

REPORT PC25.107 Grant Applications CTSW and Silver Salisbury July 2025

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1. BACKGROUND

Two grant applications are presented for consideration in July 2025.

2. SUMMARY

An application £1135 has been received from Community Transport South Wiltshire (attached Annex One) towards community transport costs for Laverstock and Ford residents.

An application has been received from Silver Salisbury for funds towards coffee morning events in Laverstock (attached Annex Two). Supplementary information received from Silver Salisbury has been attached at the end of Annex Two. The Chair, Irene Kohler, has confirmed she will be attending the council meeting to answer questions.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the council considers a grant of £1135 to Community Transport South Wiltshire under the powers to make grants for Community Transport Schemes Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s26-29

That the council considers a grant of £1875 to Silver Salisbury under the powers granted within Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

ANNEX ONE

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Ref: CTSW Community Transport Support

Dear Trudie

I am contacting you on behalf of the Trustees of Community Transport South Wiltshire, a well-established local charity based in Salisbury, with a reputation built on helping local communities through a variety of transport options.

We operate eighteen door-to-door minibus 'Shopper' services and a volunteer driver car scheme for village members/parishioners who have mobility and isolation issues here in South Wiltshire including people from your parish. The Concessionary Bus Passes are valid on our minibus services.

We are writing to you with a view to seeking any help the Parish Council may be able to offer us in supporting them, with our attempts to attract even more of your members/parishioners to use our services, or maybe in making a small grant that could help us financially to continue maintaining the service.

At the same time, we also hope that by raising our profile locally we can attract more volunteer or paid drivers to help ensure we can continue to meet all demands for the services we provide. It has been our experience that our drivers' sense of wellbeing can inclusively benefit as well as in the people they help.

We have several items which we could gladly supply to you, such as posters and leaflets to be attached to notice boards, if you think this may be of interest to your parishioners.

We would like to give your members or parishioners a short presentation, if you think this would be of interest to them. Our website has been significantly revised recently and can be viewed showing the full range of services we provide at the following website address: **www.ctswsalisbury.uk**

I thank you for your time in passing this information to your members/parishioners and if I can supply any more information, or you believe a meeting would be beneficial, please do not hesitate to contact me either direct via my email address: **sereeves2003@yahoo.co.uk** or telephone: **07884 472037**, or alternatively contacting the CTSW Office Manager, Graham Audin, via the following email address: **grahamctsw@outlook.com** or the office telephone: **01722 410123**.

Yours sincerely

Steven Reeves
Trustee



Who are we?

CTSW are an established Salisbury charity which provides a lifeline helping to relieve loneliness and isolation and support those people that find it difficult to get out and about from their homes.

A huge factor in reducing the quality of life for the elderly and disabled people is not being able to get around. Many cannot afford taxis or reach buses and have no other means of transport available.



CTSW focuses on providing door-to-door transport making it possible for people to do the things most of us take for granted, to go shopping, attend medical or hairdresser appointments, local day centres, visit family, or simply to meet up with friends.

Without us, many people would be confined to their homes. The majority of people we help are elderly, frail or disabled, we always endeavour to help anyone in genuine need.

CTSW Services

All services (except Hoppa) are personalised, collecting you from and returning you to your home. CTSW provide support into the car or bus making sure you are safe in your seat.

Drivers are friendly, happy to help, aware of your mobility needs to provide safe access for you and other passengers.



CTSW is a charity which relies on donations and grants to provide its services. However small, donations and legacies are welcome, providing stability for the service continuing for more years to come. For further information call CTSW.

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Registered Charity No: 1056226

Patron: John Glen MP



community transport SOUTH WILTSHIRE



Reducing isolation & loneliness
for people of South Wiltshire



Shopper Buses

For those people registered with a Concessionary Bus Pass, CTSW operates a variety of scheduled 'Shopper Bus' routes, in Salisbury and surrounding areas, no route is the same each day. Most routes are weekly, while others run alternate weeks or fortnightly.

All our services are personalised, we collect you from your home, help you on the bus and make sure you are secure in your seat. On the return journey we help you back on the bus with any shopping. Additionally drivers will be happy to take your shopping into your home if required. For further information call to find out which one our Shopper bus routes will best suit your needs.



Car Scheme

A door-to-door car service that operates between Monday and Friday and available to residents of Salisbury. Bookings can be made to visit family and friends, leisure activities, to go shopping, to the hairdressers or attend medical appointments.

