

REPORT 23.035 Grant Applications

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Date: 14th March 2023

BACKGROUND

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council provide grants, generally under the powers provided by S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in line with the published grant policy. For the financial year 2022/23 there is currently £2,236 remaining in the grants budget.

SUMMARY

The Grant Policy, adopted in October 2022, sets out the following criteria for applicants:-

Category A Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies, and not-for-profit clubs and community groups applying for funding for a project which will benefit wholly or mainly residents of the Parish of Laverstock & Ford.

Category B Registered Charities with significant operations within the South Wiltshire area which are accessible to the residents of the Parish of Laverstock & Ford.

Category A applications will be considered at any time throughout the year. Category B applications will be considered at the March Parish Council meeting at the end of the financial year.

Applications during the year have been received from Victim Support, St Johns Ambulance and Wiltshire Citizens Advice. These are Category B applications and are therefore presented to the March meeting. Application letters are copied below:-

- Annex 1 – Victim Support (donation requested – amount not specified)
- Annex 2 – St Johns Ambulance (grant application for £500 - £1000)
- Annex 3 – Wiltshire Citizens Advice (donation requested – amount not specified)

An application for £246 towards Coronation souvenirs has been received from St Andrews Primary School, Laverstock. Their application is attached Annex 4.

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the powers granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

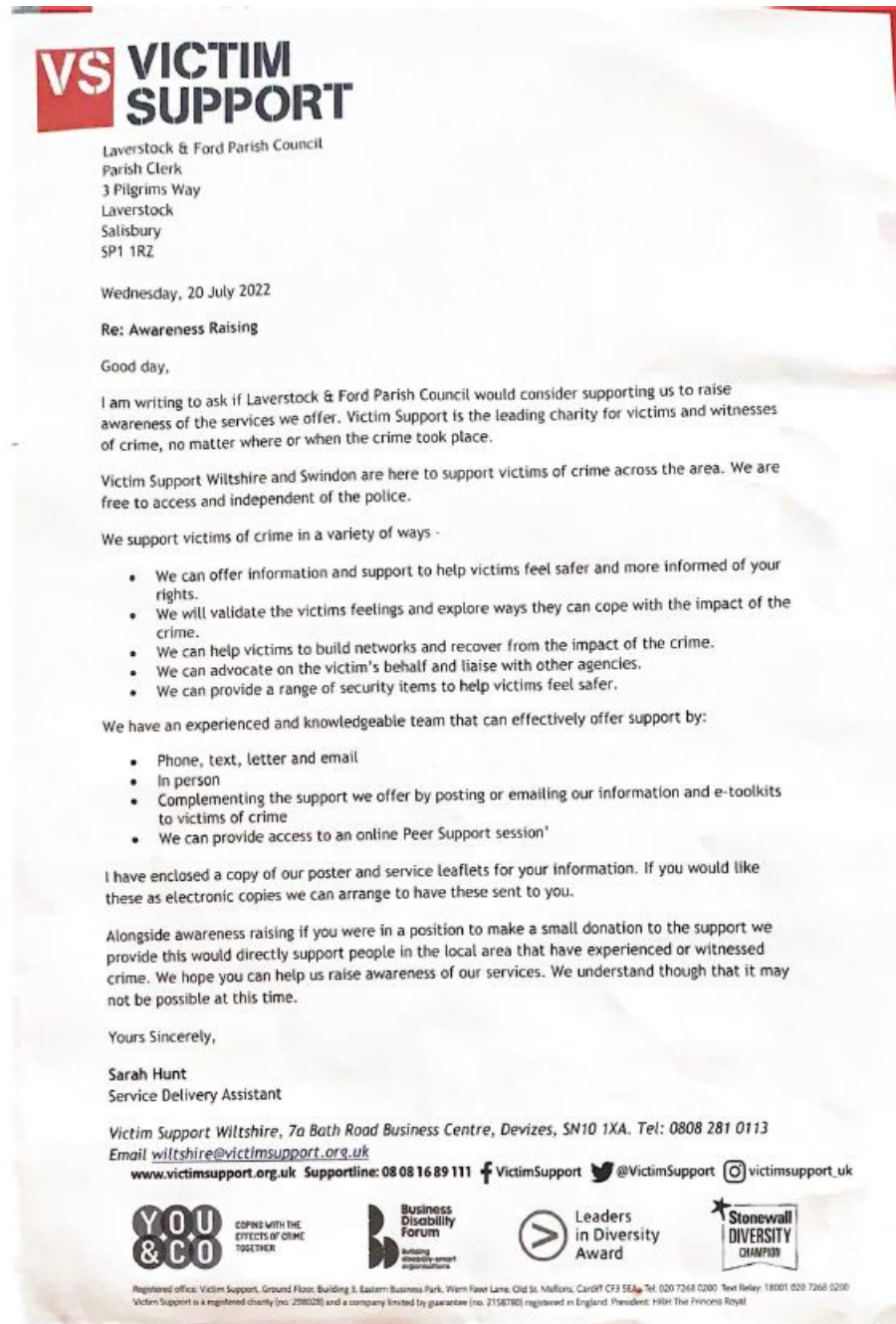
- that the Parish Council considers grant applications to Victim Support, St Johns Ambulance and Wiltshire Citizens Advice.
- That the Parish Council grants the sum of £246 to St Andrews Primary School.

