

REPORT 24.045 Grant Applications Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust and Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre
LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL
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Grant Applications

The Clerk has received the applications attached for consideration at the April 2024 Parish Council meeting.

Annex One – Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust
£2000 towards sensory project at Laverstock Water Meadows

Annex Two - Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre
£5000 towards salary for Centre Manager

Annex Three - Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre
£5400 towards food supplies for Community Pantry

RECOMMENDATION

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

That the Council considers the applications received

ANNEX ONE

1 Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)

Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust (Registered Charity)

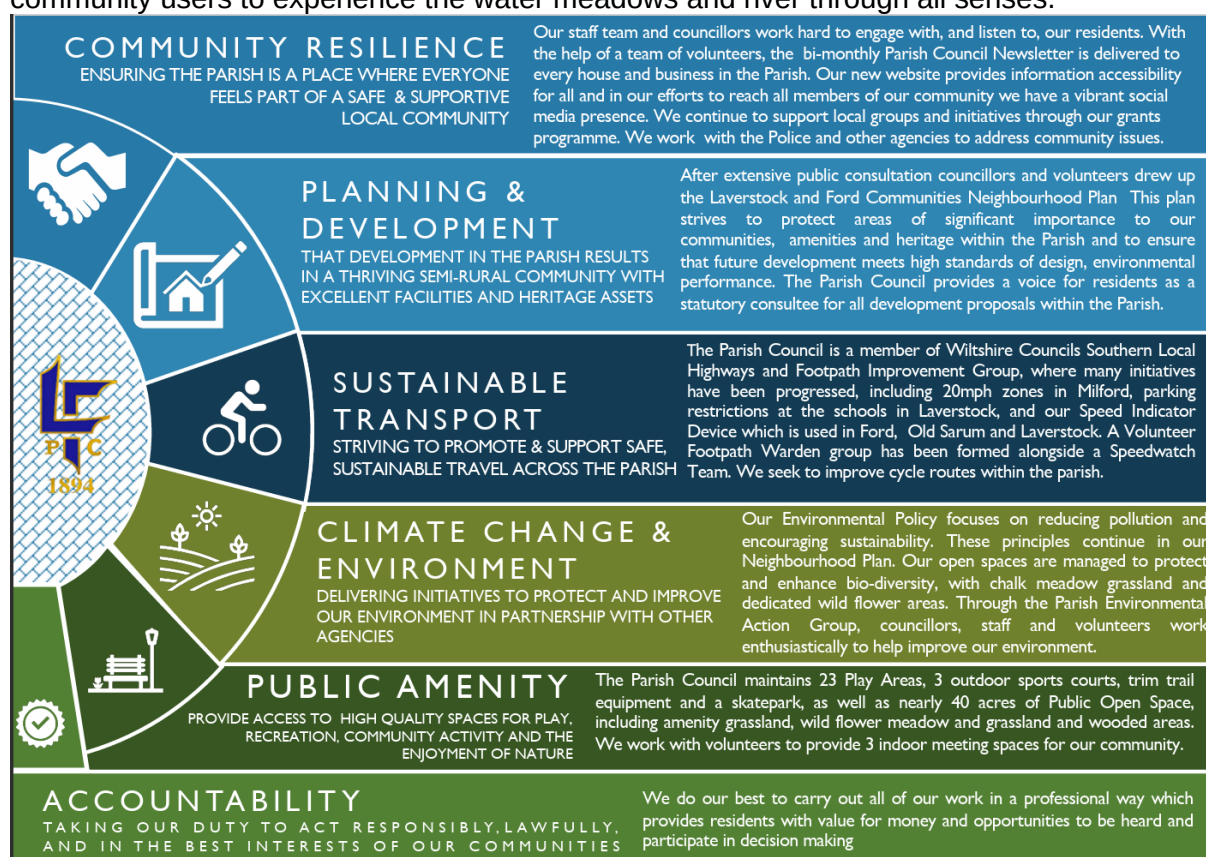
2 Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)

£2000.00

3 Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, you can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).

