

REPORT PC25.121 Grant Applications September 2025

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1. BACKGROUND

Two grant applications are presented for consideration in September 2025.

2. SUMMARY

An application for £500 has been received from St John Ambulance (attached Annex One) towards Street First Aid Roadshows.

An application for £5,648 has been received from Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre for funds towards a property managers salary.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the council considers a grant of £500 to St John Ambulance towards Street First Aid Roadshows under the powers granted within Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

That the council considers a grant of £5,648 to Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976, s.19. [Power to provide buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives – inc. staff.]

ANNEX ONE



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

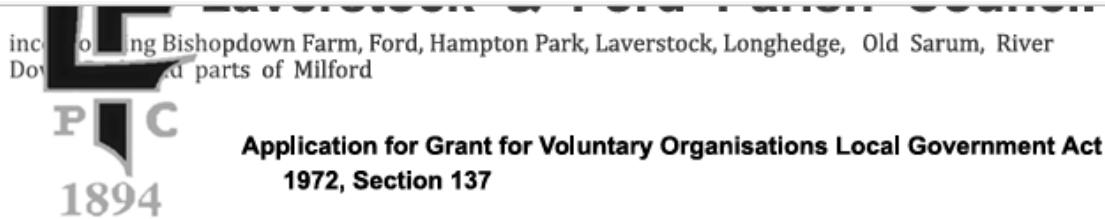
Please be advised that all applicants are invited to attend and address the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council Meeting deciding your application. Although this is not compulsory it is seen to be beneficial especially for grant applications over £500.

1	Name of Organisation and date (the name of your club, charity etc. plus date of application)
	St John Ambulance - Salisbury and South Wiltshire Community Network Application date – 12 th August 2025
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£500
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).
	Project Name: Street First Aid Roadshow - St John Ambulance Community Network in Salisbury and South Wiltshire supports local communities with not only the provision of First Aid cover at local events of all sizes but also in education and delivery of free, an low-cost, First Aid Training across a range of communities. Especially focussing on 3-ways to save a life – CPR and how to use a Defibrillator; how to respond when someone is choking and dealing with bleeding incidents (from everyday cuts through to knife / deeper wounds), we are working within a range of communities across Wiltshire in order to deliver community first aid sessions. Throughout 2024/25 we have been delivering a number of Community First Aid sessions as described above however we have seen an increase in the need to support training in critical life-saving skills following an increase in knife-crime and violent incidents across the local area. The Street First Aid Roadshow will bring free, accessible training to key locations across Wiltshire close to Salisbury including Laverstock and Ford, Old Sarum, Netherhampton, Fordingbridge, Amesbury and Bulford. We want to deliver a minimum of 10 sessions to engage local residents of all ages but particularly engaging with young people. Led by fully trained and experienced St John Ambulance volunteers, sessions will teach critical skills such as managing major bleeds, administering CPR, and using trauma kits. We would also like to give participants a Tourni-Key trauma kit, giving them the confidence and tools to act in a crisis. To ensure widespread participation, we will actively welcome underrepresented groups, including young people, those from lower-income backgrounds, and communities with limited access to health education. By delivering training to these groups we want to remove barriers to engagement and reach those most at risk. Working with youth organisations, councils, and schools, we will further extend outreach, ensuring lasting impact beyond the roadshow itself. Each session costs £643 to deliver however we are seeking grants from a variety of sources to enable us to deliver training across a wider area.

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)
	St John Ambulance would like to support the objective within your Parish Plan by offering targeted support the provision of community services and facilities which benefit the Parish, including health and wellbeing aspects. We know that knowing some First Aid can save lives – from knowing the location of, and how to operate, a defibrillator or how to do CPR to keep someone alive before emergency response can arrive are the simple things that we would like to support the local community with. Across other parishes in Wiltshire, we have been delivering FREE and low cost First Aid training sessions directly in the community. In Devizes and Melksham, for example, our local Network of Volunteers have undertaken a number of school visits in conjunction with Swindon Police as part of their Mini Police sessions. These sessions usually last 60 - 90 minutes and can be attended by 12 children or a whole class of 30. We have a further 8 Mini police sessions scheduled until July. In Swindon and North Wiltshire, we have been working locally with Stratton St Margaret Library and subject to dates (we are awaiting these from the library), we are due to be delivering 4 public sessions based on 3-Ways to save a life. On the 8th March our volunteers attended The McArthur Glen Outlet Village where they gave demonstrations and advice to approximately 400 people. In addition, we have been out and about in our Community Support Unit vehicle supporting community events, including supporting the The Stratton Festival on 19th July. In Salisbury and South Wiltshire we have delivered a number of similar sessions to groups in East Knoyle, to the Wellbeing Walkers Group and in numerous local schools across the District.
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 are incredibly grateful to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council for giving us a grant in 2023 towards our Community Support Vehicle. St John Ambulance is a very active charity with a significant number of volunteers based in and around the Parish. Under your criteria we fall under the category A and B. Our project seeks to directly benefit local individuals and groups across multiple generations as we know the value of learning First Aid. We monitor each Community First Aid session and record numbers, training received and any outcomes as a result of learning First Aid. I can submit any final report and our local volunteers are also able to attend any local Parish Council meetings to verbally report back on the project.

