

Sittingbourne Area Committee Funding Scheme

Summary of applications received for the December 2021 meeting

Area Committee's allocation for 2021-22 - £44,000.00

There have been no previously agreed allocations by Sittingbourne Area Committee

Available to allocate at the December 2021 meeting - £44,000.00

(Applications arranged in the order they were received)

Reference:	SITT010
Organisation:	New Leaf Support
Applicant Name:	Hasmita Reardon – Founder/Director/Volunteer
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>New Leaf Support charity are hoping to continue running the Healing Together Programme (leaflet attached). Our funding on this project has now run out, the project has been highly successful with good results for the children who have witnessed and even experienced domestic abuse at a very tender young age.</p> <p>The project will be facilitated by a qualified Counsellor and a domestic abuse support worker. The course will run for 6 weeks, each session will last 60 minutes, and the group will consist of 6 children from both secondary and primary school age (2 groups) Both facilitators will be available 15 minutes before and after each session in case the session has raised any issues.</p> <p>There will be an initial assessment / meeting with each individual family prior to the start so they are aware of the course and its contents to reduce any anxiety.</p> <p>We will get the referrals from our existing clients and any new clients referred into our service.</p> <p>We currently hold at a school and hoping to get other schools to engage, Early Help and Social Services are aware we will be running the programme so they can make any new referrals.</p> <p>Each week at the end of the session we will provide the parent with a bag of food to ensure the children all have access to hot meals during the holidays.</p> <p>New Leaf Support has completed 2 programme specifically for children, which has been very successful and have benefited children who witnessed domestic abuse with coping strategies.</p>

	<p>During the referral process for healing together, we received several referrals from agencies such as Early help for children as young 4 years old that need support due to witnessing, demonstrating abusive behaviours or suffering abuse. We do not want to exclude these children from support so would like to be in a position to help with one to one counsellor.</p> <p>We determined to set up a support group for families affected by domestic abuse as well. We believe that we may be able to share some of our experiences and knowledge with the parents / siblings etc of someone who is or has been in an abusive relationship to give them a better understanding of what is happening and why.</p>
Supporting papers	Yes
Quote provided	No
Total project expenditure:	<p>2 x 6 weeks programmes: Healing Together for children £820.00 x 2 - £1,640.00 1 to 1 sessions with counsellor for 4 to 5 years old, £40 per session x 6 sessions x 6 children - £1,440.00</p> <p>Total project expenditure £3,080.00</p>
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Total project income - None
Funding request:	£3,080.00

Reference:	SITT011
Organisation:	Sittingbourne in Bloom
Applicant Name:	Lynda Marshall, Committee Member
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	<p>A number of residents, currently 6, in Milton Regis have got together as they would like to make improvements to the High Street area of Milton Regis by adding planters and hanging baskets and enhancing other fixtures. They are willing to maintain the raised bed by the Court Hall and plant up the area around the car park. The aim is to form a CIO, adopt a constitution, elect officers and have a bank account. The group will be the Milton Regis Society but as they have not yet had time to complete the process they are working under the umbrella of Sittingbourne In Bloom.</p> <p>This project will benefit all the current residents of Milton Regis as well as visitors to High Street and the Court Hall museum. It will also make the whole area more attractive and inviting especially to residents in all the new housing developments in the near vicinity. The introduction of more plants into an area that has very little at present will be good for the environment and air quality as well as for wildlife.</p> <p>Local residents wishing to take pride in their local the area has led to them coming together to form a new Society which can only be for the good of the community and the area as a whole.</p> <p>This bid complies with the Strategic Priorities listed below:-</p> <p>Swale's Strategic Priority 2: Investing in our environment and responding positively to global challenges</p> <p>2.4 Recognise and support our local heritage to give people pride in the place they live and boost the local tourism industry.</p> <p>2.5 Work towards a cleaner borough where recycling remains a focus, and ensure that the council acts as an exemplar environmental steward, making space for nature wherever possible.</p> <p>Swale's Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone</p> <p>3.3 Develop a communitarian approach to partnership working based on shared objectives with like-minded agencies in the voluntary and community sectors.</p> <p>3.5 Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.</p>
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	Yes

