

## Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report

### Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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	£ 24,639	£ 19,916	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 500.00
Current Balance	£ 24,639	£ 19,916	£ 7,200
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 16,967	£ 18,016	£ 6,275

### Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1874</a>	Area Board Initiative	RWBandC Community Care Group	Community Support Groups for Royal Wootton Bassett	£500.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      The Little Gem cafe in Royal Wootton Bassett host several different support groups, including neuro-diversity, a menopause cafe and a group tackling loneliness and isolation. The owner of Little Gem supports these groups by keeping the cafe open without expecting people to keep buying drinks etc. Having discussed these groups and the benefits they bring to the community with the area board chair and the SEPM, the area board would like to support Little Gem to continue running these groups by by contributing towards the costs of keeping the cafe open for these sessions.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1473</a>	Community Area Grant	The RWB Environment Trust	RWB Active Travel Network Design	£11040.00	£5000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  This project aims to establish an Active Travel Network across RWB, that will encourage people to walk and cycle rather than use their cars for short local journeys. This particular project is a feasibility study for active travel routes linking: 1. Downs View to Clarendon Drive across Noremarsch Park (SN4 8BT), and: 2. Saffron Close to Jubilee Lake and the Sports Hub via the Toucan Crossing on the B4042 (SN4 7JD)</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1833</a>	Community Area Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Otters Swimming Club	RWB Otters Swimming Blocks Project	£5344.00	£2672.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Royal Wootton Bassett Amateur Swimming Club 'otters' was formed in 1973 and has grown to become a thriving and integral part of the local community. Based at the lime kiln sports centre in Royal Wootton Bassett, we've become a club renowned for quality teaching, with a fun and family atmosphere – whilst striving for competitive success and bringing a lifelong love of swimming to all. The club is run entirely by volunteers who provide the teaching, coaching and administration that ensures the club is highly valued and well run. All teachers and coaches are provided with swim coaching qualifications. The club has learn to swim, development, competition and masters groups. Teaching the children of Royal Wootton Bassett to become confident and safe swimmers is one of the real joys of the club. Our competition squad swimmers compete at county level and represent the club and town with pride and ability. The club is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our member swimmers and the club welfare officer is a key member of our committee. Each year we hold a celebration presentation evening which is enjoyed and valued by the swimmers as we present medals and over a hundred trophies to those who took part in our annual competition gala. Our income comes predominantly from membership fees paid by club members at all levels from learn to swim through to masters. Members pay additional fees when taking part in championships and gala meets. A small income is sometimes generated through fundraising events. Royal Wootton Bassett otters operates from lime kiln leisure centre where we own and use a very old and tired set of swimming starter blocks. This project would see the club replace these with a new set which will serve the club and its local swimmers for many years to come. Swimming starter blocks are the small raised platforms at the end of each lane from which divers dive in from at the start of a swim/race. They are removable from the poolside and stored in the club storage cupboard poolside at lime kiln leisure centre. The club teaches children how to dive in successfully from blocks during their time in our development squad – a skill which will support their swimming throughout their swimming lives. Swimmers in our competition and masters squads use blocks weekly in their training programme. The club holds regular swimming gala competition events and the blocks are an essential piece of equipment for us to be able to hold these in line with swimming competition regulations.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1649</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire Creative mini project in Royal Wootton Bassett Library	£575.00	£500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) uses arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Royal Wootton Bassett area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. This mini project will deliver 4 x weekly sessions using literature, poetry, visual art and creative skills to stimulate new activity for the Shared Reading Library Group and other participants who will join them for this project. The regular group volunteer leaders will also receive ideas to generate further creative activity to enable them to continue the project after the paid sessions have finished.</p>					

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<a href="#">ABG1794</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Reengage	Royal Wootton Bassett Reengage Tea Party Group 50th Anniversary May 2025	£425.00	£425.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Royal Wootton Bassett "Reengage" was started in 1975 by a local resident (initially called Contact and then formerly Contact the Elderly) In May 2025 we will be celebrating 50 years of our group and would like to hold a special party to acknowledge this amazing achievement. We would like to involve our current group of guests and volunteers and also invite previous volunteers. If funds allow we would also like to extend our invite to Swindon Group of Reengage as it would be something for them to celebrate too, especially as the lady who began our group in 1975 also ran the Swindon group for many years until she was too unwell to do so. It will be an Anniversary worthy of a celebration of all the Reengage volunteers in our Community. Over 50 years volunteers will have served 600 afternoon teas and probably double that in cups of teas !</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1857</a>	Youth Grant	Wootton Bassett Gardening Club	Vale View Gardens Stage 2 Enhancement	£3800.00	£1900.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To enhance the Vale View Gardens project by adding additional infrastructure and educational focus for youth.</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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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.