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**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**

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2024-25	£16,527.00	£13,816.00	£7,700.00
Awarded To Date	£14,000.00	£4,659.00	£4,000.00
Current Balance	£2,527.00	£9,157.00	£3,700.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£1,058.50	£ - 273.00	£1,200.00

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG2041</a>	Community Area Grant	Corsham Windband Association	Corsham Windband Association Primary School Music Development Project	£2090.00	£1045.00

**Project Summary:**

The Corsham Windband Association (CWA) is a beacon of musical opportunity for children and young people in Corsham and beyond. As a small, registered charity [298012], volunteer-led community group, we are passionately dedicated to providing access to group music lessons and ensembles, fostering the musical talents of our community's children and young people. We primarily focus on delivering instrumental lessons in primary schools and the local community, while also ensuring that vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals can participate in our four wind bands. In an area marked by limited and selective music provision, CWA's role is paramount in ensuring that all children and young people, regardless of their circumstances, have access to the life-changing benefits of music. Nevertheless, we need additional funding to expand our community music activities. We aim to introduce string groups and extend brass and woodwind provision to enrich the musical experience of our young participants. This expansion will directly impact over 40 primary aged children and young people, offering them the chance to engage in music-making and improve their behavior for learning.

**As a volunteer-led organisation, we are committed to providing music, instruments, and teaching free of charge. Our volunteers and teachers undergo rigorous checks and safeguarding training to ensure the safety and well-being of our participants. Our long-standing presence since 1981 and recognition through prestigious awards, such as being a finalist in the BBC Make a Difference Award 2022 and receiving the Corsham Town Council Community Award 2023, underscore our commitment to excellence and inclusion. We take pride in the extensive reach of our alumni, with over 100 past members currently pursuing successful careers in music. This illustrates the enduring impact of our inclusive approach, which has provided countless individuals with the opportunity to excel in music, irrespective of their initial challenges. Helena Bernald, a parent of one of our participants, aptly captures our essence as "a fantastic institution where so many young people have discovered their love for playing an instrument, for making music together... where confidence is enhanced and music careers started." By investing in CWA, you are not only supporting the musical development of children and young people but also fostering a positive impact on their social and educational development. Through thorough financial reporting and accountability, CWA ensures that funding is utilised effectively to meet our targets, including the current participation of 90+ children in music-making and progress in behavior for learning. We are seeking a contribution of £1045 purchase 40 beginner instruments (string) This generous support will greatly enhance our ability to reach more children and young people, ensuring that they have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of music and unlock their full potential.**

<a href="#">ABG2107</a>	Community Area Grant	Share and Repair	Corsham Repair Cafe new PAT tester	£423.50	£423.50
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**Project Summary:**

We run a monthly Repair Cafe at The Pounds Art Centre on the 4th Saturday of the month. Our team of volunteers work with local residents to repair their items to give them a longer lease of life, to save them money and to reduce the amount of landfill created in the town. We manage to repair on average 75% of the items we see. We also try to involve the owner in the repair in an attempt to educate them and to inspire them to repair more of their belongings in the future. With electrical items we always PAT test them before allowing residents to take them home and use them. We would really benefit from a new PAT testing machine to use during the cafe sessions. This would give us additional capacity when it is busy. The model our repairers prefer is the Seaward Primetest 100 PAT Tester, which is easy to use and reliable. They cost £423.50 currently on Amazon [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Seaward-PrimeTest-Tester-KIT61-Basic/dp/B00L1AWR2M/ref=asc\\_df\\_B00L1AWR2M?tag=bingshoppinga-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=80470564181933&hvnetw=o&hvqmt=e&hvbmt=be&hvdev=c&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-4584070140592740&psc=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Seaward-PrimeTest-Tester-KIT61-Basic/dp/B00L1AWR2M/ref=asc_df_B00L1AWR2M?tag=bingshoppinga-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=80470564181933&hvnetw=o&hvqmt=e&hvbmt=be&hvdev=c&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-4584070140592740&psc=1).

<a href="#">ABG1991</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Inclusive Intergenerational Dance	Creative Lunch	£7660.00	£2500.00
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**Project Summary:**

Creative lunch provides a welcoming, safe and warm space for older adults, people living with long term health conditions including dementia and their carers to participate in a movement group, lunch followed by an art group. Which aims to help increase participants physical and mental health and wellbeing and lower feelings of isolation and loneliness. It currently runs every other week, 12 months of the year. The project has helped build connections and developed into a supportive group with friendships which reach beyond the sessions. We see improvement in physical health, strength, flexibility, stamina, coordination and balance as well as in mental health, we witness people's confidence growing and the connections and shared experiences the group enables peer to peer support, across a wider range of issues from rehabilitation post stroke to supporting those with loved ones moving into care or bereavement.

