

AGENDA

Meeting: Tidworth Area Board
Place: Memorial Hall, Andover Rd, Ludgershall, Wiltshire, SP11 9LZ
Date: Monday 20 March 2023
Time: 7.00 pm

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Items to be considered	Time
<p>1 Chairman's Announcements, Welcome and Introductions <i>(Pages 1 - 12)</i></p> <p>To receive the following Chairman's announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Apprenticeship Week 2023 • Cost of Living Update • Wiltshire Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) Partnership Family Help Project – background briefing • Independent Visitor Scheme 	
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>3 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>4 Minutes <i>(Pages 13 - 16)</i></p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023.</p>	
<p>5 Partner Updates <i>(Pages 17 - 18)</i></p> <p>To receive any updates from partner organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wiltshire Police – Insp Ricky Lee - Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – Station Manager Simon Todd - Healthwatch - Parish Councils - MOD 	
<p>6 Area Board Priority and Working Group Updates</p> <p>Cllr Chris Williams – Youth</p> <p>Cllr Mark Connolly – Environmental</p> <p>Cllr Tony Pickernell – Health & Wellbeing</p>	
<p>7 Fostering Update</p> <p>To receive a presentation from the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager.</p>	
<p>8 Street Based Youth Work</p> <p>To receive an update on youth work.</p>	

9 **Community Area Grants** *(Pages 19 - 24)*

To determine any applications for Community Area Grants.

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Tidworth Area Board will be on 10 July 2023 at 7.00pm.

Area Board Briefing Note – Post 16 Skills and Participation Offer

Service:	Post 16 Skills and Participation – Employment and Skills
Date prepared:	12th January 2023
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The Post 16 Skills and Participation team are celebrating National Apprenticeship Week (taking place from Monday 6th February – Sunday 12th February 2023.)

An Apprenticeship is an opportunity to learn on the job, whilst working you will also have the time to study for a qualification in a relevant field to your job role.

Anybody can become an apprentice at any age and current employees can become an apprentice, - this a great way to up skill existing staff. They range from a Level 2 – up to a Masters Degree! Many young people are choosing a Degree Apprenticeship over University.

Our Work Wiltshire website holds lots of information for anybody looking for an apprenticeship and also for employers. Visit – **workwiltshire.co.uk/home/apprenticeships**

Also follow our Social Media pages for local opportunities.

Twitter - @WorkWiltshire

Instagram - @young_workwiltshire – for young people

Any questions or more information? Please email Catherine Brooks, Employment and Skills Officer

Catherine.brooks@wiltshire.gov.uk

**Area Board Briefing Note –
Cost of Living Update – February 2023**

Service:	Executive Office
Date prepared:	13 February 2023
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The following briefing note summaries sources of information and support, and actions that have been taken by the Council and partners.

For a summary of the resources and recent announcements, take a look at the Council's [dedicated Cost of Living page](#). This includes links to information for sources of national and local support.

The [interactive community directory](#) which helps people to search for warm spaces and community food providers in their area, also lists the easiest bus routes to help people find help more easily.

Free sims and mobile data from Wiltshire libraries

Wiltshire Libraries are working with the Good Things Foundation to distribute free SIMs and mobile data to people in need. The [National Databank scheme](#) is supported by UK mobile networks including Vodafone, O2 and Three.

The free SIMs and mobile data are available from Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Warminster libraries.

To be able to access the National Databank you must be 18+ years old and from a low-income household. One or more of the following must also be true:

- You have no or poor access to the internet at home.
- You have no or poor access to the internet away from home.
- You can't afford your existing monthly contract or top-up.

If you meet the criteria, [contact](#) Chippenham, Devizes, Salisbury, Trowbridge or Warminster libraries to find out more and to book an appointment.

Bus fare reductions over winter

Wiltshire bus users can now travel on most routes in the county for just £2 or less for a single fare until 31 March.

The fare price reduction has been funded by the Government and is aimed at getting more people to use buses across the country during the current cost of living challenges.

As part of the promotion, many single bus fares in Wiltshire have been capped at just £2 for both adults and concessions. If the single fare was originally less than £2, it will remain at the reduced price, and many day return tickets have also been reduced.

