

**Warminster Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Warminster 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	£ 21,559.00	£ 19,457.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 1,203.35	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 20,355.65	£ 19,457.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 4,355.65	£ 12,602.50	£ 7,700.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG952</a>	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Geology Group	Memorial board for Etheldred Benett	£1053.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      Few people will know the name Etheldred Benett, yet she was born in Wiltshire and lived most of her life in the village of Norton Bavant. Her brother John was a local MP for many years and lived at Pythouse, near Tisbury. She is often referred to as the 'Mother of English Geology'. She researched and published most of her life and contributed enormously to the early development of the science of geology at a time when women were marginalised and not welcome at the 'geological table'. Her work was unique and is now recognised as such but, alas, there is no memorial to her geological achievements anywhere. An A1 size memorial board is to be erected in the churchyard of Norton Bavant church with details of her life and achievements. Her own memorial in the church makes no mention of her geological achievements.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1236</a>	Community Area Grant	Warminster Adventure Sports Club	Access to Water	£2000.00	£500.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Warminster Adventure Sports Club is a small but active club, which offers multi-sports activities. We would like to pride ourselves on our inclusivity stance: many people join the club for reasons other than sport: people with mental health issues, experiencing social isolation, people having a 'rough patch' in life, or simply people who are looking at some form of healthy life change, and want to explore the wilderness on their doorsteps, and people new to the area, looking for friends. Many of our members are on low incomes, and we try very hard to offer a wide range of activities at a very affordable membership rate (currently £35 per year). However one of the issues we currently face is that we have several people who struggle (because of their disabilities/mobility impairments) to access our kayaks, which are cockpit-kayaks. The cockpit kayaks can make less experienced people fearful and don't accommodate some club members because of their shape, size or even the size of their feet! They are also more unstable, and require a good sense of balance to use – which excludes many beginners. We have therefore launched an 'Access to Water' project to provide more accessible water craft, including sit-on-top kayaks and stand-up paddleboards - to empower more people to discover our beautiful local environment. We wish to purchase water craft which are better for children, novices, people with physical limitations or of larger build - or anyone who feels more vulnerable on the water. These are the people we want to look after, to build their confidence and see them go from strength to strength. Exercise is also one of the motivations people have for joining, so being able to offer inclusive sports which allow people of any shape or size to participate is important. We note that the prevalence of obesity/overweight in the adult population in Wiltshire is 60%, and kayaking offers opportunities for people to begin healthy lifestyle change if we have the right equipment. As a multi-sports club, we also offer opportunities for people of different nationalities and languages to integrate into their local community. We also wish to promote environmental sustainability: by widening people's experiences of exciting natural local places, and by resource-sharing (i.e. communal use of equipment). We have already fulfilled our goal of purchasing 3 stand-up-paddleboards for this project via a grant from Wiltshire and Swindon Sports Partnership. We have also bought one sit-on-top kayak already through an individual donation. We would like to increase our stock of sit-on-top kayaks to two, to increase participation and engagement.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1243</a>	Community Area Grant	Warminster Athenaeum Trust	Integration of Close Building	£12000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Integration of heating and lighting systems and controls</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1246</a>	Community Area Grant	Bradley Road Community Garden	Bradley Road Community Garden Redesign	£12313.89	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The garden has now been running for 5 or 6 years and we are wanting to apply for an Area Board Grant to re-design the space, primarily to improve accessibility and safety. We plan to build robust raised beds, some of which would be at a height that would be more easily accessible, using materials which should last for another 10-15 years. Our ongoing running costs are minimal. The garden provides a community asset on a number of different levels being valued by young people, who can learn about and participate in growing and harvesting vegetables, as well as more elderly people who perhaps used to grow their own produce but are not now physically able to do so. Some of the people who visit, either regularly or just now and again, are dealing with difficulties in their lives and find the environment to be helpful or are just wanting to chat. Families and individuals are involved and people can pick their own fresh produce to use at home. When there is no particular activity taking place, it also provides a quiet area that people are welcome to sit in and enjoy.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1249</a>	Community Area Grant	Chapmanslade Village Hall and Memorial Ground	Chapmanslade Village Hall roofs refurbishment	£12550.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Our Hall is now 49 years old and part of the building fabric has failed in terms of being water tight. We need to replace a shallow pitched roof that sits above the Hall entrance foyer and the main storage cupboards that hold tables, chairs and other items. During moderate to heavy rain, there is significant ingress of water into the chair cupboards that has frequently soaked their cloth coverings as well as encouraging mould growth on our dry lining boards. The cost of this will be £7,250 [we have received 2 quotes from local roofing contractors]. We also have an outbuilding, an old cricket pavilion, that the Hall and our user groups use for storage. The Hall committee has ambitions to refurbish this, which is unlined and has no connected services at present, into a second meeting room [we otherwise only have one main hall room]. In the first instance we need to carry out repairs to the fabric of the building, including (i) rework on the roof to replace missing tiles, (ii) replacement of rotten [wood] windows, (iii) roof fascia boards / soffits, and (iv) all gutters /down pipes. Once the repairs are undertaken, the hall committee will look to carry out the next phase of development which is connection of services [water, drainage and electricity].</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1133</a>	Youth Grant	Friends of WCR	Youth Broadcast Engagement scheme	£4560.00	£2280.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Following on from the highly successful Teen scene project from last year we wish to continue to engage with 13 to 19 year olds at the radio station with DBS cleared radio instructors to train and develop skills for use in later life but also to benefit the listeners in the warminster area particularly younger listeners. A presentation was made at the last board by two of our 15 year old girls who are now fully qualified at the station.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1226</a>	Youth Grant	Warminster youth club	Warminster youth club outreach project	£9574.50	£4574.50

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We will work with the local police to identify up to 10 young people who are known and experiencing difficulties or causing anti social behavior in and around Warminster. We will work with these young people for 2 hours each week separate to the youth club sessions where we will offer them support and identify what key skills that have to become part of the young uns got talent talent show being held at Countryvillie 2023. The roles can be anything from sound director stage director costume director and of course their own act and entry. This project will run for a minimum of 12 months with the young people working on Young uns got talent 2023 and 2024. The project will be ran by a youth support worker and a lead youth worker. The lead youth worker will risk asses and risk manage every session over seeing safeguarding and planning. The youth support worker will assist the lead in delivering sessions.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.