

Report To	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 07 June 2023
Title of Report	Corsham Area Grant Report

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 person's grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through subgroups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2023-24</u>	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 11,027.00	£ 8,251.55	£ 4,533.34

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG858	Community Area Grant	Neston Memorial Hall	Solar Array Project for Neston Memorial Hall	£20300.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Installation of a solar array with battery storage. This will slash our electricity bill and the ongoing savings will allow us to invest more money into the building.</p>					
ABG1151	Community Area Grant	Corsham Military Graves Signage Collaboration Project	War Graves Signage Corsham Cemetery	£1000.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: This volunteer-led collaborative project seeks to enhance the visitor experience to the historic area of the Corsham Cemetery where 22 war graves are located. The project will provide an attractive information board naming the war dead with an illustrative map showing the location of their grave. At each grave site a discreet QR code marker will enable the visitor to use modern mobile technology to view a biography, provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, of the individual including local family links where relevant.</p>					

ABG1137	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Corsham Area Board	Coronation Tea Party	£1000.00	£666.66
<p>Project Summary: Corsham Area Board in partnership with Corsham Town Council and Celebrating Age Wiltshire will be hosting Corsham's Big Coronation Tea Party on Friday 5th May at Springfield Campus. This celebratory event will bring together older and vulnerable residents from across the community area to enjoy music, conversation and an afternoon tea, helping to drive forward the Area Board's priority to improve wellbeing and combat social isolation and loneliness. The event will cater for over 100 residents and will feature a creative practitioner from the Celebrating Age programme and North Swindon Big Band. Pupils at The Corsham School and Corsham Primary School have been invited to participate in the event. A team of local volunteers and community groups including Corsham Community Club will provide support. Donations of food have been offered from supermarkets and the local foodbank. An Art workshop for older people to create decorations for the tea party will take place at Pound Arts on the 25 April. A community coronation themed art exhibition showcasing creative projects from local schools and community groups will run at the Campus from the end of April to the end of May, coordinated by the Area Board team.</p>					
ABG1169	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Corsham Community Club	Help with funding for 2023	£7500.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: This will be to help us run the club for another year. We are a social lunch club for the people of Corsham and the surrounding villages, we aim to cut the isolation and loneliness of living in this rural environment. We run a Coffee morning and lunch club twice a month and outings through the year, we support about 35 to 40 people at the moment with the numbers rising each time we have a lunch meeting. We have referrals from the surgeries, and by word of mouth, we provide help and support at the lunch club, we have a spare food table on lunch days for people to help themselves to. On the week there is no club, we deliver food parcels to the most in need. We help them with problems they may have or signpost them to where to get help or whatever they may need. We also provide a book swap, spear items no longer needed from clothes to wheelchairs and walkers. Whatever is needed we will try to help. We are working on connections with the local infants school and Corsham Connections in order to build a better community.</p>					
ABG887	Youth Grant	The Portable Wellbeing Studio	The Portable Wellbeing Studio at Corsham School	£5980.00	£2980.00
<p>Project Summary: 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>					
ABG1200	Youth Grant	Peacock Arts Trail	Peacock Arts Trail project with Corsham Youth Zone	£1700.00	£850.00
<p>Project Summary: We want to provide three art/making workshops and a separate visit/experience to a local artist's studio for at least 40 young people of the Corsham area, this will be provided by local artists and makers and project chosen by the young people. We aim to help participants hone creative skills, help with wellbeing (via the enjoyment and the therapy art can provide), give an insight into art as a career and feel part of their local community. The outputs of the project will be proudly displayed in public as part of the Peacock Art Trail in October 2023. We are collaborating with Corsham Youth Zone and Corsham Town Council. By hiring local artists, we will be supporting the local economy and Corsham Town Council's Public Arts Strategy.</p>					

ABG1202	Youth Grant	The Open Blue Trust	Traveller History Month Celebration	£351.45	£351.45
<p>Project Summary: The Open Blue Trust visits the Traveller Caravan Site at Thingley once a month for 3 hours providing an after-school club and a baby and toddler group. As part of Traveller History Month, we are looking to provide extra activities for those on the site. These include Pizza, Craft activities from the scrap store and hopefully a gardening project facilitated by the Corsham Climate Action Group</p>					

ABG942	Youth Grant	Rewired Counselling	Spark 2023	£3900.00	£1383.00
<p>Project Summary: 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 person's 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 subgroups 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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