

# Public Document Pack

**Tweeddale  
Area Partnership**

**Our Scottish Borders**  
Your community

## Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, 30 March 2021  
**Time:** 7.00 p.m.  
**Location:** Via MS Teams

## AGENDA

1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
2.	<b>Feedback from Meeting on 19 January 2021</b> (Pages 3 - 14)  Copy Minute from meeting on 19 January 2021. (Copy Minute and list of information for noting attached.)
<b>Section 1: Service &amp; Partner Updates</b>	
3.	<b>Place Making Approach</b>  Presentation from John Curry, Service Director Assets & Infrastructure and James Lamb, Portfolio Manager. <a href="https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49976/Item%20No.%2011%20-%20Place%20Making%20Report.pdf">https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49976/Item%20No.%2011%20-%20Place%20Making%20Report.pdf</a>
4.	<b>Fit for 2024: Review of Area Partnerships &amp; Community Fund</b>  Update on the proposals for Tweeddale Community Fund.
5.	<b>Awareness raising hints and tips for Positive Communication and making online Video Conferencing accessible</b>  Presentation by Clare Wildsmith.
<b>Section 2: Local Priorities</b> Tweeddale Locality Plan & Action Plan – <a href="https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/7596/tweeddale_locality_plan">https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/file/7596/tweeddale_locality_plan</a>	
6.	<b>Locality Plan Priority: Improve the accessibility and reliability of transport services, improve connectivity and reduce rural isolation</b>  (a) Update from Dan Cathcart, SBC Localities Transport Officer  (b) Update from Thurston Hodge, Project Manager, What Wheely Matters
7.	<b>Locality Plan Priority: Reduce our impact on the local (and global) environment by raising awareness of what local communities can do in terms of their homes, their businesses, their schools, their travel etc.</b>

	Presentation from Youth Ambassadors for Sustainability.
8.	<p><b>Locality Plan Priority: Strengthen partnership working between local services</b></p> <p>Tweeddale Community Assistance Hub: Update from Margaret Smail, Tweeddale Community Assistance Hub lead</p>
<b>Section 3: Community Funding</b>	
9.	<p><b>Tweeddale Community Fund 2020/21</b> (Pages 15 - 48)</p> <p>Applications for consideration;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside the Box</li> <li>• Peebles Mens Shed</li> <li>• Tweed Togs</li> <li>• Peebles Lawn Tennis Club</li> <li>• Go Tweed Valley</li> <li>• Peeblesshire Youth Trust</li> </ul>
<b>Section 4: Any Other Business</b>	
10.	<b>Any Other Formal Business</b>
11.	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Opportunity to raise local matters.</p>
12.	<p><b>Date of Next Area Partnership Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on 15 June 2021. Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? (Please contact your local councillor or Kenny Harrow from the Communities &amp; Partnership Team on <a href="mailto:Kenny.harrow@scotborders.gov.uk">Kenny.harrow@scotborders.gov.uk</a>)</p>

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTE of Meeting of the TWEEDDALE  
AREA PARTNERSHIP held via Microsoft  
Team on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 at 7.00  
p.m.

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), H. Anderson, S. Bell, K. Chapman, S. Haslam, E. Small together with 28 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.

In Attendance:- Service Director Customer & Communities, Communities and Partnerships Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (K. Harrow), Democratic Services Team Leader.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held via Microsoft Teams and outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the Live Stream could take part.

**2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 3 NOVEMBER 2020**

2.1 The Minute of the meeting of the Tweeddale Area Partnership held on 3 November 2020 had been circulated and this was noted. Councillor Tatler advised that the Parking Working Group had not been able to progress due to the current Covid-19 restrictions but would recommence its work as soon as circumstances allowed.

2.2 Kenny Harrow gave an update on the work of the Community Hub and advised that the Hub had become busier again with mental health issues being a major problem.

**3. FIT FOR 2024: REVIEW OF AREA PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY FUND AND ACTIONS FOR TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

3.1 There had been circulated a summary of the main points in the report which had been considered by Council. Councillor Tatler advised that he had held 3 drop in sessions via zoom and had also received some feedback via email. He shared the responses that he had received, a copy which are appended to this Minute. Councillor Tatler also commented on the ideas which had been drawn up by the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership and asked those present for any comments either at the meeting or to be submitted to him by the end of March.

3.2 In response to questions regarding the group set up to review the Community Council Scheme it was explained that representatives had been drawn from each area and the Group was due to meet again later this week.

3.3 With regard to the Community Fund it had been suggested that each area should set their own criteria and set their own local priorities. Shona Smith explained the short-listing process and the timescale needed to bring requests forward for consideration. The need for equality between communities of different populations was highlighted. It was explained that at present all applications were brought forward for consideration and those present were asked if there was any other information or supporting documents they would like to see as part of the application process. It was considered that the current information provided was sufficient with a statement regarding whether or not the criteria had been met.

**4. TWEEDDALE COMMUNITY FUND**

- 4.1 With reference to paragraph 3.2 of the Minute of the meeting held on 3 November 2020, there had been circulated copies of the funding request from Peebles Community Trust on behalf of Peebles Railway Heritage seeking funding of £6,615 to fund consultancy costs and building repairs. The additional information requested at the last meeting had now been provided and Malcolm Bruce spoke in support of the application and answered questions regarding community engagement and the need to treat wet rot in the building. It was agreed that the request for funding be approved.
- 4.2 A paper showing the current position of the Tweeddale Fund had also been circulated and in response to a question Shona Smith advised that a decision had been taken regarding the position of any underspend and if it would be carried forward into the next financial year. She encouraged groups to submit applications and the Chairman advised that he would be able to clarify the budget position at the next meeting.
- 4.3 An evaluation form in respect of previous grants to the Newlands Community Development Trust and information on the Tweeddale Youth Action Cookery sessions had been circulated for information. Dave Hodson advised that the Cookery Session project was still ongoing and he would provide further detail in due course. On-line cookery session had proved very popular during lockdown with 35-40 ingredient bags being issued each week and this would continue until the funding ran out. In response to a question he confirmed it was mainly high school age children and following a social work referral was able to help with a particular case of social isolation. The Chairman suggested that a further funding application could be made and asked that Dave get in touch with Kenny Harrow.
- 4.4 In response to a question if any unspent funds could be used to provide better digital connections as home learning was totally dependent on a good wi-fi connection. Councillor Haslam advised that mi-fi hubs were being provided for those with a poor connection and asked anyone with difficulties to get in touch. It was noted that Scottish Government had provided funding to some Tweeddale Groups to help with this issue for older and disabled people.

