

Solar Farm Community Benefit Monies

The Town Council entered into an agreement with Sandridge Solar Power Limited on 9 August 2016 in respect of money emanating from the production of solar power in the locality which is to be provided as a community benefit fund over a number of years. In accordance with the terms of the agreement, a payment of £42,188.74 was received in October 2017.

Under the terms of the agreement the Town Council is committed to spend the payments received on goods or services which are for the promotion or improvement of the environmental, social or economic benefit of the local community.

The schedule below shows how the payment of £42,188.74 has been assigned to initiatives that benefit the local community:

Initiative	Rationale	Expenditure
1. Play areas and equipment	To fund the repair and renovation of Wiltshire Council play areas and equipment that would otherwise be closed.	£6,684
2. Grounds Maintenance Activities	To part fund enhanced grounds maintenance activities including more frequent grass cutting to key amenity areas such as the cemetery and play areas where, given the lack of available funding, the standards have fallen below satisfactory levels in recent years.	£13,641
3. Splash Pad/Water play	To accrue a financial contribution to fund the provision of a new splash pad water play facility in King George V park	£13,164
4. Street Cleaning Equipment	To part fund the acquisition of pavement cleaning equipment to provide a higher standard of street cleanliness and thereby a more pleasant public realm for residents and visitors to enjoy.	£4,500
5. Grant Funding	To support grant funding initiatives recognising the valuable benefits that are generated by voluntary and community groups in their work and endeavours.	£4,200
Total		£42,189

The Town Council will keep a public record of any further monies received under the terms of this agreement and detail how they are assigned to goods or services that benefit the local community. This will be available to view on the Town Council's website and will be publicised through the press and social media.