
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade 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	£ 24,639.00	£ 19,916.00	£ 7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£ 8,672.00	£ 1,900.00	£ 3,175.00
Current Balance	£ 15,967.00	£ 18,016.00	£ 4,525.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 1,619.50	£ 18,016.00	£ 4,025.00

Grant Funding Application Summary

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
ABG2013	Area Board Initiative	RWB&C Community Care Group	Toucan Cafe Lyneham and Bradenstoke Self Help Group	£250.00	£250.00
Project Summary: We have set up a self-help carers group in Bradenstoke and Lyneham. Earlier this year we realised that we should reach out to other people, for example those experiencing bereavement, isolation and loneliness, so the group was renamed The Toucan Cafe as in “you too-can get help and support”.					
Note: Approved via delegated authority, October 2024					

ABG2080	Area Board Initiative	RWB&C Community Care Group	Techie Tea Parties mobile phone support for older and vulnerable adults	£500.00	£500.00
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Project Summary:

Following a successful series of digital inclusion sessions elsewhere in Wiltshire, RWB&C's Community Care Group will deliver a series of digital inclusion sessions for older people. This will include a number of Techie Tea Party events in across the community area for 1-2-1 support with mobile phones, aiming to benefit up to 12 local residents at each event. These sessions will be supported by volunteers from the AbilityNet organisation.

ABG2007	Community Area Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Memorial Hall Trust	Memorial Hall Replacement Furniture	£21000.00	£5000.00
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Project Summary:

Currently the hall uses plastic chairs, and they are all mixed different styles. The hall is hired by two well supported and community run amateur drama clubs and seating on those chairs can be very difficult for a long period of time during performances, especially for older and more vulnerable visitors. The hall is also used and hired for special occasions e.g. wedding receptions, private parties, sit down fitness classes and can become uncomfortable on plastic chairs. Therefore, purchasing chairs with some cushioning will help the users and community enjoy their experience. We currently have no table and chairs suitable for children's birthday parties etc., so also purchasing new plastic children's chairs and tables will ensure we can host more events for children, and this will help maintain the new varnished floor from scratches and marks where children cockle on adult chairs. Most of our current plastic chairs are worn and starting to break. As the hall is well used with special celebrations and town events, providing round tables for these events would complement the hall and events.

ABG2036	Community Area Grant	Cricklade Development Foundation	Old Police Station Garden	£45870.00	£5000.00
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Project Summary:

CDF bought the Old Police Station in 2021. This purchase has been funded by 176 local community members. The property now provides essential residential and commercial units in line with priorities set out in our Local Neighbourhood plan. Located at the heart of our community, this site regularly serves as a focal point for community gatherings, including our annual Christmas Lights Switch-On and Town Christmas Tree. To enhance community use, and to address the shortage of outside leisure/event space at the heart of the High Street, we plan to transform the historic burgage plot at the rear of the property into a multi-functional outdoor space. This sits between Horse Fair Lane and the High Street and creates a shortcut between both, increasing regular footfall through this space. Our vision is to have a vibrant green space that invites locals and visitors to relax, socialize, and participate in community life. We hope to deliver:

- **Inclusive Design:** The space will be reprofiled to allow wheelchair/pushchair access ensuring that everyone in the community can enjoy the area.
- **Functionality:** The garden will provide both a relaxing social space for day-to-day use and a venue for smaller community-led events, such as workshops, local markets, and outdoor performances.
- **Environmental:** Our design will incorporate sustainable landscaping with permeable hard surfaces, diverse plantings for year-round interest, and drought-resistant vegetation to support local biodiversity with minimal upkeep.
- **Recycled and Local Materials:** We will repurpose materials salvaged from the redevelopment, including 3,500 house bricks and reclaimed stone, to create pathways, seating, and planting areas for all to enjoy.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Power supply and PIR LED lighting will be installed to facilitate events, minimizing energy usage and supporting low-impact community gatherings. Additionally, this project will feature the Queen Elizabeth II/Cricklade timeline in a walkway connecting the High Street to the garden, offering a compelling link to local heritage. By establishing this inviting outdoor space, we aim to stimulate footfall, bolster nearby businesses, and create a welcoming focal point that reflects our community's character and fosters social connection. This transformation aligns with the community-driven approach of CDF and supports Wiltshire Council's business plan and the Area Board's priorities to support local economies and help build sustainable and cohesive communities.

ABG2088	Community Area Grant	Jubilee Gardens 1978 Ltd	Jubilee Gardens Horticulture	£8695.00	£4347.50
<p>Project Summary: Jubilee Gardens provides a day centre for adults with learning difficulties. Our students take part in horticultural activities and have tuition in basic life skills. The more able students sell the flowers and vegetables that the centre produces. The Centre relies on four polytunnels for its main crops of vegetables. Polytunnel covers usually last for five years. Our existing covers are well over five years old and need to be replaced. Four new polytunnels would cost in the region of £10,000. We propose to replace the polytunnels using volunteers and upgrade the efficiency of the polytunnels by installing overhead irrigation systems which will improve productivity. Our main building is the former Purton Stoke Junior school which is a robust brick-built structure which was built in the 1900's. We need to repair one of the walls and part of the roof which a local contractor is prepared to do for £2,200. The computer in the administrative office is over ten years old and no longer perform efficiently with new applications and needs to be replaced.</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.

Additional information:

[Area Board Grants - Wiltshire Council](#)

[Area Board Funding and Grants criteria.pdf](#)