## 5. **CURRENT CONSULTATIONS**

The Chairman highlighted the following consultations which were currently open:-

- Scottish Borders Budget Challenge - closes 31 January 2021:  
<https://scotborders.prioritysimulator.com/>
- Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues – closes 14 February 2021  
<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/regulatory-services/licensing-of-sexual-entertainment-venues/>

## 6. **OTHER INFORMATION AND NEWS FOR NOTING**

The agenda detailed the following updates since the last meeting:-

- The Tweeddale Community Fund for 2020/21 is open - guidance and application form is on SBC website:  
[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20076/community\\_grants\\_and\\_funding/261/community\\_fund](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20076/community_grants_and_funding/261/community_fund)
- Tweeddale Locality Plan & Action Plans - these plans are now published and outline the priorities of the Tweeddale area and could be the focus of a future Area Partnership meeting:  
[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1310/locality\\_plans](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1310/locality_plans)
- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – There are no formal Participation Requests being considered within Tweeddale. The two Asset Transfer Requests reported at the last meeting are progressing but are yet to be validated. Further information can be found here:  
[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies\\_plans\\_and\\_policies/357/com](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies_plans_and_policies/357/com)

The updates were noted.

**7. DATE OF NEXT TWEEDDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

The next meeting was scheduled for 30 March 2021.

**8. ANY OTHER FORMAL BUSINESS**

No items were raised.

**9. OPEN FORUM**

- 9.1 Kenny Harrow reminded everyone to submit any funding applications by mid-February to allow time to assess before the next meeting.
- 9.2 Kirsty Peebles asked for an update on the appointment of a project manager in respect of the provision of a multi-use path between Eddleston and Peebles. Lawrie Hayworth advised that the Sustrans funding was being reassessed with discussions at Board level between Sustrans and SOSE. Once the outcome was known the project could proceed as it was “shovel ready”
- 9.3 Esther Daborn raised, with reference to the future of Area Partnerships, that Community Councils did not know each other and asked if there could be stronger links which would allow better contributions at these meetings. Shona Smith advised that there was a community council network and she would provide information on this. Councillor Tatler advised that there had previously been a Tweeddale Community Council Network. Kenny Harrow suggested the use of on-line platforms and that this could be discussed at the next meeting. Lorna McCullough highlighted that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area already had a community council group to deal with windfarm applications in their area. With regard to wind farm applications Malcolm Bruce advised that there were currently 2 pending which could have the potential to provide funding for the community of £0.5m per year and he was hoping to achieve a joint Community Council voice on this. Kirsty Peebles suggested speaking to community councils who already had experience in this area. This was considered a suitable item for further discussion at a future meeting.
- 9.4 Chris Lewin asked for an update of the site owned by the Council in Broughton which was earmarked for affordable Housing and Councillor Chapman undertook to check on this.
- 9.5 Lawrie Hayworth asked for a future agenda item to provide an update on Fit For 2024 and the impact on service delivery.

***The meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m.***

## Appendix

### Area Partnership - response

- We need to find subjects and speakers that will attract the community to engage.
- Consider meeting timings – remember people work.
- Find topics that are relevant to people across all communities.
- Area Partnerships should be Council Committees.
- There needs to be a clearer picture of the purpose of the Area Partnership.
- It is important that larger communities are not able to dominate decision-making over smaller communities.
- The Community Assistance Hub is a very successful and effective model at providing a sense of community
- Most people do not know about the Area Partnership.
- What are the outcomes of discussions and decisions? Good ideas need to be translated into actions.
- Community Councils have differing roles and priorities across the locality – dependent on the size of the community they represent.
- Area Partnership meetings need to be better advertised and should feature a major speaker to attract interest – not necessarily linked to Council business.
- There is a need to make the APs more representative of the local community. Increased representation of local groups and more diverse in all aspects. Business representation, local festivals and organisations.

- There is a need for the APs to be able to practically influence decisions affecting service delivery by the Council and other Partners.
- There is a need by the community to have a better understanding of how services are delivered to their locality by the Council and Partners. In relation to Council services it should be able to provide enhanced information on Council spending and service delivery by locality. When this information is put alongside statistical information relating to need this should mean that APs can have informed discussions about priorities and make suggestions for improvements – including the ability to supplement SBC services with community directed initiatives using additional funding (Community Fund).

## Community Fund - response

**Criteria for funding** – Each Area Partnership should agree its own criteria for funding from the Community Fund. These should be established by contribution and discussion at an Area Partnership meeting dedicated to this process.

### The process

- It is vital that people feel they are being involved in the assessment of each application and that the process more transparent – consider a shortlisting process
- Short-listed applications should be advertised and information provided in advance of the AP meeting
- Concern that bigger communities secure more funding than smaller ones. Need a mechanism to make sure distribution is fair.
- Giving a proportion of what is asked for (where fund is over-subscribed for example) is not always a good solution – need to check what effect this would have on the viability of the project.

**Decision-making** – as is currently the agreed process, where there is consensus for an application it will be approved by an Area Partnership meeting without any vote. Short-listing would help to provide consensus as would providing information in advance.

- The key is to educate the community on budgeting priorities and the effects of decision-making. This is what **real** Participative Budgeting is about.

