

Report to	Trowbridge
Date of Meeting	17/09/2015
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Area Board Budget Statement

	Area Board Grants Budget	Digital Literacy Grant Fund	Local Youth Network Fund	CATG
Opening balance 2015/16	88,754.00	1,500.00	92,651.07	45,950.60
Spend to date	28,598.00	0.00	773.43	38,600.00
Current balance	61,656.03	1,500.00	91,877.64	9,150.60
Balance if all grants are agreed Sept 15	33,656.03			

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Trowbridge Area Board.

Councillor Led Grant Applications

Application	Grant Amount
Applicant: Cllr Jeff Osborn Project Title: Artificial Grass for Upper Studley Play Group	£10,000.00
Applicant: Cllr John Knight Project Title: Improve Security and Parking at Studley Green Community Centre and Lambrok Sports Pitches	£8646.00

Community Area Grants

Application	Grant Amount
Applicant: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club Project Title: West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness Event Seating Project	£3000.00

Applicant: Trustees of North Bradley Progressive Hall Project Title: North Bradley Progressive Hall New Chairs and Tables	£858.00
Applicant: Neighbourhoods group Project Title: Community Noticeboards for Central Trowbridge Neighbourhoods	£936.00
Applicant: Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Project Title: Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Upgrade	£3605.00
Applicant: Trowbridge Fairtrade Town Group Project Title: Group Marketing capital materials purchase	£955.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£28,000.00

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2015/2016 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2015/2016.

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. The applications

Applicant: West Wilts Esprit Gymnastics Club Project Title: West Wilts Gymnastics and Fitness Event Seating Project	Amount Requested from Area Board: £3000.00	
This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.		
Project Summary: Following the success of the first 10 months in our new gymnastics and fitness facility West Wilts Gymnastics aims to become a competition and event facility for this part of Wiltshire. All permanent equipment is now in place and we will be hosting our first County Competition in November 2015 with all the Gymnastics Clubs in Wiltshire attending. The final stage in this process is the installation of permanent bleacher seating which we have fundraised for but need some support to raise the final amount. The club will then become a multi-use venue for the county and the South West.		
Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Our fantastic facility benefits everyone in our main catchment area Trowbridge Westbury Bradford on Avon and the surrounding villages who wishes to become involved or is already involved in Gymnastics and fitness related activity. We provide Gymnastics opportunities to participants from babies upwards and have waiting lists for a number of our classes. In the last year we have introduced a number of new Gymnastics related activities such as Rhythmic Boys Parkour Adults Trampoline Soft Play and Disability as well as Birthday Parties Meeting Room Hire and a Fitness Suite. It is also our goal to further reach under represented sectors of the community such as boys 11 years and Adults. Our current growth is also providing training and employment opportunities both for our current older teenage members and for new		

coaches. We are already developing a number of new coaches and have qualified 4 new coaches in the last few weeks. We are developing ourselves as a training facility and offer both voluntary and paid employment to 14 year olds upwards who wish to become coaches and leaders. The growth in our membership especially in boys and older children is providing the Club with ever more avenues to develop its profile and the number of people it positively affects in Wiltshire. We now wish to develop our facility as a competition venue for Wiltshire and the South West by adding permanent bleacher seating so that we can host other clubs and events leading eventually to regional and national competitions. We will then be the only Gymnastics facility in Wiltshire to be able to host both Boys and Girls inter club and inter-regional competitions. This will help to further raise the Clubs profile and attract more members from wider backgrounds within our target geographical areas and ethnic groups.

Applicant: Trustees of North Bradley Progressive Hall Project Title: North Bradley Progressive Hall New Chairs and Tables	Amount Requested from Area Board: £858.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Project Summary: Our chairs and tables are used for most of the activities which take place in the Hall. The folding tables are old homemade and difficult to erect and dissemble especially for elderly and less able. Imagine a deck chair weighing 30lbs. The chairs were given to the hall many years ago by the then WWDC. The fabric seats cannot be easily cleaned many have missing arms and have torn seats and worst of all they are not fire resistant. Several have broken while being used and breakages have incurred in use and worst of all they are not fire resistant.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: All the groups who use the Hall will benefit from furniture which is safe to use and easy to clean. User groups include Choir Tai Chi U3A Art Architecture and Engineering Wedding Receptions Children's Parties Martial Arts Bonsai Coffee mornings Parish Council Meetings Polling Station. These are all local uses which provide opportunities for members of the community to meet and socialise.

Applicant: Neighbourhoods group Project Title: Community Noticeboards for Central Trowbridge Neighbourhoods	Amount Requested from Area Board: £936.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Project Summary: The eight central Trowbridge residents associations meet every quarter to discuss potential projects best practice and to learn from each other on how best to engage with their local neighbourhood.

Recent discussions highlighted those neighbourhoods without community noticeboards are not fully engaging or communicating opportunities to their residents to reduce isolation improve health and well-being and community spirit.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Residents in the neighbourhoods of Newtown and Studley Green central Trowbridge will benefit socially from the presence of Community Noticeboards. The boards will communicate local events and activities opportunities to get involved and make a difference where you live which will encourage citizenship. Providing posters and information for the local residents will encourage wider community involvement and knowledge of what is on offer in their area Sunday lunch club dementia cafes mother and toddler groups and community events in the local and wider area.

Applicant: Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Project Title: Trowbridge Girl Guiding Hall Upgrade	Amount Requested from Area Board: £3605.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Project Summary: To make the building more secure replace windows together with energy efficient ones. Provide a better disabled access and surround to the building. Provide gutter protection from Trowbridge Park trees. Preserve Timber Cladding.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: Priorities are not shown on the website as it is being updated. However we believe that the following is in accordance with priorities. Our hall is used by the youth and adult sections of the Girl Guiding movement with over 638 youth members in the West Wiltshire Area. The hall is let to various local groups either specialist ethnic groups Support Groups U3A dance dog training and a guide shop for the girl guides of the area. The various users undertake their activities in line with Youth support work health of the community and diversity.

Applicant: Trowbridge Fairtrade Town Group Project Title: Group Marketing capital materials purchase	Amount Requested from Area Board: £955.00	
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This application meets grant criteria 2015/16.

Project Summary: The Trowbridge Fairtrade Town Group has been in existence since its constitution was established in December 2007 Trowbridge has been formally recognised as a Fairtrade Town by the National Foundation in Feb 2009. Since then the groups public presence

has been reliant on having marketing materials these are now at end of life this grant enables us to modernise our promotional vision for Fairtrade through an essential upgrade in materials.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The Trowbridge FAIRTRADE group shall energetically promote information about Fairtrade and establish as first choice brand all available FAIRTRADE marked products in Trowbridge Wiltshire's County Town and to influence the adjacent Parishes to engage with the Vision. Further the group- promotes the concept of Fairtrade and increase the availability of Fairtrade products within Trowbridge and its Wiltshire Council defined Community Planning Area.- raises awareness of the FAIRTRADE Mark.- ensures continued commitment and drive towards maintaining Fairtrade Town Status for Trowbridge by maintaining the five criteria of a Fairtrade Town as set out in the Fairtrade Foundations Fairtrade Town Goals and Action Guide.- encourages workplaces schools churches and individuals to work to promote and use Fairtrade products. The overarching object of the group shall be to advance public education and engagement in particular with global environmental and fair trade issues in such ways as are independent non-political and charitable at law. To date the group has engaged with the general public and worked with schools primarily ks12 to encourage a more informed society which balances its buying choice towards fairly traded goods including the local economy where traders also buy in fair traded goods as a symbol of their engagement in creating a fairer supply chain.

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