

## **Devizes Area Grant Report**

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Devizes Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

### **Area Board Current Financial Position**

	<b>Community Area Grants</b>	<b>Youth Grants</b>	<b>Older and Vulnerable People Grants</b>
<b>Opening Balance For 2023/24</b>	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ 13,019.00	£ 17,690.00	£ 7,700.00

### **Grant Funding Application Summary**

<b>Application Reference</b>	<b>Grant Type</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<a href="#">ABG1115</a>	Community Area Grant	Bulkington Recreation Ground	Bulkington Recreation Ground Regeneration	£6000.00	£3000.00

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<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  I am submitting this on behalf of Bulkington Recreation ground. We have discussed this previously with our Parish Council, Richard Rogers and Cllr Tamara Reay-who support the initiative. The Regeneration Project forms part of the wider redevelopment of the recreation ground for use by the whole community, across the generations. In the last year, our group was successful in acquiring £11, 000 from the Jubilee fund to increase accessibility to the park. Access to the park and the park pathways are not suitable for our elderly residents, anyone with mobility issues, the very young and those with pushchairs. Work for this will be starting in the next few months. The funds that we do have are committed to this project and what is left over can't cover the full cost of what we are applying for in this new area board application Around 23 years ago the land was donated by a local farmer for community use. To date, this has principally been used as a play park (the current equipment was funded by a lottery grant nearly 20 years ago) however much of the equipment is near it's end of life and has been deemed not up to standard in the recent ROSPA inspection. If successful, the funds will be put towards removing some existing playground equipment and replacing it. One of our team met with Richard Rogers at the ground and he confirmed our belief that the ground urgently needs funding for the space ensure it is a safe space for all to enjoy and that it remains a community asset.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1172</a>	Community Area Grant	Bishop Cannings Cricket Club	Replacement of a three lane coaching facility at Bishop Cannings Cricket Club	£47000.00	£4850.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  The astro matting on the three lane facility is over thirteen years old and needs replacing. The present system is based on a concrete base. which we are planning to replace with a more realistic base, simulating a more natural turf pitch, as extolled by the English Cricket Board (ECB). This will play much better and be much safer for rigours of a hard concrete surface on the bowlers and batsmen.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1183</a>	Community Area Grant	Wharf Theatre	Wharf Theatre Technical Upgrades	£21700.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  As part of the ongoing improvements required to keep the theatre running, we are looking to upgrade our Lighting desk and Dimmer racks (power distribution). We are continuing to invest in a more sustainable future and would like to purchase more LED stage lighting.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1128</a>	Youth Grant	Youth Adventure Trust	Supporting vulnerable young people from Devizes through the cost of living crisis	£9100.00	£4100.00

**Project Summary:**

We would like your support to help fund the programme costs of the 11 young people from Devizes 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 11 young people and a contribution towards the young people's Forest Camp and Pathway Days. 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. Families are currently under chronic financial pressure with the cost of living crisis. In October 2022 we sent a survey to our young people's families to gauge the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having. 97% said their family circumstances and wellbeing has been impacted. Their outgoings are rocketing and consequently their stress levels are climbing. The feedback from families demonstrates the challenges they are having to face: "We have had to stop all leisure activities just to be able to afford to put food in the fridge and keeping our house warm" "Due to the cost of everything we can't afford to send her places we used to. We've had to cut back on pocket money so that affects her going out with friends. Then she's feeling like she's different because she can't do the same things as others" "It has meant that some weeks I am having to sacrifice having a meal myself so that I have enough for the children" We are providing 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. This is all coming at a time of increased demand on our services as families struggle with having less money & its consequent impact. Many are working longer hours with less time for their children & are having to cut their already small budgets for trips & extracurricular activities. The charity is also experiencing increased stresses; we are experiencing never seen before cost increases across the board. Our 1:1 support, extra visits and mentoring comes at a financial cost with increased mileage for such visits & pressure on staff time as the demand from hard pressed families & young people increases exponentially. 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 each child gets the very most out of the programme. They go the extra mile with each and every one of them, focusing on 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. Forest Camp is a 6 day camp in August in the Forest of Dean in Year 2 of the programme, where the young people take part in an overnight canoe expedition, bush craft skills, high ropes, archery and team challenges. Being the third camp, Forest Camp is more physically challenging than the previous two camps. However, this works because there is a clear progression through the programme. It means that the young people continually build upon the skills that they have learnt during the previous camps and activity days. By attending Forest Camp, young people will increase their resilience, confidence, self-belief and social skills, thereby improving their well-being and aspirations. The young people then attend four Pathway Days in the final academic year of their programme. These Pathway Days are designed to help the young people reflect on and consolidate all that they have learnt during their time on the programme, as well as start to look beyond their time with us. It includes a 'Give Back' day where they volunteer with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on conservation projects and a 'Looking Ahead' day where we introduce them to potential other sports, hobbies and youth organisations.

<a href="#">ABG1204</a>	Youth Grant	Found Outdoors CIC	Be You Day Retreat	£2480.00	£530.00
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**Project Summary:**

**A young person's mental health and wellbeing outdoor retreat day. The programme for the day will include: mental health and wellbeing workshops, a sensory area, mindfulness, relaxation and meditation practice, art therapy sessions, and physical activities. The event Facilitator is Debs Clark from Vibes and Minds, supported by specialist session leaders and hosted by Fiona and Richard from Found Outdoors in the beautiful natural woodland setting of Townsend Wood.**

**Background**

3. 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.
4. 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)
  - Youth Grants (revenue)
  - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

**Main Considerations**

6. 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.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

**Safeguarding Implications**

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

**Public Health Implications**

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

**Environmental & Climate Change Implications**

11. 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.

**Financial Implications**

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

**Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**Workforce Implications**

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

### **Equalities Implications**

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

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

### **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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