- Meetings need to have a focus and be more specific. Debates could be held on major changes to Council policy as a stage in the process.
- Resource should be provided to increase community engagement – “meaningful listening”
- Resources should be provided to assist Community Councils with projects

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## **Appendix to Tweeddale Area Partnership Meeting 30th March**

### **For noting and information**

#### **Current SBC consultations:**

- a. Updated Supplementary Planning Guidance – Planning Brief – Former Borders College Galashiels: Closes 31 March 2021 - [https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/regulatory-services/updated\\_spg\\_former\\_borders\\_college\\_gala/](https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/regulatory-services/updated_spg_former_borders_college_gala/)
- b. Public opinion sought on proposed trial of one-way system on Chiefswood Road in Melrose - <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/assets-and-infrastructure/chiefswood-road-questionnaire/>
- c. Public consultation on the asset transfer request made in relation to Jedderfield Farm, Peebles. Closes 11 April 2021 - <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/customer-communities/jedderfield-farm-asset-transfer-request/>
- d. Public opinion sought on trial of reduced speed limit on backroads between Peebles and Peel. Closes 31<sup>st</sup> March - <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/assets-and-infrastructure/peebles-to-peel-backroads-questionnaire/>
- e. Scottish Borders Council have appointed Alan Jones Associates to work with the Peebles Skate Park project to deliver a Feasibility Study which will look at creating a new Skate Park \ Wheeled Sports Park at Victoria Park in Peebles. - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/peebleswheeledsports>
- f. Accessing and using Scottish Borders Council Services - <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/customer-communities/accessing-council-services/>

#### **Reports:**

- a. Draft Anti-Poverty Strategy

#### **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015:**

A request for a lease of Jedderfield Farm, Peebles was validated on 13 January 2021. Documents relating to the request are available at [www.scotborders.gov.uk/assettransfer](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/assettransfer). A public consultation, in respect of the request, is open until 11 April 2021 see above for further information. One request continues to be progressed towards validation.

#### **Useful links:**

#### **Community Councils:**

Scottish Community Councils Newsletter, including information about free Open University training for Community Councils and other community groups:

<https://mailchi.mp/improvementservice/latest-news-from-the-scottish-community-councils-website-4206273?e=8f43ca7169>

#### **Community Empowerment:**

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityempowerment>

Information Pack on Community Empowerment for Area Partnerships:

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20015/your\\_council/472/area\\_partnerships/7](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20015/your_council/472/area_partnerships/7)

**Covid-19:**

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus)

NHS Borders website for current updates:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing>

**Business support:**

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

**Debt Advice:**

Citizens Advice Bureau

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

**General Funding:**

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

SBC Community Fund

SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust

**Heating & energy:**

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth)

**Health & Wellbeing:**

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

**NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:**

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

**NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:**

[www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint](http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint)

**Caring Connected Communities Winter Newsletter:**

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/769980/caringconnectedcommunitieswinterwellbeing.pdf>

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# Tweeddale Funding 2020/2021

30 March 2021

Tweeddale Community Fund 2020/2021	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/09/2020 (£143k split per head of population)	£ 26,168.00
Plus split of £251k (per head of population)	£ 45,707.00
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 71,875.00</b>

Less:	
Insurance for festivals (already awarded)	£ 2,980.80
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications <b>awarded</b> since 01/09/2020	£ 28,162.10
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications <b>that are assessed and await decision</b>	£ 60,284.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 91,427.00</b>

Balance going forward if the above assessed applications were fully funded	£ (19,552.00)
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications <b>still to be assessed</b>	£ 450.00
<b>Overall Position</b>	<b>£ (20,002.00)</b>

Summary of Applications					
No.	Date	Organisation Name	Amount (£)	Project	Status
1	29/03/20	Broughton Tennis Club	£ 1,500.00	Tennis court resurfacing	Awarded
2	17/09/20	Walkerburn Newsgroup	£ 855.00	Photocopier	Awarded
3	18/09/20	PCT Railway	£ 6,615.00	Consultancy	Awarded
4	28/09/20	Walkerburn Development Company	£ 1,158.00	Art Work	Awarded
5	01/10/20	Live Learn Earn	£ 4,950.00	R Evolve	Awarded
6	15/10/20	Tweed Theatre	£ 2,950.00	Virtual Performances	Awarded
7	16/11/20	St Ronan's Silver Band	£ 1,500.00	Virtual Performance & Lessons	Awarded
8	26/11/20	Newlands Community Development Trust	£ 1,500.00	Virtual Ceilidh	Awarded
9	29/11/20	Tweed Valley Titans	£ 1,341.00	Kids Basketball Club	Awarded
10	03/12/20	Music In Peebles	£ 1,494.00	Website Upgrade	Awarded
11	17/12/20	Outside The Box	£ 12,903.00	Community reintegration	Assessed
12	29/12/20	Peeblesshire Foodbank	£ 989.10	New computer	Awarded
13	18/01/21	Peebles Men's Shed	£ 10,000.00	Facilities upgrade	Assessed
14	21/01/21	Tweeddale Youth Action	£ 1,071.00	Online cooking sessions	Awarded
15	03/02/21	Tweeddale Access Panel	£ 1,350.00	Communication project	Awarded
16	15/02/21	Tweed Togs	£ 5,934.60	Relocation costs	Assessed
17	22/02/21	Peebles Lawn Tennis Club	£ 10,000.00	New clubhouse	Assessed
18	23/02/21	Bonnie Peebles Plus	£ 889.00	Flower bed maintenance	Awarded
19	28/02/21	Peebles BEG (Golf Club)	£ 1,500.00	Wildflower planting	Assessed
20	04/03/21	Go Tweed Valley	£ 13,747.50	Feasability study	Assessed
21	08/03/21	Peeblesshire Youth Trust	£ 4,966.00	1-to-1 mentoring	Assessed
22	11/03/21	Lamanca & District Community Assoc.	£ 1,233.00	Cafe garden	Assessed
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 86,946.20</b>		

