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**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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**

	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	<b>Youth Grants</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable People Grants</b>
<b>Opening Balance For 2023-24</b>	£ 24,639.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 22,399.74	£ 6,166.00	£ 6,750.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 2,239.26	£ 13,750.00	£ 950.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ - 5,385.74	£ 4,438.00	£ - 1,500.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">ABG1681</a>	Area Board Initiative	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Youth Forum	Royal Wootton Bassett Youth Festival showcase 2024	£500.00	£500.00

**Project Summary:**

**Royal Wootton Bassett Youth Festival aims to showcase the many and varied activities and services that are available to young people (aged 13-19) in the local area. This event has attracted many local sports teams and uniform groups as well as arts and creative clubs from the town and wider area. All these groups will be offered space in or outside Lime Kiln Leisure Centre to show off what they do, run taster sessions, and try to "recruit" young people to be part of that organisation. The event will engage with young people in the area, especially those known to services such as The Rise Trust, and encourage them into positive activities.**

<a href="#">ABG1634</a>	Community Area Grant	Wootton Bassett Infants School Parent Teacher Association PTA	Vale View Gardens Community Park	£8300.00	£4150.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To create an attractive and safe Garden area (507m2) in Vale View, Royal Wootton Bassett, for the prime benefit of children at Wootton Bassett Infants School to receive Environmental &amp; Practical Education. All RWB Residents will be able to enjoy the seating provided and be able to follow the sun during the day. The area will also be used by the elderly &amp; vulnerable to help reduce isolation and loneliness. The health benefits of outdoor exercise and a pleasant environment are open to all. Raised beds, stump seating for 30 children, sensory path, small pond, brass rubbing station, hard standing for bikes and buggies to aid Active Travel, trees and hedges, flower beds, are to be provided. Attention to biodiversity and environmental considerations underpin the "Community Coalition" driven project. Stakeholders include Residents, RWB Town Council, Environmental Trust, Active Travel, Gardening Club, Wootton Bassett Infants School. Local individuals and businesses have committed to provide volunteer labour and donate materials. A project leader has developed the scheme with all stakeholders and will also act as a volunteer Warden for the area, to help reduce the risk of vandalism or accidents. A CCTV sign will also be erected as a deterrent and advising of a nearby camera. A lease and tree planting licence has been agreed and signed transferring the land from Wiltshire Council to RWB Town Council so that the area will be adopted as a Park, thereby ensuring future safety and maintenance.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1643</a>	Community Area Grant	Broad Town School Association	Interactive whiteboard for Broad Town Primary School	£2950.00	£1475.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Last year Broad Town Primary School received a donated second-hand interactive whiteboard, which they had long been wanting, from Intel in Swindon. This was put up in the school hall and has been invaluable. Very sadly, it has recently broken down and cannot be repaired. It had been being used constantly and is very sorely missed. Intel cannot help us again at this time, so I am seeking funding to buy a new screen.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1660</a>	Community Area Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Arts Festival	RWB Arts Festival Registration	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We will enable all RWBAF business to be dealt with a dedicated business device which will allow us to take entry fees and to keep all financial records in a single place. Hence we will require a laptop to facilitate this. Currently our manual processes result in a diminished experience for our participants and spectators due to errors caused by managing a festival of this size through paper processes. Being able to reliably track and record all admin tasks through a business machine will ensure that we can commit more of our volunteers time to enriching the experience of the Wiltshire-area people enrolling for our competitions. In 2023 we had over 1300 entries to our competitions and this number is growing every year.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1673</a>	Community Area Grant	Wootton Bassett Carnival	Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival	£3000.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The Carnival has been a much looked forward to event for over 50 years now, We provide entertainment for the whole of the town, &amp; recently we have grown in size &amp; also now the entertainment lasts from 10am to approx 6pm</b></p>					

