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Teviot & Liddesdale
Area Partnership

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 7 September 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

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| 1. | Welcome and Meeting Protocols |
| 2. | Feedback from Meetings and Evaluation of Meetings (Pages 5 - 10) Consider Minutes of Meetings of: (a) 8 June 2021. (b) 22 July 2021 (Special) (Minutes attached) |
| Section 1: Service & Partner Updates and Consultations | |
| 3. | Place Making Update |
| 4. | Area Partnership Consultation Update |
| Section 2: Local Priorities | |
| 5. | Community Assistance Hub Update from Locality Development Co-ordinator (Gillian Jardine) |
| 6. | Extension of the Border Railway |
| 7. | Flooding Update (Pages 11 - 12) Written submission from SBC's Flood and Coastal Management Team and Roads Asset Team. (Attached) |
| 8. | Forestry/Wind Farms Planning for November Update from Philip Kerr, Southdean Community Council. |
| 9. | Community Update Opportunity to share updates from your community or raise topics for future discussion. |

Section 3: Community Empowerment and Community Funding

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| 10. | <p>Community Fund Update from Working Group.</p> |
| 11. | <p>Funding Table Overview (Pages 13 - 14) Table attached.</p> |
| 12. | <p>Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund Applications (Pages 15 - 42) Consider five applications for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Hawick Youth Rugby – Travel costs for Under 15s team and equipment (£5,553) (b) Roxburgh & Berwickshire CAB – Developing routes for accessing advice and support (£4,395.60) (c) Campaign for Scottish Borders National Park – Bedrule Castle archaeology excavation and report and taster sessions (£12,566) (d) Hornshole Greenway Development Group – Eco Education Programme (£15,000) (e) Alchemy Film & Arts – Connecting Intergenerational communities through archive film (£15,000) <p>(Assessments attached.)</p> <p>Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND OPEN 01 JUNE 2021 - 31 MAY 2022</p> </div> |
| 13. | <p>Community Ownership Funding Information provided within additional information document at Item 14.</p> |

Section 4: Other

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| 14. | <p>Additional Information for Noting For information on current consultations, community information and useful links, see the attached document.</p> <p>For information on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, see the Area Partnerships' information pack - Community engagement, planning and ownership Area Partnership information pack Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)</p> |
| 15. | <p>Next Area Partnership Meeting The next Area Partnership meeting is scheduled for 16 November 2021, with the agenda due to be issued on 2 November.</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local Councillor or the Communities and Partnership Team.</p> |

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| 16. | Any Other Formal Business |
| 17. | Future Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 January 2022• 22 March 2022• 21 June 2022 |
| 18. | Meeting Evaluation <p>To evaluate this meeting of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership, please go to: https://forms.office.com/r/78KfuVtwdr. The form will be available from 6:00pm on Tuesday 7 September until 11:45pm on Sunday 12 September 2021.</p> |

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at 6.00 pm

Present:- Councillors N Richards (Chairman), W McAteer, D Paterson, C Ramage, G Turnbull.

17 representatives of partner organisations, Community Councils, and members of the public

In attendance:- Service Director Customer & Communities, Communities and Partnerships Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator (G Jardine), Democratic Services Team Leader

1. WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership held remotely via Microsoft Teams, which included Elected Members, guests attending and those watching the live stream.

2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 9 MARCH 2021

The Minute of the meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership held on 9 March 2021 had been circulated and was noted. The Chairman encouraged everyone to complete the request for evaluation following the meeting. Regarding the comment on bringing back representatives from Police Scotland and Fire & Rescue, views were sought as to whether it would be desirable. Those present generally welcomed their inclusion on future agendas.

3. PLACE MAKING – CO-PRODUCING THE FUTURE OF OUR PLACES

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of 9 March 2021, the Chairman welcomed Diarmaid Lawlor from Scottish Futures Trust to the meeting. Mr Lawlor had been invited by Scottish Borders Council to work with Area Partnerships to assist with the development of Place Making proposals. Mr Lawlor had already worked with other areas and had a wide experience of place making. Mr Lawlor gave a short presentation and advised that from an understanding of local need and ambition, and using Covid learning, there was an opportunity for a different way of working between communities and public agencies. A 'place based' approach sought to co-produce an understanding of local priorities and co-deliver action. The format for the workshop was based on three areas namely what were the key issues, what would success look like and how could we work together better. Mr Lawlor led the discussion and made real-time notes to summarise the comments and points made. Those present contributed to the discussion and expressed their concerns and frustrations. The importance of not losing the gains in communities working together during the Covid pandemic was highlighted. The need to listen to all generations was also emphasised. Mr Lawlor advised that his notes summarising the key points of the discussion, would be circulated following the meeting and are also attached as an appendix to this Minute. Jenni Craig, Service Director Customer and Communities advised that Mr Lawlor was visiting all Area Partnerships and a summary of all the workshop discussions across all the five area partnerships would inform a report to Council at the end of August setting out the detail of the place-making approach. The Chairman thanked Mr Lawlor for his facilitation