Vital help with energy bills for more homes – the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) Alternative Funding scheme

The EBSS Alternative Funding is a one-off £400 non-repayable discount to eligible households who have not received the main EBSS payment automatically to help with their energy bills between 1 October 2022 and 31 March 2023, but are still facing increased energy costs. Individuals will need to apply for the EBSS Alternative Funding via a Gov.UK portal which has yet to go live.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) expects eligible households to include those with a commercial landlord or intermediary, such as park home residents and some housing association tenants. The EBSS Alternative Funding is expected to reach a significant number of vulnerable people, including self-funding residents in care homes. DESNZ is expecting approximately 900,000 households in Great Britain (around 3%) to be eligible for EBSS Alternative Funding. No household will be eligible for both the EBSS payment and an EBSS Alternative Funding payment.

Details of the scheme have yet to be published by the Government, and the Government portal is not yet live, but we expect it to be so in the last week of February. We will publish information on the website as soon as we know more.

Support for Council House Tenants and Housing Associations

The council's tenancy sustainment team has been supporting tenants through the ongoing cost-of-living crisis by assisting them to get access to more than £600,000 in new and backdated benefits, external grants and third-party debt cleared.

In addition, following funding received from the Government's Green Homes Grant, the Council has been improving the energy efficiency of 100 properties. This work has been received well by those who have benefited from it, particularly the fact that homes are being made more energy efficient amid the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. The council is currently focussing the project on those with the greatest potential increase in energy efficiency.

The Household Support Fund has also allocated funding to the Housing Service for outreach work to rough sleepers, and to support Council House tenants to combat hardship through the allocation of vouchers. This is building on the strong engagement work of this team, who under the people they work with well to provide the most effective support.

Through partnership working, and the sharing of information, we are highlighting to housing associations how their tenants can access support. We are confident that their tenants have been able to access services as, for example, Housing Association tenants made up 42% those being supported in the Wiltshire Installs project with 16% being Wiltshire Council tenants, Owner Occupier 28% and Privately rented 14% .

Households to get new cost-of-living payments from spring 2023

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) announced on the 3rd of January, more detail on the payment schedule for the next round of cost-of-living support unveiled in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement on 17 November.

The £900 payment for over eight million eligible means-tested benefits claimants (including those on Universal Credit, Pension Credit, and tax credits) starts in spring. Payments will go directly to bank accounts in three payments over the course of the financial year. There will also be a separate £150 for over six million disabled people and £300 for over eight million pensioners on top of their winter fuel payment.

Payments will be made automatically if individuals are eligible and there will be no need to apply. Claimants who are eligible for any of the cost-of-living payments and receive tax credits, and no other means-tested benefits, will receive payment from HM Revenue and Customs shortly after DWP payments are issued.

Exact payment windows will be announced closer to the time but are spread across a longer period to ensure a consistent support offering throughout the year. They will be broadly as follows:

- **£301** – First Cost of Living Payment – **during Spring 2023**
- **£150** – Disability Cost of Living Payment – **during Summer 2023**
- **£300** – Second Cost of Living Payment – **during Autumn 2023**
- **£300** – Pensioner Cost of Living Payment – **during Winter 2023/4**
- **£299** – Third Cost of Living Payment – **during Spring 2024**

Those eligible will be paid automatically, and there will be no need to apply. For more information, please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Winter Fuel Payment videos

The DWP has also created some short videos answering key questions about Winter Fuel Payments. The videos are now also available in British Sign Language version

We would encourage you to share these videos:

[Winter Fuel Payment - British Sign Language](#) and [Winter Fuel Payment Information](#)

Most of those eligible do not have to claim their Winter Fuel Payment, as it is awarded automatically.

People who have not been paid by 13 January 2023 are encouraged to check their bank account before contacting the Department's [Winter Fuel Payment Centre](#).

Energy support for businesses

The **Energy Bill Relief Scheme** launched in under Liz Truss and Jacob Rees-Mogg was Business and Energy Secretary for an initial period of 6 months end at the end of March. On January 9, Government announced plans to replace the scheme, from the start of April, with a new **Energy Bill Discount Scheme (EBDS)**.

While the old scheme capped energy prices in a blanket fashion, businesses can only benefit from the new scheme when prices are at or above £107 per MWh for gas and £302 per MWh for electricity.

At this point, bills will automatically be reduced. This reduction applies to businesses, charities and public sector bodies and is less generous than previous support provided.

