

Report to	Amesbury
Date of Meeting	22/11/2019
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Amesbury Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount requested	Cost of project
Applicant: Amesbury Juniors Football Club Project Title: Amesbury Juniors FC Training Facility and Coaching Request	£1,992.00	£3,984.00
Applicant: Shrewton Youth Club Project Title: Shrewton Youth Club 2019	£3,396.00	£7,346.00
Applicant: The Bridge Youth Project Project Title: The Bridge Youth Project Mentoring Scheme	£1,200.00	£10,140.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£6,588.00	

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2018/19 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

The area board has at its disposal £18,000 for the remainder of the financial year 2018/19

Community Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Youth Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The applications

<p>Applicant: Amesbury Juniors Football Club Project Title: Amesbury Juniors FC Training Facility and Coaching Request</p>	<p>Amount Requested from Area Board: £1,992.00</p>	<p>Cost of project £3,984.00</p>
<p>This application meets grant criteria.</p> <p>Project Summary: Amesbury Junior FC is looking to continue to provide training facilities and coaching back up for up to 180 young people between the ages of 6 and 25.</p> <p>Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:</p> <p>AJFC is promoting the development of young footballers in the Amesbury area. We run 14 football teams from the ages of 6 up to adult. We have 80 young people involved in 5 teams catering from the ages of 13 up to 25. AJFC is open to all local young people and costs kept to a minimum so a seasons participation costs no more than 120.00 with discounts for siblings applicable. We have a close relationship with Amesbury Town Council via Archers Gate sports pavilion and MOD Boscombe Down at the Boscombe Down Sports Field. We are looking for help to fund winter training at the Bulford 3G and also cover coaching courses with Wiltshire FA.</p> <p>All our coaches and volunteers who work with children are DBS registered. Also as part of the FA coaching qualifications we have at least one qualified coach per team they have a safeguarding qualification. We have a child welfare officer Andreas Francis responsible for safeguarding. We also follow FA policies on internet protection and use of social media.</p> <p>We aim to increase the number of teams and members of our club. We wish to develop a girl's team and a link in to Amesbury Town FC which is all part of ongoing development plan. We also wish to support the refurbishment of MOD Boscombe Down Sports Field artificial pitch which has been decommissioned for the last 4 to 5 years.</p> <p>We have 180 signed on across all ages, including 3 girls at present. This is likely to increase to 200 due to more interest in the younger age groups. We have 89 players between 13 and 19.</p>		
<p>Recommendations from LYN</p> <p>To award this project £1,992.00</p>		

Applicant: Shrewton Youth Club Project Title: Shrewton Youth Club 2019	Amount Requested from Area Board: £3,396.00	Cost of project £7346.00
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This application meets grant criteria.

Project Summary: Shrewton Youth Club supports the young people within the village area by providing an informal setting appreciated by the young people. The club arranges a choice of activities chosen by the young people and supervised by an experienced leader and a group of volunteer adults

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community:

The club has a loyal following identified by the the extremely voiced disappoint expressed during 2018 because of closure due to sickness of the youth leader. Numbers of members vary between 15 and 25. Subscriptions are kept low to ensure nobody is excluded because of cost. The young people are encouraged to participate in decisions about the club and will again be involved in fundraising. The club is inclusive and is accessible to all and has involved other partners including nearby Appleford School in activities.

We have safeguarding policies in place and all staff and volunteers are DBS checked The Management Committee is responsible working through the youth leader.

Shrewton Youth Club Area Board Evaluation 2017

The activities within the year of 2017 for Shrewton Youth Club was varied and appreciated by the members. The Area Board Grant enabled the Club to employ an experienced leader and a range of interesting sometimes physical and vocational organising bodies to lead specific sessions. (See below for a full list of the years activities.)

Attendance at the Club varies between 16 and 28 members each week over the year with perhaps the greatest number at the graffiti sessions (Graffiti was restricted to items within the club!) Cooking rated as the next most popular activity with perhaps the boys (and their appetites) being more engaged than the girls.

