

---

**Corsham Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Corsham 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 2024/25</b>	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Awarded To Date</b>	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
<b>Current Balance</b>	£ 16,527.00	£ 13,816.00	£ 7,700.00
<b>Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations</b>	£ -2,592.17	£ 12,776.00	£ 2,934.20

**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="#">ABG1801</a>	Community Area Grant	Cotswold National Landscapes Voluntary Wardens Scheme	Colerne Rights of Way Improvement project 2024 to 2025	£2000.00	£1000.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> The Cotswold Wardens are working together with the volunteers in the Colerne Climate change and Biodiversity working group to make existing rights of way within the parish more accessible for all abilities. Landowners permission is gained for this application . In addition, rather than repeatedly repairing damaged wooden stiles, installing metal gates ensures longer term secure accessible for walkers . The Colerne Neighbourhood Plan also has a policy to increase access to all footpaths close to housing areas.					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1626</a>	Community Area Grant	Box Preschool Playgroup	Box Preschool Playgroup playground resurfacing	£4161.00	£2000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We are replacing the surfacing in our outdoor area with wet pour as the existing surface needs replacing as it very worn and hence unsafe. Physical activity forms an important part of the early years foundation stage and plays a crucial role in the development and well-being of children. Our children use the outdoor space everyday for outdoor play and sports sessions and in order to support this we need a safe environment. We have chosen wet pour because the soft, rubberized slip resistant surface is perfect for outdoor areas where physical activity takes place as it provides a safe and resilient surface offering impact absorption and reducing the risk of injuries from falls. We aim for the resurfacing to take place over the summer holidays.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1836</a>	Community Area Grant	Box Tennis Working Group	Box village tennis courts resurfacing	£50000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  There are two tennis courts on the Recreation Ground in Box which are in desperate need of resurfacing. The current surface has been in place for about 20 years and is no longer fit for purpose. It is breaking up and becoming dangerous for use by tennis players, netball players and other users. This is a facility which can be used across a broad spectrum of the community. It is used by the youth club and by the local primary school as well as by tennis players and for netball for children and older players.</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1466</a>	Community Area Grant	Improvement of the Box Public Rights of Way Network	Improvement of the Box Parish Public Rights of Way Network Phase Three	£5000.00	£2500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  Box Parish has a network of 107 Public Rights of Way traversing the Bybrook Valley, linking the Parish of Colerne, South Wraxall, Batheaston, Corsham Town and the Hills to the South. The footpath network is currently equipped with 77 stiles and 43 Kissing Gates (KG), the stiles are generally in poor condition and the Cotswold Wardens regularly restore approximately 10 each year. The preferred stock control measures are stock Gates or KG's. The replacement of Ten (10) stiles with Ten (10) Kissing Gates (KG) will improve access to the FP network and encourage walkers to explore the countryside within the Cotswold National Landscape (NL) and aligns with the Wiltshire Council Health and Well Being project. This project also aligns directly with the two primary purposes described in the Costwolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018 – 2023: • To conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB. • To increase the understanding and enjoyment of the AONB's special qualities. We are seeking 'Match' funding of £2.5k from the Cotswold Conservation Board (Improving access for all project). The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens (CVW) will instal the KG, typical installation time is nine working hours (3 x CVW x 3 hours = 9 hours). Total CBW resource commitment will be 90 working hours at £20 per hour = £1800. The Requirement is for ten (10) Kissing Gates (KG) to replace stiles that are located on Public Rights of Way (PRoW) within Box Parish. The KGs will be located on the following Foot Paths (FP): BOX3, BOX17 (2), BOX20 (2) , BOX81, BOX85 (3), BOX86.</p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1862</a>	Community Area Grant	1st Neston and Box Scout Group	Scout Group Activity Equipment	£7238.34	£3619.17
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>The purchase of climbing and camping equipment for a thriving scout group in Box and Neston</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1873</a>	Community Area Grant	The Pound Arts Trust Ltd	Pound Arts Toilets	£10029.00	£5000.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>We operate out of a Grade II listed building. Our Accessible Toilets and Gents toilets are in need of replacement. The plumbing and drainage no longer functions, leading to almost daily flooding. The facilities have been closed for the last 2 months. The project will replace these facilities.</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1848</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resource Centre	Supported volunteer placements for older people	£19063.20	£4765.80
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>We want to apply for funding to help us with revenue costs towards supporting older people, who are isolated and living alone with their volunteer placement. We want to ensure we give each individual time and attention to feel fulfilled, supported with their mental well being and given the opportunity to socially interact with others. It is important to us to support our older volunteers by making them feel at home, valued and important to our Charity, so they feel they have a purpose.</b>					
<a href="#">ABG1715</a>	Youth Grant	Corsham Running Club Youth Section	Corsham Running Club Youth Section	£3385.00	£1040.00
<b>Project Summary:</b> <b>To promote running in the local youth community within the Corsham area for fitness, socialising and general mental health and wellbeing. The age group we intend to cater for is 12 to 17. This is an age group that falls outside of the Corsham One Mile Club (up to about 11) and the Adult section of the Corsham Running Club (18+), and currently leaves youth in a void until they reach 18</b>					

## 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.

---

### **Report Author**

- Ros Griffiths, Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager, [Ros.Griffiths@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Ros.Griffiths@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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