

**MALVERN HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE JOINT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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**COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE 23-24 –
INFORMATION ITEM**

Background

Table 1 - summary of completed projects

Project	Grant	Notes
Landmarking	TBC	We are currently liaising with a number of partners to investigate building an arts project around the temporary installation of a sculpture on the Malvern Hills. We are lucky to have the interest of an eminent sculptor, but we do not underestimate the number of consents and permissions, and indeed finance that will be needed to make the project successful. We are currently trying to get the statutory authorities to give a steer on the acceptability of the idea.
U3A Natural History Group – ‘Ecology on our doorstep’ -surveying of Castlemorton watercourses .	£500	Training of natural history vols and detailed species recording for sites near Castlemorton watercourses throughout the year. Booklets will be produced for sale/ given away to interested parties. Twice weekly volunteering sessions were held resulting in very good volunteer numbers.
Tools for Self-Reliance	£600	This charity is based locally. It recycles old agricultural and workshop tools for sale locally. It is staffed by volunteers who restore the tools and sell them at local events. The money raised, and suitable tools go to help shamba farmers in Africa. The request for £600 is for shelving units for their new premises at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Colwall.
On the Bare Hill	£2000	We have supported a successful bid to the Arts Council for a graduate theatre group to produce a collaborative drama, working with local community groups to create and perform a theatre piece about the hills. The

		group have now worked with a range of local schools and organisations and rehearsals have started, using community ideas about the hills (and their future) to create a drama piece. This will be presented at Malvern Cube at the end of May.
The Earth Heritage Trust	£2400	Support for the repair and clearance of geological sites. Data has contributed to our 'State of the AONB' work.
Grounded conversations	£2000	A project working with photographer and social history recordist Geoff Broadway, to record conversations and take portraits of visitors to the AONB.
Malvern Cube – high level raised bed	£1000	This project is to make a disability friendly raised bed for use by garden volunteers and Cube users. It has been built by Men's shed, Repair Café and Cube volunteers and is part of the creation of an outside performance space/garden. A large number of volunteers have worked on this project and new partnerships formed.
Castlemorton Churchyard	£340	A small grant has allowed the hire of machinery to prepare the churchyard for wildflower seed sowing, creating a meadow on less intensively used parts of the churchyard. This project has made use of expertise gained by similar Community Fund projects.
Land Art project	£1400	Local artist, Juliet Mootz, has worked with young people, visually impaired artists, dementia sufferers, refugees and carers to create art works based on their experiences and memories of the hills and commons. There will be an exhibition of the work in Malvern library for the month of July. This project has successfully addressed the issue of encouraging those less able to visit the National Landscape to engage with it.

Recommendation

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note and comment on the report.
2. Bring further project ideas to the National Landscape Team for 2024/25

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