Laverstock Chalk stream and Meadows Sensory Project

The project involves installing an easy access path with sensory trail from Cow Lane to our river platform on the River Bourne Chalk Stream Special Area of Conservation. This will enable all community users to experience the water meadows and river through all senses.



Community Resilience – The project is designed to encourage inclusive exploration and discovery by all the community. It builds on the inclusive access project funded in part by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council in Financial Year 23 – 24. It will enable access to a wildlife rich section of the river throughout the year. In times of flood we will ensure visitors are directed to a safe distance from the river in spite while still be able to enjoy the sensory experiences it affords.

Planning and Development – The impacts of nutrients from housing development on the River Bourne chalk stream are having a profound impact on planning and development in the Parish. We will ensure the trail touches on these issues and sets them in the context of the unique value of chalk streams for biodiversity and cultural heritage.

Climate Change and Environment – Our floodplain meadows provide a vital service buffering Laverstock residents and residents in neighbouring parishes from increasingly extreme flood events. The project will include additional interpretation of the vital role our meadows and the river bourne chalk stream play with respect to both the climate change emergency and the biodiversity crisis. The project ensures enhance opportunities for people to enjoy the meadows through peaceful recreation activities.

Public Amenity. – The project enhances access to nature, particularly for the most physically and mentally impaired members of our community. There is a wealth of evidence for the healing properties a sensory experience affords to local people. The trail is situated close to the Community Farm cafe accessible toilet facility We are also looking into provision of accessible toilet facilities as part of our barn restoration project to be made available when the Community Farm is shut for public access.

Accountability – We provide full and comprehensive annual accounts and financial reports viewable on the Charity Commission web-site. The project is in line with our management plan for our land which is reviewed annually by our Board of 8 Trustees who all live locally and are committed to fulfilling the charitable objectives of Devenish Brashaw Charitable Trust. We also consult widely with local specialists and visitors to the water-meadows and carrying out robust annual ecological surveys of the wildlife of the water-meadows. We are committed to providing the highest standards of inclusive access to our land.

5 Please tell us how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's grant

- The extent to which the project will provide a measurable improvement to the community and achieve the aims of the Parish Council Grant Scheme.

The project has a design life of 20 plus years and will bring measurable improvement to c4000 community members per annum

- No grants will be awarded for commercial ventures or private gain.

We are a registered charitable body and as such do not have any commercial ventures or private gain

- Grants will not be awarded for political or religious campaigns or activities.

We are apolitical and do not promote religious campaigns or activities.

- Grants will not normally be made retrospectively.

The grant will fund a new project. No materials have been purchased prior to this application.

- Financial assistance will not be awarded to individuals (section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972).

We are a charitable organisation, no individuals will profit from this project.

- How effectively the grant will be used e.g. has the best deal been sought for the purchase of the equipment.

We have researched materials extensively to find the best prices and value for money options.

- The anticipated costs and outcomes of the project are appropriate, realistic and an effective use of Parish Council financial resources.

We have designed the project so that anticipated costs are kept to minimum.

- Full disclosure of all other grants applied for with respect to the project proposal.

We have provided full disclosure for the other revenue we are utilizing in the project.

- Evidence that the funds could not be raised from another more appropriate source for the project (including the applicants own reserves).

The charity has no reserves currently and has looked at other options for funding.

- The grant contribution will be considered in the context of related facilities provided by the applicant, other organisations and the parish council (see figure 1)

- All applicant organisations that request a grant of £1,000 or above must disclose their financial reserves in their application.

We have disclosed that we have no financial reserves available to fund this project.

6 Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?

Estimate 4,000.00 Total footfall in last two years 20,000 per annum

7 What will be the TOTAL cost of your project/activity (not just the money you are applying for in this application but the overall cost of the project) including VAT

8 Have you applied for grant/s for this project or activity from any other source? (Please give details and tell us the dates of when these monies will be awarded)

We plan to seek further funding for this project from Salisbury City Council Community Grant and Southern Wiltshire Area Board.