5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	On average our attendance at public facing community workshops range from 30 to 400 participants depending upon the type of event – i.e. if it is booked directly with a specific group or a public facing event with high footfall (i.e. at a Railway station or Shopping Centre). We aim to work specifically to promote these sessions with other partners such as Youth Groups, within community spaces such as libraries and at local café's or halls. We hope to engage with around 1,000 people as a minimum.
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)
	£6,430 for x10 sessions (£643 per session)
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)
	Yes – We have been awarded a grant of £22,500 from GWR however this grant is being partly used to support set-up costs and additional operational costs including promotional items and kits. This grant will enable us to support the delivery of some sessions close to GWR Stations but we wish to widen the delivery into local Parishes across Wiltshire so are seeking smaller grants to enable us to fund volunteering delivery costs including the supply of Tourni-Key kits. Stratton St Margaret awarded £1,500 Market Lavington Parish Council awarded £68 Marston Parish Council awarded £200 Melksham Without Parish Council awarded £250 Applied to: • Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council • Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council • Sutton Veny Parish Council • Swallowcliffe Parish Council
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	As mentioned, we have a core grant for set-up costs but in order to reach more groups we are seeking smaller donations / grants from a range of sources including multiple Parish and Town Councils and localised community fundraising (such as fairs, bucket collections and supermarket engagement)
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)
	• Charity Number: 1077265/1 • Head Office: St John Ambulance, 27 St John's Lane, London EC1M 4BU • St John Salisbury and South Wiltshire Address: 76-78 Roman Rd, Salisbury SP2 9BN

ANNEX TWO



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)
	Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre Application September 2025
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£5,648 This comprises: 31 weeks 1.9.25 – 31.3.26 at 10 hours per week @£17.50 = £5,425 31 weeks at 16 miles per week (one return trip to Winterslow) @45p per mile = £223
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).
	To cover the cost of a self-employed property manager from September 1 st to the end of the financial year 31.3.26 including mileage
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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)
	The Parish Council is committed to the support and improvement of facilities for local people. Old Sarum & Longhedge Community Centre has a big role to play in that. The Centre provides space for the Community Pantry and its services, for various sport and exercise classes including yoga and martial arts, for youth services including Scouts and a youth club, for community groups such as the WI, for healthcare services, for clubs and many other activities. It is also a popular space for residents to hold parties.

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	• <i>The extent to which the project will provide a measurable improvement to the community and achieve the aims of the Parish Council Grant Scheme.</i> – the centre is at the heart of the Old Sarum & Longhedge community • <i>No grants will be awarded for commercial ventures or private gain.</i> – n/a • <i>Grants will not be awarded for political or religious campaigns or activities.</i> – n/a • <i>Grants will not normally be made retrospectively. Whilst a contract has already been offered to someone, it includes a short notice period. If this grant is not given, we will end the contract</i> • <i>Financial assistance will not be awarded to individuals (section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972).</i> – n/a • <i>How effectively the grant will be used e.g. has the best deal been sought for the purchase of the equipment.</i> – The current uncertainty surrounding the future of the Centre means that a flexible solution to the loss of the previous manager seemed appropriate. This was a key consideration. In order to achieve a result quickly, we approached someone who had previously been interested in working at the Centre and who brings a wealth of experience. He has agreed a salary at a very similar hourly rate to the previous manager which, allowing for saved NI & pension costs, will actually be slightly cheaper for the Centre. • <i>The anticipated costs and outcomes of the project are appropriate, realistic and an effective use of Parish Council financial resources.</i> - Whilst we have in place a venues officer, she deals with hirings. The building itself still needs regular maintenance and review to keep it functioning as a community asset. This will be role of the property management contract, safeguarding it into the future. • <i>Full disclosure of all other grants applied for with respect to the project proposal.</i> None • <i>Evidence that the funds could not be raised from another more appropriate source for the project (including the applicants own reserves).</i> – We are holding no reserves • <i>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)</i> • <i>All applicant organisations that request a grant of £1,000 or above must disclose their financial reserves in their application.</i> – noted above 'nil'. The bank balance at the point of applying is less than £5.5k.
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5	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	The majority. I apologise I have no better figures.

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)
	£5,648 for this financial year. Should a new legal framework not be in place by 31.3.25, we would anticipate applying again for the new financial year.
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
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will

	you fund the remaining costs?
	n/a
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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)
	Charity regn 1161414 Old Saum & Longhedge Community Centre, Pheasant Drive, Old Sarum