Our car drivers are all wonderful volunteers, that give up their own spare time to help. At an arranged time, we collect you from your home and take you to where you want to go and if arranged, back home again. To find out more about registering with our 'Car Scheme', call and speak to one of our very experienced team of staff who will be pleased to discuss your needs.



Group Bookings

With many years experience we are happy to provide a driver to transport you to your desired destination, taking out the hassle of driving for yourselves ensuring your group is transported safely and affordably.

We provide minibus transport for affiliated groups and organisations that do not have their own transport. So whether you are planning a special day trip out for your senior group, church, day centre or other, register your organisation with CTSW. (Our minibuses carry up to a capacity of sixteen seated people, with some buses able to accommodate wheelchair users).



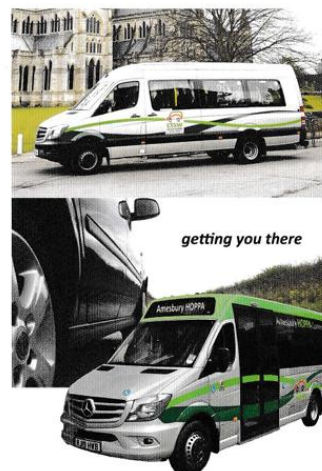
Amesbury Hoppa

CTSW also operate a popular public accessible community bus known as the Amesbury HOPPA. The HOPPA connects the Amesbury community, enabling people to access schools, town shops, places of business and leisure (food chains) within the Solstice Park development.

The HOPPA runs on a Monday to Saturday time-tabled service covering two routes; stopping at various points on route (including Solstice Park, Tesco Supermarket, Archers Gate and the town centre). Travel is free for Concessionary Bus Pass Holders and children up to 5 years old, for all others travel is relatively inexpensive.



Interested



If you would like to know more about any of the services we provide, or volunteer driver roles, pick up the phone and speak to one of our friendly staff who will be pleased to provide you with further information.

Call CTSW on 01722 410123 or 414566





**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.

1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	CTSW Community Transport South Wiltshire application date 17/7/25
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£ 1135
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a summary, whom can also include further detail and supporting documents with this application).
	We at Community Transport South Wiltshire provide community transport to the residents of the Parish of Laverstock and Ford who find they are unable to access accessible affordable transport to go about their daily lives, thus reducing their loneliness and isolation and improving their health and wellbeing. We do this through our: • Door to door Community Car Service using volunteer drivers with their own cars who take passengers wherever they want to go including doctors and hospital appointments, social activities, visiting friends or family or shopping, in fact anything they want to. • Shopper bus services which pick people up from their homes and take them to one of the supermarkets enabling them to make friends talk and buy food of their own choice without having to rely on others or with the added expense for the delivery of online shopping.

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)
	Our project is a community service that benefits Laverstock parishioners with their health and wellbeing and provides transport for those who unable to use other forms of transport. Our projects enable the residents of Laverstock and Ford without access to transport to reach activities and socialize with others and interact with the community at large. Those using our services are elderly or disabled do not drive or have access often through a disability to affordable accessible transport. They feel trapped isolated and unable to access the community activities and /or the medical appointments they require. They worry about how to get to hospital appointments and manage the associated costs that would be involved, how they could visit family members in care homes. They find themselves relying on others to get out and about but don't want to be a burden. They are lonely and miss social contact. By using our services people have the freedom to choose what they do and when they do it, they are able to meet and talk to people, do their own shopping and can be part of the community. They can take part in social activities or just meet others for coffee. They find our drivers of both the cars and the buses friendly and helpful. The bus passengers become friends forming a community of their own. They say the buses are jolly happy places. After people have used either of our services, they say they are less worried, feel better and are happier, they are independent again and have choice.
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)
	Community Transport South Wiltshire is a registered Charity no.1056226 set up in October 1995 and became a charity in June 1996 and has been operating from Salisbury since then. We operate in Laverstock for the benefit of the residents enabling those who find themselves excluded from activities to be able to take part. Our services are measurable: - By way of recording the number of people who choose to use our services. - Their constancy of using the services. - Their comments about the different ways that the services have changed their lives for the better. - Noticeable effects that our services have on their wellbeing on the part of others who know them. The project will provide a measurable improvement to the community in reducing loneliness and isolation for over 60 people per week helping to achieve the aims of the Parish Council Grant Scheme. The services link isolated people within the wider community. Grants will be used to fund future services and reduce our deficit making our services to the parish sustainable. The anticipated costs and outcomes of the project are appropriate and realistic as they are based on present take up. Our reserves are reducing rapidly due to increasing costs and undesignated reserves at 31st March 2025 were £49105 which is the amount recommended by our auditors. The grant will make the Laverstock services sustainable for the next 12 months.

