast mornings on some Saturdays, coffee mornings and tea afternoons during the week, with other events being planned. They have been very well attended and have allowed those who are alone to meet up with other villagers and this is allowing the villagers to be able to know the concerns and wellbeing of those who are more isolated or just be supportive and listening. The premise is that people will be more likely to attend an event which involves food (allowing for individuals to have a break from having to cook and/or shop less) and sharing food is sociable. However it has become apparent that the existing Parish Hall kitchen is not health and safety compliant with the safety and hygiene regulations governing the preparation of food. Our application would be for some financial assistance in replacing the existing kitchen and equipment so that the kitchen can provide food, coffees etc and be regulation compliant. The main group that would benefit are the singular and living alone elderly villagers, the general community also benefits as newer and younger community members learn about their neighbours and can either offer help and assist with some tasks as well as to socially engage and support each other. The ability to hold social events by providing cheap and wholesome food creates social cohesion, without financial assistance to replace the kitchen the events would not be able to continue as the whole costs are beyond the community to fund.

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ABG1229	Community Area Grant	Kilmington and Stourton Cricket Club	Refurbishment of practice nets at Kilmington and Stourton Cricket Club	£10128.00	£2600.00
<p>Project Summary: Our 2 lane practice net was built in 2004 and the carpets are worn and the bounce of the ball uneven and the nets are beginning to fail. For safe practice the carpets and netting need updating/replacing.</p>					
ABG1129	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Nadder Community Energy	Warmer at Home Tisbury	£1572.00	£750.00
<p>Project Summary: 1-year pilot project to assess the take-up of a new volunteer-run service offering individually tailored advice and support on staying warmer in winter for older and vulnerable people in the Tisbury area. This would involve home visits on request and checking for cold spots and draughts with a thermal imaging camera. It would also involve talks to groups coming into contact with older and vulnerable people. The money would be spent on training a small cadre of volunteers to act as advisors; DBS clearance; indemnity cover; and part of the costs of marketing to the targeting audience with leaflets, local media and website messaging. The thermal camera would be purchased by Nadder Community Energy. Similar initiatives have been successful elsewhere, but this pilot would assess take-up and follow-through by the target audience to provide an indication of ongoing need and demand.</p>					
ABG1134	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Compton Chamberlayne PCC	Compton Chamberlayne Annual Concert	£9500.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: This is our third classical music concert. It is devised and organised by a member of the village who is a professional musician and conductor. He gives his services free. He brings international class musicians into our church and they perform live music of an exceptional standard to an audience, from the Nadder Valley mostly.</p>					

Background

3. 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.
4. 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)
 - Youth Grants (revenue)
 - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

Main Considerations

6. 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.

7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

Safeguarding Implications

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Public Health Implications

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

11. 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.

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

Equalities Implications

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

Proposals

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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