

Wiltshire Council

Corsham Area Board

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Corsham Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide details of the grant applications made to the Corsham 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	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 3,700.00	£ 7,685.96	£ 3,166.66
Current Balance	£ 12,827.00	£ 6,130.04	£ 4,533.34
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 1,827.00	- £ 1,709.96	- £ 1,413.56

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1255	Community Area Grant	Corsham Orcas	Corsham Orcas Timing blocks	£20000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are currently looking for grants and doing some fundraising towards some timing pads for the club to own these are essential for our sim meets! These cost around £20,000 so would be fab if we could start off with a good lump sum- our most recent meet funds will be going towards this too and our meet in December! currently we have to rent these timing blocks which cost £1000 a time and have a times not been that reliable but unfortunately not many places rent them, so we have to stick with this supplier. it would be great if we could be a self-sufficient club. Our most recent gala meet brought 150 swimmers from as far as Tiverton.</p>					

ABG1258	Community Area Grant	1st Neston and Box Scout Group	Establishment of new Scout Troop in Box	£500.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: The background to this request is that 1st Neston and Box Scout Group has two Cub Scout packs, one at Neston and one at Box. Cubs are aged 8 to 10.5 years old. Both Cub packs are highly successful with 35 Cubs in Box and 40 Cubs in Neston. Cubs move on to become Scouts. We currently have only one Scout Troop covering young people aged 10.5 to 14 years old. Over the past few year's the Scout troop has been highly successful at retaining young people as members, and hence has grown to 41 scouts. Our predictions show that the continued success of Scouting in the Neston and Box area would result in a Scout troop of nearly 120 young people - clearly an unsustainable number for one Scout Troop, and hence we have been investigating forming a second scout troop. We are now in the position where we have secured enough adult leader help to launch the new Scout Troop, and also been able to secure the weekly use of the Selwyn Hall in Box - but what this new Troop does is place an additional burden on the equipment the Scout Group has. We are looking to formally start the new Troop from 8th Sept 2023. This Area Board Funding request would support: (1) Purchase of a new ceremonial flag for the troop (used during Scout Investitures and also at events such as Remembrance Sunday) - cost is £300, (2) one extra camping/hiking tent to support the increased numbers of scouts (£200).</p>					
ABG1286	Community Area Grant	Box Cricket Club	Women's Changing and Showering Facilities at Box Cricket Club	£23880.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We are creating a women's changing room, shower and wash area, so that women have protected space to change and wash on match days. Currently, women players are required to change in the disabled toilet cubicle, which is also used by up to 24 men on match days. We are also aiming to change the current communal showers into cubicle showers and remove the urinals from this area so that is suitable or use by both men and women.</p>					
ABG1369	Community Area Grant	Cotswold National Landscapes Voluntary Wardens Scheme	Colerne Rights of Way Improvement Project 2023-2024	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Cotswold Wardens are Volunteers working to maintain and Improve accessibility for all abilities to user of the rights of way in Colerne Parish. Landowners' permission is gained for this application. In addition, rather than repeatedly repairing wooden stiles, installing metal gates ensuring longer term secure access to stock fields, whilst being safer and more accessible for walkers and reducing future costs. The Neighbourhood has a policy to increase access to all footpaths close to housing.</p>					
ABG1266	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10455.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts & heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Corsham 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.</p>					

