

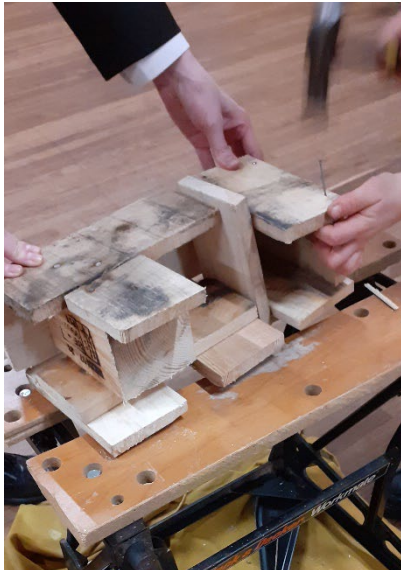
GRANTS SCHEME REPORTS

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1st Malvern Company Boys' Brigade – small grant £500

Here are photographs of the made up science kits using old cans and bottles to create the models. The kits used solar power so taught the boys about renewable energy as well as reuse of items.

As part of the project the boys also made insect boxes from an old pallet.



Newtown Sports CP Football Club – small grant £500

Following the award of £500 to our team in December 2021 as part of the small grant scheme, I wanted to let you know how the money was used.

Our hope was to be able to buy a team branded gazebo for use in both the wet and hot weather and when we researched the best deal, it came to the full grant amount. We hadn't quite expected such hot weather last summer, but when it came, having a place to keep out of the sun was such a help! Our first opportunity to use the gazebo came at the Newtown Sports FC Team Presentation Day in June, where it was much admired by the other teams and helped us shelter from the heavy rain. A few weeks later, we took it up to a very hot Stirling in Scotland for the Syngenter Football Tournament, so it was well travelled from the start. We haven't had much going on through the winter months, but will definitely be using the gazebo many times this year and onwards. I've attached a couple of photos above for you to see.

Thanks again to the Town Council for your support of our little, but ever growing team.

With best wishes,

Deana Wilkinson.



Malvern Museum Society – small grant £390.12

The “Malvern in a Day” project was designed to catalogue and conserve the collection of 202 photographs of Malvern taken on 30th July 1971 by Worcester photographer, the late Michael Dowty.

The grant received from Malvern Town Council of £390.12 was spent on materials to ensure that the conservation and correct storage was provided, and that the collection could be made available for future uses.

Conservation Resources	£213.92	
My History	£79.95	
Ian Thompson, for posters	£100.00	no charge for digitisation of photos
Total (including delivery and VAT)	£393.87	

The exhibition took place during July and August outside Waitrose and Wilko; twenty-five posters of photographs showing the social history of Malvern were displayed and the exhibition was listed in the Civic Society’s leaflet, Worcestershire Local History Forum events programme and via the Visit Malvern web site. A handout to the exhibition was made available via the Library, Waitrose and the Tourist Information Centre.

Feedback was very positive, although it is less easy to collect feedback from an outdoor exhibition - there is nowhere to leave a visitor’s book for comments and it impossible to estimate how many people actually viewed the exhibition. My unscientific method to gauge opinion was to drop in at different times on several days and eavesdrop on several conversations and occasionally ask what the viewer thought of it (“selective lurking”!). Many comments were simply one word: “amazing” or “wonderful”, others kindly corrected any errors I had made in the quotations or locations. All opinions were welcomed and will inform any future work.

Not all visitors to the exhibition were residents. Some had been visiting Malvern on and off down the years (some as children) for walking or shopping. Some people were amazed at how the shops had changed and the buildings had not. There was considerable discussion between couples, partners and friends and families. One couple told me that they had returned because they couldn’t get to see all they wanted to as people were grouped around the posters. Although many people were probably of retirement age, there were several younger groups represented, including a small child on the wall outside Wilko who with delight spotted the paddling pool and sandpit photo.

Fiona Dowty, the photographer Michael’s daughter, has seen the exhibition and was very pleased with it. She and her sister Bridget returned on the day of the 51st anniversary to enjoy their father’s work on display. They were pleased that so many of the photos could be shown.

Jan Condon, Malvern Museum Society



Original storage of photographs



New storage



Visitors to the exhibition

Beacon Camera Club – large grant £2,500

With the help of a generous donation from Malvern Town Council, Beacon Camera Club is waiting to receive delivery of a new NEC P506QL projector. The total cost of the project was £3850. In addition to the £2,500 MTC donation the Club held a series of fundraising activities in order to raise the necessary money to pay for the machine.

The photographic excellence that our members all strive to achieve requires the presentation of high quality images that this projector provides. The increased resolution and projection range of this equipment has enabled us to project our images to larger audiences at much higher resolution and quality than the original machine.

The Club has a fundamental desire to keep the cost of membership as low as possible. Without the fundraising efforts and grants, the purchase of large capital items would require an increase in those subscriptions to a level that some members would find financially challenging.

The purchase of the projector has had clear benefits to the 120+ club members. It is used extensively at all club and special interest group meetings. However, the benefit to our local community is far wider than just our members. Our Clubs stated vision is to aid and educate the public in the technology and art of photography. Whilst over the past few years due to the Covid Pandemic our activities have been somewhat limited our senior members have once again started to give photographic presentations to various local organisations and schools on subjects such as travel, nature and wildlife photography and the projector will remain essential to these activities.

Having an active functioning Camera Club offers significant benefits to the local community. In the last 12 months we have provided photographic support to a number of local events and charities including Citizen Advice, Guide Dogs and sponsored walks.

Finally the luxury of having two projectors also gives us much more flexibility over our schedule. A projector is usually required for the majority of Club meetings and presentations. Having two projectors has enabled us to support two activities on the same date whereas before this would have not been possible.

Beacon Camera Club is extremely grateful to Malvern Town Council for the generous support to the Club.