5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	54 Residents from Laverstock and Ford Parish Pouncil use our car service. 13 residents use the two bus services we run through Laverstock to shop in the supermarket.
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)
	The total costs to run the car service in Laverstock <u>is</u> £9562 and the bus <u>services</u> £5824
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 have not applied to anyone else for our services in Laverstock, but we <u>get</u> funding from Wiltshire Council for providing the services throughout South Wiltshire as a whole and income through concessionary fares. These are paid annually or monthly.
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied <u>for</u> how will you fund the remaining costs?
	We receive <u>concessional fare</u> funding from Wiltshire Council for the bus services and grant funding from Wiltshire council for the car service, we also get contributions from the people we carry. This funding does not cover all our costs and the amount we are asking for we calculate covers the expected deficit made on the services in the Laverstock and Ford Parish last year.

ANNEX TWO



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

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

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1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	Silver Salisbury Group 6 th July 2025
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£1,875
3	Tell us about the project or activity you are applying for financial support for (this space is for a <u>summary</u> , you can also include further detail and <u>supporting</u> documents with this application).
	This grant would enable the coffee morning at Laverstock and <u>Ford Village hall</u> started last autumn, to continue for a further year. It is organised by a paid local outreach worker, supported on the day of the coffee morning by a volunteer. The Silver Salisbury monthly drop in coffee morning at Laverstock and Ford Village Hall was started in the autumn of 2024 with a one-off grant from a charitable trust. There have been about forty individuals participating over this period, with an average attendance of between 7 and 10. The activity involves facilitating the group, consulting with members regarding topics for occasional speakers, sourcing and engaging speakers, designing and getting flyers for forthcoming programmes printed. Speakers in the past year included, power of attorney (which attracted 20+people) information and advice on benefits, having a pet in later life, the Young Gallery. Being part of Silver Salisbury also ensures access to all of Silver Salisbury publications and information about special events and encouragement and support to visit and engage. The most important aspect of the outreach worker is promoting the coffee morning using a range of methods and reaching out to older people who may be isolated or lonely and introducing them to the opportunity for social engagement. This will also involve networking people such as healthcare professionals who may be more aware of and in communication with isolated people. The coffee morning is actively targeted at residents of Laverstock and Ford: occasionally specific speakers draw in people from further afield

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)
	Supporting Community resilience Silver Salisbury and this project aim to alleviate isolation and loneliness amongst older people; social engagement enhances health and wellbeing resulting in a healthier happier older community. This should lead to a more active older community making fewer demands on support services, family, friends and neighbours. The coffee morning was initially started as we were aware that people who might have been in financial need weren't accessing "warm spaces" which is what we provide through the coffee mornings. The coffee mornings provide potential opportunities to • Receive and share information about what is happening locally or further afield • Enjoy and be informed by the topic being presented • Socially engage with free refreshments (donations dish is always present) • Provide mutual support and share/receive information about support services such as food bank, money advice • To discuss local issues and if they choose, feedback to the Parish Council. Potentially invite a Parish Councillor as speaker. (specify <u>non political</u>) To ensure inclusivity, it is essential to engage with older people face to face or with hard copy literature which is a priority with Silver Salisbury. Whilst social media is fantastic for reaching more people in general, many older people do not go on line, do not engage with social media, may not be on line and these are the very people who may be isolated and lonely. As well as the benefit of the coffee morning, members will have access to and if appropriate, be encouraged to participate in other activities and events through the Silver Salisbury programmes.
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)
	Silver Salisbury Group is a registered charity number 1198019 Silver Salisbury operates in Stonehenge, South West Wiltshire, Southern Wiltshire as well as Salisbury. In Southern Wiltshire, Silver Salisbury is operational in Old Sarum, Longhedge, Laverstock and Ford, and Downton. This project is based in Laverstock and the majority of beneficiaries will be resident in Laverstock and Ford. This application is for work which is planned to commence for 12 months from 1st September 2025. I will be able to attend the Parish Council meeting on 22nd July and answer any questions which may arise. Reserves: We have £3,000 unrestricted reserves which are designated funds to ensure we can tie up ends and meet commitments should we fail to raise the funds we need. We will keep records of numbers of participants and whether they are Laverstock & Ford residents. People not used to participation in groups may find an expectation for regular attendance threatening so this is a "drop in" with no formal register. We will seek permission to photograph. Please let me have your reporting requirements and happy to report at the end of the year.

