

Devizes Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

- 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
- To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

Area Board Current Financial Position

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024/25	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 25,869.00	£ 22,320.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 17,670.59	£ 8,769.35	£ 7,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1755	Community Area Grant	Mid Wiltshire Ramblers	Mid Wiltshire Ramblers Path Maintenance Group Purchase of Brush cutter	£429.60	£169.60

Project Summary:

We set up a Path Maintenance Group last year and have carried out vegetation clearances on rights of way, in this area. We have purchased hand tools and safety equipment for these tasks. As with other groups, we now wish to buy a battery operated brush cutter, which is like a grass strimmer, but more robust. We also need an additional battery, so that we can cover a larger area, to be cut. Other Ramblers groups favour battery operated tools as they are much safer than petrol driven tools. The purchase of this tool will allow us to carry out more clearances, quickly and efficiently. Our aim is to keep rights of way clear, so that people have easy access to the countryside. I am applying for this grant as I am the Treasurer of the group and also leader of the Path Maintenance Group.

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1810	Community Area Grant	The Mind Tree Cafe CIC	The Mind Tree wellbeing hub start up work and making the building and environment safe and secure	£6057.63	£3028.81

Project Summary:

The overall project is to provide a community space and well-being centre in Rowde on the site of a disused day care centre , workshop and Orchard at Furlong Close. We will eventually have a community café, community shop, studio space for hire, different types of therapies, arts and crafts, meditation, physical activities to include yoga and exercise classes, horticultural activities and a low cost counselling service. Phase 1 is the low cost counselling service which will open on 3rd June 2024. We will support individuals by providing affordable low cost counselling. Clients can either self refer or be signposted via local GP surgeries, which is how charities like Wiltshire Mind access clients. We will provide placement and additional training opportunities for counselling students needing to complete counselling hours as part of their qualification. We also have experienced volunteers to support more complex cases. Although most of the therapy rooms are ready for use we have an issue with site security. As the site was once all part of the supported living bungalows there is a master key which allows the care company and it's workers access to our building. As we will have valuable equipment and confidential records it is vital we change the locks. We also need shelving for our rooms, we already have some from KFR but need additional which fits the areas. Our main toilets have an issue with leaky cisterns, we can access a plumber free of charge but need to supply the parts, we are also missing a baby changing unit, we need to be inclusive. We are also in need of a carpet for one of the counselling rooms, the others were donated. In order to deliver health and wellbeing workshops for the community and for student and volunteer training we require some audio visual equipment, we have spoken to county hall IT department and one of it's trainers to work out what would be cost effective and efficient - we need a large tv or monitor mounted on a heavy duty trolley to be able to move into different rooms for maximum usage. Most of our paint to date has been donated but some of the larger classrooms that we are decorating next need a huge amount of the same colour paint. We have chosen white as it's the most efficient, it can be used everywhere, less wastage. Lastly we need to access a first aid at work training course, this is a 2 day course and would ensure we are considering health and safety. Lisa Newton has been on a course but it would be sensible for Lisa Gurr to access a course. We can then ensure that someone who has this qualification is on site at all times.

ABG1811	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Museum	Discover Devizes at the Assize Court	£33500.00	£5000.00
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Project Summary:

Our Project will create a vibrant, inclusive community and tourist destination at the heart of Wiltshire, bringing life back to the derelict Grade II* Devizes Assize Court and building a sustainable new home for the internationally significant Wiltshire Museum. We are reaching out to a wide range of audiences, and working with them to develop the revitalised building as a lively and welcoming place where world class collections and unique local stories empower and connect people, inspiring curiosity, creativity, and wellbeing. We are seeking funding for the development of the interpretation strategy and exhibition design for the 'Discover Devizes' Gallery in the new building. The plans are being developed by Imagemakers - a specialist design company - and are based on consultation with many members of our community.

ABG1732	Youth Grant	2397 Devizes RAF squadron	Archery Skills Project	£1281.30	£640.65
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<p>Project Summary: We would like a grant to help us set up Archery skills for our cadets. We need to purchase the equipment to facilitate this new skill and train up three of our staff to teach the cadets. This skill will teach our cadets how to focus and keep their attention on the goal, despite other distractions happening, a vital skill when flying aircraft and working in the military. This skill will also enhance our cadets aerobic endurance, balance and coordination, motivation and self-confidence. We would provide the funding to train up the staff to teach Archery but we would like you to match fund us to help us buy the equipment.</p>					
ABG1754	Youth Grant	West Lavington Youth Club	West Lavington Youth Club SEN Inclusiveness	£4680.00	£2340.00
<p>Project Summary: We have many young people who attend that are diagnosed with a range of SEN (Special Educational Needs) especially autism. Many of these young people need extra support to be able to participate in the group and therefore we attempt to provide 1-1 when needed for particular individuals. These individuals attend specialist schools sometimes further away such as two of our members living in West Lavington attend Springfields in Calne which is fully dedicated to working with young people with Autism. These young people do not attend any other clubs and only come to West Lavington Youth Club due to staff having a really good understanding of different SEN through personal experience as well as training. I also think it is really important for young people without SEN who attend to get to know and have a good understanding of different young people with Special Needs. This is so that in other parts of their life they can show understanding and compassion towards individuals who show particular behaviours or traits similar to what they have experienced within Youth Club. Several of these young people with SEN travel from Devizes each week. In order to support them attending and keep all young people safe we need to have an extra staff member to provide 1-1 support when needed. We the "Ruth Tate" policy in place since 2016 which stipulates we must put money aside to make sure we stay inclusive of all needs. I have added this policy separately to the upload folder section.</p>					
ABG1780	Youth Grant	Market Lavington Parish Council	Exercise and Fitness equipment	£12762.96	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Parish Council would please like your support to help fund some stimulating and challenging exercise and fitness equipment suitable for young people. In particular, We recognise the effects of COVID19, and how important facilities such as this are to help support both the physical and mental well-being of the younger members of our community. We expect that the new equipment, which is designed to be accessible from 14 years, and can accommodate up to 9 users, including wheelchair users, will provide a focal point for the young people to meet and socialise, as they enjoy using the equipment. As a rural parish, there are few facilities in the village, and the Parish Council is passionate about striving to ensure that we meet the needs of the community.</p>					
ABG1805	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Youth for Christ	Summer holidays pop up week on The Green Devizes	£1140.00	£570.00
<p>Project Summary: We will be setting up our youth pop up café on The Green, Devizes for the week 5-9 August 2024. This will provide a range of diversionary activities for young people during the school holidays. Activities will include board games, console games, football, badminton / volley ball and, hopefully, a climbing wall for some of the days. We will provide soft drinks and snacks free of charge.</p>					
ABG1816	Youth Grant	Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts	Youth Event Activities YEA Devizes	£21086.00	£5000.00

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<p>Project Summary: We will engage with local young people to involve them in YEA Devizes, a Youth Event Activities program, two key aspects of which are 'Selfievaluation' , a film, media and evaluation project, and a Junk Orchestra club. They will be able to take part in a number of ways; making music, creating film and media content, carrying out research, and developing new methods of evaluation to understand how they view themselves, their community and our events . This will help them positively and visibly engage with the local community while developing their own prospects both locally and in the arts and events industry with demonstrable achievements.</p>					

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.