Each session was run by our Leader Jenny Bowley supported by local community volunteers of at least 2 per session. The location of the activities is within the Shrewton Village Hall where club equipment is laid out additional to the sessions planned activities. Pool, table tennis, computer games, as well as tables for craft work.

The young people are actively encouraged to make their own decisions in respect of future plans and during the year ran a Jumble Sale and Bingo session to add to Club Funds almost £200 after costs).

Details of the weekly sessions are -

Games evening	Wednesday, 01 November 2017, from 19:00
Trip to laserquest	Wednesday, 25 October 2017, from 17:00

Cooking session 4	Wednesday, 11 October 2017, from 19:00
Cooking session 3	Wednesday, 04 October 2017, from 19:00
Cooking session 2	Wednesday, 27 September 2017, from 19:00
Cooking	Wednesday, 20 September 2017, from 19:00
Archery	Wednesday, 13 September 2017, from 18:30
Music- guitar and lyrics	Wednesday, 06 September 2017, from 19:00
Sponsored walk	Wednesday, 26 July 2017, from 18:00
American Cooking	Wednesday, 05 July 2017, from 19:00
Innov8 session five	Wednesday, 28 June 2017, from 19:00
Innov8 session four	Wednesday, 21 June 2017, from 19:00
Cooking and chill	Wednesday, 14 June 2017, from 19:00
LYN MEETING	Wednesday, 14 June 2017, from 16:45
Innov8 session three	Wednesday, 07 June 2017, from 19:00
Trip- BetterExtreme and McDonalds	Wednesday, 31 May 2017, from 13:30
Innov Sports session two	Wednesday, 17 May 2017, from 19:00
Bunting and rounders	Wednesday, 10 May 2017, from 19:00
Innov8 Sports session one	Wednesday, 03 May 2017, from 19:00
Cooking and food challenge	Wednesday, 26 April 2017, from 19:00
Defibrillator training	Wednesday, 19 April 2017, from 19:00
Pottery and Clay	Wednesday, 12 April 2017, from 19:00
Cooking and games	Wednesday, 29 March 2017, from 19:00
Graffiti	Wednesday, 22 March 2017, from 19:00
Graffiti session three	Tuesday, 14 March 2017, from 19:00
Graffiti session two	Wednesday, 08 March 2017, from 19:00
Graffiti session one	Wednesday, 01 March 2017, from 19:00
Pancakes	Wednesday, 22 February 2017, from 19:00
Bowling trip	Wednesday, 15 February 2017, from 18:00
Clean up	Wednesday, 08 February 2017, from 19:00
Challenge night	Wednesday, 01 February 2017, from 19:00
Cooking	Wednesday, 18 January 2017, from 19:00
Bingo- bring your own games	Wednesday, 11 January 2017, from 19:00
Welcome back- Quiz	Wednesday, 04 January 2017, from 19:00

Recommendation from LYN

To award this project £3,396.00

Applicant: The Bridge Youth Project
Project Title: The Bridge Youth Project
Mentoring Scheme

Amount
Requested
from Area
Board:
£1,200.00

Cost of project
£10,140.00

This application meets grant criteria.

Project Summary: The Mentoring Scheme was set up to support vulnerable young people in secondary schools who need additional support by linking them with volunteers from the community. They meet with a volunteer mentor for an hour per fortnight over the course of an academic year. This is a safe space where they can discuss any issues that matter to them and have someone trustworthy who will listen to them and act as a positive role model. We help young people to set goals and to realise more of their potential and a full evaluation is given.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: The Bridge Mentoring Scheme matches students in 4 Salisbury-based secondary schools with a mentor from the local community. These are Wyvern College St Edmunds Girls School Sarum Academy and Avon Valley College. They meet every fortnight for an entire academic year and typically during a lesson in school time. The key age group is year 7-10. We already know that there is a huge need for mentoring in local schools this is the key reason we first piloted the scheme back in 2015. The Bridge works in 7 secondary schools across the Salisbury area and there is such a need for 1-2-1 support. The biggest need that we have found we meet is the need of what we have termed invisible young people these are students who go through school life almost unnoticed. They don't have significant issues and so as a result they get lost in the system and as a result they sometime lack a consistent reliable role-model who can give them a safe space to unpack life and tell their story. We now have over 30 trained mentors meeting with 25 mentees on a fortnightly basis with more referrals anticipated. There are waiting lists in all four schools where the mentoring scheme exists and a need for more mentors to come on board. We are pleased to enclose some recent quotes that demonstrate a need for this service locally. View from the school- Wyvern College Salisbury July 2018 Regular meetings ensure that students feel they have time to be listened to. The scheme provides support and guidance among students who may struggle socially or personally. Wyvern College are grateful that The Bridge continues to run the mentoring scheme in our schools. View from a tutor- St Edmunds June 2018 E. has become