Higher discounts are on offer for energy-intensive businesses such as steelmakers and manufacturers. The threshold at which the discount kicks in is also lower for these firms

The EBDS will run for 12 months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Warm & Safe Support

Wiltshire Council's friendly library staff are continuing to play their part too, by working with Warm and Safe Wiltshire and The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, to assist residents seeking basic energy advice and make referrals to experienced energy advisors in all but its smallest libraries. All libraries can signpost people to community partners and agencies that can support people through the rising cost of living. Libraries are also collection points for Warm Packs, which includes a hot water bottle and blanket, for anyone who would benefit from some free essentials. In all but the smallest libraries there are at least two energy champions who are trained to offer advice and support people to access help.

There are no criteria for anyone who might need to use the library as a warm space, staff and volunteers will be friendly and welcoming so that people feel as comfortable as possible. There are also opportunities to spend more time in the library to take part in board games, colouring, jigsaws and tea and chat where these are part of a local library programme.

The council is always looking for volunteers to support library services, so if anyone has time to spare and wants to join a friendly team this winter they should email libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit [Libraries](#).

Rural Communities Energy Support Network

The Rural Communities Energy Support Network, delivered as a partnership between the Council and the Centre for Sustainable Energy, is looking to recruit people from local

communities would like to be able to offer people in their community more support around staying warm and keeping the bills down

Volunteers would gain access to training and resources so they can offer energy saving advice.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, or you know someone else who might be, please go to www.cse.org.uk/rcesn or email warmandsafe@cse.org.uk

Warm and Safe advice service

The service has continued to play a prominent role in Wiltshire's cost of living support to low-income households, by providing energy, debt, bill advice, small grants, insulation advice and referrals. Since the beginning of October, the service has received **1009 enquires**, made **144 heating and insulation referrals**, **87 Priority Service Register sign ups** and provided **£26,000 in food and fuel vouchers** and distributed **£30,328 of Surviving Winter Grant** to Wiltshire households.

Boater Support

Public Health working alongside Economic Development secured UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) to support the boater community, who find themselves disproportionately affected by the cost-of-living crisis. The funding has allowed Public Health to mobilise an outreach programme with Julian House to support our boating community with emergency fuel and food vouchers, within an extremely tight timescale to ensure the boaters secured the funding at a time of great need. The project was delivered throughout the 3-week cold period in December and helped **71 Boaters and 4 Roadside Travellers** with both fuel and food vouchers. Households were identified by Julian House based on eligibility criteria: low income, health condition, single parent and children with health condition.

Wiltshire Installs project

The Wiltshire Installs project is delivered by Warm and Safe Wiltshire and has been particularly busy this winter. The scheme aims to provide new boiler/repairs, Fuel and food voucher support to households that can demonstrate that they comply with the strict eligibility criteria: low income, have a health condition, their energy needs are off the mains Gas network and have a prepayment meter. The scheme has supported **209 households** since the beginning of October 2022, through a mixture of prepayment meter and food vouchers, in addition **11 new boilers** have been fitted where households have had a no heating situation.

Support for households that rely on life saving equipment.

Warm and Safe Wiltshire has worked in partnership with both Integrated Care Board and Adult commissioning to identify households that rely on life saving equipment, who are disproportionately affected by the high energy prices. Through November families have been

offered support through the provision of food and prepayment meter vouchers, to date **13 families** have been supported.

Community Case Worker

This winter we have increased the ability to support Council, Primary Care, NHS and Voluntary and Charitable organisations with outreach work through the Community Case Worker project (Warm and Safe), which has allowed us to deliver 24 events, outlining the Warm and Safe service and the referral routes available to organisations to allow households ease of access into the service. In addition, this role has allowed us to provide 1 to 1 support and advocacy to people in crisis.

Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub is available to help advise people through the cost-of-living crisis

As well specific and general telephone contacts, the Council is making their Wellbeing Hub phone line available for people who may be worried about the cost-of-living crisis and needing some information and advice.

The hub was originally set-up at the start of the pandemic to provide information and advice. Anyone can access the hub and it can provide confidential advice, information, and signposting from the council's friendly team in relation to the current high cost of living.

People can call the hub Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday from 9am to 4pm on 0300 003 4576 or email wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk. The opening hours will continue to be regularly reviewed depending on what the demand is for the service.

Promoting Fundraising Campaigns

As part of our work with our Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise partners, Wiltshire Council is helping to promote the Wiltshire Community Foundation's [Cost of Living Appeal](#) through our networks.

