

Report To	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	Monday, 07 March 2022
Title of Report	Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Devizes Area Board. These could include; community area grants, health and wellbeing, young persons grants and Area Board initiatives.
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Young People	Health and Wellbeing
Opening Balance For 2021/22	£ 51,739	£ 22,320	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 24,718	£ 7,538	£ 7,700
Current Balance	£ 27,021	£ 14,782	£ 0.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 160	£ 0.00	£ 0.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG96	Community Area Grant	Worton Parish Council	Improvements to WORT11 and MARS9 bridleway	£6758.80	£3379.40
<p>Project Summary: The Parish Council has received several complaints and has been made aware that the surface of WORT11/MARS9 bridleway has seriously degraded, making it very difficult and possibly dangerous for disabled and older people in the village to walk along. Wiltshire Council Rights of Way have conducted a site visit and have confirmed that they are happy for the work to take place. Wiltshire Council have subsequently obtained a quote from their preferred contractor which is for £9878.80 to be split between Wiltshire Council, Marston Parish Council and Worton Parish Council.</p>					
ABG412	Community Area Grant	Market Lavington Parish Council	Broadwell Play Area refurbishment	£28573.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: The Parish Council would please like your support to help fund the refurbishment of the Broadwell Play Area. Whilst the play area has served the community for many years, people are now being put off using it due to the poor condition of the equipment and surfacing, and its narrow scope – the most heart-breaking aspect is that a young disabled child who lives in the village is unable to access a single piece of the play equipment. As a Parish Council we also recognise the effects of COVID19, and how important facilities such as this are for the health and wellbeing of the younger members of our community. Located in the centre of the village, the play area is the ideal place for children, carers, and families to spend time, enabling them to be outdoors again, exercising, having fun, and socialising together. As a rural parish, there are few facilities in the village, and the Parish Council is passionate about striving to ensure that those we have, are fit for purpose, and meet the needs of the community. Every effort has been made to maintain the existing equipment in as good a state of repair as possible, but we have now reached the point that complete refurbishment is the only real solution. The planned refurbishment aims to widen the age-range and accessibility of the play area, increase the level of usage, and make it safer to use.</p>					
ABG452	Youth Grant	Devizes Canoe Club	Devizes Canoe Club Defibrillator	£1658.40	£829.20
<p>Project Summary: DCC is located at Lower Wharf Devizes and has an active membership of 160 people from the Devizes Community Area. They consist of about 50% adult and 50% junior members and participate in a busy competitive and recreational paddlesport programme throughout the year. We would like to purchase an AED for club use to increase club member and supporter safety.</p>					
ABG455	Community Area Grant	Quakers Walk Community Biodiversity Group	Quakers Walk Community Biodiversity Planting 2022	£915.00	£915.00
<p>Project Summary: The QWBP was started at the end of 2020 with the establishing of one wildflower bed and the planting of daffodil bulbs. 2021 saw further planting of 2 pollinator beds, 6 apple trees, 3 wildflower beds, sowing yellow rattle in an experimental portion of the meadow, and the planting of 1700 bulbs in the meadow below the Quakers Walk trees. A large proportion of the cost of the trees, seeds and bulbs has been met by committee members. The newly formed Committee plan to build on the success of last year's planting by establishing two more wildflower beds, one at the top and one at the bottom of the meadow, plus a further pollinator bed, and more fruit trees. The QWCBG has also been successful in applying for the Woodland Trust free trees and plan to plant 105 berry producing hedgrow late in March. Further funding is required to enable the progress of the 2022 Plan. This will include the planting of an oak to contribute towards the Queen's Green Canopy to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. We are also collaborating with the Sustainability Devizes and the Devizes Biodiversity Strategy. We believe the project supports The Wiltshire Green Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Strategy.</p>					
ABG463	Community Area Grant	Wharf Theatre	Wharf Theatre Intercom System	£5800.00	£2900.00
<p>Project Summary: The Wharf Theatre has historically communicated both front of house and backstage via a bell system, we now would like to upgrade to a intercom system, and sound computer enabling us to directly address audience and cast members.</p>					
ABG481	Community Area Grant	Marston Parish Council	Improvements to WORT11 and MARS9 bridleway	£2334.00	£1167.00
<p>Project Summary: The project is to improve the surface a section of the bridleway between Marston and Worton to allow for Wheelchair and mobility scooter access - we are seeking funding for our 30m stretch of this project</p>					
ABG496	Community Area Grant	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts	Community Radios	£989.99	£989.99

