

Pewsey Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Pewsey 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 2024/25	£ 16,744.00	£ 14,135.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 16,744.00	£ 14,135.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 12,104.00	£ 12,935.00	£ 6,000.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1538	Community Area Grant	Woodborough Social Club	Woodborough Social Club new ladies toilets	£4000.00	£2000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Club has been focused on delivering better facilities for our community when using our premises so have through fund raising and a past area board grant installed an accessibility toilet, now we are hoping to update our ladies toilets to be more hygienic and suitable for children and ladies to use. The existing toilets have a tiny sink, not suitable for the best sanitation that is now required, the floors cannot be cleaned to the highest standard and we have no baby changing facilities. So we will install 2 new close coupled WC's, lay a new floor which will include hospital type skirting, install radiator heating and a new larger washbasin and surround.</p>					
ABG1610	Community Area Grant	Woodborough Parish Rooms	Woodborough Parish room outside painting and garden project	£4000.00	£2000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The Woodborough Parish rooms is a focal point for the rural village of Woodborough and plays an important role in bringing together the local community. All ages benefit from the rooms, whether it is some of our more elderly residents, who enjoy the regular coffee mornings, or children attending birthday parties, everyone in the local community has at some point attended one of the many organized activities or attended one of the groups invited to make use of the room. Given that the rooms are self funding we rent out the space and where we can run additional events which recently have included a Thai evening and a Pumpkin Trail at Halloween, all of which proved hugely successful in bringing the village together and raised some critical funds in keeping the lights on and the heaters working. Whilst we have been able to carry out some internal decoration with some fabulous local volunteers, we are now looking to reinvigorate the outside space. The garden has great potential to be a well utilized resource and we would love for our villagers to be able to use it alongside the rooms, for example having the coffee morning in the garden or even having some BBQs in the summer which we know would be very well received and attended. The outside space needs a significant amount of work including patios and paths to be laid to make it safe for all to use and walk on and set up chairs and tables. We would also like to include some nice planting and easy to maintain shrubs. In addition to the garden, the outside of the building itself needs decorating and the sheds at the back, currently used for storage are in need of repair. We will as always be able to utilize goodwill from our generous local residents, who no doubt will be willing to kindly volunteer time and donate some materials, but we don't want to have to rely on this alone and would really like the work to be completed properly and professionally to a high standard so that residents really want to make use of this lovely space. Additionally, we want any work completed to be to a high professional standard to ensure the safety of all who use it. We will continue to organise local events and look to encourage more local groups to make use of the facilities. Recent new users have been a local Beaver Scout group and hopefully before long further Scout and Cub groups. Any funds we could receive would be very gratefully received and put to very good use to ensure that the Parish Rooms continue to play an important role in the local community.</p>					
ABG1759	Community Area Grant	Hilcott Village Hall	Two noticeboards for Barnard Meadow Hilcott	£1280.00	£640.00
<p>Project Summary: Following on from previous grant from PAB for fencing at Barnard Meadow, we are now in a position of clearing the ground and are applying for planning permission for a small car park and community area. We would like to erect two noticeboards on the land to advertise news and events, and also health and safety aspects and disclaimers.</p>					
ABG1842	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Arts Together	Arts Together Projects for Isolated and Vulnerable Older People in Pewsey	£7905.00	£1700.00

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<p>Project Summary: Arts Together is a Wiltshire charity that has been running creative support groups for isolated and vulnerable older people in six areas of Wiltshire for 24 years. We provide regular, meaningful activities that build trust, confidence and friendship, supporting group members within their community and combatting the damage caused by isolation. From September 2024 to February 2025 we will run 3 new art projects for lonely and vulnerable older people in Pewsey. Each project is led by a different artist and supported by a team of local volunteers. Projects are stimulating and challenging and adapted specifically so that they are accessible to all. Each project will take place over a 5-week block, in the Pewsey Scout Hut. Assisted transport is arranged for the group members, the majority of whom would be unable to attend otherwise. We also provide refreshments and freshly cooked lunch in addition to a warm accessible place to enjoy each weekly project session, all vital for frail older people during this cost-of-living crisis. Our art tutors are professional artists fully insured and with DBS checks. Our group manager and volunteers (also DBS checked) are trained in supporting members who might have barriers to taking part, be it through poor health, disability or mental health issues. An accredited carer is at each group session as the dedicated emergency first-aider and for any personal support needs. The group manager has extensive experience and offers wellbeing support to each beneficiary beyond the weekly sessions to enable them to keep attending the group and signpost them to other support services as required. We are as frugal as possible and have managed to keep transport, food and materials costs as low as possible, despite increasing the number of regular members in the Pewsey group from 12 to 16 since we last applied for funding. The Pewsey group is immensely popular and is currently at capacity with a waiting list due to increased need and referrals. The group has become a place of immense support and friendship for the members and the volunteers. We are constantly fundraising and request £2,700 from Pewsey Area Board towards the cost of running three of these engaging, confidence building and life enhancing projects for some of the most vulnerable older members of our community.</p>					
ABG1793	Youth Grant	Burbage Parish Council	Burbage Parish Council provision of sessions of Youth Bus	£2400.00	£1200.00
<p>Project Summary: The Youth Bus under the Open Blue Trust organisation have been visiting Burbage for a session on a monthly basis for some time. There is a desperate need for youth activities in Burbage outside of sporting activities already on offer. The Bus provides this and it is hoped that this provision can be sustained until or unless a stand alone youth club can be set up.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.