<a href="#">ABG1615</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Parkinsons UK Jane Henderson Local Volunteer Officer South West	Parkinsons CCF Cafe 2024	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>These cafes were started in 2023 and met primarily in Cricklade and subsequently at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground at Royal Wootton Bassett which provides the most suitable environment for our visitors. The purpose of these cafes is to provide a social gathering for those with Parkinson's and their carers to meet and be able to discuss their concerns, share news, ask questions, make new friends, and know that they are not alone.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1641</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wootton Bassett Infants School Parent Teacher Association PTA	Vale View Gardens Community Park	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To create an attractive and safe Garden area (507m2) in Vale View, Royal Wootton Bassett, for the prime benefit of children at Wootton Bassett Infants School to receive Environmental &amp; Practical Education. All RWB Residents will be able to enjoy the seating provided and be able to follow the sun during the day. The area will also be used by the elderly &amp; vulnerable to help reduce isolation and loneliness. The health benefits of outdoor exercise and a pleasant environment are open to all. Raised beds, stump seating for 30 children, sensory path, small pond, brass rubbing station, hard standing for bikes and buggies to aid Active Travel, trees and hedges, flower beds, are to be provided. Attention to biodiversity and environmental considerations underpin the "Community Coalition" driven project. Stakeholders include Residents, RWB Town Council, Environmental Trust, Active Travel, Gardening Club, Wootton Bassett Infants School. Local individuals and businesses have committed to provide volunteer labour and donate materials. A project leader has developed the scheme with all stakeholders and will also act as a volunteer Warden for the area, to help reduce the risk of vandalism or accidents. A CCTV sign will also be erected as a deterrent and advising of a nearby camera. A lease and tree planting licence has been agreed and signed transferring the land from Wiltshire Council to RWB Town Council so that the area will be adopted as a Park, thereby ensuring future safety and maintenance.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1649</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire Creative mini project in Royal Wootton Bassett Library	£575.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) uses arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Royal Wootton Bassett area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. This mini project will deliver 4 x weekly sessions using literature, poetry, visual art and creative skills to stimulate new activity for the Shared Reading Library Group and other participants who will join them for this project. The regular group volunteer leaders will also receive ideas to generate further creative activity to enable them to continue the project after the paid sessions have finished.</b></p>					

<a href="#">ABG1663</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Purton Community Fridge and Larder	Purton Community Fridge Free Meal	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  I coordinate Purton community fridge &amp; larder and last year we held two free meals to bring the village of Purton together and we had hoped to be able to do this again this year. The project would include providing a freshly prepared nutritious home cooked meal and pudding free of charge in a warm space with good company. The idea of this free meal/s would be to build links between older and younger generations, to make new friendships and have a good natter whilst having something nice to eat. It's also aimed at giving something to those who may experience vulnerability and loneliness. Gives people something solid to look forward to. Last years meals were amazing and very much appreciated by everyone who came.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1686</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club	Royal Wootton Bassett Walking Rugby	£450.00	£450.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  In response to the evolving needs of our local community, Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Club (RWB RFC) has initiated a Walking Rugby program tailored to cater to individuals over 50, those recovering from illness or injury, and anyone seeking a low-impact, social sporting activity. As the pandemic highlighted the importance of social engagement and physical activity for overall well-being, RWB RFC has emerged as more than just a rugby club, but a vital social hub for many in our community. The Walking Rugby sessions offer a modified version of the sport, emphasising camaraderie, inclusivity, and health promotion. Unlike traditional rugby, Walking Rugby eliminates tackling, with two-handed touches used instead. Running is prohibited, promoting brisk walking as the primary mode of movement. Simplified gameplay removes scrums and dives, making the sport accessible to a wider range of participants. Scoring a try simply requires walking over the try line with the ball in hand. To ensure accessibility and community engagement, RWB RFC has opened these sessions to all members of the local community free of charge. However, to sustain and expand this initiative, the support of the area board is sought to cover some of the regular costs associated with running these sessions. By investing in this project, the area board not only promotes physical health but also fosters social cohesion and well-being within our community.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1592</a>	Youth Grant	Cricklade and District Community Association	Teen Gym at Cricklade Leisure Centre	£3040.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We would like to offer Teen Gym / Class sessions for Teenagers in Cricklade and the surrounding villages. Starting with 3 after school sessions and 1 weekend session we would look to put on supervised instructor sessions in the gym along with some class sessions. Currently children under 16 have to be accompanied by an adult to access the gym and can only use CV equipment and no weights. These sessions have proved to be really positive in Wiltshire Council Leisure centres around the county with numbers of Teens attending from 120 at Lime klin Leisure centre to 524 at Five Rivers Leisure Centre. All of the above centres started with 3 week day sessions and 1 weekend session and now operate 7 days a week. Gym sessions would operate between 3.30pm - 5pm during the week and 11am - 12pm on the weekend with Classes between 4pm - 6pm. Through our partnership working with Rise youth club, Cricklade Youth Football Club, Cricklade Rugby Club, Cricklade Cricket Club, Rookie Lifeguard we would look to launch this scheme at the Cricklade youth festival on 21st April.</p>					