Building on the work of previous appeals where people who can afford to are encouraged to donate any surplus winter fuel allowances, the wider community is being asked to help generate vital funds to help grassroots voluntary groups and charities in Swindon and Wiltshire who are supporting families and individuals in the face of escalating rent, food, and energy prices.

The money raised through this joint appeal will fund a new grants programme to support projects which are keeping people fed and warm and provide additional practical support and advice to help people cope throughout this period of great hardship

You can donate to the appeal [here](#) or call the donation line on 01380 738989 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Area Board Briefing Note – FACT Family Help

Service:	Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) Partnership
Date prepared:	November 2022
Further enquiries to:	Simon Thomas FACT Programme Lead
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Wiltshire Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) Partnership Family Help Project Background Briefing November 2022

Wiltshire's multi-agency FACT partnership has identified how we work together as a system to provide early intervention and prevention (Family Help) as a priority transformation activity for the next two years.

These new Family Help arrangements will ensure that children, young people and families are able to access the right help at the right time through a co-ordinated approach to prevention and early intervention through:

- a co-ordinated approach at a whole population/universal level to prevent needs from arising and to build resilience across all residents
- a robust multi-agency approach to spotting any additional needs at the earliest point and providing effective joined-up support that prevents the needs from escalating further

There are certain elements that partners have agreed to develop and roll out across the whole of Wiltshire from the New Year whilst other elements are planned to be tested in a locality pilot approach in the Warminster and Westbury area.

Across Wiltshire, the project will deliver:

- A clear unifying brand for Family Help
- Online database of services, community resources & activities
- Co-ordinated whole system workforce development offer
- Consistency of core approaches across the Early Help workforce

The Warminster & Westbury pilot will also develop & test the benefits of:

- Wrapping a dedicated group of identified Early Help services & community groups around a cluster of schools/settings; embedding them in the communities they serve
- Establishing a local contact point for Early Help requests for support & case discussion whereby the responses make best use of local resources including the voluntary & community sector
- More flexible working practice with core workers delivering intervention in the place, way & time that achieves best impact eg home, school, online, group, breakfast time, evening
- A locally led inclusive & welcoming local community of practice for Early Help – responding to local needs, identifying & sharing learning & good practice, engaging in reflective dialogue related to the pilot activity, promoting & delivering agreed culture & practice change activity

- Securing strong transition with a focus on pupils that need it most & joining up where siblings span multiple schools
- Specialist input on key themes including mental health, ASD, parental conflict & challenging behaviour – delivered locally & taking account of the local context
- Local consultation mechanisms to ensure that we understand the needs & lived experience of children, young people & families in Warminster & Westbury

We are at the stage of engaging with the key local stakeholders in the pilot area to further develop our thinking and ensure that the next stage of activity is informed by their views, experience and context.

As such, we will be setting up a range of briefings and consultation meetings to give all services and groups in Warminster and Westbury the chance to hear more about the background thinking and to start to input to the plan for the pilot activity. There will be subsequent meetings that will involve wider stakeholders as we build an inclusive partnership to create and deliver the local model – we want to understand and make the most of the good practice and assets already in place locally as well as creating and testing new arrangements that will subsequently inform the pan-Wiltshire model. To enable the project to achieve its full potential we will be looking to engage with the widest possible network of organisations as well as setting up specific mechanisms to ensure that the voice of children, young people and families is at the heart of the project.

Please email FACT@wiltshire.gov.uk for further information or to get involved.

Area Board Briefing Note – Independent Visitor Scheme

Service:	Quality Outcomes for Children and Families
Date prepared:	08/03/2023
Further enquiries to:	Jesnie Barry, Independent Visitor Scheme Manager
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The Independent Visitor Scheme needs more volunteers! Independent Visitors are adult volunteers who are matched with young people in care to visit, advise and befriend them. We currently have nearly 70 approved and matched Independent Visitors but with over 400 young people in care in Wiltshire, we need more to provide this vital and life changing service.

Volunteers are asked to give a long term commitment to visit a young person every 3-4 weeks, for a couple of hours, to have fun, try new things and build a strong and lasting relationship. Training and ongoing support is provided, with all expenses covered.

If anyone is interested, please could they get in contact with IVScheme@Wiltshire.gov.uk for more information on how to apply!

