

Calne Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Calne 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

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024-25	£ 20,871.00	£ 17,843.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 20,871.00	£ 17,843.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 15,502.88	£ 11,843.00	£ 7,700.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1533	Community Area Grant	Calne Pocket Park	Celebrating 250 years since Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen in Calne	£16440.00	£750.00

Project Summary:

To fund Interactive science demonstrations (£200) - using an 18th century style mobile science cart, led by an experienced science educator/actor, in costume, at 'Oxygenfest' in Calne Pocket Park on 13 August. Also to cover the costs of other activities (£300) to run concurrently incl St John's Ambulance, hopefully the Fire & Rescue Service and other groups to demonstrate contemporary uses of oxygen. The centrepiece of 'Oxygenfest' will be the British Oxygen Company running 4 x 40 min shows of experiments using oxygen and other gases (at the Pocket Park - though the Calne Corn Exchange has been booked as contingency should the weather be poor) and with opportunities for spectators to talk to the 2 BOC demonstrators, handle equipment, and conduct simple experiments under supervision themselves, BOC will be there from 10am - 4pm - and are making no charge for the day. The money would also cover the cost of his materials and chemicals. We are also seeking a further £250 as contingency funds for the Priestley Monument (covered by our successful bid to Arts Council England) as it seems we may have underestimated the cost of transporting and installing the finished stone sculpture. We undertake that if at the end of the Priestley Project (end of 2024) money is left in our account we will return this £250 (or as much of it as remains) to the Calne Area Board. In August 1774 Joseph Priestley, who was living in Calne at the time, discovered Oxygen in the laboratory at Bowood House. This was a hugely significant scientific breakthrough, and we plan to mark its 250-year anniversary with a number of local events and activities. Calne calls itself a 'Town of Discovery' primarily because of its association with Joseph Priestley; though it also has links to Jan Ingenhousz who built on the work of Priestley, and 5 years later (1779) discovered Photosynthesis. Ingenhousz is remembered in a blue plaque in the town, and he was buried in St Mary's Church. Priestley himself is remembered in the name of Priestley School; in Priestley House, on the Green; in a small plaque at Doctor's Pond; and in a pavement mosaic and brass relief off Church St. We are aiming to provide both an exciting and varied programme of events and activities between July and October 2024, and short-term legacies in the form of 2 planned murals, and a banner, designed by disadvantaged youngsters from the Rise Trust; and long-term legacies with the Calne Community Quilt - which Calne Town Council has agreed can hang in the Corn Exchange (downstairs at the Town Hall) ; and in a Monument to be carved by local sculptor Richard Cowdy, with an engraved plaque by local artist Geoffrey Stephenson. Its location, should we secure funding for this, is still to be determined.

ABG1564	Community Area Grant	Castlefields Canal and River Park Association	Eco Letter Bug House Caslefields	£1860.00	£930.00
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Project Summary:

To acquire and install Chunky Letters - spelling out 'Castlefields' designed to attract nesting birds, bugs, bees, insects and wildlife - at the entrance to Castlefields Park, Calne. To be visible from the A4.

ABG1746	Community Area Grant	Calne Pocket Park	Replacing tree planters in the Calne Pocket Park	£8250.00	£2000.00
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Project Summary:

We are seeking Capital Funding. Calne Pocket Park & Community Garden was set up in 2019 and operates under licence from Wiltshire Council. A team of almost 20 volunteers manage and maintain the Pocket Park, meeting every Sunday afternoon, throughout the year (weather permitting) to keep the area tidy and welcoming. We have 2 main designs of planters: square ones, made by Calne Mens' Shed, in which we have flowers; and half-barrel (round) planters in which we have small trees. The attractiveness of the floral planting is often remarked on by users of the park and has been recognised by SW in Bloom awards, coming 3rd (out of over 300) in their It's Your Neighbourhood Category The half-barrel tree planters are deteriorating, they leak a lot of water, and cannot be repaired. They need replacing. We plan to do this over 1-2 years. Our application is for funding towards replacement tree planters. These need: - to be robust, requiring no or low maintenance - to have reservoirs to reduce the amount of watering needed - to be moveable by forklift truck, should WC require us to vacate the Pocket Park - to look attractive and enhance the area. We are currently investigating several potential designs of planter, and the final choice will depend partly on the level of grant funding we secure.

ABG1845	Community Area Grant	Calne Bike Meet	Calne Bike Meet	£36256.98	£1688.12
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Project Summary:

We are a charitable organisation, based in, and benefiting Calne, organising a motorcycle event which promotes an active community in Calne. We run an annual motorbike meet in the town centre. Our event brings large numbers of people to the town centre, they all spend money in local shops, pubs etc. benefitting the local economy. In addition, we raise money for, and support, local charities.

ABG1744	Youth Grant	Calne Town Football Club	Hardship fund for the provision of 8 memberships for CTFC Youth members	£2000.00	£1000.00
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Project Summary:

With the current cost of living crisis and the increasing costs to the football club, the club has had to increase the membership costs to the youth players from £190 per year to £250 per year. In 2023/24, the club funded 6 free memberships to those who struggle to pay the membership fees due their personal circumstances, whether they be single parents, are on benefits or something else - as the club has seen this increase in costs, the club has had to strip support like this out to mitigate the costs increasing higher. The request is to support an application to fund 8 kids' membership for the coming season, 24/25 - starting in August, the membership included, coaching, training sessions, kit and matches -is this something that the scheme can support? The proposal would be for CTFC to fund 4 children, matched by the Calne Area Board funding.

ABG1847	Youth Grant	The RISE trust Youth	Calne youth safe spaces	£27122.08	£5000.00
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Project Summary:

This grant is to support RISE to provide safe spaces to young people in Calne, to access support, activities and youth work themed sessions such as county lines, mental health, relationships. sessions are aimed at young people in years 9 and up and run on a Thursday in the Abberd ward, hiring Colemans farm and then currently on a Friday night hiring the blue bus to hold the session in lower Sainsburys car park. The sessions are busy, reaching 20-25 young people at each session. Offering toasties and drinks. we have a range of continuous provision and then also plan extra activities based on young people's feedback and needs. We have also joined with other partners to support projects such as kindness in Calne, word fest and the priestly project.

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 person's 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.