



Peebles Common Good Fund Trustees
Scottish Borders Council
Council Headquarters
Newtown St. Boswells
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Dear Sirs,

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PEEBLES GOLF CLUB

We are approaching the Common Good Fund as landlords of the Peebles Golf Club for support.

Over the last few years the Golf Club has face very challenging times with rising costs and a decline in member and visitor income which has threatened the long term viability of the club.

The Committee has had to take very hard decisions on reducing costs. We believe that we have stabilized through positive promotion, but much remains to be done. We are developing ambitious plans to invest in the course over the next decade.

The course was redesigned in the 1930's by the world renowned golf architect HS Colt. We hope to build on this legacy with course improvements to enhance the appeal of the course and to help significantly in our marketing to visitors. We are also working hard to work with our local children to promote the game to the next generation. We are also contributing to Border wide marketing initiatives to promote tourism in our part of the Borders.

We are writing to seek your help to allow us to invest and secure our future. The Club currently pays a ground rent to the Common Good Fund. We request that you allow us to pay a peppercorn rent and we will commit

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to reinvest all of this money in developing the course. We would also hope to attract further matching funding.

We understand that another Borders Club, in a similar viability position as Peebles has been supported through a peppercorn rent. We hope you will be able to help us invest in making the most of our "Colt Legacy". This would enhance Peebles as a golfing venue and link to the wider tourism strategy mentioned above. We believe developing a quality product is the best way to secure the future sustainability of this very important community asset.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Should you require any further information, please let me know.

Yours faithfully

Alan Boocock

Captain

On Behalf of Peebles Golf Club