

## **Marlborough Area Grant Report**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Marlborough 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>	£ 15,835.00	£ 17,786.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 0.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 0.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 15,835.00	£ 16,786.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 10,258.03	£ 8,286.00	£ 4,900.00

### **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="#">ABG1230</a>	Community Area Grant	Marlborough Tennis	New Pavilion to replace temporary structure	£296268.00	£3000.00

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**Project Summary:**

The project will support the completion of the club. The existing pavilion has had electrical failures, water leaks and is now degrading quickly which does not support the general upkeep of the club nor the environment. The original planning permission required the existing building to be removed by 14 May 2023. We are privileged to be site in an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and as part of the overall club improvement strategy we applied and were successful in achieving planning permission for the new pavilion on 12 January 2022. Our annual member survey has identified the poor clubhouse facilities as an improvement action over the last two years and with 258% growth in membership between 2018-2021 alone we now have a strong improvement programme with stable finances, which require careful management. The new pavilion will be: 1. a stylish, two storey building enabling 360 views of the courts 2. built in partnership with a local selected builder, except for the interiors which will be developed by volunteer members 3. will be used for club, Wiltshire LTA and community events and during inclement weather, provide good shelter for adults and juniors alike. 4. it will be built in the site of the current building which will be moved and provide temporary facilities whilst the build is underway Planning permission expires three years from the approval date. We now need to seize the moment while we have significant momentum and ambition to complete the full site build.

<a href="#">ABG1335</a>	Community Area Grant	Lockeridge Traffic Group	Lockeridge Speed Indicator Device	£2653.94	£1326.97
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**Project Summary:**

Following the designation and establishment of the 20mph limit through Lockeridge in 2017 after a fatal road accident, the Lockeridge Traffic Group was established. It was and remains completely separate from the Parish Council and had / has its own bank account to raise funds for the scheme (road signs, roundels etc.). Disappointingly some motorists continued to speed as demonstrated by the Wiltshire Council survey data of 2019. Consequently, local residents were permitted to set up a Community Speedwatch Team thereafter. Unfortunately, the Covid 19 pandemic intervened and following training by Wiltshire Police the Team commenced its patrols in July 2021 sharing the speed device with East Kennett. Regrettably a considerable percentage of drivers have continued to ignore our 20mph limit with some travelling at 'excessive' speeds (30mph in a 20mph zone) including 29% of drivers on a recent patrol. Local residents are becoming increasingly concerned noting in particular the presence of the Kennet Valley primary school in the village which is also a popular location for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Consequently, in addition to maintaining the Team patrols the aim is to purchase a Speed Indicator Device to provide a constant speed limit reminder to motorists.

<a href="#">ABG1351</a>	Community Area Grant	Kennet Valley Amateur Dramatics Society	Kennet Valley Amateur Dramatics Society Lighting Bars	£2560.50	£1250.00
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**Project Summary:**

New lighting bars are needed in the Kennet Valley Hall. Those in place are old and we were advised they need replacing with ones that have a power supply. Access to power in the roof space is no longer available; we only found this out a week before our production in Jan 2022 so had to rig up cables along the ceiling and down walls which is far from ideal. The matter was raised with the Kennet Valley Hall Committee and a report and quote has been obtained (11 Sept 2023) for the necessary works. KVADS is the only organisation who use the Hall who need lighting therefore this is some we need to address asap so that we can go ahead with auditions and rehearsals and get the works done prior to the performances in Jan 2024.

<a href="#">ABG1324</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Carer Support Wiltshire	Marlborough Bereavement Help Point	£5600.00	£2800.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>This is a joint project with Prospect Hospice to provide peer support for carers who have experienced bereavement. The group provides community-based support for bereaved people, including bereaved carers. The group will meet at the Castle &amp; Ball Pub, High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1LZ on a monthly basis beginning this year, September 28th.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1238</a>	Youth Grant	Aldbourn Youth Council	Summer Programme	£2263.80	£1000.00
<p><b>Awarded via delegated authority in July 2023. Area board to note only.</b></p> <p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We would like to provide young people with a summer programme which offers them new experiences, a chance to increase or/and improve skills, to increase independence and of course have some fun.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1245</a>	Youth Grant	Aldbourn Youth Council	Independent life cooking skills	£6750.00	£3000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Our project will provide young people in school years 9, 10 and 11 sessions in our youth club specifically to build young people independent skills for example basic budgeting, food shopping, cooking basic healthy meals including meals from around the world. Looking at nutrition values of the meals and what daily requirements there are for different ages and sex. We will also be asking chef's/cooks from local businesses to come along and teach the young people how to cook a meal. Also, will include a trip to a supermarket to look at where food comes from and prices.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1297</a>	Youth Grant	Manton Fest	Manton Festival a family and community fundraising event 2024	£28850.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Manton Fest is an annual community music festival involving a range of members of the community. It is a fundraising event for local charities which has included the Jubilee Centre, Love Marlborough Kids Meals, Air Ambulance, Brighter Futures unit at GWH, Environmental projects, Manton Village Hall etc. The Music is the focus but all attendees enjoy it in different ways, volunteering, performing musicians and audience participation. The young people are involved in a variety of ways from learning about stage management and production, sound engineering, merchandising, solo and bands performing in front of an audience, meeting friends and voluntary participation. It is the intention to again involve local school students to participate in the event following the success of the participation in the 2023 Festival. The students performed as individuals, bands, stage and sound management or were volunteers in other ways. At the event the younger children enjoy having fun meeting friends in a safe environment. The vulnerable and older generation attend with family and carers etc. Including one from further afield. These with carer are supported with e free admission.</b></p> <p><b>The festival has been running for 14 years. The losses incurred over Covid and the year following it have caused financial difficulties for us and our suppliers. Hence the need for a grant to support the festival and the work with young people. The ticket prices have been maintained over the last three years thus making it affordable for families to have a day out. We are currently seeking financial sponsorship and planning additional fundraising events to support being able to put on the event in 2024. Financial support from the Area Board would support us and enable Manton Fest to be put on thus increasing the opportunities for young people and support other local community projects.</b></p>					

<a href="#">ABG1299</a>	Youth Grant	Aldbourn Beating the Bounds	Aldbourn Beating the Bounds Diamond Celebration	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Aldbourn residents have been beating the Parish bounds every year since 1964 (even if only the organisers have completed this when disruption has occurred, such as COVID). In recent years there has been an increase in attendees, largely driven by young people. They enjoy the walk in itself, the interaction with nature, but also with friends, including making new ones. This enriching experience enhances community spirit and celebrates the countryside within which we live. For some the 18.25 miles is a challenge, and to see them strive, and complete it, brings a sense of pride and accomplishment. Their joy upon finishing, and receipt of ribbons or badges depending upon distance walked, is one of the annual highlights for the village. 2024 will see us celebrating our 60th anniversary and we wish to have mugs and pamphlets produced as additional gifts for these participants. Whilst it isn't announced yet, we will run a competition at St. Mary's school for 'best design' for the mug. The winner will be announced on the day of the event (first Monday in May). This will undoubtedly increase the number of participants, including the children's immediate and extended families, and bring extra delight.</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 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.