Total project expenditure:	2 Double Cosmopolitan Cube Hire @ £518 - £1036 20 Pole Basket Liner 800mm Hire @ £84.35 - £1687 Installation - £150 4 Wooden planter, soil plants reservoir, maintained 12 months @ £1325 - £5300 3 Grey Troughs @ £213.75 - £641.25 Delivery - £50 3 used barrier baskets @ £75 - £225 Plants for troughs and barrier baskets - £360 Peat free compost for troughs and barrier baskets - £200 Total project expenditure excluding VAT £9,649.25
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None.
Funding request:	£9,649.25

Reference:	SITT012
Organisation:	Raybel Charters
Applicant Name:	Gareth Maeer - Director
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guaranatee Social Enterprise
Details of project/activity:	<p>Milton Creek navigation - feasibility study proposal</p> <p>The restoration of the Thames sailing barge Raybel at Lloyd's Wharf is demonstrating that it is still viable for Sittingbourne to have an active and lively boating and barge scene at the head of Milton Creek.</p> <p>The restoration, along with the rebuild of the Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum, the completion of the skate park and the access improvements to the SKLR, have already made good progress towards Swale BC's aspirations to create a heritage-based cultural and leisure quarter at the Wharf, as laid in the Local Plan. This is a key site for the future of the town, being so closely located to the town centre, and adjacent to the retail park.</p> <p>Barge and boating activity – whether the arrival and departure of vessels, or restoration / repair work, or possibly a small number of live-aboards – is needed to creates the colour and vibrancy that will draw visitors to the wharf. This type of activity is vital to realising the long-term ambitions set out in the Local Plan.</p> <p>These aspirations have been further advanced recently by the inclusion of the Creek in a proposal for the designation of a 'Queenborough and Milton Creek Heritage Harbour', as part of the initiative jointly promoted by Maritime Heritage Trust and National Historic Ships.</p> <p>However, there are restrictions and difficulties in navigating the Creek which need to be overcome if this vision is to be realised.</p> <p>The first of these is the depth of water along the length of the Creek, which means that navigation is limited to high tide, and even then requires some care and skill in following the channel. The arrival of Raybel in 2019 showed that it is still possible. This was followed, in 2020, by a tug pushing the dry dock which is being used for the restoration work, and by a narrow boat which moored at the Creek whilst being refitted. As more vessels use the Creek the channel will becoming clearer without any need for dredging.</p> <p>The second issue is the Swale Way road bridge, which is more problematic. Only vessels with no mast, or – like Thames barges – with a retractable mast, can pass beneath the bridge. Even then the window of opportunity when tidal conditions allow a passage is short. This requires careful planning and preparation, and is will be a deterrence for many.</p>

	<p>A practical solution that would make the passage significantly less complicated would be the installation of mooring piles on either side of the bridge. Four would be needed in total, two on each side, for tying up vessels fore and aft. With these in place boats would be able to arrive at the bridge at any time, in the knowledge that they could lay up safely and wait for the ideal time to pass under.</p> <p>This would result in more barges and small craft sailing the Creek, and visiting Lloyd's Wharf for a short stay, for repair work, or for longer residential stays such as over-wintering. Two barges are known to have made enquiries about laying up at the Creek over the coming winter, for example.</p> <p>We have obtained one estimate of the cost of the work, which is £80,000 + VAT (see attached).</p> <p>However, preliminary discussions have indicated a number of planning, legal and technical issues that need to be addressed before the Council could consider making any investment towards the cost of installing the mooring posts. Greater certainty is also needed around the costs. An assessment of potential economic and social benefits should also be made.</p> <p>This proposal is therefore to undertake a feasibility study, covering all the issues, permissions and measurements for the project, along with a more detailed breakdown of costs, and set alongside a small economic/social benefit assessment. The study would cost £10,000 plus VAT. This cost is based on the assumption that soil ground data can be supplied by Kent Council County from when the bridge was installed. If an independent ground test has to be done this will cost an additional £10,000.</p> <p>We would commission WPL Marine to undertake the technical and cost components of the feasibility study. WPL is an experienced marine contractor, working across the south east and based in Sittingbourne https://www.wphmarine.co.uk/ It is currently undertaking similar piling work for a brewery in Arunde, to facilitate water borne deliveries.</p> <p>The economic / social benefit case, along with management of the study, would be undertaken by Raybel Charters CIC, the organisation responsible for securing the funding for the Raybel restoration.</p> <p>The study can start immediately and will take two months.</p>
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	No

