

1. REPORT SUMMARY

A report to Councillors regarding grant applications received in June 2026.

2. BACKGROUND

The Parish Councils grant policy invites applications from charities, clubs and community groups to benefit the residents of the parish.

3. SUMMARY

One application received, attached Annex One Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust, and was circulated to Councillors at the start of July to consider if further information was required.

The following questions were posed by Councillors and the applicant responded:

- (a) I would like to know why they are not applying to Area Board for a grant for this as well.

Response: The idea for this path came about through the vision of local residents. The plan is that the shared use traffic free path will be constructed by local residents and groups. The construction of this shared use aggregate path will predominantly benefit the residents of Laverstock and Ford. Therefore, in the first instance it was logical to apply to Laverstock and Ford Parish council for grant aid funding for the benefit of the local community.

DBCT also plan to put together a major grant to restore our barn this FY. We will seek match funds for this from the Area Board but not LFPC.

- (b) It would be good to know whether they have taken the issue of inappropriate use of e-bikes and motorbikes into account in their design process in any way.

Response: This is primarily a police matter and any inappropriate use of the new shared use path will be reported to the police. However, whilst inappropriate e-bikes and illegal use of motorbikes on such route is problematic, it is in the main a minor issue in this location. The flat marshy ground of the water meadows is a deterrent through most of the year.

- (c) Can you confirm the project cannot begin until all funding, including the £2,101 requested, is secured?

Response: DBCT require a commitment that all the funds will be secured prior to starting the project. The advantage of this is that all the funds will be secured and committed to the shared use traffic free path and that there will be no outstanding monies to be raised.

- (d) What is the impact of the delayed £5,000 transfer from WWCE, and how will you manage further delays?

Response: DBCT are in regular contact and discussion with WWCE. Whilst we are aware that there will be a delay in the transfer of the funds, the important point is that WWCE have committed this money to the DBCT shared-use traffic free path. This will enable DBCT to proceed with purchasing materials and proceeding with the project over the late summer / autumn period.

- (e) Who will maintain the path, gates, and fencing over the 10-15 year lifespan?

Response: DBCT will be responsible for maintaining the path, gates, and fencing over the 10–15 year lifespan

- (f) What insurance covers volunteers during construction, and who is liable for accidents?

Response: DBCT has the necessary insurance in place to cover our volunteers undertaking construction. The Trust insurance covers any accidents that may occur. We have very high standards of health and safety for volunteers in place with all activities being risk assessed.

- (g) What happens if costs increase or unexpected works are required.

Response: if costs increase or unexpected works are required that are not within the current costings then DBCT will:

- (i) write new grant applications to cover any outstanding costs.*
- (ii) DBCT members and others will be asked whether they wish to contribute personally, or run cake and bake stalls to raise additional funds*
- (iii) Local businesses will be approached to determine if they would like to contribute materials in kind in return for marketing and social media exposure.*

4. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council considers a grant of £2,101 to Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust towards the building of a shared path by local volunteers across the water meadows towards the end of Cow Lane to enhance safer, traffic free, public access across and through the Laverstock water meadows by providing improved routes for families and for those walking, wheeling (mobility scooters, scooters) and cycling under the powers granted by Section 50 of the Highways Act 1980.

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)
	Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER -1177823
2	Amount of Grant aid being requested (how much money are you asking for?)
	£2101
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).

The Laverstock Water Meadows and associated chalk valley riverine habitats provide a beautiful and peaceful wildlife haven for residents to explore and enjoy wildflowers, birdlife and an abundance of insect life. The path through the Laverstock water meadows at the northern end of Cow Lane is prone to flooding and becomes waterlogged and muddy after rainfall and hence is not accessible for large parts of the year. The funding and building of this shared path by local volunteers will enhance safer, traffic free, public access across and through the Laverstock water meadows by providing improved routes for families and for those walking, wheeling (mobility scooters, scooters) and cycling. This application for grant aid funding is to purchase the materials for volunteers to build and install a section of shared use, self-bind gravel surface on the section of path that is often water logged and unusable. The new path will provide a new sustainable and usable surface for Laverstock residents, school children, walkers, mobility scooters and wheelchair users to traverse, access and enjoy the Laverstock water meadows from Cow Lane towards the Bishopdown-Laverstock cycleway (see map in section 9).

Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust, who owns this land, has previous experience in the management and delivery of projects including the installation of fencing, gates and shared use paths that can be used all year round. The project will also install a new livestock fence to minimise agricultural operations on the meadows impacting access along the route. Two accessible kissing gates with RADAR key functionality will be installed, and a durable, self-bind gravel path will be installed in the waterlogged areas. This will enable the local community and pupils to use a safer, traffic free, year-round route from London Rd and Laverstock Rd, reducing motor vehicle use by parents dropping pupils at the schools and by residents accessing shops and other facilities. The new path will enable residents, dog-walkers, cyclists and those with mobility scooters and wheelchairs to enjoy the water meadows and to enhance connectivity for all users.