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Town and Parish Councillors

Tidworth Town Council
Ludgershall Town Council
Chute Parish Council
Chute Forest Parish Council
Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council
Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council
Enford Parish Council
Everleigh Parish Council
Fittleton Parish Council
Netheravon Parish Council
Tidcombe and Fosbury Parish Meeting

Partners

Wiltshire Police

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Wiltshire NHS

Community Area Partnership

Members of Public in Attendance:**Total in attendance:**

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
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People avoiding appointments and prescriptions due to rising costs

The number of people avoiding an NHS appointment because they can't afford travel almost doubled between October and December as the cost of living crisis is forcing many to change how they use health and care services.

[New Healthwatch England data](#) suggests people are increasingly avoiding prescriptions and travelling to NHS appointments due to spiralling costs.

Healthwatch England conducted a tracker poll with 2,000 adults in England between October and December 2022 to assess the impact of the cost of living on their health and wellbeing and whether it has affected how they use health and social care services.

The poll found that more people avoided getting prescription medicines, and booking NHS appointments, including dental treatment, due to the fear of extra costs, in December than in October.

- The number of people who avoided an NHS appointment due to the cost of travel almost doubled to more than one in 10 (11%, in December, up from 6% in October).
- Over one in 10 (11%) have avoided booking an NHS appointment because they couldn't afford the associated costs, such as accessing the internet or the cost of a phone call; up from 7% in October.
- 15% of respondents avoided going to a dentist because of the cost of checks-ups or treatment, up from 12% in October.
- One in 10 (10%) people have also avoided taking up one or more NHS prescriptions because of the cost, up from 6% in October.



- And one in 10 (10%) avoided buying over the counter medication they normally rely on, up from 7% in October.

More than a third of the respondents (39%) said the changes they have made to keep up with the rising cost of living have negatively affected their mental health, while 35% said their physical health had got worse in the last two months.

The findings also suggest women are more affected by spiralling costs compared to men and have taken more action to cut back on:

- Heating, which 42% of women have not turned on when they usually would, compared to 33% of men.
- Food, which 27% of women say they have bought less of, because of the increased cost, compared to 20% of men.
- Energy costs in general, with 33% of women saying they have turned off or avoided using essential appliances to save energy costs, compared to 25% of men.

[Read more about Healthwatch England's findings](#), and their recommendations for what the government and services can do, on our website.

You'll also find information on our website on [where to get cost of living support in Wiltshire](#).