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<p>Project Summary: The success of the annual Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts (DOCA) Street Festival is dependent on the goodwill of its volunteers, and communication between them and the organisers at the event is essential. The radios which are used by DOCA are community assets and were bought 10 years ago, ex-police, and were probably 5-10 years old when purchased. They are beginning to fail but with new batteries are anticipated to last a number more years. This project is seeking to fund 23 replacement batteries and a 6-way charger for a total cost of £989.99. Although the project funding application is made in the name of DOCA, the batteries, charger and improved reliability of the radios will be to the benefit of the whole community.</p>					
ABG502	Youth Grant	Great Cheverell Youth Club	Great Cheverell Youth Club	£3349.16	£1674.58
<p>Project Summary: The Great Cheverell Youth club will provide a safe space for young people within the village to socialise and learn new skills. There is currently nothing within the immediate area for these parishioners and as transportation and infrastructure limit the mobility of the young to attend similar groups in surrounding villages, this is very much needed.</p>					
ABG503	Community Area Grant	Erlestoke Parish Council	Erlestoke Village Play Park Equipment Item	£4290.00	£2145.00
<p>Project Summary: Erlestoke village is in a very rural area. There is a limited bus service, no village school, no community event space, no shop or library. Consequently, the park is the only place that children can meet and socialise. There are opportunities for dog walking within reach of the park, but the park provides a focal, safe point that is in easy reach of the residents. The equipment is getting old and is needing regular repair. The Parish Council would love to work towards replacing or adding to the play park to make it a more attractive place to play.</p>					
ABG505	Community Area Grant	Potterne Parish Council	Blounts Court Play Area Upgrade	£13045.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Blounts Court Play Area situated on the South side of Potterne village comprises the main provision of play equipment for younger children in the village. It is situated in a green space between quiet residential areas and bounded on one side by fields. Although the area is accessible and well maintained, there is now a need to replace the fencing which surrounds the play area itself. The current fence is timber and mesh and is showing signs of damage and rot, which left if untreated will compromise the safety and security aspects of the fencing. The fencing of the play area within the green space is essential for both the safety of the children using the play equipment, and ensuring that dogs and wildlife do not stray into and foul or damage the play area. The project will comprise the removal of the existing degraded timber and mesh fence and replacement with a play specification bow top fencing and accessible gates.</p>					
ABG510	Community Area Grant	Urchfont Preschool CIO	Urchfont Preschool Outdoor covered area	£10000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The project is to provide cover in the form of a timber frame and roofing to the outside space which currently gets a lot of debris from neighbouring trees and wildlife. The project will also level the outdoor floor space, replace the existing astro turf and matting and refresh the outdoor toys to create a safe outdoor space for learning and play. The space will allow children to move freely from the indoors to outdoors - it is shown that giving children the choice to be outside is a powerful developmental tool and results in calmer more interested children. The Preschool currently has over 75% of children who require additional learning and developmental support. As well as a benefit to the Preschool children (23 children), the before and after school club is also run for children (25) at the local primary school and benefits those families who are in work and need childcare outside of the school day and providing the children with time to relax, enjoy play with their friends.</p>					
ABG524	Community Area Grant	Erlestoke Parish Council	Erlestoke Play Park Recycling and Rubbish Bin	£364.95	£364.95