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ABG1350	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Heritage Trails Project	Heritage Trail Walking Leaflets	£3325.00	£1246.90
<p>Project Summary: Back in early 2019 the Heritage Trail Project approached both the Corsham and Chippenham Community Area Boards for grants to support the development of a series of eight Heritage Trails to encourage the local community and visitors to appreciate the historical environment and experience the natural beauty of our North Wiltshire countryside. Since then, the Project has delivered the eight way marked Trails, improved the Public Rights of Way, with the assistance of the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens and Northwest Wiltshire Ramblers, and has had three print runs of the eight Trail leaflets totaling 48,000 leaflets. We are now down to our last box of each of the eight Trail leaflets, approx. 360 of each. We believe the continued delivery of these of Heritage Trails aligns well with both the Chippenham and Corsham Town Council Strategic Plan to promote health and wellbeing. Especially over the pandemic years when the Trail leaflets have enabled our communities to explore their local environment due to the necessary travel restrictions. In addition, the project has supported both directly and indirectly several other organisations and programmes that include, but not limited to: Walking for Health, Corsham Walking Festival, Walkers are Welcome (Corsham is a member of this Association and the Heritage Trails have been mentioned and commented on in the last three annual returns) and the Cotswolds National Landscape. Therefore, we would like to apply for funding for an update to the trail's information and a third print run of 2000 leaflets for each of the eight trails. We have obtained costings from Pear Tree Studio's for the printing which comes to £3325. The breakdown of funding is proposed below: Heritage Trail Project - £153 Cotswold National Landscape, Wardens Countryside Fund Grant (yet to be applied for) - £1000 Corsham Town Council - £509.50 Leaving £1662.50 to be split between grants from the CABs of: Corsham CAB - £1246.90 Chippenham CAB - £415.60 The CAB figures are based on that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the leaflets are linked to the Corsham CAB and $\frac{1}{4}$ are linked to the Chippenham CAB.</p>					
ABG1358	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Inclusive Intergenerational Dance trading as iID	Creative Lunch part of Creating Connections	£8680.00	£3200.00
<p>Project Summary: Creative Lunch runs bi-weekly for isolated older adults and people living with long term health conditions and their carers to come together to take part in a creative movement session, have lunch together and then explore and learn a range of different art techniques and materials. The group aims to support physical and mental health and wellbeing, create connections that go beyond the session and help lower feelings of loneliness and isolation. It is run by highly skilled and experienced artists, using high quality materials, with a person centered, adaptable approach to ensure everyone can participate and feel included. With care staff and volunteers on hand to support all participants.</p>					
ABG1253	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme	£1450.00	£725.00
<p>Project Summary: 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.</p>					

ABG1279	Youth Grant	1st Colerne Sea Scout Group	Kayaking Equipment	£865.00	£432.50
<p>Project Summary: Following 2 leaders from 1st Colerne Sea Scout Group undertaking safety courses, it was deemed necessary to upgrade the existing kayaks and equipment for health and safety reasons.</p>					
ABG1356	Youth Grant	Corsham Windband Association	Corsham Windband Association Wind and Percussion Groups	£6000.00	£3000.00
<p>Project Summary: CWA is an established music association with 117 members, including 2 primary school classes. Our aim is to extend our provision to include 13 - 25-year-old vulnerable and disadvantaged young people to learn woodwind and percussion instruments. - Tuition will be provided by trained, qualified, DBS certified musicians. - Groups will meet at Pound Arts on a weekly basis during term time - Music will be purchased by CWA. Performances will take place throughout the year. Each member will benefit from the social and musical education provided by the group. A full report will be provided for Wiltshire County Council.</p>					
ABG1359	Youth Grant	Inclusive Intergenerational Dance trading as iID	My Space	£3350.00	£1600.00
<p>Project Summary: 'My Space' a wellbeing Group for young people at Corsham School. The group will be based on Dance Movement Psychotherapy offering a safe space to explore feelings, learn emotional skills, build confidence and self-esteem through creative activity. The aim is to support young people aged 12-15 struggling with their mental health including anxiety, low mood and feelings of isolation. Pupils will be referred to the group in 10-week blocks, which can be shortened or extended according to need. This is to ensure that those who would benefit most get the opportunity and are supported to take part. The group is support by the school who are providing the space and refreshments, liaising with parents and staff support each week during and after each session.</p>					
ABG1370	Youth Grant	Army Welfare Services	Colerne and Corsham Youth Club Easter Residential	£6480.00	£3240.00
<p>Project Summary: My colleague and I are looking to take 16 young people from Corsham and Colerne whose parent(s) are serving with the military on a outdoor pursuits residential during the Easter holidays in April 2024. Due to increased military deployments and exercises the children we work with have increased anxiety around their parent being deployed and this weeks residential will be an excellent opportunity to spend time with other young people in the same situation, learn new skills, have fun and develop additional support networks.</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.