To be assessed:					
1	26/02/21	Clovenfords Summer Fair	£ 450.00	Gazebos	Applied

Withdrawn:					
1	15/10/20	Peebles CAN	£ 1,500.00	Gardening sessions	Withdrawn

Other sources of Grant Funding - Tweeddale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
SBC Small Schemes	£ 34,702.00	£ 24,914.00	£ 9,788.00
Common Good, Peebles	£ 22,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 19,000.00
SBC Enhancement Grant	£ 146.24	£ -	£ 146.24
SBC Welfare Grant	£ 2,096.01	£ -	£ 2,096.01

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## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: CF2021-TW-12

Organisation Name: Outside the Box

Funding Requested: £12,903

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Company Limited by Guarantee		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£97,684 restricted <b>£1,903 unrestricted</b>		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much? Most of the income is grant funding paid in advance. The group currently have £18,000 ring-fenced reserves which will cover essential winding up costs.</p> <p>Outside the box work across Scotland and the annual accounts and bank balance cover the organisation as a whole.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
<p>Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Outside the box (OTB) are looking for funding for staff and project costs.</p> <p>This funding would enable the OTB to engage with groups in Tweeddale to support them, virtually or physically, to get back to 'normal' post-Covid.</p> <p>Funding would provide additional staff time for existing part-time staff, plus for occasional specialist training or</p>

	<p>classes including Border Bushcraft, FitBorders, Outdoor first aid.</p> <p>OTB will work with a mixture of groups or individuals to support them to return to normal activities post covid. This may include supporting individuals to team up with a 'buddy' to build their confidence and support them in returning back to normal activities.</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	April 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	14336	
Community Fund Request (£)	12903	
10% organisation contribution	1433	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <p>Create a mentoring model within the community to build knowledge, skills and confidence</p> <p>Community connections need to be further developed to share information and activities across the Tweeddale Area</p>	

<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Outside the box have successfully run activities across the Scottish Borders. Current projects include; Food Buddies, Garden Buddies, LINKS Eyemouth, Rural Wisdom and the recently launched Digital Buddies project. Their current work benefits people of all ages and abilities. During Covid</p>

restrictions they have been able to evolve and adapt practices to try and reach as many people as possible.

Within Tweeddale OTB are working with older people who require digital support to stay in touch (Digital Buddies). OTB aim to support these individuals to get online and connected and are also aware that these individuals may require support to meet up with others in person when the opportunity arises.

OTB have established a virtual community which now has 190 families signed up. Many of these are in Tweeddale. Many families and parents have told this virtual community that they are feeling the effects of disconnection, lack of routine, lack of normal groups and activities, plus worries about the pandemic, mental and physical wellbeing.

There will be hesitation and nervousness about getting 'back to normal' for many of these individuals involved in current virtual groups and on virtual communities. OTB via this application will aim to offer support to these groups and individuals.

Feedback from groups and individuals has been that resilience is starting to wane and that people are finding it frustrating that it is increasingly difficult to resume their previous activities.

Individuals have been saying;

'This Lockdown has been even harder than the first one. I've really felt isolated...at the same time I feel really nervous about starting to meet up with family or my old groups.'

'I feel unmotivated, even though there are things I could be doing...'

'Zoom is fine but it's just not the same as seeing people face to face.'

'Some of our participants have engaged better over Zoom.'

'We are going to have to rethink our way of meeting...we don't want to use a pub now.'

'More people are looking for a safe outdoor space where they can meet safely.'

'I'm aware that there has developed a real divide between older and younger people, with blame, fear and mistrust all playing a part.'

<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>If funded Outside the box will;</p> <p>Support individuals to reintegrate into the community when restrictions allow. OTB will support individuals with coping strategies to support individuals to access provision.</p> <p>OTB aim to tailor risk assessments and support based on the individual or group need. This can be done using a 'soft' touch approach, looking at what would make people 'feel better' about getting back to meeting up.</p> <p>OTB aim to use their staff time to support the many informal groups that have started during the pandemic. They are aware that not all of these groups have robust volunteer policies or guidance and this is a part of what we would like to address. Many of them have 'informal' volunteers not covered by guidelines etc.</p> <p>OTB want to support groups and individuals to build their confidence to get together with others again. This may be practical risk: benefit assessments or it may be providing them with extra equipment. It may involve delivering a session or two to allow groups to build their confidence in attending groups again. OTB aren't about service delivery but they aim to enable individuals and groups to return to a level of normality and to become sustainable.</p> <p>OTB are aware of groups that they would be able to support effectively but don't currently have enough staffing hours to be able to support all the groups in Tweeddale. OTB would like to further engage and offer support with the Local Parent &amp; Toddler groups, while informal links have been made, OTB would be able to offer more in-depth support to these groups.</p> <p>OTB have previously worked with Community Learning and Development on an intergenerational Garden Buddies project and hope to be able to work with this group again, whether on intergenerational projects or otherwise</p>
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<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Outside the box have involved services of other professionals across Tweeddale, these include craft tutors and yoga tutors.</p> <p>They have established a virtual community with over 190 families involved, they have been able to use this as a sounding board for any ideas going forward.</p> <p>Outside the box are already engaged with community groups across Tweeddale;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Learning and Development</li> <li>• Borders Families Wellbeing – many families with young</li> <li>• Clovenfords Village Hall/Curlers</li> <li>• Home Educators, a hard to reach, semi-invisible group OTB have facilitated connections and a few meetups. OTB feel that further support could be offered with additional staff time</li> <li>• Peebles French Group</li> </ul>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Outside the Box haven't approached others funders specifically for this project.</p> <p>They have received additional funding via Connecting Scotland to increase their Digital Buddies offer</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to provide long-term sustainability for groups and individuals by empowering and supporting them to carry out their own risk assessments and problem-solving, to apply for funding where needed, and to access resources and activities provided by Outside the box and other organisations.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	

<p><b>SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT</b></p>
<p>The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund. Page 21</p>

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

*We would seek the group to particularly report on:*

- *Number of groups supported in Tweeddale*
- *Number of individuals that have been supported to attend provision*
- *Number of Virtual and in-person sessions offered.*

## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Tweeddale*

*Ref. No.: CF2021-TW-15*

*Organisation Name: Peebles Mens Shed*

*Funding Requested: £10,000*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Constituted group		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£34,925		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much?</p> <p>Current ongoing costs £450 per month rent. Insurance; £200</p> <p>Ring fenced for tools (Localities Bid grant) £10,821 largely still to be spent</p> <p>Ring fenced for refurbishment of social area (Common Good Grant) £6.486 largely still to be spent</p> <p>Ring fenced as contribution towards refurbishment of toilets (Awards for All grant) £10,000</p> <p>Unrestricted fund - £7,618, this is a result of funding via Robertson Trust</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Localities Bid Fund	2018/19	£10,821	Tools
Small Grants Scheme	2018/19	£2,000	
Community Grant Scheme	2018/19	£5,000	Support start up and initial rental costs
Common Good	2020	£6,486	Conversion of premises
<p>Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p>			

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Project brief	<p>Peebles Mens shed are looking for funding to cover additional cost of their toilet refurbishment programme. The group received a £10k grant from National Lottery for the completion of this project. Costs have now increased and they require additional funding to complete the project.</p> <p>PMS aim to create 3 disabled unisex toilets and create a workshop wet area.</p> <p>Any funds left over from this project will be held in reserve</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	April 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	11,000	
Community Fund Request (£)	10,000	
10% organisation contribution	1,000	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:	

## ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>The Mens shed aims to provide a place where men and women over the age of 18 can gather, engage in worthwhile and meaningful activities or simply enjoy the company of one another.</p> <p>The Peebles men's shed had applied for a Small Business Grant that was administered by Scottish Borders. The group were unsuccessful in their application as the scheme was based on the rateable value of the premises that you occupy</p>
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	<p>and that applicants were liable for business rates on those premises. As tenants the group did not meet this criteria.</p> <p>PMS would like to use this funding to cover any shortfall as part of their toilet refurbishments. The current toilets are 50 years old and in their present state would be difficult to achieve the standard of cleanliness that is necessary in the current climate.</p> <p>The group successfully received £10k from the National Lottery in August 2020 to undertake toilet refurbishments. The group anticipate that they require an additional £5 to 7,000 to complete this project.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>With the increase in cleaning being likely for future reopening of buildings and group work PMS plan to create a 'wet' area just outside the renovated toilets. This will allow the group the ability to prepare cleaning solutions, away from hand washing and food preparation areas aswell as allowing a safe place to store cleaning materials and equipment.</p> <p>The toilets are within the area occupied by PMS. Currently only those that are members of the shed would have access to these facilities.</p> <p>Any leftover in funding will initially be held in reserve.</p> <p>In achieving this funding PMS wish to hold on to their current reserves. Which currently would cover rental costs for the next 5 years.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>PMS are part of the Scottish Mens Shed Association and are also part of the Scottish Borders association.</p> <p>The current membership stands at 135 members with weekday sessions attracting between 30 and 40 members over the course of the day. PMS are hopeful that their numbers will increase once groups can return.</p> <p>PMS is linked in with Peebles Community Trust and Community Council.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Peebles Mens Shed were unsuccessful in their application to the Small Business Grant Scheme.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at</p>	<p>PMS are looking to develop their own income streams from the sale of craft items made in their workshops. Covid has currently slowed these plans</p>

the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Supplied
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	<p>Yes</p> <p>PMS have a 10 year lease to use the facility within the Peebles Community Trust building. PCT are being kept fully informed about the proposals.</p> <p>Building improvements elsewhere in the Hub are part of PCT's wider improvement plans. Primarily in public areas. The lease provided to PMS allows the group to improve their accommodation any way that they deem suitable.</p>

### SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application does not meet the criteria. Please note that under the current guidance it states that;

'If you have not set aside this money for anything specific funding is unlikely to be awarded.'

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

*We would seek the group to particularly report on:*

*The completion of the new toilet facilities and anecdotal feedback as to the benefits that these have for group users*

*Number of members attributed to Peebles Mens Shed*

*Number of attendees at their weekly sessions*

## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: CF2021-TW-17

Organisation Name: Tweed Togs

Funding Requested: £5934.60

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Charitable Organisation		
Annual Accounts Balance	£4,575.00		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Current bank statement: £8670.76			
Rent per annum: £4,225			
Running costs per annum: £500			
£8k is to be put towards rent and running costs. The running costs for three years is £14,175			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Tweed Togs is currently based at Kailzie Courtyard, Peebles, and have to relocate unexpectedly as a result of redevelopment by new owners. Fortunately, following an extensive search, new premises have recently been secured in Peebles Business Hub at a considerable increase compared to current running costs.</p> <p>Therefore Tweed Togs are looking for funding to cover the running costs of the new premises for the next three years.</p>

	The group are also looking to use the funding to allow them to shelf an area for storage as well as purchasing a vacuum cleaner and some costs towards removal costs.	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	05/04/2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	£6,594.00	
Community Fund Request (£)	£5,934.60	
10% organisation contribution	£659.40	
Any Other Contribution?	N/A	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:  Review the availability and suitability of business premises	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Tweed Togs provides gift bags of pre-loved clothes to children in need from birth to age 12 years within the Scottish Borders. Since September 2017 to date (February 2021) 289 children within Tweeddale have benefitted from top quality donated clothes presented as gifts. In total, the group has provided support to 780 children within the Scottish Borders. This translates as over 2300 gift bags delivered by Tweed Togs.</p> <p>The group are having to relocate unexpectedly as a result of redevelopment by new owners. Fortunately, new premises have recently been secured in Peebles Business Hub.</p>

