

# Wiltshire Council

## Malmesbury Area Board

19 September 2023

### Malmesbury Area Grant Report

#### Purpose of the Report

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Malmesbury Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
- 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	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 15,518.00	£ 13,140.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 1,701.00	£ 1,539.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ - 599.00	£ 814.00	£ 6,200.00

#### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1259</a>	Community Area Grant	Malmesbury Bowls and Social Club Limited	Malmesbury Bowls and Social Club toilet facilities for disabled users	£12000.00	£1800.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Malmesbury Bowls and Social Club have experienced a surge of interest since the installation of our new artificial green a few years ago. Bowling membership and social membership have been strong and the clubhouse has experienced a variety of wider community uses. We are now improving our general facilities by re-modelling our access and changing areas. As part of this process, we will be installing a disabled toilet and the necessary facilities. In addition, to a standard disabled facilities 'pack' we would like to install appropriate hand drying equipment. Our artificial green allows bowlers of all abilities to play. As it is not grass, we can have wheelchairs, walking frames and other aids on the green without concern for damage to the surface.</b></p>					

<a href="#">ABG1327</a>	Community Area Grant	Sherston Drama Group	Sherston Drama Group costumes	£786.76	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Sherston Drama Group is a thriving amateur dramatic society founded in 1979. We typically produce an Easter play and an Autumn pantomime in the Village Hall every year. This autumn we are planning to put on a pantomime based on the story of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. The cast includes a mixture of children and adults from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are many expenses involved in putting on a pantomime, including venue hire for rehearsals and performances, script printing costs, performance rights, insurance costs and the costs involved in generating the costumes, props and scenery. We have put up ticket prices recently and we are keen not to have to increase them anymore this autumn to enable the performances to be accessible for as many families as possible. We are applying for £500 which we would put towards the cost of the costumes. We would use this money to buy items which we could use for more than one production. For example we would like to buy a set of dance shoes (jazz shoes) for the children, which we can store after the production and use again in future years. We would also like to buy some leotards in different colours; these form the basis for many of the children's costumes. We would also like to buy some new dame costumes (there is always a dame in every pantomime so these will get reused), animal costumes and some plastic storage boxes, which will keep the costumes in good condition whilst they are stored in our costume trailer between productions. The costumes are not heavily used and if they are stored carefully we would expect them to last for 5-10 years.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1262</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10455.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Malmesbury area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1328</a>	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme	£1450.00	£725.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To help address the ever-growing issue of online harm / abuse and the impact social media is having on young people. 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.</b></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 person's 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.