confident this year to talk more about her Dads death and making people aware of support that students can get if they too have lost a parent. E. has talked about the project that she is completing with her Mentors support and has really appreciated the way her Mentor has allowed her to be independent with this. E. has shown a mature approach to her loss. View from a student- Year 8 female pupil March 2018 My sessions with my Mentor are the highlight of my week she listens to me and encourages me. View from a mentor who is leaving due to getting a full-time job- Thanks for the Mentoring opportunity. I will really miss it. I certainly learnt a lot about teenagers and about myself. Schools are currently very stretched financially with central funding cuts having an impact. One teacher recently said to us there have been so many funding cuts over the years and the Bridge does an amazing job at supporting vulnerable children in my school. Perhaps one of the biggest needs locally is the lack of generational integration. It is so unusual for two people of completely different ages and backgrounds to come together and many of the mentors talk about this as an amazing opportunity to give something back to the community and to show young people that there are people out there that care for them. A significant number of mentors are retired and it is vital that they are able to volunteer in worthwhile causes that make a difference. We ran a pilot scheme in the summer of 2015. This involved the voluntary participation of six young people from Wyvern College. These students were instrumental in helping us to establish the scheme and were particularly helpful in articulating the key priorities and the needs that existed amongst their peers. They told us about the need for a positive role model to talk to and a non-judgmental listening ear to share their concerns with on their journey through the academic year. Young people continue to be pivotal in shaping the mentoring scheme. This is evidenced through their ongoing feedback and evaluation. A Year 10 pupil says Mentoring is inspiring for you and for the person you are going to meet ...I have changed in myself cos I can speak more openly and I'm more confident. I am telling my friends to get a mentor too. Some of the referrals come from students themselves having heard about the positive experience through a friend. To date over 50 young people have engaged with the scheme in 4 local secondary schools most of them having met with a mentor every fortnight for an entire academic year. We are very much aware of the potential for expansion by way of recruiting and training new volunteer mentors so that more young people can be supported. In addition, there is the possibility of extending the scheme into more secondary schools. Existing schools have waiting lists of pupils necessitating the need for more mentors to be trained. Your funding would enable us to ensure that many more new young people would benefit from this scheme and have a mentor to support them in their life. There is absolutely no charge to young people or their families to engage with the mentoring scheme. We are thrilled that for the cost of one part-time co-ordinator we are able to engage with so many young people who may otherwise not have individual support. It is so cost-effective. The mentoring scheme is also available and accessible to all young people. We welcome anyone who would benefit from a mentor. We also make sure to promote this opportunity to teachers and staff and with pastoral teams. Often the Bridge Mentoring Scheme is part of the official pastoral care route within the

