

Report To	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	Thursday, 17 March 2022
Title of Report	Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge 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 21/22	£ 69,341.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 33,559.17	£ 23,371.00	£ 4,000.00
Current Balance	£ 35,781.83	£ 7,093.00	£ 3,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 7,055.73	£ 7,093.00	£ -1,877.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG93	Community Area Grant	West Wiltshire University of the Third Age	West Wilts U3A Video Streaming Project	£922.80	£922.80
<p>Project Summary: West Wilts U3a is moderately large community based educational charity. Up until the outbreak of the covid virus in 2020, we had in the order of 720 members and this appeared to be growing substantially year on year. Since the outbreak of the virus, membership has fallen by 15%. We have sought to maintain membership levels by various means, not least of which is video streaming to many of our groups. One of the problems that we have encountered in video streaming, is a tendency for presenters to become confused when attempting to switch between various video sources. There are technical solutions to this problem such as hdmi switching equipment. Research suggests that we could put such equipment to good use, both now and in the future. In fact we do foresee the nature of U3A presentations changing to a more hybrid type of event, simultaneous membership attendance alongside a video stream service that will encourage older and or infirm members to continue to attend such meetings, thus maintaining good social contact with their peers.</p>					
ABG146	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Wanderers Football Club	Trowbridge Wanderers Equipment	£3466.60	£1733.30

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<p>Project Summary: Trowbridge Wanderers Football Club is a grassroots club providing opportunities for all to play football, based in Trowbridge Wiltshire. The club would like to seek area board funding to purchases new equipment, provision of PPE for the upcoming season and to provide funding to support further training for volunteer coaches to allow the club to continue to grow. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the club has suffered a shortfall of revenue into the club due to reduced training sessions and a loss of tournament income we are seeking support from the area board.</p>					
ABG279	Community Area Grant	Trowbridge Rugby Football Club	Trowbridge Rugby Club Play Park	£29000.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Trowbridge Rugby Football Club is a registered charity that fosters a sense of community for Trowbridge and the wider community area. The club has an extensive volunteer base who support the clubs growth and sustainability at all levels. The club has a small play park which has been in place for over 8 years with minimal investment and is in need of replacement. Since the rugby club moved to its current location in 2013 the clubs membership and usage by the local community has increased. The club is now working on a covid recovery plan and working hard to increase participation developing new teams, including a ladies and walking rugby programme but it does not leave enough funds to replace the play area. The play facility is a vital resource to the club where the young people in the clubs community can access it for free and spend quality time with their families. The club aim is to engage and inspire the Trowbridge community through rugby regardless of age. The development of the play park allows families and the wider community around the club to have access an outdoor space which is engaging for both users and non users of rugby who are both regularly users or visitors to the facility. The park would allow a community park in the area around the club and allow for a creative, inclusive play area which will engage children from 3 -12 years old.</p>					
ABG423	Community Area Grant	Hilperton Village Hall	Hilperton Village Hall New Childrens Play Equipment	£23317.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Hilperton Village Hall is a registered charity (no 305526) that manages Hilperton Village Hall and the surrounding playing fields. A section of the playing fields is given over to an extensive children's play area which is used by hundreds of local families. As part of our celebrations for The Queen's Jubilee we are planning on installing a new, quite large and elaborate piece of equipment - aimed mainly at ages 7-11. The equipment is called 'Orchard Mammoth' supplied by Sutcliffe Play. The intention is for this equipment to be installed in early summer in time for the national celebration of the jubilee at the start of June. Please see image of the new equipment with aerial view and quotation in the attached documents.</p>					
ABG445	Community Area Grant	The Big Community Grow	Jubilee meadow and Nature Trail	£3934.00	£1965.00
