

Report To Pewsey Area Board

Date of Meeting Monday, 23 May 2022

Title of Report Pewsey Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- To provide detail of the grant applications made to the Pewsey 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 |
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| Opening Balance For 2022/2023 | £ 16,744.00 | £ 14,135.00 | £ 7,700.00 |
| Awarded To Date | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 | £ 0.00 |
| Current Balance | £ 16,744.00 | £ 14,135.00 | £ 7,700.00 |
| Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations | £ 13,394.00 | £ 11,942.95 | £ 7,700.00 |

Grant Funding Application Summary

| Application Reference | Grant Type | Applicant | Project | Total Cost | Requested |
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| <u>ABG588</u> | Community Area Grant | Stanton St Bernard Millennium Committee | Stanton St Bernard Exhibition Stands | £850.00 | £850.00 |

Project Summary:

Stanton St Bernard has very active community interest groups who arrange exhibitions of village and regional artefacts and information displays about the local history and the environment. These events are usually set-up in the Village Hall and are attended by village residents as well as guests from other local villages. The village has hired display stands but they have been extremely heavy and cumbersome, and expensive to hire and transport. We wish to purchase and store a set of displays stands to be used at village events. As a result of a number of previous village exhibitions, we have built quite a significant archive of materials – old photographs, maps in particular, as well as a large village historical timeline. Having our own display stands would enable us to make these exhibitions more available to residents. This year, for the jubilee, we are planning an exhibition of photographs relating to what villagers did during the pandemic.

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| ABG609 | Community Area Grant | Chirton and Conock Parish Council | Defibrillator for the village of Concock | £1539.00 | £500.00 |

Project Summary:

Supply of a Defibrillator in Chirton. Severn or so years ago the PC together with grants and funds raised, installed a defibrillator for the residence of Chirton. To access the Chirton defibrillator the residence of Conock would need to travel by road 1 mile taking by car about 3 minutes, one way, that's a round trip of 2 miles, a minimum of travel time of 6 to 7 minutes at best. If defibrillation occurs within five minutes of cardiac arrest, the person has a survival chance of 50-70%. This decreases by 10% for every minute they are in cardiac arrest.

| <u>ABG638</u> | Community Area Grant | Woodborough Parish Rooms Management Committee | Woodborough Parish Rooms Maintenance Project | £4000.00 | £2000.00 | |
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Project Summary:

The Woodborough Parish Room is an old village hall having been built in the 19th Century. It is the focal point for many village activities but is slowly falling into disrepair. The Management Committee, which is made from local volunteers, would like to address the maintenance issues before they become too bad and the building becomes unsafe to use. There are repairs to the building itself, roof, guttering, inside decorating for example and also the committee would like to give the garden a new lease of life and make it a useable area. Currently it is a jungle!

| young people in Pewsey | <u>ABG506</u> | Youth Grant | Youth Adventure Trust | Supporting disadvantaged young people in Pewsey | £9736.47 | £2192.05 |
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Project Summary:

We would like your support to help fund the programme costs of the 7 young people from Pewsey currently on Years 2 and 3 of the programme, but specifically helpful would be the Youth Support Worker salary costs associated with the support of these 7 young people. Our specially designed three-school-year Youth Adventure Programme includes three residential camps (Mountain, Coastal and Forest), an Explore Day, 3 Activity Days and 4 Pathway Days, all supplemented with the ongoing support, mentoring and guidance of our skilled programme team, who are in constant contact with the young people throughout, offering them support in between camps and activity days. The main programme is followed by a Mentoring and Bursary Scheme to ensure all of the young people have the best chance of getting the maximum benefit from our long-term intervention. Our service is completely free and over the past 29 years we have helped over 4,000 vulnerable young people, providing more than 27,000 activity days. We are the only organisation in the area to provide such a comprehensive intervention for this typically hard-to-reach group of vulnerable young people at such a young age. Our Programme is not about removing the young people's challenges, it's about equipping them with the resilience to overcome them and helping them reach their full potential. "Without the Youth Adventure Trust, I would have lost my shine. When I started the programme I wasn't in the best place mentally. Yet going away and having the experiences I had really put the light back into my life. It made me realise that bad days are just that, bad days. And without them, good days wouldn't be as good." (Bradley, age 14) The COVID pandemic has resulted in increasing young people presenting with greater anxiety and lower levels of confidence. They see an uncertain future and need our support and the tools to cope. Support services are more overstretched and short-staffed, while many schools have reduced pastoral support. Time for interaction and an outlet outside the family is especially important. Families are under chronic financial pressure; as the stress at home increases so does harm, neglect, mental health issues, substance misuse and poverty. The impact is very evident, and we have provided increasing amounts of support directly to families, alongside the increased one-to-one support we are offering our young people. Through more interaction and working with young people over a longer timeframe, we have built up a high level of trust; not letting them down continues to be a key value of the charity. Our referral agencies have regularly told us they could easily fill more than double the programme places we offer them; that is true now more than ever. Your support will enable us to continue the work we do with some of the most vulnerable in society. The Youth Workers are the beating heart of our charity, who support the young people throughout the programme, helping them set objectives, supporting them on every camp and activity day and giving them continuous 1:1 support and mentoring. The Youth Workers ensure that their individual problems and working hard to overcome their issues and challenges, as well as being positive role models. They give of themselves personally and the children respect them and are emotionally connected to them as a result. They provided invaluable online mentoring sessions to our most vulnerable young people during the lockdowns, which involved having an hour-long video call with the young person each week and continuous support by phone and email. Since Summer 2021 the young people have been back on the main programme and your funding would support 4 Pewsey young people in year 2, where they attend 2 Activity days, a 3-day Coastal Camp, a 6-day Forest camp and an October Pathway Day. In Year 3 there are 3 Pewsey young people (slightly reduced intake in 2021 due to covid and reduced charity income) who will attend their 3 final Pathway Days, ready to move onto either our Mentoring Scheme or other youth organisations in the county.

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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