

## **Devizes Area Grant Report**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Devizes 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>	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 8,698.41	£ 14,050.65	£ 0.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 17,170.59	£ 8,269.35	£ 7,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 3,232.59	£ 8,269.35	£ 7,200.00

### **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="#">ABG1859</a>	Community Area Grant	Worton and Marston Village Hall	Worton and Marston Village Kitchen refit capital upgrade project	£11435.36	£5000.00

**Project Summary:**

We need to refit the Village Hall kitchen with new units to replace the very old units (and in some cases unusable units) to create a safer working space. The refitting of the kitchen is a subset of a larger project to extend and refit the kitchen to make more space and more usable and safer, for which there were 4 tender received. This application is to assist with the phase 3 of this bigger project, and is to complete the kitchen refit. At this stage we do not have sufficient funds to complete the actual kitchen refit. I attach 2 tenders (I wasn't able to upload any additional tenders, as the space is full) for the full project for which the kitchen is a subset. On each tender document I have highlighted the kitchen section in yellow for easy viewing. As yet, we do not have the funds to complete that aspect of the project and would be grateful for any assistance.

[ABG1970](#)Community Area  
GrantWest Lavington  
Village HallWest Lavington Village  
Hall radiant heating  
installation

£7876.00

£3938.00

**Project Summary:**

West Lavington Village Hall was built some 60 years ago. It is currently heated by electric convector heaters and fan heaters. This equipment is old, inefficient, expensive to run and some of the units are not functioning and need replacing. Two issues have been the cause of complaint from those groups who hire the hall - seating comfort and the coldness of the hall. In past we have lost groups and individuals who would not use the hall because of the cold - including a toddlers' group, individual music tuition, an elderly persons's support group and commercial hirers. The Hall Trustees have addressed the seating issue with the acquisition of new, comfortable chairs. We now intend to address the heating issue to ensure we retain hirers and individuals who use of the Hall by installing radiant heating to improve the environment in an effective, manageable and cost-efficient way. We are fortunate to have a Trustee who is an experienced and respected architect. The alternative forms of heating that could be available have been investigated and advice taken from consultants and manufacturers. The choice of radiant heating will mean the heating will be energy efficient through the way it heats the room. In contrast to convector heating, the radiant infra-red heating will warm the 'thermal mass' - the ceiling, walls, furniture and people where the energy is stored and it will then be gradually released back into the room as heat. Installation of the radiant heaters will have minimal disruption to the use of the Hall and when in place will offer effective programmable heating management with smart heating controls off-site. Consideration has also been given to ensure the re-usability of the units should there be any future redevelopment of the Hall.

[ABG1974](#)Community Area  
GrantThe Mind Tree Cafe  
CICThe Mind Tree Cafe  
Kitchen fit

£15000.00

£5000.00

**Project Summary:**

The overall project is providing a community space to access all kinds of well-being activities. We are situated on the site of a disused day centre. We have an Orchard, Poly tunnels, workshop, studios, therapy rooms. We already have many parts of the project up and running and are supporting various other businesses and individuals. The next part is to open the café which is the heart of the centre. This will encourage more people into our wellbeing space and will support the community with providing a place in the village where they can meet and socialise, access other support, provide volunteer opportunities for the supported living residents and other community members who are interested in being part of a supportive community. We will provide spaces for co working and buddy tables, addressing loneliness and isolation. We need to fit a kitchen, we have been working with a local kitchen company in Bowerhill who have recently completed other community projects, also seeking advice from successful local businesses such as Divine on the Green in Calne and Mippo at Lydeaway, both successful cafes.

[ABG1962](#)Older and  
Vulnerable Adults  
Funding

Sustainable Devizes

The Lovely Lunch  
Devizes

£750.00

£500.00

**Project Summary:**

Sustainable Devizes is collaborating with other community organisations to deliver The Lovely Lunch on Saturday 28th September at St Andrews Church. The lunch offers an opportunity for individuals and families to come together to prepare, share and eat food that is local, seasonal and sustainable. The community allotment, Plot 35, is growing a significant proportion of the ingredients for the vegetarian lunch. 80 tickets are being offered for sale; 40 tickets will be offered on a 'pay what you can afford' basis, to groups including Devizes Foodbank, and The Community Living Room.

**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.