	<p>The storage area in the Peebles Business Hub is confined to one room and so heavy storage boxes and bags are easier and safer to access. Previously, Tweed Togs volunteers had to sort and collect clothes from outside sheds which in the past had accommodated wasp nets and the occasional mouse.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>By providing Tweed Togs with the funding they require to relocate, it will allow the charity to continue to support struggling families as well as providing an essential service to health care professionals throughout the Scottish Borders.</p> <p>Funding this project will allow an increase in capacity to fulfil more referrals and a potential increase in membership and awareness of local business. The more central location is more accessible to members and easier to attract volunteers. Peebles Business Hub is visible to the public, therefore increasing awareness of the charity and the work that they do.</p> <p>Referring agencies within Peebles will have the opportunity to collect gift bags in a more central location.</p> <p>The costs incurred through relocation pose high risks for the charity's future as there are very few self-fundraising opportunities to help sustain running costs currently. Funds awarded by the Community Fund would ensure that this group are better supported to recover from any potential financial difficulty.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Tweed Togs is an initiative run by local volunteers – made up of 14 committed members and four trustees who work to support families in the Scottish Borders as well as volunteers from a variety of local and business communities who help out at busy times.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Application to Robertson Trust (Wee Grant) in October was to provide help with running costs but that was before Tweed Togs knew they had to relocate.</p> <p>Since then no other funds have been applied for.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>The charity will monitor the number of referrals and referring agencies it's in contact with.</p> <p>Tweed Togs plans to fundraise in the future in an attempt to secure additional funds. Major fundraising events would rely on the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, as would Kailzie's Open Garden Scheme (twice yearly) but there is still the option of the Tweed Togs 100 Club. The charity would also look to gain financial support from National Lottery Small Grants.</p>

Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes – lease agreement received. The group researched a variety of locations and decided on Peebles Business Hub.
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

### SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund.

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

*We would seek the group to particularly report on:*

- Increase/decrease in number of referrals and referring agencies
- Increase/decrease in number of Tweed Togs members
- Feedback from health care and referring agencies
- Anecdotal feedback from Tweed Togs members

## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Tweeddale*

*Ref. No.: CF2021- TW-18*

*Organisation Name: Peebles Lawn Tennis Club*

*Funding Requested: £10,000*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£16,791.83		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Sinking fund for the courts of £14600 is ring fenced in order to be able to fund the replacement of the courts in around 13 years time			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Quality of life	2018	5,000	Court Surface Upgrade
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Peebles Lawn Tennis Club are looking to replace their existing clubhouse, which is 60 years old, with a building that is fit for purpose and includes wheelchair access, welfare facilities and easier access to the Tennis courts.</p> <p>The club are looking for SBC community funding to cover the cost of the disabled toilet and changing room(s).</p> <p>All funding received will contribute to the overall project costs.</p>

Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	Once funding is secured	
Total Expenditure (£)	171,800	
Community Fund Request (£)	10,000	
10% organisation contribution		
Any Other Contribution?	7,850 (from club funds)	
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Sport Scotland Barrack Charitable Trust	£42950	Applied
	£4000	
The Misses Barrie Charitable Trust Applied for	£2000	
Stafford Trust	£4000	
Bank of Scotland Reach Programme Applied for	£15000	
Robert Barr Charitable Trust	£14000	
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities:	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>The existing courts and clubhouse are on a sloping site which makes access difficult for players with mobility issues. Currently the clubhouse is accessed by 2 sets of steep steps.</p> <p>Scottish Borders Council Sports Facilities &amp; Pitches Strategy 2.1.5 states that “public facilities (should) comply with Disability Discrimination Act &amp; encourage access for people with disabilities.”</p> <p>Currently Peebles Lawn Tennis club do not meet this requirement.</p> <p>Research from Tennis Scotland show that approximately 19% of the Scottish population are registered with a disability. This is not reflected in the number of participants in Learning Disability tennis programmes across the Borders.</p>

	<p>Peebles (LTC) currently have no disabled members. The nearest accessible facility to Peebles is in Kelso.</p> <p>The Lawn Tennis Club have 236 members currently. A social media survey, of which 142 individuals responded, showed 88% of respondents were in favour of installing disability access to the clubhouse with suitable welfare facilities and 86% supported improved access to the courts.</p> <p>Peebles has a higher proportion of older and retired individuals compared to the national average, these facilities will help promote the game to this demographic of the community.</p> <p>The Club also aim to be open to all. They feel that enhanced clubhouse facilities would encourage further usage.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The new facilities would allow disability groups from across the Borders to access the sport and the Club aim to work with the Sports Development Officer for LIVE Borders with a specific remit for Tennis and Disability Sport.</p> <p>The club wish for the Clubhouse to have wider usage. The clubhouse could be used by small community groups for regular meetings or one off events. There are very few spaces on the South side of the River Tweed for groups to meet.</p> <p>Peebles Lawn Tennis club are enthusiastic to increase the number of people, who are able to access their new facilities and allow all abilities to play tennis.</p> <p>There are 3 feeder primary schools in the town of Peebles, and each have pupils in their Learning Support Departments who could make use of the new facilities.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Local business have previously shown support by donating raffle prizes.</p> <p>The clubhouse project is supported by Tennis Scotland, Tennis Foundation, local MSP and MP, local schools and Live Borders.</p> <p>The club will aim to hold open days, tennis and chat events and social events such as barbecues. The club will work</p>