<p>Project Summary: Paxcroft Brook Open Space has created a wildflower meadow area which has been in existence for 2 years and has created a great natural feature for the area. This gives local people a great place to exercise and engage with nature. We want to continue to develop this area with the addition of Waymarkers to create a nature trail for children and adults to enjoy - the waymarkers would guide people around the existing wildflower meadow and to a new meadow and around the Green lane Nature Park area. These would take residents around the area giving them information about native species with pictures and plaques. This will create a feature for enabling residents to enjoy the outdoors and improve their fitness as well as create an attraction that brings people to the area to enjoy the green spaces. The aim is that the plaques/pictures will increase local knowledge of wildlife eg moths, baths, flowers in the area. In addition we want to create a wildflower meadow strip along Leap Gate which will help celebrate the Queens Jubilee and provide a area of attraction for the Castle Mead Area and improve habitats for insects and birds in the area. This meadow would be linked on the nature trail and join up Green Lane nature park and PBOS with the trail. Persimmon have agreed for the land to be used in this way and will sponsor cost of the signage for the Meadow. this will be designed by local children and highlight the Queen's Jubilee. This is a collaboration between between Friends of Paxcroft Brook Open Space, Castle Mead Residents and The Big Community Grow, Persimmon and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to help improve our local area and brings residents and organisations together in project that celebrates the outdoors and wildlife in our area. We hope the project will not only improve our local environment but create community cohesion an shared purpose. Later in the year we will be planting trees with the support of Greensquare in Castle Mead area.</p>					

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ABG479	Community Area Grant	Collaborative Schools Ltd	Child Friendly Trowbridge Park Signs	£899.50	£899.50
<p>Project Summary: The project seeks to support a priority raised by the Trowbridge Youth Parliament (TYP). They wish to promote a safer and more respectful environment within local park spaces. TYP reps have been asked to co-ordinate the design for a 'code of conduct' sign that will go in park spaces around the town and parishes. The final signs (once printed) will be approx A2 in size and we are hoping to gain funding for fifteen in total. Each sign will incorporate 5 or 6 (no more) 'conduct principles' and the TYP have agreed 3 of these principles with the other two or three being bespoke to immediate local need. The 3 common messages for inclusion in the design are: 1. Treat people as you would like to be treated 2. Please be mindful of children playing 3. Time to save 'Mother Earth' – let's all start recycling</p>					
ABG485	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Rural Music	Visible Voices	£3685.00	£1842.00
<p>Project Summary: People across Trowbridge and Wiltshire have turned to music during the coronavirus crisis to help them through what has been a challenging time for everyone. From virtual concerts via YouTube to apartment block sing-a-longs, music has brought joy and laughter and helped maintain a sense of community. Music has helped to fill a void and provided an opportunity for people to celebrate who they are and where they come from. Wiltshire Rural Music wants to capture this creative spirit by providing space and opportunity where people can express themselves through their own words and music. We want to support community groups and marginalized communities to use music to celebrate who they are. Everyone has the creative potential within themselves to tell their story through music. Working with local musicians, we will support participating groups and organizations to compose their own song or instrumental pieces of music. We want to attract participation from a diverse range of Trowbridge based community groups and will be working with four specific charities and community groups to help them create their own song. These include Arts Together, Trowbridge Future, Stepping Stone and Alzheimers Support Wiltshire. Each participating group will work closely with a local musician who will spend time talking to members to understand their needs, dreams, and aspirations. From this creative process will evolve ideas and themes for lyrics and music. Support will be provided through workshops, zoom meetings, interviews, and live sessions, giving musicians the tools to write their own songs for the first time, and recipients the chance to be involved in the creative process and get a sense of ownership over the finished piece. All final songs and instrumental music will be professionally recorded and released on a unique EP which will be sold to raise funds for the groups involved. The music will be showcased at the Hub (our own small concert venue) and potentially the Trowbridge Town Hall, providing opportunity to celebrate the musical talents, creativity, and diversity that Trowbridge has to offer.</p>					
