

**Report to** Amesbury Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
**Title of report** Health and Wellbeing Funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Group which met on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to consider applications.

Applicant	Amount requested	Health and Wellbeing Group recommendation
Wiltshire Music centre	£1,500	To consider awarding £1,500
Farley's Malone	£5,000	To consider awarding £2,500

**1. Background**

The recommendation from the Health and Wellbeing Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- **Health and Wellbeing Groups Spending Guidelines**

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Group have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

**2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Groups awarded in the 2017/2018 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

**3. Environmental & Community Implications**

Health and Wellbeing 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

- 4.1. Amesbury Area Board was allocated £6,700

4.2. If both projects are awarded in line with the recommendations above, Amesbury Area Board Health and Wellbeing Funding balance for 2017/18 will be £2,700

4.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to Amesbury Area Board.

**1. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**2. Human Resources Implications**

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

**3. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

**4. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Engagement Manager has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

**5. Applications for consideration**

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age	£1,500 Match funding £12,000
<p><b>Project description</b></p> <p>Short paragraph description of the project: Celebrating Age is designed to create arts, culture and heritage activity for older people which is delivered in their own community areas. The partnership includes Wiltshire Council Library Service as well as Age UK and cultural organisations. It will be managed by a Project Development Worker who will consult with local community groups sign posted by the Community Engagement Managers and other community workers to identify the sorts of projects that older people would like to see delivered. The project will also offer free tickets for the people who undertake local activity to attend events, performance and exhibitions in the partner venues. In this way, it focusses on the priorities already identified by the Amesbury JSA in the report 'Our Community Matters' which identified local priorities for action in a similar consultative way. The Project Development Worker will agree the work to be delivered with the community. The work could include many of the sorts of projects identified in the Amesbury priorities consultation, for example in the Culture, Health and Well-being and Older People priorities. Projects identified that could form the basis of Celebrating Age supported sessions could include Photo Walks – older people could learn about photography; Our Lives, Our History – older people could work with creative writers to capture their stories; Walk Back in Time – older people could work with village historians to document village history; Strictly Ballroom/Memory Dances – tea dances and other dance classes; Singing for the Brain, Art Therapy, Our Lives, Our History, Dementia Café – all could be provided as Celebrating Age sessions. A Project Development Worker will develop a programme of work in each community in consultation with existing groups of older people and representatives of charities working with</p>			

these groups. The programme will involve regular activity in library and other community settings such as:

- live performance with a focus on words
- engagement activities for music, dance, visual art.

The programme will be delivered in partnership with the arts/cultural organisations involved in the bid. We are seeking a small contribution from each Area Board where activity will be taking place.

**Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group**

That the application meets the grant criteria and some priorities from the JSA 2017. These being:

**Health, wellbeing and leisure**

Healthy lifestyles, Mental health

**Older people** Social isolation and loneliness, Dementia

H&WBG recommends that Amesbury Area Board considers awarding the amount of £1,500 subject to the following conditions:

That H&WBG would want a full report on progress including numbers attracted, actual activities and a sustainability plan before any further funding could be considered in years 2 and 3.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	Farley's Malone	To develop the work further	£5,00 Match funding £16,000

**Project description**

Short paragraph description of the project:

Throughout the past year FMC have been looking at what the Amesbury Area Community has to offer to those most vulnerable, and at risk of social isolation. Whilst the community area in general seems to be fairly well catered for centrally, it is again the most rural areas which are struggling due to transport issues. We have fantastic Link Schemes which, are struggling for volunteers and therefore have to prioritise for medical needs visits, leaving social and recreational transport sadly lacking.

We also have a large number of husband and wife carers. This in itself presents many problems for those who fall into this situation. How does the carer go out? How does the cared for have outside interests? The Community Lunches cover some of these issues, but the carer and the cared for are still together and neither gets respite.

The creation of a Jack and Jill Club will offer an opportunity for both to go out, but take advantage of the opportunity to follow different interests. For the gentlemen or ladies it could be model making, mending household items which they wouldn't necessarily have the tools or help to do at home, beer making, gardening, just chatting to like minded individuals, or those in a similar situation to themselves.

For the ladies or gentlemen, it could be gardening, sewing, knitting, cooking, or just chatting to those who are in similar situations and can offer help and advice or just a much needed sympathetic ear.

The Jack and Jill Club would not be restricted to couples but to anyone who was interested in joining over the age of 40. The club could encourage those who attend to assist with the organisation and the running of the club with FMC overseeing matters until a committee is established and it becomes self-operating.

Over the past 9 months we have made over 217 home visits, run 3 community outings and provided 760 meals at 30 community lunches. We currently have 77 active clients. We have participated in 53 events local to the Amesbury Community Area to highlight the service.

Without this service, those most vulnerable in the Amesbury Community Area who are unable to navigate their way through the minefield of information provided on line for their future and benefit, would be left in the dark. We are providing mobile internet connectivity for the completion of necessary forms and surveys which directly affect their lives, and which can be completed in their own homes or community gatherings.

### **Recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Group**

That the application meets the grant criteria some priorities from the 2017 JSA. These being:

#### **Health, wellbeing and leisure**

Healthy lifestyles, Mental health, Support for carers

#### **Older people**

Social isolation and loneliness, Independent living, Dementia

The group were asking for £5,000 to continue and to explore the idea of a “Jack and Jill” style group where both carers and those being cared for could use the same premises but have a separate space.

After careful consideration, The H&WBG decided to recommend to the area board to award £2,500 to FM and invite them back to the September area board with more clarity on what is being funded and information on how many lunches, actual numbers attending, outcomes and work with partner organisations.

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

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