Dates for grant monies potentially being awarded as follows:

Salisbury City Council Community Fund – 13th May 2024

Southern Wiltshire Area Board – 23rd May 2024

9 If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?

From unrestricted Farming Single Payment Scheme revenue

And grant applications to Salisbury City Council and Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Costings – all prices including VAT

Expenditure

Geotextile membrane	149.00
Timber edging	452.00
Self-aggregate top surface	3312.00
MOT Type 1 Sub base	2800.00
Hire of plant machinery	300.00
Sensory materials and signage	400.00
Total	7413.00

Income

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council	2,000.00
Salisbury City Council	2,000.00
Southern Area Board	2,000.00
Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust	1,413.00 plus volunteer labour

Financial Reserves

Currently we have no unrestricted financial reserves that could be released to fund the whole project. We are making a contribution through limited unrestricted funds.

Route of Sensory Trail from Cow Lane to River Bourne – orange dashed line



Parish Boundaries – Salisbury City and Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – Red line





Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

incorporating Bishopdown Farm, Ford, Hampton Park, Laverstock, Longhedge, Old Sarum, River Down Park and parts of Milford

Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

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1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	Old Sarum Community Centre 08.04.24
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£5,000
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, you can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).
	We are asking for £5,000 towards the salary for the Centre Manager. Nina has been at the centre for a year and the decision to permanently employ her has now been taken. Bookings have increased and the centre is looking cleaner and tidier however there are plans to continue the tidying up. Although utilities have come down in price as it stands the accounts forecast still predicts a shortfall at year end. So we are looking for a grant to help with this shortfall and a day has been put aside to find grants from other sources.

4	Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	We feel that we support the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish plan by working with the council's team. Holding Parish council meetings at the centre. As well as having two parish councillors on the board of trustees. Our chairman Kevin Lynn has come in to his own and really cares about the Community Centre and the community. We are working with different partners to bring different demographics to the centre it is beginning to feel like the heart of the community.

5	Please tell us how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's grant policy (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	We feel that we meet the criteria by providing a venue for many from an older couple who use the hall to practice dancing, to Neurokind a play therapist who specialises in children with autism, to the Old Sarum Scouts, Nursery and Youth Club. The Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry, Warm Space and Chatty Cafe, New Sarum Women's Institute, Hope Church, Exodus Church and Salisbury RC Drift Car Club. Plus the businesses that use the centre that are going from strength to strength and all the numerous birthday parties. We are there at the centre of all of these wonderful groups who would cease to exist without the Community Centre.

5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	300 per week
7	What will be the TOTAL cost of your project/activity (not just the money you are applying for in this application but the overall cost of the project)
	£13,260
8	Have you applied for grant/s for this project or activity from any other source? (Please give details and tell us the dates of when these monies will be awarded)
	Not yet but we will be.
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	We will look to apply for more grant funding as well as concentrating on hiring out dead spaces within our diary by promoting ourselves via events, social media and local publications.



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1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry under the umbrella of Old Sarum Community Centre 08.04.23
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£5400 27 weeks at £200
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, you can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).
	We opened the Pantry a year ago on the 15th of May 2024. We are asking for six months worth of funding to pay for our food supplies.
4	Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	We feel that the Pantry which incorporates the warm space and chatty cafe supports the Parish's plan as we hold Parish Council events such as the community day and most recently within the Pantry session. Councillor Kevin Lynn can regularly be seen at these events and engages with the community during that time.
5	Please tell us how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's grant policy (available to view at www.laverstockford-pc.gov.uk)
	We believe that we meet the criteria set out in the Grant policy because we recently opened up the Pantry to the whole of the Parish. We provide an essential service to the community during the cost of living crisis. We recently worked with Abri to identify members who were struggling they then received vouchers to support them coming out of the Winter. We don't just offer subsidised food we provide information, support and help. Often signposting our users to other organisations that can help.

5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	At least 150 not all users are members but can come and shop from the free produce
7	What will be the TOTAL cost of your project/activity (not just the money you are applying for in this application but the overall cost of the project)
	£10,800
8	Have you applied for grant/s for this project or activity from any other source? (Please give details and tell us the dates of when these monies will be awarded)
	Not yet but we have a day set aside to sit down and apply for any grants that we feel we meet the criteria for.
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	We will be applying for funding through other grants.