
Trowbridge Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Trowbridge 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	£ 34,670.00	£ 30,464.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 17,744.22	£ 9,211.08	£ 3,943.30
Current Balance	£ 16,925.78	£ 21,252.92	£ 3,756.70
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 8,563.02	£ 16,827.92	£ -249.30

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG1876	Community Area Grant	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	River Biss River Corridor Improvements	£1366100.00	£5000.00
Project Summary: This project will improve the river Biss corridor for biodiversity and community benefit within the centre of Trowbridge between Cradle Bridge and the Town Bridge. All preliminary works have been completed over many months. Planning permission are now live for the final approved design. The next phase of the project will see the capital works and physical enhancements take place.					
ABG1878	Community Area Grant	Creative Minds Arts and Crafts C I C	SEND and Dementia Therapeutic Art Outreach Project	£5000.00	£2500.00

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<p>Project Summary: Our Community Interest Company is unique in what we offer Trowbridge, and Wiltshire as a whole. Founded in 2023 by experienced and qualified carers, who recognised the social, emotional and cognitive benefits of therapeutic activities in a safe, non-judgemental space, we specialise in engaging SEND children and adults; the vulnerable, under-privileged and emotionally and physically challenged individuals in therapeutic art sessions. We support looked after children; adults from supported living settings, those that have suffered bereavement or physical abuse, or those with dementia, ADHD, cerebral palsy, Aspergers, Global Developmental Delay, Down Syndrome, Dissociative Identity Disorder, anxiety, self-harm and childhood trauma such as sexual exploitation, abuse and neglect. We welcome approximately 200 participants to our studio each month, but we know an even greater number who wish to join us cannot, for reasons such as frailty, minimal disposable income, transportation restrictions, disability and mobility issues, and lack of a support network to enable them to physically attend. Our visions and values are heavily weighted towards parity and inclusion, so we feel passionately about being able to offer the same social, emotional and cognitive benefits of therapeutic activities to a wider audience, in spite of whatever barriers exist. With our requested funding, we could enhance our existing outreach program to encompass more nursing homes, residential children's homes, educational settings and even home visits. The funding would allow us to buy transportation and engaging art and craft materials, whilst ensuring we can offer these sessions free of charge or for a reduced rate. We have witnessed 100's of positive outcomes for our participants since we opened our doors in 2023, and have already established a strong reputation for acceptance, inclusion and demonstrable emotional wellbeing, and are passionate about taking our offering to a larger proportion of our community. Many thanks in advance.</p>					
ABG1972	Community Area Grant	Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association	New Surface Topper	£1512.00	£378.00
<p>Project Summary: The current equestrian surface is very uneven and makes it difficult for our volunteers and horses to have the best footing. Sudden movements can be particularly uncomfortable and unnerving for our disabled riders which has an impact on their balance. It is quite uneven for our volunteers to run alongside riders and horses who are trotting and can jar ankles, knees etc. A new surface topper would generate a better, durable, dust free and environmentally better area for the activities we carry out such as flat work, dressage and light jumping.</p>					
ABG1977	Community Area Grant	Friends of Southwick Country Park	Friends of Southwick Country Park Nature Reserve Maintenance Equipment	£504.76	£484.76
<p>Project Summary: Maintenance Equipment to assist the Friends in their routine repairs and servicing.</p>					
ABG1883	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Carer Support Wiltshire	Care and Share Mental Health Peer Support Cafe for unpaid carers	£2512.00	£1256.00

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<p>Project Summary: Care and Share Trowbridge is a Peer Support Group for unpaid carers who care for people who experience Mental Health unwellness and challenges. The group meets monthly to provide peer support for unpaid carers through listening and sharing stories with each other over a cup of tea. Practical information, advice and resources are shared. The Peer Support Group is organised by Carer Support Wiltshire in partnership with Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP). Carer Support Wiltshire arrange the monthly meeting venue and light refreshments for carers attending as well as recruit, train and manage two volunteers to assist at each session. Carer Support Wiltshire check in with attendees and volunteers each month. Carer Support Wiltshire also promote the event and source any funding required to support the monthly group meeting. AWP provide a dedicated staff member to lead each monthly session. This staff member may also invite specialist clinicians from AWP to attend the Peer Support Group to provide additional support, information and resources for attendees, depending on what needs emerge at each session. This is a pilot café, and has proven successful in the first six months, with 8 regular attendees. Due to the success of this cafe, Carer Support Wiltshire will seek to open another one down in south/west Wiltshire area towards the middle of 2024.</p>					
ABG1896	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Rural Music	Keep Music In Mind helping older people especially those living with dementia	£1500.00	£750.00
<p>Project Summary: 'Keep Music in Mind' takes live acoustic music and song sessions of 45 minutes to older people (especially those living with dementia). This can be in care homes or at dementia specific day clubs, and some day clubs for older people some of whom may have early symptoms. There are additional important benefits for carers. Music has medically proven well-being and health benefits for everyone, especially older people and those living with this dementia, a disease which sees a person slowly change and fade away. Our performances, delivered by experienced professional musicians, also really help carers (often older people themselves or working age family members) partly as if they get a much needed recharge if the session is at a day care club which looks after the person with dementia for a couple of hours, and also as they hear of/see the person they are slowly losing 'come back' for a short time when hearing the music and singing much loved songs. This provides a huge wellness boost and decreases feelings of isolation for carers in our community who carry out this invaluable and often thankless role. It also boosts resilience helping them to care for the person living with dementia in their own home. We developed this program in 2020 in conjunction with Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire, and it has been hugely successful. Keep Music In Mind is delivered to care homes and memory cafe's and day clubs in Wiltshire. The majority are dementia specialists but some benefit day clubs for older people many of whom are older and isolated. The application below will detail potential organisations which will benefit from this bid.</p>					
ABG1930	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Rethink Mental Illness Wiltshire Access Community Mental Health	Trowbridge Dance and Wellbeing Fitness Group	£1000.00	£500.00
<p>Project Summary: I work as a Group Coordinator for the Wiltshire Access Community Mental Health Service (Rethink Mental Illness). We have found a number of individuals in the local community want to improve their health, fitness and wellbeing but have found various barriers in doing so (for example, cost, confidence, anxiety). As a service, we want to help individuals to improve their physical fitness, wellbeing and improve their connection with the local community by running a free, dance fitness class in Trowbridge. Wiltshire Swindon and Sport have also agreed to help fund the project, by providing funds for the venue and music licence. We are asking for £500 pounds towards the costs of the venue which will be £24 per week for 2 hours - which will include a fitness session and social activity.</p>					

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ABG1956	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10809.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: Celebrating Age Wiltshire is a Creative health and wellbeing project that delivers high quality professional creative arts, music, theatre and heritage events and activities on a monthly basis for older, vulnerable adults in local daytime settings.</p>					
ABG1933	Youth Grant	Trowbridge Future	Healthy and Safe Relationships Project	£8851.00	£4425.00
<p>Project Summary: We have a dedicated youth space in the centre of Trowbridge where we are currently running regular youth sessions, providing activities in alignment with the National Youth Work Curriculum set out by the National Youth Agency. One of the key themes is based around healthy and safe relationships. The National Youth Agency highlights the need for relationship and sex education to be delivered by youth organisations as it can help young people understand what safe and healthy sexual relationships are. This is a topic we plan to cover regularly within our senior youth sessions. We plan to deliver at least 10 workshops that can be further replicated across all our groups.</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.