This project is being supported by the Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury (COGS). COGS is managed by a small team of volunteers who work as a committee giving their time to assist with a wide range of activities and interact with a wide range of organisations. It was formed in 1994, to support the needs of cyclists in South Wiltshire. COGS campaigns to improve all kinds of facilities for cyclists in the area, from cycle paths, cycle signage, cycle parking and keeping cycling safety at the forefront of local issues and developments. . COGS supports the Bikeability cycle training programme. Several COGS members are qualified Bikeability instructors who work with schools to provide training to youngsters at, for example, St Andrews primary school in Laverstock as well as providing Level 3 training for secondary school children in Salisbury.

The project has been financially supported by a number of different organisations. Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy have agreed to provide a grant of £5000 (from July 1st 2026), the Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury (COGS) have agreed to contribute £1000 and the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust has agreed to contribute £1000. This leaves a shortfall of £2101.

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	The amount of grant aid being requested from Laverstock and Ford Parish Council is for £2101 which would provide the final amount required to purchase the materials. This would then enable the community volunteers to build and install the shared use path to enable more residents to participate in active travel (walk, wheel cycle) and enjoy this peaceful haven.
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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 infographic is a circular diagram with six segments, each representing a pillar of the Parish Plan. The segments are: Community Resilience (hands shaking), Planning & Development (house and bar chart), Sustainable Transport (bicycle), Climate Change & Environment (sun and leaves), Public Amenity (park bench), and Accountability (gavel). Each segment has a title, a brief description, and a small icon. The central circle contains the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council logo and the year 1814. Community Resilience: the project is designed to encourage inclusivity through the installation of a traffic free, shared use, all weather path for Laverstock residents, school children, walkers, dog walkers, mobility scooters and wheelchair users to traverse, access and enjoy the Laverstock water meadows from Cow Lane to the Bishopdown-Laverstock cycleway. The building of this route by local community volunteers will create a safer, traffic-free, sustainable route that will reduce emissions and pollution in the local area. Planning and Development: all the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust land is protected from future building development, having been purchased for the community. All the land on which the self-bind gravel path is to be constructed is owned by the Devenish Bradshaw

Charitable Trust and falls within the Laverstock & Ford Parish. No planning permissions are required for the construction of the shared use path.

Sustainable Transport: Transport is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions and is responsible for roughly 45% of the county's (Wiltshire) total emissions and this is mainly through the use of the private car. Currently only 2-3% of children cycle to school in Wiltshire. Pupils currently cycle along the busy London Rd (A30) and or Laverstock/Riverside/Church Rd to reach the schools. These busy roads are not appropriate for inexperienced child cyclists. The designated permissive grass path at Cow Lane is often waterlogged due to flooding following rainfall. Those in mobility scooters and wheelchairs cannot access the water meadows between the Bishopdown-Laverstock cycleway and Cow Lane. The provision of a self-binding gravel path from Cow Lane will i) provide a safer traffic free route, ii) result in an alternative to pupils being driven to school, iii) contribute to a reduction of emissions and iv) create access for those walking, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs, or cycling all year round to enjoy the water meadows and travel further afield.

Climate change and environment: The Laverstock water meadows which are owned and managed by the Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust provide an essential flood plain for the local community. The establishment and construction of the self-binding gravel path as shown on the map (see section 9) addresses the area worst prone to flooding and provides a route that will be more resilient to flooding and will be used throughout the year.

Public Amenity: The Laverstock Water Meadows and associated chalk valley riverine habitats provide a peaceful wildlife haven for residents to explore and enjoy wildflowers, birdlife and an abundance of insect life. The provision and building of this shared path by local volunteers will enhance safer, traffic free, public access across and through the Laverstock water meadows by providing improved routes for families and for those walking, wheeling (mobility scooters, scooters) and cycling.

Accountability: Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust provide full and comprehensive annual accounts and financial reports that are viewable on the Charity Commission website. The project aligns with the management plan for the water meadows and has been reviewed by the Board of Trustees. A number of users of the water meadows have expressed their desire to see the construction of the shared use path to increase accessibility.