Report To Tidworth Area Board
Date of Meeting Monday, 20 March 2023
Title of Report Tidworth Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Tidworth Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For <u>2022/2023</u>	£ 16,353.00	£ 16,710.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 7,009.75	£ 7,935.00	£ 1,090.00
Current Balance	£ 9,343.25	£ 8,775.00	£ 6,610.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ -706.75	£ -1,725.00	£ -2,455.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1096	Area Board Initiative	Tidworth Community Area Board	Detached youth work in Tidworth Community Area	£10000.00	£5000.00
Project Summary: Following feedback from Wiltshire Council's youth justice team, several concerns were raised about young people in the community area. Some of whom are persistent offenders, and others who are part of a cohort of young people involved in minor ASB. Concerns around county lines and other exploitation have been raised but are unconfirmed. This project would provide detached youth work with an aim of encouraging these young people to re-engage with services, school and activities.					
ABG1105	Area Board Initiative	Tidworth Area Board	Tidworth Community Area Biodiversity Audit	£500.00	£500.00
Project Summary: To audit the biodiversity around the whole of the Tidworth Community area in order to inform the plan of the Environment Sub-Group of the Area Board. All projects which will be taken on as a result of the audit will be either based around health and wellbeing for older people, or as a positive activity for young people.					
ABG916	Community Area Grant	Ludgershall Scout Hall	Ludgershall Old Scout Hall Replacement Windows	£3500.00	£1750.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p>Project Summary: Seven rear elevation windows on the premises are single glazed 'Crittal' style windows. As a first step towards making the premises more heat efficient and therefore environmentally friendly the committee propose to replace them with double-glazed units as a first step towards making the premises carbon neutral. The ultimate aim is to wean the premises off heating oil for obvious environmental and financial reasons by exploring solar energy and an associated electrical heating system in the future. This is the first step towards that aim.</p>					
ABG1071	Community Area Grant	Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council	Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council Playground Refurbishment	£28000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Currently the village playground has nothing for children aged between 10 and 16 years. The proposal is therefore to install some equipment for them, namely a zip line, and a sunken trampoline. Additionally a dangerous and worn rubberised surface needs to be replaced with a modern equivalent, and a worn item of play equipment also needs replacing. This will give a playground that caters for children from 2 years to 16 years for safe play.</p>					
ABG1098	Community Area Grant	St James Ludgershall PCC	Lych Gate Restoration	£6600.00	£3300.00
<p>Project Summary: We are just about to celebrate the centenary of the Lych Gate being installed in memory of a local resident. We will make this centenary celebration a community event once the restoration work has been completed. The Lych Gate provides a covered entrance area to our community's churchyard when many local families have their relatives buried and people visit their family graves regularly throughout the year. Over the last ten years we have worked hard to make the churchyard a space that the community can feel proud of at the heart of our community, and a number of people who don't come to church are now active members of our volunteer churchyard maintenance team. Many groups use the churchyard including a preschool group who have a little children's garden and have plans to install a wormery and a hot-composting compost bin in our churchyard to teach the children about insects and caring for the environment; a Community Café that meets every Friday and uses the churchyard during the summer months, and our local primary schools also visit our eco projects, meadow area where wild flowers are encouraged along with butterflies and moths and slow worms, as do other groups on an occasional basis. To improve access to the churchyard as a space for our community and to support people's mental health we have installed 6 new benches, which have been installed to encourage local residents to use the churchyard as a quiet space and as a safe space to meet in pleasant surrounds to meet and talk. These benches are used by young and old alike. The grant is required to enable us to replace the two 100-year-old oak footplates which support the entire structure of the Lych Gate. The total cost of the project is £6,600 and we have already secured £2,000 of funding from Ludgershall Town Council with plans to fundraise the remaining £2,600 to enable the restoration to go ahead this Summer.</p>					
ABG1069	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Chute Design Guide Organisation and Committee	The Chutes Design Guide Project	£1230.00	£615.00
<p>Project Summary: The Chutes Design Statement was originally adopted in 2005 and is now totally out of date. A community committee has taken over two years and has now prepared an updated Design Guide which represents the views of the residents of the Chutes following lengthy consultations and has now been approved by Wiltshire Council. To take this forward we now need to print the Design Guides with graphic designs for use in the villages of the Chutes to which we are requesting a grant to help with this project. This will then be used in the decision making for planning applications etc in the villages</p>					
ABG1070	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Chute and Chute Forest Parish Councils	The Kings Coronation Celebration	£950.00	£450.00
<p>Project Summary: To bring the villages of Upper Chute, Chute Standen, Lower Chute and Chute Forest together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles</p>					

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ABG1077	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Tidworth Town Council	Coronation	£10000.00	£400.00
<p>Project Summary: Tidworth Town Council are planning a community event to celebrate King Charles III Coronation on 6th May 2023. This includes live streaming the event on a cinema screen, entertainment and activities.</p>					
ABG1092	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	The Castle Practice	Castle Carers Craft Cafe or The Four Cs	£4200.00	£2100.00
<p>Project Summary: The Castle Practice runs Carer's events, where our registered Carers are invited in annually for a health check and to meet with Carer's UK, and they are offered advice and support. Our Carer's Team has recently achieved a Platinum accreditation for their work with Carer's UK, which we are all very proud of. Carers often feel forgotten, and socially isolated, being a carer is considered a health inequality and carers often have poorer health as they neglect time for themselves and their own mental and physical well-being. Our carers do not think of themselves as that, are often very proud and think they are just "doing their duty", but they provide essential care for those who otherwise would need to be cared for elsewhere in the community. Wishing to build on our Carer's Team's good work, something which came out in discussion between them and the Carers, was the opportunity for them to do something for themselves as a means of respite. They expressed an interest in something which would be their time, chance to meet like-minded people who were also Carers, and to do something new and exciting like maybe learning a new skill or revisiting old ones. Due to the nature of caring for someone they would like it to seem like a "treat" for them and also stressed that it could not be too time consuming or too often. Our Carer's Team have sourced a local Cafe who would be prepared to put on these events specifically for our Carer's population. They would involve card making workshops , and crochet workshops initially, lasting between 1-1.5 hrs with the opportunity to provide them with Relaxation colouring books if they did not want to do the craft element, or had dexterity issues. This would mean they could still join the group, have something to do and have tea/coffee and cake provided, and most importantly respite, and the opportunity to chat which would help to prevent the social isolation, often experienced by carers. The cafe is prepared to run the sessions at a discounted rate and they would supply the flyers. The Castle Practice would pay for one/two of our Carer's Leads to attend, especially in the first few months whilst the cafe established. The aim would be to hold the cafe monthly with a maximum of 8 attendees, and the craft element would be alternated. The costing is for 12 months of cafes, including the cost for the Relaxation Books and pens, and promotion of the cafes. We hope this grant application will be given your kind consideration.</p>					
ABG1099	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Ludgershall Town Council	Community gathering	£10000.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: We are hosting a local event to bring together the entire community by encouraging people to gather outside of their homes to prevent the effects of isolation and possible depression/loneliness and promote the health and well being amongst the community.</p>					
ABG1104	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Tedworth Equestrian	Workshop Renovation Project	£44670.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The old grooms accommodation in the Tedworth Equestrian Centre is currently not used and needs renovating to make good for use. The need for a Men's Shed and its connected activity in the Tidworth Area Board area is proven. This grant is to support Phase One of a three Phase project. The first phase is design and make wind and weatherproof. The second phase is heating and lighting and the third phase is workshop installation , decoration and final fixes.</p>					
ABG1102	Youth Grant	Tedworth Equestrian	Pegasus Programme	£34400.00	£5000.00

