
Stonehenge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Stonehenge 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	£ 24,831.00	£ 22,414.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 575.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 24,256.00	£ 22,414.00	£ 7,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 6,756.22	£ 13,668.92	£ -479.84

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1455	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire South Girlguiding County Headquarters	Provision of camp kitchen linked with replacing worn and dangerous tarmac play area	£20000.00	£2240.00
<p>Project Summary: Replacement of worn & broken tarmac area of our original old school play area. It has become dangerous and this was highlighted in our annual inspection of our site. The survey has identified that it had very poor foundations and thin wearing course. It is breaking up and has become a trip hazard. Our volunteers maintenance group spend many hours clearing the weeds and moss from this area. In one corner there was a swimming pool that has been removed because Health and Safety requirements could not be met whenever visitors attended and a wooden play area was put in its place. Because of lack of maintenance during the Covid period this has been condemned and removed due to lack of inspections and work. We wish to put in this latter area an outdoor covered eating/food prep/washing up area for our outdoor users.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1677	Community Area Grant	Shrewton Cricket Club	Changing rooms	£12468.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: We have a brand new cricket pitch to provide adult & youth team cricket for generations to come but we currently haven't got the funds to provide two modular buildings as changing room's. We have a quote from a local company who can supply and instal the required facilities. These buildings will provide us with changing facilities for adults and youth teams to play cricket.</p>					
ABG1702	Community Area Grant	Figgle Fest	FIGGLE FEST FLOOD LIGHTS	£3168.00	£1584.00
<p>Project Summary: FIGGLE FEST is an annual FREE Family Fun Day and Music festival open to all. Both young and old attend our festivities and we pride ourselves on our diversity. The whole event is FREE including the use of children's inflatables, slides and rides. meaning a family can attend with a picnic enjoy all the facilities and not spend any money all day! This year we have secured a farmer's field for parking and extended our camping area. Both these areas are away from mains electricity, so we need free standing floodlights. Two in the car park field and two near camping area. They are not cheap. We are applying for Wilts Council to kindly award a grant worth 50% of their cost.</p>					
ABG1551	Community Area Grant	Buzz Action Foundation CIO	Activities Marquee for Youth Camps and School Break Activities and Youth Clubs	£3789.00	£1894.50
<p>Project Summary: Gala Tent Marquees for Activities and Welfare at camps. We need a 12M by 6M Activity Marquee and a 10m by 4m Service Tent for Youth Camps, Day Camps and activities. We have been using a 10 by 4m Gala Tent since 2007 and after 16 years of activity it has proven hard wearing, tough and durable, but is sadly now at the end of its life. We wish to use this for spares now and replace it with a New identical tent to see us for over another decade of similar use. We have used a cheaper tent at 12 by 6m for 8 years and this already need replacing so we would like to replace it with the Gala Tent version which will be stronger, higher, easier to erect and more durable. The Main Tent will serve as an Activities Area, a craft tent, a dining room, a meeting and briefing point and as a base tent for residential camps. The Service Tent will serve as a kitchen, dining area and storage area for camps and activities.</p>					

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ABG1840	Community Area Grant	Parent Teachers and Friends Association	St Leonards Bulford PTFA Community Library Project	£17312.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: The Parents, Teachers and Friends association are currently fundraising to repurpose a temporary classroom and transform it into a locally accessible library hub and book exchange. The school site that this building belongs to does not meet the Wiltshire Council Mobile Library criteria, all Bulford village members must travel on public or personal transport to access library services. The planned facility will be accessible outside of school hours and enable social engagement amongst community members a hub for meetings and educational groups.</p>					
ABG1835	Community Area Grant	Enford Recreation Ground and Village Hall	Enford Village Hall Carbon and Energy Reduction Project	£3562.56	£1781.28
<p>Project Summary: Oxford Brookes University produced a Carbon & Energy Assessment of Enford Village Hall under an energy saving project organised through Wiltshire Village Halls Association. OBU visited the hall on 27 March 2024 and subsequently drew up a Carbon Reduction Recommendations Report which included two items 'Improve heating times with remote heating management system' and 'Upgrade lighting to LEDs'. The Hall, which was built in 2009, has a Ground Source Heat Pump with three boreholes, each 100m deep which provides underfloor heating and hot water 24/7. There is a need to remotely adjust thermostats on a daily basis based on actual hall bookings to ensure heating is on when necessary but turned down when the hall is not in use. We therefore installed BT Broadband in March 2024 to enable the remote-control access. Over the years the committee has replaced and upgraded the main hall lights and the car park lighting system with LEDs, together with some LED replacements where original light fittings have failed. But there are still a number which need to be upgraded. We have received quotations for the installation of remote-controlled thermostats and the replacement LED lights.</p>					
ABG1474	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Bakehouse Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Group	Bakehouse Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Group	£499.00	£499.00
<p>Project Summary: We provide and facilitate a peer support group to anyone who has issues regarding their mental health and wellbeing or would like to learn more about mental health problems. We aim through lived experience and shared experience to help each other to engage on a recovery journey and improve our mental health and wellbeing.</p>					
ABG1729	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Digital Drive	Opportunity for volunteer from Amesbury	£8551.68	£4275.84
<p>Project Summary: We have recently been approached by a gentleman from Amesbury who is on benefits and is struggling to find work for a number of reasons. He has been volunteering with us for a few weeks - pat testing cables and helping to clean up devices before we distribute them. He very much enjoys his time here in a quiet and focused environment and drives from Amesbury once - twice a week. I would like to be able to offer him paid work for 12 months with the view to develop his confidence and skills in the tech sector.</p>					