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ANNEX 1



ANNEX 2

LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

Please be advised that all applicants are invited to attend and address the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council Meeting deciding your application.

Although this is not compulsory it is seen to be beneficial especially for grant applications over £500.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council if you need help completing this application.

1. Name of Organisation.

St John Ambulance Wiltshire

2. Amount of Grant Aid being requested.
£500 to £1,000

3. Please detail your project or activity and explain why you need this grant funding.

We are raising funds to purchase a new CSU for our volunteers as they deliver first-aid to the communities across Wiltshire for at least 10 years. The vehicle will be based at our Hub in Swindon and costs £65,000.

Every detail of the new vehicle has been designed with our volunteers and for our volunteers, ensuring they have instant access to the lifesaving tools they need. Up to six volunteers can travel together to an event, allowing briefing and preparation during the journey so they do not waste precious time on arrival. Along with the team members, the van will carry first aid kitbags necessary for the different situations the volunteers might encounter, as well as equipment which can be quickly removed from the van to set up a covered first aid post.

The Community Support Unit contains facilities essential to enable rapid and safe response from our busy volunteers: a water heater for vital regular handwashing, a power supply to charge radios and mobile phones, a towbar to carry cycles for our specialist cycle responders, a table for setting up communications equipment if needed and four seats for the occasional rest and a cuppa! Improving the environment for our volunteers means improving the quality of our provision to all those who need us.

Across Wiltshire we have 627 volunteers based across the County – all of these will benefit from the vehicle at some point whilst on duty.

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4. Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan. This is on the Laverstock and Ford Parish website <http://www.laverstock-ford.co.uk>

Since January 2022 our volunteers in Wiltshire have delivered over 10,650 of volunteering hours to support a number of activities across the County. Across all parts of Wiltshire, especially in rural parishes such as Laverstock and Ford, we have provided frontline support to communities, caring for patients in hospitals, supporting 999 services with our ambulances and working alongside the NHS in the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine rollout by recruiting and training vaccination volunteers.

Some events that we have supported this year have included five Larkhill Point to Point Races, Barbury Castle Point to Point Race, Sponsored Men's Walk for Dorothy House, Imber Ultra Marathon, Lackham College Lambing x2 Weekends, Corsham 10k, Forever Friends Appeal Walk of Life, Keynsham Jubilee Picnic, Corsham Street Fair, Avebury Solstice and the Melksham Carnival.

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5. Please explain how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Grant Policy. This is on the Laverstock and Ford Parish website <http://www.laverstock-ford.co.uk>

Being able to respond quickly to an emergency incident is vital to our work. We have a number of ambulances and support vehicles which are part of an aging fleet. The new CSU vehicles will enable more volunteers to travel as one and as well as being just right for the job, it means we are able to 'retire' a number of older and less suitable ambulances from our fleet, improving our service and our environmental footprint.

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6. Approximately how many of those who will benefit are Laverstock and Ford Parish residents?

This is a difficult equation as we potentially could support all Laverstock and Ford Parish residents as we serve in every community across Wiltshire.

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7. What will be the total cost of the above project or activity?

£65,000

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8. Have you applied for grant/s for this same project or activity to any other organisation/s? Please give details and dates when applications are allocated.

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We are approaching a number of smaller Trusts, Foundations and Community Groups to help us raise the necessary amount required. We have received £10,000 from B&Q Swindon which started the Appeal in 2022 and have applied to Parish Councils across the County including Stratton St Margaret, Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council, Central North Swindon Parish Council, Colerne Parish Council, Chippenham Area Board, Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council, West Swindon Parish Council and Trowbridge Town Council. Dates vary but decisions will be made between September 2022 and February 2023.

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9. If the total cost of the project or activity is more than the grant being applied for, how will the residue be financed?

We have raised £28,000 to date via Private donations and local events and fundraising activities. We will continue to apply for funds and have a public appeal which will end in April 2023.