schools. All the mentors are volunteers drawn from a wide range of local churches. Mentors are encouraged to come forward through church presentations and via publicity across all our networks. It should be noted that whilst the Bridge Youth Project is a Christian organisation absolutely nothing about the mentoring scheme is about talking to young people about Christianity its simply about the resources of local churches making a difference in the lives of young people. People also see that they can make a positive contribution to young people's lives without needing to be very physically active. Intergenerational communication is actively encouraged and supported. Recruitment is an ongoing process and is part of the mentoring co-ordinators job description. The project is targeted at vulnerable young people regardless of their family income or their particular needs. All of our mentoring rooms are fully accessible to ensure that anyone can access this service. The project is fully inclusive. No young person is or will be excluded from participation regardless of their gender religion or sexual orientation. We ensure that all schools know that the project is for anyone and may be of benefit to young people who have support needs but not at a level that entitles them to funded support.⁸ We work closely with the schools involved. Participants in the scheme are often identified by form tutors and referred through a named liaison person. We partner with local churches by drawing volunteers from them and we welcome their questions and supportive engagement. The Bridge as a whole also provides lay chaplains who in turn make further external links. Referrals may also come via the lay chaplaincy route. We are excited to make such a difference in the lives of young people across the schools many of whom just don not have a consistent reliable person to talk to. The scheme brings the community together by matching people of different ages together and enabling students to flourish and achieve their potential.

The Bridge Youth Project is absolutely committed to the safeguarding of children in its care and we have a robust safeguarding policy which is available on request. We work in line with safeguarding policies at each specific school we visit. All staff and volunteers are required to complete safeguarding training every year and we make it very clear in our recruitment process that we will DBS all staff and volunteers and proactively seek references. Two written references are held on file for every staff member and volunteer. In addition, all staff and volunteers read and adhere to every schools safeguarding policy and are aware of the named safeguarding leads for each school. Overall safeguarding responsibility in the Bridge Youth Project is held by Alex Ewing Director and the Board of Trustees. Young people do not access our services online. Mentors are interviewed DBS checked trained and if they pass must then attend safeguarding training in the school. We hold a central database of all these files and DBS records at our main office base.

At the beginning of the academic year with each new mentee the Search Institutes assessment scale 40 Developmental Assets is used to help young people to establish their position in terms of community engagement family school volunteering extracurricular activities self-esteem other adult support etc. This is available on request and gives the mentor and mentee a good

understanding of how the mentee might be at the time. Goals are then set by the young person in conjunction with their mentor and progress towards meeting these is assessed termly. At the end of the year of mentoring the scale is used again to measure progress and demonstrate that the project is successful in helping young people to progress in their areas of greatest challenge. In addition, the young people themselves are invited to give feedback. Schools also provide feedback of their views of the success of the project and mentors too. We are always looking for new ways to measure progress and to celebrate the impact of the scheme.

How did you identify Avon Valley College as a key target area? The Bridge youth project have had links with Avon Valley College (AVC) for a long time and have supplied a Lay Chaplain to work there for one day a week for several years. Amongst other things, these Chaplains provide occasional one to one sessions with pupils who need someone to talk to, as the need arises. Through talking with the school, it became apparent that many more pupils would benefit from meeting regularly with a supportive adult over a longer period. Having successfully run the scheme in 2 other local secondary schools we were keen to offer the Mentoring Scheme to AVC, who were delighted to be able to offer this service to their students. 2) How do you identify potential participants? A key member of staff at AVC, who is the Safeguarding Lead amongst other roles, identifies pupils who would benefit most from being mentored for a year. She also receives information from Tutors in the school who believe a member of their Tutor group would benefit from the scheme. 3) How long has this scheme been running at AVC? The scheme was launched in Avon Valley College in September 2016 4) How many people in Amesbury Community Area participate in the scheme? Currently there are 6 Mentors from the local community volunteering in Avon Valley College. This is something that we are always actively looking to increase, through giving presentations to local churches and advertising the opportunities to volunteer. We have 2 individuals going through the application process at present and 3 more adults interested in finding out more about the scheme, at least one of these volunteers lives within the Amesbury area. 5) How much are you asking other area boards to contribute? Based on our current numbers, we have divided the pot of funding between 3 Area Boards and we are asking for the following amounts to fund a year of Mentoring: Salisbury Area Board for £1400 for the existing 7 Mentors Southern Wiltshire Area Board for £2400 for the existing 12 Mentors Amesbury Area Board for £1,200 for the existing 6 Mentors As we look to increase the number of Mentors the value for money increases. 6) Have we been successful with other Area Boards? We are currently in the process of seeking funding from the other Area Boards but no decisions have been made yet!

Recommendations from LYN

To award this project £1,200

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