<a href="#">ABG1997</a>	Youth Grant	SMASH Youth Project	After School Peer Mentoring Sessions	£3860.00	£1930.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  We would like to provide wraparound after-school peer mentoring provision for secondary-age children at The Corsham School on 1 or 2 days per week. These sessions would follow our relational-based peer mentoring model, using our 8 mentoring standards, recognising that meaningful mentoring towards outcomes like improved confidence in education and self-worth can best be achieved through engaging expressive arts activities. To this end, using our knowledge base and experience with mentoring young people impacted by trauma, we would like to facilitate peer mentoring sessions in partnership with local art groups like Pound Arts or Rag 'n' Bone Arts. Facilitated artistic/expressive sessions will give young people at risk of not attending school, or for example on reduced timetables, the confidence to overcome barriers, mentoring each other by building connections and achieving a sense of belonging through reflection on overcoming common challenges. We envisage the sessions to be 90 minutes at the end of the school day.</p>					

<a href="#">ABG2040</a>	Youth Grant	Corsham Windband Association	Corsham Windband Association Youth Music Development Project	£30000.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  In a local area marked by limited and selective music provision, CWA's role is paramount in ensuring that all young people, regardless of their circumstances, have access to the life-changing benefits of music. Nevertheless, we are in need of additional funding to expand our community music activities. We aim to introduce string groups and extend brass and woodwind provision to enrich the musical experience of our youth participants. This expansion will directly impact over 50 young people, offering them the chance to engage in music-making and improve their social skills and behavior for learning. The Corsham Windband Association (CWA) is a beacon of musical opportunity for children and young people in Wiltshire. As a small registered charity [298012], volunteer-led community group, we are passionately dedicated to providing access to group music lessons and ensembles, fostering the musical talents of our community's young people. We primarily focus on delivering instrumental lessons in the local community, while also ensuring that vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals can participate in our four wind bands and ensembles. As a volunteer-led organisation, we are committed to providing music, instruments, and teaching free of charge. Our volunteers and teachers undergo rigorous checks and safeguarding training to ensure the safety and well-being of our participants. Our long-standing presence since 1981 and recognition through prestigious awards, such as being a finalist in the BBC Make a Difference Award 2022 and receiving the Corsham Town Council Community Award 2023, underscore our commitment to excellence and inclusion. We take pride in the extensive reach of our alumni, with over 100 past members currently pursuing successful careers in music. This illustrates the enduring impact of our inclusive approach, which has provided countless individuals with the opportunity to excel in music, irrespective of their initial challenges. Helena Bernald, a parent of one of our participants, aptly captures our essence as "a fantastic institution where so many young people have discovered their love for playing an instrument, for making music together... where confidence is enhanced and music careers started." By investing in CWA, you are not only supporting the musical development of young people but also fostering a positive impact on their social and educational development. Through thorough financial reporting and accountability, CWA ensures that funding is utilised effectively to meet our targets, including the current participation of 130+ children and young people in music-making and progress in behavior for learning. We are seeking a contribution of up to £5,000 to provide 150 hours of teaching. This generous support will greatly enhance our ability to reach more young people, ensuring that they have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of music and unlock their full potential. The community engagement and exceptional successes of our alumni stand as a testament to the transformative power of CWA. By investing in our cause, you are not only empowering individuals to partake in the joy of music but also providing them with the opportunity to thrive in a safe and secure environment. We are confident that your support will enable us to continue our valuable work, empowering the next generation through music and unlocking a world of possibilities for them. Thank you for considering our funding request.</p>					

<a href="#">ABG2094</a>	Youth Grant	Corsham Rugby Club	Corsham Rugby Club junior equipment	£5000.00	£2500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Corsham Rugby Club seeks funding to purchase essential sports equipment for its junior program, which supports approximately 250 local children aged 6–18. The program combines fitness-building, age-appropriate rugby training, and match play to promote physical activity, teamwork, and personal growth. It also contributes to the community by offering healthy, enjoyable, and inclusive youth activities. This equipment will enable our age-group coaches to deliver a diverse and engaging rugby experience, sustaining current membership while attracting new participants to the club.</b></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](#)