ABG497	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Rejuvenating Trowbridge Town Pond	£300600.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: This project seeks to secure funding to complete the restoration and enhancements to Trowbridge Town Pond. The Town Pond is currently not functioning as an effective pond for wildlife or people. It is in need of urgent maintenance and enhancement. During phase 1 designs and technical drawings were produced to address these failings. These will see the pond become a thriving area for people and wildlife. Wildlife, especially invertebrates, will benefit from additional marginal and aquatic planting. Whilst, a new lining will allow the pond to hold water year round. In addition public access will be improved with new and restored accessible pathways and additional seating installed. The brick wall will be lowered with railings fitted on top to create a more welcoming environment which also allows young children and wheelchair users to see into the pond. Located within Trowbridge Park, this project will secure its long-term environmental sustainability. Additional enhancements to the public access routes, pathways and seating will also increase its benefits to the local and visiting communities.</p>					
ABG501	Community Area Grant	Friends of Southwick Country Park	Purchase of a chainsaw for Friends of Southwick Country Park Local Nature Reserve	£576.00	£576.00

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<p>Project Summary: Due to the onset of Ash Die Back and Dutch Elm Disease, plus the reduction in time available from the staff of Wiltshire Council's Countryside Team, there is continuing essential maintenance required to trees in the Park. Rich Murphy, Tree & Woodland Officer (South and West Wiltshire) Rights of Way and Countryside for Wiltshire Council, is in agreement that this work, with a programme of training, could be carried out by the volunteers.</p>					
ABG507	Community Area Grant	Equinox Explorer Scout Unit	Explorer Scout Paddle Boarding	£9125.00	£4562.50
<p>Project Summary: Within the West Wilts district we have the resource of the River Avon. We hope to utilise mainly the stretch of river between Melksham and Bradford on Avon and provide Stand-up paddle boarding to 13-18 year olds.</p>					
ABG508	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Rural Music	Wiltshire Rural Music IT Resources	£975.00	£975.00
<p>Project Summary: Wiltshire Rural Music is a registered charity (No 309496), set up to encourage participation, appreciation, and celebration of music by people of all ages and abilities across the county. Operating from our Creative Hub in Trowbridge, we provide a variety of outreach and hub-centred activities with the opportunity to engage with rural communities and isolated towns and villages across Wiltshire. We champion community music of the highest standard, bringing the opportunity to participate and appreciate music to people who may not be able to access it easily, and work alongside groups from across the county to promote amateur music-making in targeted locations We are looking for additional support to help fund the purchase of a new MacBook Air laptop which will be used to store music created through our various programmes including Keep Music in Mind, Visible Voices, Young Person and Adult Bursary plus recitals which take place in the Hub. This music can be shared with all the various groups and partners who use our facilities. We are also looking to purchase a new A frame all weather display board and pop up banner to use outside the Hub and at musical events in Trowbridge.</p>					
ABG544	Community Area Grant	Biss Meadows Country Park	Biss Meadows South Pond enhancement	£2260.00	£1130.00
<p>Project Summary: Background - The river Biss is a natural feature that runs through the heart of our County Town and has often become the subject of public concern and to this end it has now been identified and succeeded in attracting funding through the Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership as a key project for intervention. This intervention though does not cater for the ponds in the park and the Friends of Biss Meadows volunteers (established 2009) make it part of their mission to look after the water features as well as the river in the Country Park. Sadly for various reasons the south pond has had no maintenance over the years and has taken second place to the main northern pond which most people use with its seating and access platform. The project. This grant seeks to address this pond decay and return the pond to the diverse habitat it once offered with a one off reed pond clearance and to build a safe platform facility to launch our inflatable dinghy for safe working. The staging will also have other uses for pond dipping, water sampling, invertebrate studies, photographers and ongoing pond maintenance.</p>					
ABG392	Health and Wellbeing Grant	Families Out Loud	Families Out Loud client support and IT project	£17759.00	£5577.00
<p>Project Summary: Families Out Loud supports families of drug & alcohol users in Wiltshire. This project will provide continued one-to-one support for our current Trowbridge clients which number 18, as well as up to 10 new clients in 2022. The project will also provide our charity with a much needed professional level hosted email system, and new equipment for our craft market stall.</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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