5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?														
	We aim for 40 different local people to attend at least one meeting, and an average attendance of between 10 and 12 A specialist speaker or activity advertised more widely may attract additional people from beyond the parish which would raise our target of different individuals to 50														
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)														
	The total cost of the project will be £1,875 There will be no charge for Silver Salisbury publications and annual directory for all participants. Should speakers need travel expenses, Silver Salisbury will meet this cost. Budget <table> <tr> <td>75 freelance outreach hours at £15 per hour</td> <td>£1,125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 hours support and supervision</td> <td>£0,250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rent for hiring L&F village hall</td> <td>£0,300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refreshments</td> <td>£0,075</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>£0,075</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Printing and office supplies</td> <td>£0,050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£1,875</td> </tr> </table>	75 freelance outreach hours at £15 per hour	£1,125	10 hours support and supervision	£0,250	Rent for hiring L&F village hall	£0,300	Refreshments	£0,075	Travel	£0,075	Printing and office supplies	£0,050	Total	£1,875
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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)														
	No. We haven't applied elsewhere as this project is located in the Laverstock and Ford parish. We have already applied to Southern Area Board and received a grant from them this financial year. The charitable trust which funded the first year is no longer providing grants. Silver Salisbury facilitates 6 other <u>coffee mornings</u> including Ukrainian, Polish, Bangladeshi and LGBT and we will be seeking longer term funding for them <u>during the course of this coming year</u> – hopefully successful by September 2026														
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 have raised other funding specifically <u>for the production of our publication</u> Should speakers need expenses, this will be paid from our unrestricted reserves														
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10	Name and Address of your Organisation/Charity/Club etc. (as detailed on the bank account that any funds awarded will be paid to. Please include your Charity Registration number if you are applying as a Charity)
	Silver Salisbury Group (charity number 1198019) Registered office 2 The Maples, Devizes Road, Salisbury SP2 7LL

Parish Clerk

14th July 2025

Funding application to be assessed at the Council meeting on Monday 21st July 2025

I received a telephone call from Cllr Parick Schneider regarding Silver Salisbury Group's application for funding submitted on 7th July. Please include the following in your assessment of my application.

We are aware there are successful well attended regular groups and activities available to Laverstock and Ford residents who are seeking what is on offer and have the confidence to go into an unknown situation or have a friend or partner to go with them. The people we expect to engage with might be overwhelmed by large numbers of people and take a while to get to know other people even in a small group.

Laverstock and Ford gives an outer appearance of the older population being comfortably off, but we are aware that it is quite a mixed area. Loneliness and isolation doesn't have boundaries, but is more difficult to address when people are on a very tight budget which is why Silver Salisbury maintains no or low cost on its activities.

The Silver Salisbury coffee mornings were set up based on the negligible take up of "warm spaces" when it was known that many older people were struggling to meet the vast increases in their heating costs as well as the increase in the cost of living. This was exacerbated by the follow-on effects of Covid with many older people reluctant to go outside their homes for anything but essential needs such as shopping and medical appointments: some have become institutionalised to stay at home. Both of these situations lead to loneliness and isolation which are known to be a major cause of death. Loneliness and isolation lead to poor health which is a drain on health and social services: unhappy unhealthy people are potentially a drain on the resources of the local community.

Some of the people who come to our coffee mornings are referred/signposted - or rather, encouraged to come - by social workers, social prescribers, prevention and well-being team and council housing engagement team. Feedback from a council officer was that "there is a lower number of older people needing statutory service support in Salisbury and its surrounds, than in the rest of the county and we think that is partly responsible to Silver Salisbury". Once someone has come to the group, as well as social engagement and stimulus in the group, they get information about what else is going on in the area and when they are ready, can move on. We also get feedback from people who move into the area that Silver Salisbury helps them to get to know people, find their way around the area and what is going on locally. It gives us a real buzz when we see people exchanging phone numbers.

One of the most difficult and time-consuming tasks in this project is identifying and finding the lonely and isolated people who are usually hidden behind closed doors: and having found them, encouraging

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them to engage. Finding them starts with being networked with a range of groups and both statutory and voluntary workers in the area which is why it is important to have a local outreach worker.

Irene Kohler