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10. Name and Address of Contact.

Louise Jones

St John Ambulance, Brunel House 158-159 Rodbourne Rd, Swindon, SN2 2AY

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11. Role with the applying organisation.

12.

Community Fundraising Manager

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13. Telephone Number and email address of contact.

T: 07976 870343 E: louise.jones@sja.org.uk

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14. Is the Organisation a Registered Charity? If yes, please give registration number.
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15. Does the Organisation have a bank account?

Yes

Signed

Date

Louise Jones

11/08/22

You may use a further page of A4 to submit any further information which you feel will support this application.

Please send this application to:

Andrew Prince, Parish Clerk, Laverstock and Ford
Parish Council, 3 Pilgrims Way, Laverstock,
Salisbury SP1 1RZ

Customer Support Unit for Wiltshire

We urgently need your help to buy a Community Support Unit Vehicle for St John Ambulance Wiltshire.

St John Ambulance has always been a critical part of our community here in Wiltshire. During the pandemic our 627 dedicated volunteers went above and beyond to support the over-stretched NHS providing additional ambulances and volunteer ambulance crews as well as training over 470 local St John Ambulance vaccination volunteers. St John Ambulance volunteers work in a number of ways to support the local community - as vaccinators, patient advocates and patient supporters, providers of essential first-aid support at public events and giving life-saving First Aid training to hundreds of people.

We now urgently need your help to fund a long-term investment in St John Ambulance's capacity to help create healthier, safer and more resilient communities here in Wiltshire.

Being easily accessible within local communities is key to our mission, and this is underlined by the brand-new vehicle St John Ambulance has developed, specifically to offer adaptable first aid services to the public – the 'First Aid Unit'.

Every detail of the new vehicle has been designed around our volunteers, ensuring they have instant access to the lifesaving tools they need.

First Aid out and about

The First Aid Units are spacious four-wheel drive vehicles. They are adaptable for all terrains, so most outdoor locations can be reached.





Up to six volunteers can travel together to an event, allowing briefing and preparation during the journey so they do not waste precious time on arrival. Along with the team members, the van will carry first aid kitbags necessary for the different situations the volunteers might encounter, as well as equipment which can be quickly removed from the van to set up a covered first aid post. The outer design provides an easily recognisable first aid base.

The First Aid Unit contains facilities essential to enable rapid and safe response from our busy volunteers: a water heater for vital regular handwashing, its own power supply to charge radios and mobile phones, a towbar to carry cycles for our specialist cycle responders, a table for setting up communications equipment if needed and four seats for the occasional rest and a cuppa! Improving the environment for our volunteers means improving

the quality of our provision to all those who need us.

These adaptable units add even more value to the St John Ambulance fleet with the addition of a blue light, enabling their use for emergency driver training. This releases our ambulances to get on with their priority work of responding to saving and protecting lives.

Each fully-equipped First Aid Unit costs £65,000.

We have been extraordinarily privileged to have received a generous donation of £10,000 from B&Q Swindon as a foundational gift to the appeal as well as some generous local donations from events. This is a fantastic start, but we have a long way to go to hit our target.

So how can you help us?

We would be hugely grateful if you could make a donation in support of the purchase of this vehicle for the St John Ambulance team in Wiltshire. It's an ambitious target, however, we believe that with the outstanding generosity of our St John Ambulance friends in Wiltshire, we can achieve it. You will be making a real long-term investment in our future as this First Aid vehicle will support our volunteers in delivering first-aid to the communities in Wiltshire for at least 10 years. We can assure you that all donations will go exclusively to this project.

Thank you in advance for your generous support, enabling St John Ambulance to do even more to help create healthier, safer and more resilient communities here in Wiltshire.



ANNEX 3



Wiltshire Citizens Advice
Trinity House
Bryer Ash Business Park
Trowbridge
Wiltshire BA14 8HE

July 2022

Dear Parish Councillors,

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to all of you who have supported us over the past 12 months, your contributions have been invaluable. We have continued to support the people of Wiltshire over the last year and we predict that with the growing cost of living crisis our services will continue to be in high demand.

Across the whole year (2021/2022) we have supported 14,192 clients with 42,431 issues, which is testament to our staff, volunteers and supporters. We have answered nearly 12,000 emails (national and local) throughout the year, double our response last year and have answered nearly 20,000 telephone calls.

The top 4 enquiry areas across all parishes of Wiltshire in 2021-22 are:

- Benefits (including Universal Credit) & Tax Credits
- Financial services and capability
- Debt
- Housing

All advice that is given adds up to a huge reduction in anxiety and stress and the alleviation of poverty for many people and families. Longer term, it contributes to more resilient communities, reduces isolation and enhances the local economy.