<a href="#">ABG1664</a>	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	Lyneham Detached youth work	£1440.00	£720.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>The aim of this project is to deliver a 6-week project to engage with young people within Lyneham on the evening. The sessions will be delivered by two RISE youth workers who will engage with young people in the parks and within Lyneham community to find out more about what young people need and to engage with them with informal education on a range of young person appropriate topics.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1679</a>	Youth Grant	Broad Hinton Youth Club	Broad Hinton Youth Club	£1900.00	£950.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Kit upgrade or replacement. Broad Hinton Youth Club (BHYC) is a volunteer-run club based in the Village Hall and provides activities for young people aged 10-14, occasionally 15, from Broad Hinton, Broad Town, Uffcott, Wroughton and Royal Wootton Bassett every Friday during school term time. There are around 65 young people "on the books" and between 25-50 (top limit) attend each week for 2 hours. Equipment-based activities provided by BHYC within the Hall and adjacent School field (if dry) include table tennis, air hockey, ball games, table football, karaoke, snooker and computer games. Some kit is brought in by parents or committee members for specific events e.g. arts and crafts or karaoke. Most of the club's kit is old (all handed down), computer games are dated and most kit has been repaired many times. Non equipment activity includes visits to local Football Clubs or to Bowood, paid for activities such as martial arts and dance, special events such as fish and chips supper, and external competitions. The club operates on a ratio of 1:8 adults to young people. At least 2 committee members attend every event and each parent must volunteer at least once per term to help out. Receipts come from entry fees and some profit from the sale of tuck.</b></p>					

<a href="#">ABG1683</a>	Youth Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Volleyball Club	RWB Volleyball Club Youth Development Pathway	£1284.26	£642.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Context</b> Royal Wootton Bassett Volleyball Club, based at Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, has served our local community for 40 years. In response to rapidly growing demand for junior volleyball over the last 4 years we have established a successful development pathway through all age-groups from Under-12 to adult volleyball (women and men). In this time our membership has doubled to 80 players aged 8-60+, supported and coached entirely by volunteers, and we have become a case-study for junior volleyball development:  <a href="https://www.volleyballengland.org/article/777/club-case-study---royal-wootton-bassett-make-the-most-of-junior-interest">https://www.volleyballengland.org/article/777/club-case-study---royal-wootton-bassett-make-the-most-of-junior-interest</a> In 2022 we invested in new specialist equipment and volunteer coaches to improve and expand our capacity for U12, U13, U14 and U15 age-groups; we now cater for 25+ players aged U13 to U15 and our teams are currently ranked 1st to 3rd in the South West Region. Need As younger players progress to our U16 and U18 groups we now have a bottleneck where they share a single volleyball court and equipment with our adult teams. Consequently we cannot properly accommodate the numbers we have (currently 26 players aged 15-19) nor coach and develop them effectively. To expand capacity for players aged 15-19 we need a second, properly equipped volleyball court. A temporary solution has been to tape an outdoor volleyball net to free-standing badminton posts, however this set-up is not robust, safe or effective. Hence the purpose of this project and grant application is to create a second volleyball court with specialist volleyball equipment that is securely fitted into the sports hall floor, so that we can provide safe and effective volleyball for players aged 15-19.  <b>Finances</b> We propose to invest in new equipment from an established sports equipment supplier <a href="https://www.universalservicesuk.co.uk/indoor-sports/volleyball">https://www.universalservicesuk.co.uk/indoor-sports/volleyball</a> : • Volleyball posts (pair) VBL/002/CLB cost incl VAT = £757.20 • Floor plugs (x4) for volleyball posts PST/003/PLG cost incl VAT = £369.74 • Volleyball net VBL/003/NET cost incl VAT = £157.32 Total cost = £1,284.26 The total cost of this investment is beyond the means of our local community club where we aim to maximise participation by keeping our prices as low as possible during these challenging economic times. Our young players already have to pay for rapidly inflating costs such as hall hire, governing body affiliation (including insurance), competition entry, team uniform and transport. We propose to fund this project as follows: • RWB Volleyball Club will raise 50% of the new equipment cost (£642). • We seek a Wiltshire Council Area Board grant for 50% (£642) of the equipment cost. • Lime Kiln Leisure Centre will pay for the installation and fitting of floor plugs. • RWB Volleyball Club will provide volunteers to support junior volleyball activity. <b>Benefits</b> This project will deliver the following outcomes and benefits for young people aged 15-19 in the Royal Wootton Bassett community: □ Positive, safe and effective opportunity for young players from beginner to performance level (we play in county, regional and national junior competitions). □ Expanded capacity to accommodate more young players at all performance levels. □ Expanded capability to host junior age-group events at county, region and national levels. □ Healthy lifestyle and improved wellbeing for local young people. □ Positive development of teenagers as they transition to adulthood; growing their self-esteem, team-work and other life-skills; reducing inequalities (we have young players who don't necessarily do well at school and have limited financial means). □ Additional community usage and income opportunities for Lime Kiln Leisure Centre from expanded volleyball activity.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1711</a>	Youth Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council	Youth Festival and Ongoing Provision	£14500.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  RWB Town Council already commission Youth Services from RISE Trust each year, this bid is towards a Youth Festival and in particular demonstration of skateboarding, support the Town Council's commitment to develop a skatepark in the town. This event will also enable the RISE Trust to engage with a wider-range of youth within our town, and further activities following this event, including expanding their current offer of outreach activities, and the weekly youth club, to include additional LGBTQ+ Safe and Support, which will be 3-hour sessions per week, for up to 46 weeks.</p>					

## 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.

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.