Total project expenditure:	Consultancy fees – engineering and planning issues £8,500.00 Project management – commissioning the work - £1,500.00 VAT - £2,000.00 Total project expenditure - £12,000.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None.
Funding request:	£12,000.00

Reference:	SITT013
Organisation:	Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway
Applicant Name:	Elizabeth Fuller – Chairman of the Trustees
Status of organisation:	Company Ltd by Guarantee Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>The SKLR are the owners of 7 Narrow gauge locos which worked in the mills at Sittingbourne and Kemsley and through to the docks at Ridham. The railway now preserves 2 miles of this once considerable network. To operate the railway we must have 2 steam engines available to haul the passenger coaches. To comply with the legal requirements for operation, every 10 years the engines must receive a major overhaul including inspection by a qualified boiler inspector and any work identified must be undertaken. In 2019, 'Superb' a 0-6-2T locomotive built by W Bagnall in 1940 was found to have a worn inner firebox which would need replacing. The volunteers at the railway have been working to remove this inner firebox and we are now at the stage where a new inner firebox can be fitted. The SKLR is lucky in having the expertise amongst our volunteers to fit this firebox and will be able to involve our younger volunteers in this heritage skill. However we do not have the full resources to purchase the firebox required. We are therefore requesting a grant from the Sittingbourne Area Committee to enable us to make this example of Sittingbourne's past heritage to once again haul passengers and to provide an insight into the history of the papermaking industry in the Borough.</p>
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Firebox Option 1 NNR Quote - £10,170.00 Total project expenditure £10,170.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	<p>The SKLR have 2 qualified Boilersmiths as part of our volunteers. They are more than able to complete the work required and are willing to give their expertise free of charge to the railway. They are also more than willing to pass on their knowledge to our younger volunteers.</p> <p>Total project income £2,000.00</p>
Funding request:	£8,170.00

Reference:	SITT014
Organisation:	Milton Creek Country Park Trust
Applicant Name:	Lynda Marshall – Trustee – Fund Raising
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	<p>The new toilet block in Milton Creek Country Park is a very welcome addition and has allowed a number of events and activities to take place that would previously not been possible. ROOM is another great asset to the Park. It has been very well received and is getting regular use by a wide variety of groups and individuals. Having toilets available greatly increases the variety of events that can take place in ROOM.</p> <p>When ROOM was delivered Kris Staples (Park Ranger) very quickly arranged to have steel security shutters installed and a cage fitted over the skylight. We thought that this would make it secure but unfortunately someone was determined to get in and they managed to break off the padlock and smash their way in through the double glazed window. There was nothing of value in the container but they still stole the box containing our new PVC tablecloths and sail flags. (The flag bag was dumped and subsequently recovered). We still need to find the resources to repair the window.</p> <p>The toilet block has been repeatedly vandalised which means one or more units are often unavailable which must be costing the Council a significant amount in repairs and maintenance. The appearance of the building has been severely degraded. We therefore feel that it is essential to install CCTV which is monitored to deter further vandalism and catch anyone who persists in doing damage to either of these two units. It is essential to keep both the toilets and Room available for use as they benefit all the Park users and allow people to use the Park who would otherwise avoid it due to the lack of these facilities.</p> <p>£3,600 has already been secured. The preferred 2 camera option costs £14,173.48. There is a single camera option that cost £6,503.39. If there is insufficient funding available for the preferred option would it be possible to allocate £3900 to allow us to either pursue the other option or look elsewhere for the remainder of the funding required to install the preferred option?</p> <p>Swale’s Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone</p> <p>3.4 Ensure that the council plays a proactive role in reducing crime and antisocial behaviour, including through the modernisation of CCTV provision.</p>

	3.5 Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	2 CCTV units supply and install - £14,173.48 <i>(Alternative option 1 CCTV unit supply and install £6,503.30)</i> Total project expenditure £14,173.48
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Cash donation secured by Cllr Richard Palmer Total project income - £3,600.00
Funding request:	£10,573.48 <i>(alternative option £3,900.00)</i>