The impact of the cost of living crisis is going to affect an increasing number of Wiltshire citizens, we are already seeing an increase in people needing to use Foodbanks and help with their finances. The staff and volunteers at Wiltshire Citizens Advice will be doing everything they can to give advice and support clients. We can't help them with all these needs without additional resources ourselves, so we're asking for your help to increase the number of staff and volunteers.

Your donation will:

- ✓ £50 - 2 hours of Advice
- ✓ £100 will train a volunteer
- ✓ £500 will pay for a new laptop that a new staff member or volunteer will need

Every small amount of support will make a big difference to this vital part of our work and will



Chief Executive Officer: Suzanne Wigmore
Citizens Advice Wiltshire is an operating name of Wiltshire Citizens Advice.

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ensure we can maintain our level of service to your residents.



We won't ever be able to predict when difficult life situations arise, but we can make sure we are there to help when they do. One of our clients summed up just how useful our advisers can be, telling us

"Over the years, Citizens Advice have made the difference between life and death for me"

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, I hope you will consider supporting the work our team does in the community and I shall look forward to your response. If you would like to make a donation please contact Liz Goodey our Head of Finance and Business Support at:

Email: lizgoodey@citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk
Telephone: 07506 148987

Alternatively you can donate directly at: <https://localgiving.org/charity/wiltshirecitizensadvice/>

Yours in appreciation,



Suzanne Wigmore
CEO



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Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council if you need help completing this application.

1. Name of Organisation. St. Andrew's CE VA Primary School

2. Amount of Grant Aid being requested. £246 (50% of the cost of 205 coins, 1 per pupil)

3. Please detail your project or activity and explain why you need this grant funding.

The Parish Council contacted me regarding ways to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. The original suggestion was a Coronation Cup to be awarded to pupils to who contribute to the local community. While I love the idea of this, my concern was that it would sit on a shelf gathering dust in years to come.

To celebrate the coronation within the parish, I feel that it would be incredibly special for every child at St. Andrew's Primary to receive a commemorative coin. With the cost of living crisis impacting many of our pupils, other than school based activities, they may not commemorate or remember this momentous occasion in any other way.

Although the Friends of St Andrews (FOSA) are willing to contribute to the cost of the coins, their funds are limited and with so many families being impacted by the increase in the cost of living, they are trying to support the school by subsidising the cost of enrichment activities such as school visits and visitors.

4. Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan.

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This celebration of the coronation would strengthen links between the Parish Council and school and raise the children's awareness of the role of the Parish Council as identified on the Parish Plan. We would love members of the Parish Council to meet with our School Council to discuss their role and why they are contributing to each pupil being gifted a coin; it would also support the children's learning around British Values.

This could be the beginning of the school working more closely with the Council on future community focussed events.

5. Please explain how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Grant Policy. This is on the Laverstock and Ford Parish website <http://www.laverstock-ford.co.uk>

The grant would be used for the benefit of residents of the parish.
Costings have shown that the supplier that we plan to use represents best value.
The grant will contribute to the well-being of pupils living in the local community.
The grant would improve links between the Parish Council and St. Andrew's School
6. Approximately how many of those who will benefit are Laverstock and Ford Parish residents?

Approximately 160 of our pupils reside within the Parish of Laverstock and Ford.

7. What will be the total cost of the above project or activity? £492

8. Have you applied for grant/s for this same project or activity to any other organisation/s? Please give details and dates when applications are allocated.

We have not applied elsewhere, but as stated previously, the Friends of St. Andrew's (FOSA) will supplement any funding received from the Parish Council.

9. If the total cost of the project or activity is more than the grant being applied for, how will the residue be financed? From FOSA (see above)

10. Name and Address of Contact.

Mrs Joanne Fernie
St. Andrew's CE VA Primary School
16 Church Road,
Laverstock
Salisbury.
SP1 1QX

11. Role with the applying organisation. Headteacher

12. Telephone Number and email address of contact.

01722 503590
head@st-andrews-laverstock.wilts.sch.uk

13. Is the Organisation a Registered Charity? No.

14. Does the Organisation have a bank account? Yes

Signed *J Fernie* Date 12.3.23

You may use a further page of A4 to submit any further information which you feel will support this application.

Please send this application to:

Andrew Prince, Parish Clerk, Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, 3 Pilgrims Way,
Laverstock, Salisbury SP1 1RZ
Email: parish-clerk@laverstock-ford.co.uk