

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	£ 15,468.50	£ 12,439.00	£ 6,500.00
Current Balance	£ 1,058.50	£ 1,377.00	£ 1,200.00
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 1,058.50	£ 77.00	£ 172.26

Grant Funding Application Summary

ABG2179	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Peacock WI Corsham	Corsham Poppy Display November 2025	£895.47	£447.74
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Project Summary:

November is a time to reflect and remember all those who have served our country in the First World War and subsequent conflicts. The well-known line states 'lest we forget.' The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Working together with community groups and Corsham residents the Peacock WI will decorate the external tower of St Bartholomew's church with cascading poppies from the base of the spire, falling either side of the war memorial at the base of the tower. Displays of poppies will also be in the High Street decorating the wrought iron flower stands. To achieve this the community will need to make at least 10,000 crocheted or knitted poppies. Children will make pompom poppies. These will be attached to netting and hung from the church and flower stands. A lot of the red wool for the poppy making will be donated. We are hoping that some will be recycled from other projects, part balls found in cupboards and even unpicking and reusing red wool from old jumpers. There will be a cost to buy additional wool to ensure anyone can engage with the project. The actual making of the poppies will be cost neutral as they will be made by volunteers. The grant money will be required to purchase the netting that will be the base of the display, cable ties, rope and materials to attach the display to the church tower and iron wrought iron flower displays in the High Street. Working with the MOD and their contacts we are hoping they will give providing the cherry picker to put up the display. We will also need to purchase some storage boxes. We have permission to use a barn to dry the display once it is taken down and then store the poppies and netting for use in the future. Anyone living in Corsham will be able to enjoy the display and

reflect on the reasons why St Bartholomew's Church and the High Street are adorned with poppies. With good publicity we hope people will visit Corsham to see the poppies. This will benefit the town and businesses in the centre of town. The project should benefit so many people. Sitting and crocheting is a social activity and can bring people together regardless of their age. Being involved with a meaningful activity, in company or alone, is beneficial for health and wellbeing. We intend approaching many of the established groups in Corsham to ask them to make poppies. This will include the knitting and crochet groups, church groups, Pickwick WI, social housing, Jargeau Court, Holton House, Hungerford House residential Home and Claremont Care Home for both residents, staff and family members, Babcock and the MOD, Corsham Crafty Hub, schools, Cubs and Brownies etc. We will also be linking with the British legion. There are so many groups in Corsham and we will aim to try and engage as many as possible to ensure we have sufficient poppies to make a spectacular display. We will strive to encourage residents that may be lonely to engage with groups that are involved with the project. Using the pop-up shop in the Martingate Centre will help reach a wide range of residents. It is often easier, if a person is shy or anxious to join a group where the focus is on an activity and take the focus off the 'new person'. By making poppies people can personally reflect on, and say thank you, for those who laid down their lives for our freedom.

ABG2251	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Inclusive Intergenerational Dance trading as iID	Age Without Limits Day 2025	£2125.00	£580.00
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Project Summary:

On 11th June iID and its partners would like to put on a taster day of drop-in workshops, an intergenerational silent disco and facilitated workshop and conversation to challenge perceptions of what 'old' people can do, promote lifelong learning and support and encourage older people to try something new. This will all be alongside an exhibition of older people's artwork from across Corsham and information about what else is on offer. Our taster day brings together a range of activities people may not have tried before or not engaged with in a long time including, art, creative dance, singing, Let's Move and songwriting - even a smoothie bike and a silent disco open to the whole community. For the facilitated workshop, we would like to invite members of iID's 'My Space' teenage group, who have shared feeling unheard, to meet with adults and older adults, who we think may feel similarly, to compare and share their experiences and thoughts of growing up, being older and old in Corsham and how they collectively feel this could be challenged and improved, with the hope these ideas could become a future project or themes to be taken forward. This workshop, facilitated in partnership with WCC, iID and a visual artist, would use local museum artefacts that challenge ideas of ageing and ageism to inspire an arts activity and discussion. iID would like to offer free refreshments, biscuits and cake and a subsidised simple lunch (as we provide for our Creative Lunch Project) to encourage people to stay longer. We would also like to offer free accessible transport using Chippenham Community Transport to ensure everyone who would like to attend can, as we know this is an issue and barrier to attending for many.

ABG2125	Youth Grant	Rewired Counselling	Spark 6th	£2280.00	£850.00
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Project Summary:

On request of The Corsham School and in partnership with The Pound Arts Centre, Rewired Counselling is creating a full-day event for students at The Corsham School on 13 March 2025. It is called SPARK and its aim is to encourage good Mental, Emotional and Physical Health. We are engaging with the entire Year 13 group (88 students aged 17 to 18) in a whole day of events at The Pound. This event is specifically for this year group as they missed out on Spark in Year 9 due to the pandemic. They also have A-levels ahead and this event is to help learn how to support their own emotional health during more demanding times, such as exams. We plan for professional health people, speakers and practitioners to engage with the students, open conversations and invite new experiences or thinking. The day will consist of ideas and activities based around looking after your health including nutrition, psychology, sport/exercise, meditation, reading, music, art, thinking, play, gratitude, etc. We have yet to finalise who will be attending but we will be looking for a range of activities including alternative health services, nutritionists, artists, counsellors, yoga instructors, sports coaches, drama, etc. The event will benefit a large group of Corsham students by encouraging them to take responsibility for their own self-care and, more importantly, giving them ways to do this that exist in their community or school (and reflect to them some they may already be doing). We hope an immersive off-curriculum day will help support our young people and remain a memorable experience for them. We ran this event in 2019, 2022 and 2023 for Year 9 students and these days were received incredibly well. The school had fantastic feedback from parents and students, and they are keen to run it again.

*Approved Delegated Authority

ABG2152	Youth Grant	Corsham Town Council	Peacock Arts Trail Community Activity 2025	£2600.00	£1300.00
<p>Project Summary: Building on the Corsham Youth Zone workshops of 2023's Peacock Arts Trail, in 2025 the Trail would like to take SEND young people as its focus for activity. Three venues have been selected, Silverwood School - Rowde and Chippenham campuses, Wiltshire Inclusive Play at Springfield Campus and the Riverbank Centre, Chippenham, for an artist to run sessions allowing participants to express their imaginations and interest, and to be able to learn new skills and techniques.</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](#)