	<p>with Live Borders and Tennis Foundation in Edinburgh to promote their facilities through existing social media channels.</p> <p>Pre Covid Peebles High School used to use the courts free of charge on a weekly basis. 172 pupils were playing weekly during PE lessons.</p> <p>The courts and clubhouse were also used by other community groups such as; Brownies, Guides and the Eddleston Out of School group during a summer camp.</p> <div data-bbox="639 646 1057 1236" style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px;">  <p><b>Enable your group to try tennis for FREE</b></p> <p>Peebles Tennis Club would like to invite your group to come along and use our courts for free a couple of times each term.</p> <p><b>Would this be of interest to you?</b>  Hopefully our LTA registered club coach could be there to help with the session, but if not we can offer some training for your leaders either at 11 am on a Wednesday or 7 pm on a Friday. Alternatively, cards detailing different activities are available to aid the sessions, which you could borrow before hand to help with the planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-FREE Rackets and balls will be available for players.</li> <li>- No previous experience with tennis required.</li> <li>- All age groups can be involved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Peebles LTC is keen to develop closer links with the local community and this is an opportunity to encourage your members to have fun and fall in love with a sport that can be played lifelong!</b></p> <p><b>If you would like to book a session for your group or get some more information then please contact the Secretary Anne McKinnon by e- mail:</b>  <b>anne_mckinnon@yahoo.co.uk</b>  <b>or call 07885513060</b></p> </div>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Have applied to other funders.</p> <p>The group are looking to apply to;</p> <p>WREN  Fife Environment Trust  Third Sector Hebrides  Live Borders  EB Scotland  People's Post Code Lottery  Inchrye Trust  Riada Trust  Peter Harrison Foundation</p> <p>The group have so far not secured any funding. Applications have been submitted with a decision made in June. Other funding bodies have yet to specify when their decision will be made.</p> <p>The group fully expect to be unsuccessful with some of the applications.</p>

	The committee members have fund raising experience and previously raised £200k for a previous project.
How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	<p>Currently the club have no disability players either as members, school pupils or regular pay and play participants</p> <p>The club will gather data on new members and visitors through their online membership packages aswell as their pay &amp; play booking system. This information will be collated by the secretary every 6 months.</p> <p>The group will introduce coaching programmes to cater for the needs of disability groups and feed into the existing programmes run by Live Borders and Edinburgh Leisure</p> <p>In improving facilities the Club wish to host Tennis Foundation tournaments.</p>
Quotes received for items of expenditure	yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Plans have been approved by Scottish Borders Council (20/00328/FUL) and a Building Warrant is pending. The clubhouse and courts are leased from SBC on a 25-year lease. SBC have confirmed that replacement of the clubhouse will be the responsibility of the Club (similar to the courts).

### SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund.

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

- *We would seek the group to particularly report on:*
- *Number of members with a disability who are playing Tennis*
- *Number of new members*
- *Wider use of facility by other community groups*

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## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Tweeddale

Ref. No.: CF2021- TW - 22

Organisation Name: Go Tweed Valley (Tweed Valley Tourism BID)

Funding Requested: £13,747.50

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Private Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£16,001		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Account balance for on-going project/staffing costs in the delivery of the 5 year business plan.			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Tweed Valley Tourism BID	March 2020	£15,000	
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund?			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Tweed Valley Bid are looking for funding to undertake a feasibility study, led by the Tourism BID, that will determine how a path could be built that follows the route of The Lade in Innerleithen and also how to celebrate its history.</p> <p>The aim of the feasibility study will be to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further and formally engage with the local community to explore what they would like to see from the project and to collect the oral history of The Lade.</li> </ul> <p>Tweed Valley Bid aim to appoint <a href="#">Connecting Threads</a>, the cultural strand of Destination Tweed, to run sessions with</p>

	<p>the community to help identify what they would like to achieve with the project in cultural and creative terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group wish to map and cost the route of the lade trail and explore how it could incorporate the history of the area through digital/online content, physical tours using local volunteer guides, music, images, geo mapping and more.</li> <li>• Cost the renovation and maintenance of the actual lade as part of the work to assess its feasibility as a source of hydro energy.</li> <li>• To develop these proposals for further funding.</li> </ul> <p>The group aim for the feasibility study to take 6 months. This will allow for effective engagement within the community. The group aim to start this process on 1st May to 30th Sept (6 months).</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	May 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	£15,275	
Community Fund Request (£)	£13,747.50	
10% organisation contribution	£1,527.50	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <p>Enhance marketing and promotion of the Tweeddale tourism offer</p>	

## ASSESSMENT

What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?

Tweed Valley Bid have been engaged with 8 to 10 community individuals over the past year who have spoken about this proposed project and have helped to develop project ideas while encouraging Tweed Valley Bid to explore the possibility of undertaking a feasibility study.

There is already an informal path along some sections of the route of the Lade. However after speaking to a variety of local community groups it is felt that a longer, more substantial, accessible trail following The Lade from the town centre to Caerlee Mill and then onto the cauld near Innerleithen Golf Club would be positive for the community.

This would cover a distance of approx. 3km.

From engaging with community members who have been involved in the towns Mill past it has become clear how many stories and memories are associated with the lade and the enthusiasm from the community to connect with the Lade and its history.

These discussions with community members have helped shape the project further and the group are now keen to explore the possibility of providing interpretation projects that tell the story of the lade, its role in the history of the town and the many personal tales associated with it.

What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?

The project would aim to deliver:

- A trail plan and costing of an accessible route from the town centre that will encourage local interest and promote activity, health and wellbeing.
- A report on the cost and potential of the lade as a source of hydro power for the community.
- Wider engagement in a project that recognises and celebrates the town's industrial heritage, so helping to connect Innerleithen old and new.
- Provide education about the history of the area and the role played by the town's mills in days gone by (with potential feed-ins to involvement of children at St Ronan's PS).
- A high-quality addition to local visitor infrastructure, with all associated benefits to local businesses. It will also add to the growing network of paths around the area that again benefit both locals and visitors to the area.

The group feel that the community will be better connected, from industrial heritage to the new Mountain Bike Innovation Centre and it will demonstrate the changes within the town.