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Project Summary:

Our Pegasus Programme is an Equine Assisted Learning Program. It is wide ranging and supports the learning needs of those whom the charity is established to support. This is the Armed Forces Community and includes: Serving members of them UK Armed forces and their families, UK Military Veterans, their families, and those who have been bereaved and the local community around where we have equestrian centres. In this case our Tedworth Equestrian Centre supports the local community of Wiltshire. Within this programme and specifically to Tidworth Area we deliver a “pathways project” which supports young vulnerable people who are at risk of offending, failing to achieve qualifications and not exploiting life chances. Wellington Academy, The Army Welfare Service (AWS), Wiltshire Council and Police have identified these young people and refer them to the project. It has already proved to be extremely effective. Our Tedworth Equestrian Centre works with the Wellington Academy, other schools, the local police, The Army Welfare Service, Military Unit Welfare Officers and other health and wellbeing organisations within the Tidworth Area Board on a regular basis. The Wellington identifies young people with serious behavioural issues who would benefit from our equine assisted learning programme. In the last year, there have been eleven thousand, five hundred and forty-one (11,541) behaviour incidents across the Academy. On average there are between forty and fifty persistent offenders aged between thirteen- to nineteen-year-olds that accumulate over one hundred incidents per annum at the Academy and these same pupils deliver a similar number of incidents and anti-social behaviour acts within the local community that involve the local crime networks. In the last 12 months we will have supported forty young people with complex behavioural and mental health issues through our equine assisted learning “New Pathways Project”. Our equine assisted learning interventions have enabled these individuals to gain confidence, to develop coping strategies and they have gone on to make positive changes in their own lives, improving their lived experiences and setting themselves up for further success. The Pegasus programme learning objectives are about delivering and developing the whole person through a person centric approach. The core themes that we refer to are known as the “Five Cs.” These are Creativity, Competence, Character, Confidence and Connections.