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<p>Project Summary: Erlestoke Parish Council are keen to renew or refurbish the play park so that it is an enticing and pleasant area to visit. This will benefit all the children and their carers that visit the park with a cleaner and healthier environment. Ensuring that the area is litter free with a fully working bin will contribute to this aim.</p>					
ABG531	Youth Grant	Worton and Cheverell Youth Football Club	Worton and Cheverell Youth FC Clubhouse New Roof	£20000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: our club house roof has been ripped off during the storms today, we dont have enough funds to replace the roof and are looking for help to replace this roof to enable children in the community to play football in a safe environment where everyone is welcome to our club family.</p>					
ABG472	Youth Grant	The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	£79000.00	£1808.53
<p>Project Summary: The Devizes to Westminster Race is the toughest canoe race in the world, hence why it is called the Canoeist's Everest. Our aim is to make more people aware of this annual event and encourage young people to take part, take up canoeing and join the Devizes Canoe Club. Over 3,000 people come to Devizes for the start of the race, many staying for two days plus in local hotels, guest houses etc. and we want to promote the town and encourage people to visit our attractions, shops, restaurants etc.</p>					
ABG509	Youth Grant	1st Lavington Sea Scouts	Sea Scout Sail Off	£3757.39	£1878.50
<p>Project Summary: The intention is to take 11 of the very eldest members of our scout troop to a fun filled and thrilling weekend away, the event will include kayaking, hiking and staying in accommodation in the area. It is a celebration of their achievements in the Scouting movement and a chance to consolidate the skills and attributes they have worked so hard to achieve.</p>					
ABG513	Youth Grant	1st Urchfont Scout Group	Revenue funding 1st Urchfont Scout Group	£5080.00	£2540.00
<p>Project Summary: As a Scout Group in a rural community through the support of unpaid volunteers we are the main provider of youth activities in the village. We currently have Beaver, Cub and Scout units covering the ages 6 to 14 and we are in the process of trying to establish an Explorer Scout unit to cover the ages 14 to 18. During the pandemic we have somewhat bucked the national trend by expanding the unit so that we currently have 76 young people (with waiting lists for each group) as well as 20 or so adult leaders and helpers. Open to girls and boys we offer a wide range of activities which involves to use of fixed premises in Urchfont and off site activities including camping, canoeing, archery and climbing. As an integral part of the village the group also supports many community activities including recently helping planting trees as part of the Urchfont environmental initiative as well as litter picks in the village and the group parades at the annual remembrance day church service. We are looking for a grant for revenue support, we run a lot of activities and camps which incur transport and activity costs. These costs are currently paid partly by the parents of the children taking part and partly by fund raising by the group. We also have ongoing costs of renewing equipment and maintaining a very old scout hut which recently required an asbestos survey to be undertaken and has resulted in some remedial work needing to be carried out.</p>					
ABG523	Youth Grant	St James Church	Secondary Schools based Youth Chaplaincy and Mentoring	£28980.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: Since January '22, following a short period of consultation with Devizes School, St James Church and the school have been trialing a new form of schools-based Chaplaincy and mentoring support. The school provides the space and support, and St James provides the Chaplain, Youth Work intern Bethany Kinderman. The Chaplain works in collaboration with year heads and the pastoral team, but is seen by students and staff alike as outside of the school system and therefore a neutral person to connect with and seek support from. Generally speaking chaplaincies - support the mental, emotional, relational and spiritual wellbeing of students and staff - are a place where students and staff feel cared for and safe - foster ways for students and staff to develop meaningful and spiritually rewarding lives - build a bridge between the school, church, and the wider community At Devizes School the Chaplaincy/Mentoring provides support to students and staff via 6 different provisions 1. 1-2-1 support of students identified and signposted by leadership team, year heads, or pastoral team 2. 1-2-1 support of students and staff self-referring to the Chaplain 3. coordinating and providing oversight of peer-created peer-led student support groups 4. coordinating and delivery of workshops providing support in areas of wellbeing identified by students 5. coordinating and delivery of after-school provision for students in need of a space to be (Crammer Café) 6. coordinating volunteering opportunities to students, particularly those in 6th Form, in the wider community As well as the Chaplain themselves, the role also enables the additional provision of trained volunteer mentors from the local community working through the Chaplaincy. Some aspects of this provision are in collaboration with WYFC. The benefit of having a Chaplaincy/Mentoring post in the school is already be realised during the trial (please see uploaded Trial Review submitted by Clare Dale, Head of 6th Form). For students struggling with stuff in their lives, having time to chat with Bethany has been the difference between them being able to flourish and cope, or their situations escalating to the next level of trauma and need. That Bethany is available to all, is onsite, with access to support requiring no referral system or a requirement to meet a needs-threshold, means students can get support when they need it and where they need it, thus minimising the impact on their wellbeing and education. The funding we are applying for will enable the trial to evolve into a permanent component of the pastoral provision at Devizes School.</p>					

1. Background

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.

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)
- Young People (revenue)
- Health and Wellbeing (revenue)

The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

2. Main Considerations

2.1. 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.

2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.

2.3. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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.

4. Financial Implications

Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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

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