	<p>The group feel that this project will allow the community to have access to more activities, resources and infrastructure.</p> <p>The group are also hopeful that this wproject will allow information to be shared more widely around the hidden story of waterpower and industry in Innerleithen</p> <p>The end goal of this proposal is to produce a final report with a version that can be shared and is accessible to the local community, as well as a more detailed and fully-costed report that can be used to access funding.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Further community engagement would form part of the feasibility study process. The group have engaged with some community groups already but wish to engage with more community groups and members over the duration of the feasibility study.</p> <p>TVTb propose to have a core community group of 6 to 8 individuals who are lade 'experts', this will be the groups main sounding board. The group will also engage with other community groups including the Community Council and the Community Trust and work in partnership with Destination Tweed who will engage creatively with local groups to develop ideas for the interpretation of the trail.</p> <p>The group have also highlighted the need and importance to be engaged with as many community groups as possible that may not have knowledge of the history of the town. YVTB would look to engage with existing groups such as The Hub Community Interest Company who are already engaging with groups and businesses in the area through other projects</p> <p>The group will also consult with landowners. The group already know who owns the land (there are 3 landowners to consult with).</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>No other funding sought for this specific project.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>The Tourism BID is set up as a business this project is part of the five-year business plan which can be found at: <a href="http://GoTweedValley.co.uk">GoTweedValley.co.uk</a></p> <p>The group also work in partnership with other organisation's such as Dmbins, community organisations as well as others. This project addresses aims for other organisations as well, so Page 40 work with them if the project needs ongoing support/</p>

	The success of the project will be the completed feasibility report.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	n/a

### SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

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We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- *The result of the feasibility study*
- *Number of community members/group engaged with*

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## 2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Tweeddale*

*Ref. No.: CF2021-TW-23-PYT*

*Organisation Name: Peeblesshire Youth Trust*

*Funding Requested: £4966*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£56881		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Recent Bank Statement - £ 6840.91  Ring-fenced: £7917 (outstanding restricted grant balances)  Reserves: £40000			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
SBC Community Fund	2020	£2,333	Our Group - project
Small Business Covid Grant	2020	£10,000	Running costs
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Peeblesshire Youth Trust (PYT) would like funding to increase the number of young people that they can support on their 1 to 1 mentoring programme.</p> <p>PYT are looking for funding for staffing costs which would increase the hours of the existing mentoring programme Co-ordinator.</p>

	<p>Costs to cover hall hire is also included within the application for funding.</p> <p>PYT would like to increase the number of young people that they are able to mentor, as well as ensuring longevity of the relationships by increasing the proportion of relationships that extend beyond two years.</p> <p>The funding would enable more hours for the existing post holder to develop PYTs 1-to-1 mentoring programme. The group hope to increase mentoring support by up to 5 hours per week. PYT with additional funding would hope to engage with 25% more young people than they can currently provide. Currently 28 young people are matched with mentors and PYT would aim to increase this to 35 young people matched</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	April 2021	
Total Expenditure (£)	5517	
Community Fund Request (£)	4966	
10% organisation contribution	551	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	
Action Plan priorities	<p>The project meets the following priorities:</p> <p>Increase support to individuals to help them be active members of their community</p> <p>Create a mentoring model within the community to build knowledge, skills and confidence</p>	

<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>PYT support 45 young people every year, of which around 75% choose to be matched with a 1-to-1 volunteer mentor.</p> <p>PYT have received an increase in referrals from local schools looking for 1 to 1 support for young people.</p> <p>PYT has seen an increase of referrals by 25% in 2020 onto their programmes. With the continuation of Covid restrictions, PYT expect to see a further increase in referrals from Schools for their support. PYT are also finding, anecdotally, that mental health challenges for young people is increasing and they would like to increase their offering to help to address these challenges.</p> <p>Upon engaging with PYT's support, children in Primary 6 join group workshops and are then matched with a suitable mentor. The mentor will meet with the young person once a month (usually face to face but more recently virtually) for up to four years, spanning the transition period from primary to secondary school. During this time, mentors will help their young people to set goals, build resilience and achieve their potential</p> <p>The project will aim to improve the wellbeing and self-esteem of the young people in our community. This support and early intervention will enable young people to make a more valuable contribution to their local community.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The one to one mentoring project aims to improve relationships and engage young people in a positive manner, it will help to address issues of social inclusion, so that the young people involved can grow in confidence to play a positive part in their community and aim to reach positive destinations at the end of high school.</p> <p>In increasing the hours for the mentoring project Co-ordinator PYT will also be able to recruit and train new mentors during the project which will increase the number of volunteers available to offer support to young people.</p> <p>The 1-to-1 mentoring project aligns with the four strategic objectives of PYT and will meet these outcomes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To build resilience,</li> <li>• Achieve potential,</li> <li>• Form relationships</li> <li>• Engage community.</li> </ul> <p>This funding will ensure that PYT are able to deliver a successful mentoring programme for another year, reaching</p>

	<p>an increased number of local children to support them to reach their potential. . The recruitment and training of a larger number of volunteers will also make a positive impact on the local community.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>PYT work closely with partners and are involved in partner wide groups such as the Learning Community Partnership and also the community meeting attached to the Community Assistance Hubs.</p> <p>As the majority of young people receiving support are in S1 or S2 at Peebles High School PYT work closely with PHS to identify whether goals have been achieved and whether the young person is ready to achieve their potential at school and beyond, without the ongoing support of a mentor.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The groups community fundraising has been severely affected during the last year due to the pandemic;</p> <p>Pre-Covid, PYT hosted three main annual fundraising events a year; a coffee morning, a ball and a golf day, which generate approximately £17,000 each year.</p> <p>In 2020, all of these events had to be cancelled, which has affected the groups funding stream. PYT are however confident that they will be able to resume these fundraising activities by the end of 2021, and certainly into 2022.</p>
<p>How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>PYT use for the STAR evaluation and monitoring tool whereby the young person 'scores' themselves on aspects of their life and identifies where they make progress by re-visiting the scoring on a regular basis, where mentors work closely with their mentee and their family to identify areas that they can work on to improve their outlook and ambitions.</p> <p>These outcomes are monitored throughout the mentoring relationship to keep them relevant and achievable, so that each young person can feel that they are progressing.</p> <p>PYT has an annual evaluation process which is able to assess the impact of the mentoring programme; this is qualitative information gained from mentees, their families, mentors and the children's schools, to note any progress made, and identify next steps to work towards during the mentoring support.</p>

	PYT would look to continue the increased hours of support via their own fundraising methods in future years if evaluations show that there is a continued need.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	n/a
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	n/a

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