4. **AREA PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION**
Gillian Jardine, Locality Development Co-ordinator advised that the consultation was now live, the link to which was included on the agenda. The consultation would close on 1 August with a report to Council in the Autumn.
5. **TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE HUB**
Information on the Community Assistance Hub had been circulated with the agenda and Gillian Jardine, Locality Development Co-ordinator gave an update and advised that the Hub was currently focussing on mental health and wellbeing.
6. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE COMMUNITY UPDATE**
With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of 9 March 2021, Philip Kerr asked for feedback following the flooding in March. He advised that other Chairs were attending meetings of Southdean Community Council. He also requested that the extension of the railway should be included on every agenda, that the Area Partnership should be a forum for shared learning on items such as windfarms and forestry traffic. A wider discussion on roads issues was also required.
7. **COMMUNITY FUND PROJECT EVALUATION**
The Chairman welcomed Sian Snowden from Escape who was in attendance to give an evaluation of the funding that had been received for the Escape Youth Café Community Lunch Club. Sian advised that outdoor tables, a pizza oven, foldable tables and chairs had been purchased from the funding. Help was being provided by the young people and they were looking for volunteers who would be working towards a Saltire Award. Work had been carried out in the garden area and the produce would be used for the lunch club. Lidl and Aldi were also providing surplus food which was helping to keep costs down. On-line cookery sessions had been started during lockdown which allowed young people to cook in their own home. Drop in baking sessions were also being held. Over the summer the promotional material would be finalised and there would be information stands to raise awareness. The club would be promoted to existing users of the centre with a view to getting a wider group to come along. If successful it was hoped that the club could move from monthly to weekly if more funding could be obtained and they were keen to get started. Shona Smith thanked Sian on behalf of the Community Partnership Team.
8. **COMMUNITY FUND WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION**
Gillian Jardine, Locality Development Co-ordinator shared the slides produced by the Working Group, thanked the Community Councils for their time and input and outlined progress to date. Those present discussed the way forward and indicated their desire to make early progress with the proposals for a two tier Pot A and Pot B funds. It was noted that some decisions around the scoring matrix were still required and that Gillian had not received the views from all Community Councils yet. It was agreed that the final arrangements would be agreed by the end of June and that a special meeting would be held in July to ratify these arrangements.
9. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND**
The new fund had been launched on 1 June and the link for applications had been circulated. Applications would be brought to the Area Partnership for approval. As this was a one-off fund it would not be incorporated into the new Assessment Panel Model. The fund was open for 12 months until 31 May 2022.
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The date would be confirmed in due course.
11. **ANY OTHER FORMAL BUSINESS**
No items were raised.

12. **OPEN FORUM**

12.1 Mr Kerr and Ms Batsch commented on recent issues they had both experienced in receiving their second Covid-19 vaccine to raise awareness.

12.2 Mr Tait queried if any of the funding from the Governments levelling-up fund was being used for projects in Hawick. Jenni Craig advised that applications were being assessed by an independent Panel with a report to Council. Information on the successful projects would be available following the Council meeting.

10.3 Mr Kerr advised that Keltbray were offering vouchers for households disrupted by recent power outages and he would follow up. Severed phone lines had recently been repaired by Open Reach. SBC's emergency planning team did not have BT or Open Reach on their preferred contact list and Ms Jardine would discuss this with emergency planning.

11. **CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, reminded those present to complete the meeting evaluation and closed the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 pm.

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Special Meeting of the TEVIOT
AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP
held in Via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 22
July 2021 at 5.00 pm

Present:- Councillors N Richards (Chairman), W McAteer, G Turnbull
6 representatives of partner organisations, Community Councils.

Apologies Councillors S Marshall, D Paterson and C Ramage.

In attendance:- Locality Development Co-ordinator (G Jardine), Democratic Services Officer
(J Turnbull).

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Special meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership which was being held to consider an application that was time dependant as the project was due to start in August.