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)
	• The extent to which the project will provide a measurable improvement to the community and achieve the aims of the Parish Council Grant Scheme. Response: the project will have a design life of 10-15 years and will provide a safe traffic free route for school children and for 1000's of local residents to access the water meadows throughout the year • No grants will be awarded for commercial ventures or private gain. Response: The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is a registered charity and does not have any commercial ventures. • Grants will not be awarded for political or religious campaigns or activities. Response: Response: The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is apolitical and does not promote religious campaigns or activities • Grants will not normally be made retrospectively. Response: The grant will provide the monies required to fund a new project and no materials will have been purchased prior to this application. • Financial assistance will not be awarded to individuals (section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972). Response: The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust is a registered charity; no individuals will profit from this application. • How effectively the grant will be used e.g. has the best deal been sought for the purchase of the equipment. Response: 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. Response: We have designed the project so that anticipated costs are kept to minimum. Local community volunteers will undertake the construction work. • Full disclosure of all other grants applied for with respect to the project proposal. Response: We have provided full disclosure for the other grants we are utilizing in the project. Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy have agreed to provide a grant of £5000 – the monies will be awarded from July 1st 2026. The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust have agreed to provide £1000 and COGS have agreed to provide £1000. • Evidence that the funds could not be raised from another more appropriate source for the project (including the applicants own reserves). Response: The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust Board of Trustees have agreed to provide £1000 towards the cost of the project and has worked with COGS and the WWCEF to generate other funds for the project to fund this community project. Wiltshire Council have been approached to ascertain whether they could provide funding, however they would only be able to do so if the path complied

	with current standards in terms of a suitable surface and lighting. This would not provide a path which is appropriate to this rural setting, and would in any case vastly increase the overall timescales and costs for the project. [ref Salisbury Cycle Liaison Panel, Dec 2025, Response to COGS]. • 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. Response: The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust provides full and comprehensive annual accounts and financial reports that are viewable on the Charity Commission website. The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust has limited resources and financial reserves available to fund this project but have provided £1000 towards the costs.

6	Approximately how many people who will benefit from your project or activity are residents of Laverstock and Ford Parish?
	Annual footfall is approximately 10,000 per annum. 1000s of residents will benefit from the construction of this shared use traffic free route for those walking, wheeling and cycling. Pupils attending Laverstock schools will benefit through using the safer traffic free route to school.
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)
	Overall cost of project: £9101.00
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)
	Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy have agreed to provide a grant of £5000 – the monies will be awarded from July 1st 2026. WWCEF have indicated there will be delay in transfer of the funds due to internal reasons. The Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury (COGS) have agreed to contribute £1000. COGS have extremely small amounts of funds but see the benefit of supporting this local project to construct this shared use path across the water meadows from Cow Lane towards the Laverstock cycle way for the local community (see map in section 9). The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust has agreed to contribute £1000. The amount of grant aid being requested from Laverstock and Ford Parish council is for £2101 which is the final amount required to purchase the materials to enable community volunteers to build and install the path.
9	If the TOTAL cost of your project/activity is more than the grant being applied for how will you fund the remaining costs?
	The total cost of the project = £9101 Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy has agreed to provide a grant of £5000 The Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury (COGS) has agreed to contribute £1000 The Devenish Bradshaw Charitable Trust has agreed to contribute £1000

The total amount of funds raised so far = £7000

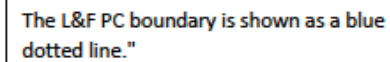
The amount of grant aid being requested from Laverstock and Ford Parish council is for £2101 to complete the budget required to purchase the materials to enable community volunteers to build and install the path.

Financial breakdown of the project

Number	Dimensions	Total Cost	Supplier
300 tree stakes	1.2m (l) x 32mm x 32mm	£273	Woodford Forest
60 Gravel boards	3.6m x 150mm x 22mm	£797.04	Woodford Forest
Membrane (geotextile)	4.5m wide Geotextile per 100m exc. VAT	£360.50	Woodford Forest (inc del)
Type 1 hardcore	24T	£367.00	Boswells (incl vat and del)
scalpings		£720.00	Boswells (incl vat and del)
Self-binding path gravel	27T	£2,000.00	Boswells (incl vat and del)

Machine round strainer for fence	8	£255 + collection	Mole Valley
Stock fencing (3ft high)	l13/122/15 (1x100 m)	£90.00	Mole Valley
Fence posts	1800x 85 (n+40)	£290.00	Mole Valley
Fencing staples	2.5kg tub	£17.34	Mole Valley
MVF barbed wire	200m	£41.50	Mole Valley
Farm gate	1x 145	£145.00	Mole Valley
Gate fittings		£50.00	Mole Valley
Kissing gates	2x del+VAT	£1,965	Woodstock
Information boards		£1,200.00	Salisbury Men's Shed (local charity)
Information board posts and concrete		£130.00	Salisbury Men's Shed (local charity)
Wacker plate hire	X2 hires inc del & fuel	£200	HSS Andover
Fuel for tractor		£100.00	Local Fuel station
Postcrete		£100.00	Mole Valley

Diagram of the area where the new shared path will be constructed. The parish boundary is also represented on the map.



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)
	THE DEVENISH BRADSHAW CHARITABLE TRUST - A REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER -1177823 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
11	Name and contact details of primary contact (the person who has responsibility for making this application within your group/organisation)
	<i>Please include phone/mobile, email and address:</i> [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
12	What is your role within the organisation? (group/club/charity etc.)
	Land Manager, Chair of Trustees and ecologist responsible for projects on the DBCT site
13	Bank Account details for payment of successful applications (please include account name, sort-code and account number)

Date: 1st July 2026

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