




**SELKIRK COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation: Telephone No: E-mail address:	Selkirk Parish Church High Street Selkirk TD7 4JX 01750 20078 (Wed-Fri, 10am-12noon) office@selkirkparishchurch.org
Address to which payment should be made:	Selkirk Parish Church, c/o Mrs Lynda McCraw, 9 The Glebe, Selkirk, TD7 5AB
<u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:	<p>As a Parish Church, in addition to services of worship, we provide social and pastoral care to the whole community and have links to many community organisations.</p> <p>Due to the central location, our church hall is seen as a popular community resource and it is available for community use at a very reasonable cost. The hall currently has inadequate toilets with no disabled access or baby-changing facilities. The hall itself is difficult to heat and storage of tables and chairs is problematic.</p> <p>Church or community groups often use the hall 7 days a week. The regular users include 2 weekly groups attracting babies and toddlers and their carers, a monthly group providing social contact for the elderly, a mid-week service of worship and a small group of men meeting 3 times a week for dominoes. Selkirk Antiquarian Society meets regularly in the hall and it is also used as a polling station, as required. Hall bookings during 2012 included 22 sessions of 2 different Community Choirs. Apart from the mid-week service led by our minister, all groups are volunteer-led and all are open to anyone in the community. Most Saturday mornings, the hall is used by one of a wide variety of community groups for fund-raising events. In 2012, 20 different church groups and 29 different community groups used the hall.</p> <p>We are in the process of renovating the hall and toilet facilities, after which the hall will be able to be used for a greater variety of activities, will have facilities accessible to all, a lower carbon footprint and will be economically more sustainable.</p> <p>We are responsible trustees of a listed building on Selkirk High Street and wish to maintain it in a good condition for future generations.</p>
<u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	During renovation, a patch of Dry Rot was discovered requiring immediate treatment and a roof repair to prevent further damage. This is outwith our budget for the renovation so we are seeking a donation of £2,000 to help towards the extra costs which will be incurred.
When will the donation be required:	As soon as possible.

<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</p> <p>Estimated total cost:</p> <p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p> <p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<p>Dry Rot treatment £3,460</p> <p>Roof valley replacement £10,580</p> <p>Total £14,040 excluding VAT</p> <p>Our membership is already committed to ongoing financial support of the original project.</p> <p>£10,000 reserves held at the central offices of the Church of Scotland.</p> <p>Application for a donation is currently being considered by Selkirk Rotary Club</p> <p>Ongoing fundraising within the congregation and community</p>
<p><u>Other information</u></p> <p>If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>A request to SCGF in June was considered by the councillors, who advised us to await the outcome of our Landfill application. We were unable to wait for the consideration of that committee, as there was no date given for the decision and our contractor was ready to begin the work.</p> <p>We have begun the work using our Reserve Fund to cover the funding gap. Our application in June was "continued".</p> <p>The dry rot repair and roofing work will not be covered by our contingency allowance.</p> <p>2 recent requests to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland for financial help on other matters have been turned down.</p> <p>We are hopeful that on this occasion you will be able to offer some assistance.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u></p> <p>I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is true and correct.</p> <p>Signed: </p> <p>Position Held: Trustee of Selkirk Parish Church</p> <p>Date: 10/11/13</p>	
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to the Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA for all funds. Telephone 01835 825005</p>	