2. **BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND**

- 2.1 The application for consideration was from Future Hawick, who in conjunction with Hawick Cycling Club and Hawick Community Council were organising a Hawick Cycling Festival from Sunday 22 August to Saturday 11 September. This was to celebrate the Tour of Britain coming to Hawick on Saturday 11 September and to promote cycling as a leisure pastime, a mode of transport and a sport for people of ages. Future Hawick were seeking £14,471.00 for: promotional materials to publicise the event; to create a display of cycle jersey tops in the town, with a design a cycle top competition for local primary schools; and, to train 10 participants in the Scottish Cycling's Ride Leader Course. Ms Jardine explained that there was £98k in the BBBB Fund and this was one of four applications totalling £25k. This application did not meet the criteria of the BBBB fund due to not having three quotes for listed items of expenditure. However, recognition was made that it was not possible to seek three quotes for all the items of expenditure and some quotes did include a discount.
- 2.2 The Area Partnership congratulated Future Hawick on the project and supported the application recognising that the three quotes were not available to be sourced given the timeframe. The Area Partnership approved the application for funding of £14,471.00 to Future Hawick for the Hawick Festival of Cycling.

The meeting concluded at 5.15 pm.

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Teviot & Liddesdale: Flooding

Response from SBC's Flood and Coastal Management Team and Roads Asset Team

Newcastleton

- Flood Scheme preparation on-going, ground investigation contractor employed to begin drilling boreholes and trial pits early September, last for 2- 3 weeks.
- Still awaiting indication from Scottish Government of funding for the next Flood Risk Management Cycle 2022 – 2028, national discussion is now taking place regarding funding for flood protection schemes.
- SBC exploring if a small bund can be constructed along South & Mid Liddel street to mitigate low level flooding, consultant engaged and testing this proposal using the hydraulic model.

Hawick

- Hawick Flood Protection Scheme on programme for completion in 2023.
- Whitlaw & Crowbyres public consultation exercise required for flood scheme proposal, hope to complete before the end of the calendar year. SBC also exploring what short term temporary measures can be implemented, design of these are nearly complete with a view to getting a cost estimate for these works.
- As above funding for flood schemes being discussed at a national level.

Denholm

- Upgrade and changes to Denholm Flood Prevention Scheme inlet grille complete.

Bonchester Bridge

- Drainage investigation and improvement works to relieve property flooding at Weens Place is on-going

Chesters

- Drainage improvement works have been carried out within Chesters and on the Ruletownhead Road. We will monitor these improvements over the coming months. Drainage improvements are also planned for the Broomhills Road and we are awaiting confirmation on programming by our Roads Operations Team.

Steele Road

- Work is programmed for this financial year to upgrade the pipe that takes the ditch from one side of the road to the other; thereby reducing the likelihood of water overtopping onto the B6357. We will also look again at the current arrangement to ensure that this is the most appropriate solution for the circumstances.

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Teviot & Liddesdale Funding 2021/22

07 September 2021

| Community Fund 2021/2022 - Currently Paused | |
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| | £ |
| Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population) | £ 42,938.00 |
| Plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget | £ 6,275.00 |
| Total available | £ 49,213.00 |
| Less: | |
| Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021 | £ 1,413.74 |
| Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision | £ - |
| Sub-total | £ 1,413.74 |
| Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful | £ 47,799.26 |

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| Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed | £ - |
| Potential Overall Position | £ 47,799.26 |

| Build Back a Better Borders | |
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| | £ |
| Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.) | £ 98,003.00 |
| Total available | £ 98,003.00 |
| Less: | |
| Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021 | £ 15,056.00 |
| Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision | £ 52,511.60 |
| Sub-total | £ 67,567.60 |
| Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful | £ 30,435.40 |

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| Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed | £ - |
| Potential Overall Position | £ 30,435.40 |

Summary of all applications

| No. | Date | Fund | Organisation Name | Amount | Project | Status |
|--------------|----------|----------------|---|--------------------|---|----------|
| 1 | 18/02/21 | Community Fund | Newcastleton Community Council | £ 1,413.74 | CCTV (£16k came from 20/21 fund) | Awarded |
| 2 | 04/06/21 | BBBB Fund | Hawick Youth Rugby | £ 5,550.00 | Youth rugby travel & equipment | Assessed |
| 3 | 15/06/21 | BBBB Fund | Roxburgh & Berwickshire C.A.B. | £ 4,395.60 | Staff costs | Assessed |
| 4 | 24/06/21 | BBBB Fund | One Step Borders | £ 585.00 | Staff costs for Volunteer Co-ordinator | Awarded |
| 5 | 07/07/21 | BBBB Fund | Future Hawick | £ 14,471.00 | Hawick Cycling Festival | Awarded |
| 6 | 22/07/21 | BBBB Fund | Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park | £ 12,566.00 | Bedrule Heritage Project | Assessed |
| 7 | 30/07/21 | BBBB Fund | Hornshole Greenway Development Group | £ 15,000.00 | Professional fees, training, equipment & venue hire | Assessed |
| 8 | 16/08/21 | BBBB Fund | Alchemy Film & Arts | £ 15,000.00 | 'Communities on Film' project costs | Assessed |
| Total | | | | £ 68,981.34 | | |