Reference:	SITT015
Organisation:	Sittingbourne in Bloom
Applicant Name:	Lynda Marshall – Committee Member
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association (Community Group)
Details of project/activity:	<p>A number of residents and business owners, currently 6, in Milton Regis have got together as they would like to make improvements to the High Street area of Milton Regis by involving more local residents and businesses to create a group that will focus on general improvements with the vicinity of the High Street and beyond should there be an interest. The aim is to form a CIO, adopt a constitution, elect officers and have a bank account. The group will be the Milton Regis Society but as they have not yet had time to complete the process they are working under the umbrella of Sittingbourne In Bloom.</p> <p>The proposal is to install two signs on the wall in the square in front of the library. One will be a pictorial map of the attractions and historic buildings in Milton Regis. The other will have a brief history of the area. This project will benefit all the current residents of Milton Regis as well as visitors to High Street and the Court Hall museum. It will also make the whole area more attractive and inviting especially to residents in all the new housing developments in the near vicinity.</p> <p>Local residents wishing to take pride in their local the area has led to them coming together to form a new Society which can only be for the good of the community and the area as a whole.</p> <p>This bid complies with the Strategic Priorities listed below:-</p> <p>Swale's Strategic Priority 2: Investing in our environment and responding positively to global challenges 2.4 Recognise and support our local heritage to give people pride in the place they live and boost the local tourism industry.</p> <p>Swale's Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone 3.3 Develop a communitarian approach to partnership working based on shared objectives with like-minded agencies in the voluntary and community sectors. 3.5 Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.</p> <p>The project is being supported by Sittingbourne In Bloom.</p>
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	Yes

Total project expenditure:	Supply 2 laminated vinyl panels £294.00 Installation - £180 VAT - £94.80 Total project expenditure £ 568.80
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£568.80

Reference:	SITT016
Organisation:	Sittingbourne in Bloom
Applicant Name:	Lynda Marshall – Committee Member
Status of organisation:	Unincorporated Association
Details of project/activity:	<p>Supply and fit 1 new rail and 1 new bollard at Milton High Street</p> <p>A number of residents and business owners, currently 6, in Milton Regis have got together as they would like to make improvements to the High Street area of Milton Regis by involving more local residents and businesses to create a group that will focus on general improvements with the vicinity of the High Street and beyond should there be an interest. The aim is to form a CIO, adopt a constitution, elect officers and have a bank account. The group will be the Milton Regis Society but as they have not yet had time to complete the process they are working under the umbrella of Sittingbourne In Bloom.</p> <p>This project will benefit all the current residents of Milton Regis as well as visitors to High Street and the Court Hall museum. It will also make the whole area more attractive and inviting especially to residents in all the new housing developments in the near vicinity.</p> <p>Local residents wishing to take pride in their local the area has led to them coming together to form a new Society which can only be for the good of the community and the area as a whole.</p> <p>This bid complies with the Strategic Priorities listed below:-</p> <p>Swale’s Strategic Priority 2: Investing in our environment and responding positively to global challenges 2.4 Recognise and support our local heritage to give people pride in the place they live and boost the local tourism industry.</p> <p>Swale’s Strategic Priority 3: Tackling deprivation and creating equal opportunities for everyone 3.3 Develop a communitarian approach to partnership working based on shared objectives with like-minded agencies in the voluntary and community sectors. 3.5 Promote wellbeing and enjoyment of life by signposting and encouraging a wide range of sporting, cultural and other leisure activities appropriate and accessible to each age group.</p> <p>The project is being supported by Sittingbourne In Bloom.</p>
Supporting papers	Yes
Quote provided	Yes

Total project expenditure:	Supply and fit 1 new rail and 1 new bollard at Milton High Street - £744.40 VAT - £148.88 Total Project Expenditure - £893.28
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	None
Funding request:	£893.28

Reference:	SITT017
Organisation:	Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum Trust
Applicant Name:	Clive Reader – Chairman of the Trustees
Status of organisation:	Registered Charity
Details of project/activity:	The Museum building was constructed to a certain size because it was an insurance replacement. However, we have found that we need additional space to provide the community at large with the room to carry out our functions as both a museum and a community asset. It has been part of our vision for the museum to allow children to make both paper and bricks (two staple industries for the area) and the marquees would provide that facility.
Supporting papers	No
Quote provided	Yes
Total project expenditure:	Maingate Electrical Services Ltd - £3,552.00 Metro supplies and Services - £2,448.00 (<i>Mesh and road forms tbc – approx. £360.00 not added</i>) Tectonics (canopy)- £17,818.00 Total Project Expenditure - £23,818.00
Total project income (addition sources of income including cash/in kind):	Museum main building already constructed. There will be a volunteer contribution as usual. The Museum has a self-supporting income.
Funding request:	£23,818.00

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