

## **Westbury Area Grant Report**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Westbury 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 2024/25</b>	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 15,716.00	£ 12,892.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 10,533.20	£ 3,759.80	£ 2,200

### **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="#">ABG1572</a>	Area Board Initiative	Westbury Area Board	Dementia Friendly Westbury	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>Dementia Friendly Westbury is a project idea which will see Westbury residents, businesses and public sector and 3rd sector organisations, become "dementia friendly" This will include specialist training where necessary as well as awareness raising campaigns within the community area.</b>					

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<a href="#">ABG1480</a>	Community Area Grant	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party	West Wilts Ramblers Work Party Equipment	£1357.60	£678.80
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Hello, West Wilts Ramblers have a Work Party, of which I am a member. The Work Party has worked most Tuesdays since 1984 mostly with a Rights of Way Officer and a Contractor – erecting kissing gates, stiles, bridges and steps. Since Austerity the Council has progressively reduced Rights of Way Maintenance, more so since Covid and in April 2023 the Countryside Team only committed to supporting us once a month but unfortunately could not do that. Since Covid, our Work Party has become more autonomous and in the absence of a Council funded Contractor we have become dependent on our own power tools. In 2022 we claimed a total of £500 from the Area Boards in Melksham and Devizes. We used this towards another battery for our brush cutter, hand shears, loppers and gloves. This year we would like to buy another Stihl battery tool, two batteries, brush cutter and hedge trimmer attachments. Shires in Devizes have agreed the council discount of 20% and the cost to us would be £1,358. Please would the Area board consider a grant towards this £1,358. Many thanks Dave Yearsley 01/12/23 West Wilts Ramblers Footpath Secretary/Work Party Coordinator</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1559</a>	Community Area Grant	Westbury Shed	Westbury Workshop facility repair and upgrade	£6896.00	£1030.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Westbury Shed operate out of our main portacabin next to the WCP building, and out of our second workshop at Grassacres where we tend the gardens. We are grateful for these forever workshops, although they have not weathered the past bad winter weather with our main workshop ROOF has now sprung a leak and brought down the inside roof lining and electrics. We have made it safe but these needs repairing asap as its getting worse. Our second workshop needs the lower FLOOR replacing as it is total rotten now</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1561</a>	Community Area Grant	Westbury Youth FC	Westbury Youth FC equipment and facilities improvement	£8900.00	£2400.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Westbury Youth FC has been established for 33yrs looking after the youth of Westbury, encouraging, and helping develop the early years of many of our now older resident of Westbury. Last year we had 230 children (mainly boys) and due to the new housing growth and girls wishing to play football our waiting list for places has gone through the roof! So, this year we have opened our facilities to even more children with our policy that we will offer football for all, and increased to just under 300, including under7s, girl's teams. Alongside this increase we need extra 2 sets of FA approved goals and our facilities need improving with updating our changing rooms and refurbishing our derelict toilet block that is unusable, this is a must do as we need to offer basic amenities.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1822</a>	Community Area Grant	Bratton Recreation Ground Management Committee	Bratton Recreation Ground Improvements 2024	£2296.00	£574
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The project has two elements: 1. Provision of a storage container to rectify the significant lack of space for equipment held by the many teams that use BRG as their home. 2. Aeration and top-dressing to improve drainage of the two football pitches, thereby enabling them to be used more often during and after wet weather.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1826</a>	Community Area Grant	Westbury Heritage Society	Westbury Museum New Scanner	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We have a project ongoing to inventory the museum collections or artefacts and documents. Part of that is our extensive collection of old photographs. We are looking to scan all those photographs to provide a digital copy which retains the integrity of the item and would be available for museum visitors and researchers to view and also to use in our outreach programme with schools and care home residents.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1672</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Crosspoint Westbury	Improving mental health and resilience	£18000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Crosspoint provides a well-established subsidised counselling service. This is aimed at young people and adults of all ages who do not meet the criteria for statutory mental health services, but who nonetheless may be suffering depression, anxiety, domestic abuse, historical abuse, low self-esteem or difficult in dealing with Life's challenges. The majority of these clients are referred by the White Horse Health Centre, although some choose to self-refer. The vast majority of clients have not been in a position to contribute significantly towards the full cost of the service (in the past year, only 8.8% of the cost of the service was recouped through donations from counselling clients) hence the reason that grant funding is sought.</b></p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1320</a>	Youth Grant	Leigh Park Community Centre	School holiday workshops	£14058.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Project purpose: Provide 42 workshops during school holidays starting 25th July 2024 to 30th May 2025 Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm Workshops will provide development opportunities for young people to access a safe environment that will develop their practical and social skills, provide educational attainment, support career choices and open doors. Young people will learn about how to conserve the natural environment, recycling materials, knife crime education, drug and smoking education, life skills, self-defence, recreational and sports, games, maths, english, science, team building, healthy eating advice, cooking, budgeting, first aid, mental health and engage as full members of their communities.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1786</a>	Youth Grant	Westbury Youth Club	Westbury youth club core costs	£10472.20	£4132.20
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We are a youth club offering weekly term time session for young people aged 11-19 and up to 25 with SEND. We offer an informal education through various activities such as baking and arts and crafts. We offer a support service to all our members and as of April 2023 we have received funding to extend our service and offer an advocacy service to our members and their families.</b></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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