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ABG1817	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Till Valley Day Centre	Till Valley Day Centre	£3813.00	£1905.00
<p>Project Summary: Till Valley Day Centre is held in the Methodist Hall Shrewton providing an opportunity for elderly and vulnerable local people to benefit from social interaction and physical and mental stimulation. A two course meal is provided. We can offer sixteen places. With the changes to Wiltshire Council's grant system we are no longer eligible for a grant as in previous years. We are therefore applying for a grant to assist us in the running costs of the Day Centre.</p>					
ABG1823	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Silver Salisbury Group	Extending Silver Salisbury in the Stonehenge area	£2000.00	£1000.00
<p>Project Summary: To strengthen our relationships in Amesbury and Durrington, and potentially expand to target older people in the surrounding areas of Larkhill, and the more rural villages of Bulford, Figheldean , Milston and Netheravon. To have the Stonehenge programme included in the Stonehenge Trader as well as inclusion in the general Silver Salisbury publicity</p>					
ABG1790	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir	Music Projects 2024 Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir	£2360.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: Who We are: Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir is a choir made up of ladies aged between the age of 18 and 74 who sing weekly at Bulford Garrison Church. Through singing we welcome and support women whose lives are currently impacted by their military connection. Our network supports each other and forms life-changing friendships that lead to new and uplifting experiences through singing. At the time of writing, we have 57 active choir members. Due to a change in circumstances, we have employed a new Musical Director Hannah Sandu and when funds allow a pianist. Both positions are a significant financial cost to our choir. Military life across the services has its challenges. Some families move regularly and to a new posting, while for others deployment means long periods of separation. We welcome new members and those who transfer from other military choirs, enabling them to become part of a familiar community built upon the joy of singing. The Ask: We are seeking grant funding to support our 2024 music projects which are: 1) Choir Music Workshop 2) Pianist fees 3) New Music Governance: We sit under the umbrella of the Military Wives Choir Foundation, whose central team are based in London and are governed by a board of trustees. SPMWC have a full committee of six and hold our own accounts. There are over 70 choirs based around the UK and Europe. The Need we are addressing: Your grant funding will aid reducing social isolation and improve health and well-being through the purpose of singing. Our motto is Sing Share Support.</p>					

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ABG1605	Youth Grant	Army Welfare Service Community Support Larkhill	AWS Community Support Larkhill Garrison Youth Project	£10000.00	£2,495.08
<p>Project Summary: Army Welfare Service Community Support has been successfully delivering youth provision in Larkhill Garrison since 2018 via the delivery of weekly clubs, offsite activities, residentials, school holiday provision and schools based provision. As the AWS Community Development Worker for Larkhill and surrounding areas, I applied for a £5k grant when I started the post in 2018. This funding provided 5 years worth of quality youth provision and the necessary equipment to achieve this, however this funding has now been spent and further funding is required to continue the provision. On a weekly basis, Larkhill Youth Project engages with on average around 50 young people aged 10-19 through the various provision we offer. This provision is based on a Community Profile, Needs Analysis and Action Plan, which continues to highlight the need for quality youth provision for the area. Our service is a professionally delivered by JNC qualified youth & community workers and is a trusted and reliable provider, known to military families across Salisbury Plain and is regularly accessed by civilian families throughout the area, attracting young people from Durrington, Bulford and Shrewton. Our service is based on Youth Work Curriculum as outlined by the National Youth Agency (NYA) in line with national occupational standards for the sector. We have a strong and committed volunteer group who deliver these services alongside the AWS CDW, who regularly contribute over 20 hours of volunteer work per week. These volunteers are experienced in working with children and young people and are actively involved in the youth focused planning and delivery elements of this project. This £5k of funding will be used for the purchasing of equipment to replenish and replace items that have seen better days, support the weekly running costs of the various provisions mentioned above and help subsidise activity provisions in school holiday such as offsite and residential opportunities for families struggling with the cost of living crisis.</p>					
ABG1806	Youth Grant	Buzz Action Foundation CIO	Amesbury Youth Cafe	£19750.00	£5000.00
<p>Project Summary: Amesbury Youth Cafe is an Open Access Youth Club which meets weekly. The Youth Cafe is open to Young People in academic years 8,9,10 but also includes alumni up to year 12. The Youth Cafe is a gateway to a variety of Positive Activities and Cultural Activities via external providers who visit the Youth Cafe, and also by a number of integrated external activities such as day trips, festivals, community events daycamps and residential activities. Activities include dodgeball, nerf, disco, kareaoke, aerial activities, music workshops and performances. Over 20 Trips last year included Aberystwyth, Blackpool, Tintagel and Swanage</p>					
ABG1807	Youth Grant	Wiltshire Schools Athletics Association	Wiltshire Schools Athletics Association Kit	£2500.00	£1250.00
<p>Project Summary: The project is to provide young people across Wiltshire the opportunity to compete in athletic and cross country events within Wiltshire and in some cases to go on to represent Wiltshire in inter county and national</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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