

* THE WILLIAM HILL TRUST - COMMON GOOD FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p> <p>E-mail address:</p>	<p>Melrose Cricket Club</p> <p>c/o Jeremy Brett 5 St. Dunstans Lane Melrose TD6 9RS</p> <p>01896 822520</p> <p>jb@brettinvestment.com</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>We provide a range of cricketing opportunities for players ranging from as young as aged 8 to some aged 70. In recent years we have mainly focused on growing our junior section with as many as fifty boys and girls taking part on junior coaching nights.</p> <p>We have also focused on the club becoming more community and family spirited with regular 'Family Days and BBQs' taking place when parents/grandparents and children can all play (soft ball) cricket together in an enjoyable and safe environment.</p> <p>As part of this initiative we also undertook a series of 'DIY Days' with the aim of refurbishing our clubhouse. This involved children, parents and senior players repainting and upgrading the pavilion. The cost of this was met from our own funds along with the generous support of many sponsors.</p> <p>Looking ahead we hope to consolidate on the recent growth in children participating on junior nights and improve upon the on-field facilities we have at our disposal. Recently we have purchased a new mobile net and junior bowling machine (the latter have been purchased via a grant from the Cricket Development Trust and a short term interest-free loan provided by a member). Already this has made a vast difference to the quality, safety and enjoyment of our junior sessions.</p> <p>Over many years we have spent a great deal of time attempting to improve the standard of our wicket and outfield. As with most sports clubs this requires the use of heavy and quite expensive equipment and this needs ongoing maintenance and in some instances replacement.</p>

	Much of our ground-keeping equipment now needs replaced/re-conditioned; for example our heavy roller had to be scrapped a few year ago. Rolling the square is a vital part of maintaining a 'true' and well-conditioned wicket (for obvious reasons). We are now faced with a significant capital outlay which is well beyond the means of the cricket club as things stand.
<u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	To purchase a new heavy roller for the club. If bought new the cost will be circa £7k (including delivery). See attached quotes.
When will the donation be required:	Asap
If this is a one-off project then please give the following details – Date (s): Estimated total cost: Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts: Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):	Asap If bought new circa £6.5k £500 (in process of raising) We have approached ClubSport Borders for additional funding (contact Mark Forsyth).

<p><u>Other information</u> 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>It is probably worth saying that it is regrettable that we (I) did not know of the William Hill Trust before now (my fault) as the club has already spent a great deal of its very limited funds on the pavilion project and the purchase of a new mobile net and junior bowling machine (see earlier entry). The club's finances, whilst improving*, are very much hand to mouth and we find ourselves, still, in quite a precarious position. Any help from The William Hill Trust would a) be highly appreciated and b) would help greatly in securing the medium and long term future of Melrose CC.</p> <p>*great efforts have been made in the past few years leading to our sponsorship and player subscriptions income having more than doubled.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate .</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Position Held: <i>M.A. Moore</i></p> <p>Date: <i>7/10/14</i></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>	

* Insert name of Fund.