

Stonehenge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Stonehenge 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	£ 24,831.00	£ 22,414.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 6,474.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Current Balance	£ 18,357.00	£ 12,414.00	£ 5,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -859.08	£ 2,414.00	£ 3,200.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1457	Area Board Initiative	Stonehenge area Board	Amesbury Health and Wellbeing Group Christmas Concert	£500.00	£500.00
Project Summary: Working in conjunction with Celebrating Age Wiltshire a Christmas Concert will be held at Antrobus House. This FREE event is open to Older and Vulnerable Adults and the marketing will target those who are suffering from social isolation and loneliness. A similar event was held last year and the feedback was universally positive.					
ABG1458	Area Board Initiative	Stonehenge area Board	Rural Youth Outreach Project	£10000.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The Rural Youth Outreach Project has for the previous 2 years, been improving engagement with young people who are isolated due to living in rural areas. Up to this point the project has, in addition to a long period of listening, engagement and consultation with young people in year 1, provided pop-up youth activities in those areas identified as having the most need and most demand..</p>					
ABG1353	Community Area Grant	Tilshead Village Hall and Playing Field Committee	Zip Wire Tilshead Playing Field	£18784.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We intend to provide a zip wire for the older children to use. Currently we have a playing field with small children play equipment but nothing for slightly older children. The community gather on the playing field for various social events and the younger children are always happy there but without a zip wire there is nothing for the older children to do. It is the 8-13 year olds who suffer from play deprivation.</p>					
ABG1386	Community Area Grant	Figheledean Village Community Events	Figheledean Parish History Project	£3221.72	£1610.86
<p>Project Summary: The project I have in mind is a history project that will involve designing and installing text panels with images in the corridor and conference room area of the village hall; I have the backing of the Parish Council and Figheledean Village Hall committee (where the history panels will be installed). I will need financial help by way of a community grant and I understand that I will have to match half of all costs. I have previously been a museum curator and exhibition designer and am bringing my skill free of any charges to my Parish. Introduction To create a series of display panels consisting of photographs, maps and text to go on show in the entrance areas and the meeting room of the village hall. These will be to welcome villagers to the hall and give an education to village life, past and present. The plan would also be to engage with the Parish community for photographs. Photographs and pictures. Production There is room for at least twelve panels and the work would be carried out by myself (Jackie Dryden) free of charge. The printed end work would be produced on foam board by a local printer, plus installation costs in the region of £2,000. I have collected many images and maps plus data including documents created in the mid-15th Century, there is a lot of photos and documents held within the archives of local museums and the County records in Chippenham. There is also a lot of artefacts held within those museums collected from our Parish and by digitising these and incorporating these in the display panels, this would be a way of 'giving back to the community'. I envisage this work would also apply to many other village halls! An example of the individual panels is outlined below 1. Welcome with a background to the project. 2. About our parish with maps and rights of way. 3. Archaeology within the Parish Boundary, including the excavations at Barrow Clump. 4. Farming. 5. Village life. 6. Characters. 7. Wildlife and Fauna. 8. Social history. Opening of the new exhibition At the end of the project and when the new panels are in place an official opening would be arranged inviting local officials and of course villagers. *In the future, the exhibition can be accompanied by a touchscreen and the publication of a booklet (which I can design) with any proceeds going back into the future of the history project.</p>					
ABG1402	Community Area Grant	Figheledean Working Mens Club	FWMC Accessible Toilet and Baby Change Facility Project	£4590.45	£2295.22

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<p>Project Summary: We are looking to transform a current toilet in to a much needed accessible toilet and baby change facility to improve accessibility, independence and comfort for members with disabilities and older members and increase wellbeing and also inclusivity at the Club.</p>					
ABG1450	Community Area Grant	Amesbury history centre	Education at Amesbury History Centre	£5120.00	£2560.00
<p>Project Summary: The new Amesbury History centre opened in August 2023. This was the much awaited replacement for the previous centre which closed in 2019. It has already become a focus for preserving and displaying objects and information relating to Amesbury, providing an important educational resource. . To continue the theme of education and make the centre and its contents more accessible we need to embrace modern audio visual technologies such as the use of virtual reality headsets to display content both in the centre and out in the community in schools. We will be having lectures from invited speakers so need to replace ageing AV equipment which is no longer compatible with modern media. This will also allow us to have interactive displays as well as the conventional display cabinets and posters. This will make it a more attractive for both school groups, community groups such a scouts and other visitors and enable more rapid updates of exhibitions. These technologies can also aid those with disabilities to access the contents of the centre.</p>					
ABG1451	Community Area Grant	Netheravon Working Mens Club	Installation of disabled toilet	£5500.00	£2750.00
<p>Project Summary: On behalf of Netheravon Working Mens Club, we wish to install a dedicated disabled toilet on the premises. We are not a charity but a non profit making organisation. We hold many events open to the public and feel this is a much needed facility for the village.</p>					
ABG1453	Community Area Grant	Amesbury Bowls Club	Amesbury Bowls Club Purchase of a New Mower	£11910.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Amesbury Bowls Club offers a sports and social facility, welcoming all ages and abilities and those with disabilities, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills, to participate in recreational and competitive sport, meet new friends and to be physically active. The green is used 7 days a week and is cut a minimum of 3 times a week to ensure the surface is fit for play. We need to purchase a new mower, as due to the age of the current mower, it has become unreliable, spare parts are difficult to obtain and repairs are costly and time consuming. A mower is an essential piece of equipment, without it the green will become unplayable, members will leave and the club will close.</p>					
ABG1142	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Shrewton Paths Project	Shrewton Footpath Guide	£2000.00	£1000.00

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<p>Project Summary: To add to the success of the Shrewton Village signs project and following extensive positive feedback, Shrewton Parish Council are developing a village guide which will come in the form of a booklet or brochure and supplement the existing village history signs. The aim of the village guide will be to identify the location of the existing history signs and take the reader back in time whilst guiding both visitors and residents around the rich history of our community. They will contain informative history of the village not contained on the existing signs along with beautiful walks for all abilities to encourage more people to get out and experience our community and countryside. The funds will be to assist with printing costs.</p>					
ABG1462	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	The Durrington and District Day Centre for the elderly	Durrington Day Centre for older residents lunch club	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: This is to for the extra running costs to keep the lunch club going</p>					
ABG1373	Youth Grant	Durrington Town Council	Durrington Youth Services	£18620.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Durrington Youth Services provide 3 youth sessions a week during term time and 2 a week during the holidays, for children aged between 7 and 19. It provides a safe welcoming environment for children and young people to engage in a range of activities, projects and opportunities. Allowing them to build and develop new skills and confidence. The service builds positive relationships with the young people and provides advice, guidance and support. All sessions are designed and based on the young peoples needs and interests. There is a drop in session and street based youth work every Thursday evening, on Fridays we hold Kids Friday club for the younger children currently we are seeing around 50 children every Friday. On Tuesday evenings we have the older secondary school age children to a session in which we may run cooking or art activities. The project is to continue to fund and provide all of these activities.</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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