
Malmesbury Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Malmesbury 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	£ 17,219.00	£ 14,679.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 13,000.00	£ 9,500.00	£ 2,000.00
Current Balance	£ 4,219.00	£ 5,179.00	£ 5,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ - 2,681.00	£ 5,179.00	£ 3,450.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2044	Community Area Grant	Athelstan Pilgrim Way	Athelstan Pilgrim Way Phase 2	£2500.00	£1250.00

Project Summary:

The Athelstan Pilgrim Way is a new long-distance walking and cycling trail, using public rights of way and minor roads, centered on Malmesbury Abbey and connecting all 36 historic churches in North Wiltshire. It comprises 6 interconnected circular routes, with the first 2 routes having been launched in June 2024 and the remaining 4 routes under development for completion in summer 2025, the year of Athelstan's coronation as the first king of a united England. The funding request is for information boards, pull-up banners, way-markers for the area covered by Malmesbury Area Board, and for the provision of permanent artworks for display in public locations.

ABG2054	Community Area Grant	Malmesbury Community Park	Malmesbury Community Park	£6000.00	£2500.00
<p>Project Summary: We are a passionate group dedicated to creating a dynamic new outdoor space for the Malmesbury community, consisting of a skatepark, pump track and multi-use games area (MUGA). Our objective is to promote physical activity, foster community cohesion, and contribute to the overall well-being of the Malmesbury residents. We believe that this initiative aligns closely with our community's vision and aspiration for a vibrant and inclusive recreational space. We are currently in the initial phase of our project, Stage 1, for which we are seeking funding support. As we progress to the next phase, we plan to apply for additional funding through the Area Board to help move the project forward.</p>					
ABG2060	Community Area Grant	Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club	Crudwell Short Mat Bowls Club new mats and associated equipment	£3300.00	£1650.00
<p>Project Summary: We play bowls on mats sized 45 feet by 6 feet. Normally, mats have a useful life of about 10 years. We have had ours for 14 years. Our fenders and blocks are also 'past their sell by date'. We wish to replace, effectively all of our equipment. The current gross cost of full replacement including delivery charges would be £3300.</p>					
ABG2067	Community Area Grant	Oaksey Village Hall Trust	Oaksey Village Hall New External Fire Exit Doors	£3000.00	£1500.00
<p>Project Summary: The double doors to the rear/south facing side of the main hall are in a shocking condition. They are the original doors (est. 2000) and both the glass has blown and the wood has rotted. It is unsightly but more importantly this is a community space used for activities such as yoga, pilates, dance, judo. It is also hired for private parties. We would like to replace them to make them more secure and energy efficient.</p>					
ABG2047	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Athelstan Pilgrim Way	Athelstan Pilgrim Way Artist in Residence	£5500.00	£2250.00
<p>Project Summary: We are planning to commission a professional artist and writer, Sheona Beaumont, who is a committee member, to be an Artist in Residence for the Athelstan Pilgrim Way from January to October 2025. Sheona has already designed all of our printed materials and has also designed and developed our website, https://athelstanpilgrimway.org/. The commission will involve the creation of visual artworks that respond to the experience of walking the Athelstan Pilgrim Way. This will culminate in the public exhibition of around 150 artworks in a number of venues in Malmesbury and the surrounding area with accompanying talks, including participation in the Malmesbury Flying Monk Arts Trail in September 2025. This will give an opportunity for people who are unable to walk the Pilgrim Way to experience the benefits of it, albeit in a different way. Venues for the exhibition and talks could include groups that cater for the needs of older and vulnerable people, and care homes.</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 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.