- **Competence.** We develop an individual’s competence around skills that are required to work with equines and /or be employed in the equine industry. There are many crossovers between the required care and management of equines skills that can be related to how individuals can apply these to other areas in their lives. This includes their families, their friends, their teachers, those from society that deliver a community purpose and others. We encourage the ability to self-reflect and where appropriate share and feedback on themselves with others. We aim to help young people realise that we all need to grow and develop as we go through life and that our ability to recognise how best to do this and our ability to accept help in areas where we need support is key.
- **Confidence.** We develop confidence on many levels . Horses are larger and powerful animals, and it takes great confidence for an individual to effectively work and connect with them. The learning here is about growing self-confidence and part of that is demonstrated by the young person’s ability to talk about their setbacks, achievements, and ongoing progress with pride. We encourage all the young people we work with to have full engagement in all the activities, however scared or concerned they may be. We hope that they gain an optimistic perception of their own physical ability in a mastery/effort orientated environment. We encourage young people to take on the responsibilities for setting achievement and improvement targets.
- **Connections.** The moment when a horse willingly shows his trust in a human can be a powerful and emotional experience and starts a turning point in the participant’s own trust issues and self-belief. Young people become empowered to cope with real life situations and manage painful memories; enabling them to regain control, enhancing their relationships with family and the wider world and reigniting their zest for life. Young people will have improved their self-awareness of their stress levels and body language, and they will learn coping strategies to rebalance and regain control of emotions, breaking negative behaviour patterns and instilling confidence and self-worth. The programme aims to empower young people with the tools to reconnect and mend fractured relationships with friends, family education and authorities ; to rebalance their approach to issues with fresh mental resilience techniques; to reignite their sense of purpose and zest for life. Horses are extremely effective teachers, as they instinctively react to the behaviour of the person managing them. You might fool another human that you are relaxed or confident, but you cannot fool a horse... A horse will mirror the heart rate, anxiety, and adrenalin levels of those collaborating with them. Young people learn to control their body language and state of mind, taking control of their emotional responses and becoming calm and confident, inspiring the horse to choose to interact with them. These are all skills that can be transferred into everyday life, dealing with everyday stresses and interactions with friends, family and others including their future workplace. Taking young people out of their normal environments and routines is not unlike providing a blank canvas, and the chance to collaborate with horses in such an unusual way can be quite a revelation for the beneficiaries. Walls come down, traumas and feelings are released, and a renewed sense of self-worth and purpose are encouraged to flourish. Key outputs are young people learn how to recognise when and how to praise and deliver empathy, sensitivity and cooperation when helping others; embrace problem-solving techniques; collaborate effectively with others; improve patience with themselves, and learn to support others, particularly when learning/performing new and unfamiliar skills.
- **Character.** The Pegasus Programme helps to shape character and connected behaviours. The importance of establishing the values that are important to each young person that benefits from this programme. We challenge then as to how they can demonstrate and live these values and in doing so how they might assess their own performance and recognition of further character growth areas.
- **Creativity.** Through working with equines and those who work with equines we encourage the young people to devise innovative solutions in all that they do. We help them identify risks and we also help them recognise that the ability to view mistakes as a valuable part of life learning is essential to their growth and development. What we will deliver We will continue to deliver our successful equine assisted learning for young people whom for whatever reason have

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<p>become disengaged from education, society families, friends, and others. Subject to the young people proving equine competence/safety and ability their ability to act responsibly and safely with horses, each one will be further supported by us making available 12 x individual sessions at 50% cost. This is aimed at encouraging each pupil to take responsibility for planning their own time, effectively communicating with the equestrian centre for booking purposes, and contributing funding towards a sport /recreation activity that they enjoy and get life learning and rewards from. We also link the young people to other support and health and wellbeing programmes of activities, being run by others in the area who are also supporting young people like themselves. Project costs Each group session involves ten of our horses, the associated equipment, the use of our facilities and 2-3 of our qualified instructors and additional support staff. • Cost breakdown per afternoon session for ten young people is £500. This equates to £50 per young person per session. • 10 Sessions usually achieve the desired outcomes and therefore £5000 from the Local Youth Network funds will deliver successful outcomes for ten young people that reside within the geographical area of the Tidworth Area Board. • To facilitate the follow-on activity of 12 x riding sessions for each young person is £360. £30 per session per young person. The Armed Forces Equine Charity will support this success with £1800 meaning that for the ten young people supported they or their families need to find £180 for the twelve further sessions. • We aim to deliver to another forty young people in the next 12 months. This makes the total costs per annum of this programme is £34,440. Total: £34,440 Funding We are applying to the Tidworth Area Board for a £5,000 grant to support our work for the young people from the Area Board Parishes . The Armed forces Equine Charity will find/provide the additional £29,400 and we will again encourage the schools that put forward young people from MOD families to support the programme using their Service Pupil Premium and the MOD Education Support Funding mechanisms. We, the Armed Forces Equine Charity, will not and do not discriminate between each of our beneficiary groups which are : Service men and women and their families, Veterans and the bereaved and the local community around where we have equestrian centres. In this case our Tedworth Equestrian Centre supports the local community of Wiltshire. Our request We are extremely grateful to the Tidworth Area Board for previous grant of £5,000 in support of this programme and hope that the Board will wish to continue that support for another 12 months.</p>					

1. 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.

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)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. 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.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

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

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

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.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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