Other sources of grant funding - Teviot & Liddesdale

| Grant Type | Available | Awarded | Remaining |
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| Local Festival Grants | £ 6,275.00 | £ - | £ 6,275.00 |
| Annual Support Grants (Community Councils) | £ 6,370.00 | £ 2,915.20 | £ 3,454.80 |
| SBC Small Schemes | £ 34,700.00 | £ 22,239.82 | £ 12,460.18 |
| Common Good - Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage | £ 52,000.00 | £ 39,927.00 | £ 12,073.00 |
| SBC Enhancement Trust | £ 1,806.75 | £ - | £ 1,806.75 |
| SBC Welfare Trust | £ 1,920.93 | £ 400.00 | £ 1,520.93 |

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Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund - Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Applicant Details:

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| Organisation name | Hawick Youth Rugby (HYR) | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | Constituted Amateur Sports Club | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB – T&L - 01 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & Culture | Environment | Community Capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Project start date | Sept 2021 | Project end date | | | March 2022 | |

2. Organisation's finances:

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| End of year balance | £46,932 |
| Current bank balance | £46,932 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £20,598 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | £26,335 £5,000 of funds are ring-fenced for coaching & development, £12,000 is ring-fenced for playing matches in other areas of the UK and an investment account containing £10,000 is held with the interest being used to help with running costs. |

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

The past 18 months have seen very little competitive 'age grade' rugby in Hawick. The club suggest that there is a danger that existing players will not return to the sport, nor will it prove of interest to new players. HYR state that there is a need to promote rugby and make the sport and facilities attractive to youngsters.

To attract and maintain playing numbers and provide a structure for progression, the club decided in May 2020 to establish an under 15 team, in addition to the current under 16 and under 18 team's. Sessions with youngsters have been held as and when permitted by Covid restrictions and SRU regulations to assess both viability and commitment of the initiative. The success of these sessions along with the team's first 'bounce' game with Peebles have made the establishment of a competition under 15 team possible. Fixtures for the coming season are being confirmed now with their first competitive game due to take place in September.

The BBBB funding request will support:

- travel costs for the under 15s team to participate in rugby matches within and out with the Scottish Borders
- equipment which includes match balls, corner flags and a team first aid kit

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Throughout the pandemic youngsters have had little or no access to recreation or organised sport. The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework acknowledges the negative impact Covid-19 and lockdown has had on many young people, particularly disadvantaged young people. The national Active Scotland Outcomes Framework prioritises addressing barriers children and young people face when participating in sporting activity. The creation of an U15 team increases the number of opportunities young people have to engage in sport locally and HYR are actively addressing some of the barriers to participation through the offer to waive annual fees for those unable to afford them and by organising free transport for those who have a distance to travel to attend training.

Young people will have the opportunity to experience sporting competition and skills development through structured progression from age grade rugby to junior rugby, senior team rugby and beyond. Currently there are a number of U15 sides which play in the Scottish Borders semi-junior league including Alnwick, Carlisle, Duns, Gala, Jed, Kelso,

Morpeth, Peebles, Selkirk and Tynedale. Fixtures (home and away) are currently played at U18 and U16 levels and the new U15s will replicate these fixtures as well as matches in the Edinburgh area and beyond.

Between 20-25 boys attended 10 sessions that HYR held when Covid 19 and SRU Regulations allowed to gauge interest. Promotion of the Under 15s team will be carried out through high school and social media platforms to raise awareness and raise the profile.

Attendance from girls was low and their involvement is not currently viable but the Clubs Development Officers are engaging with the SRU to address this situation.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High Medium Low

Comment:

The anticipated impact of this initiative is that young people will have access to a low cost sporting activity where they can engage in competitive games with their peers. HYR believe participation in the Under 15s team will help young people to improve their health, confidence, self-esteem and relationship skills all of which are transferable in to other areas of their lives.

Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £6,170 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £ 617 |
| Request to BBBB | £5,553 |

| Item of expenditure | Cost |
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| Away travel within Borders (7 journeys) | £2,070 |
| Away travel – Edin/Northumberland (5) | £1,800 |
| Post protectors/corner flags | £1,870 |
| Match balls – competitive games | £ 180 |
| U15s -First Aid & Taping Kit | £ 250 |

Match/other funding sought:

| Funder | Funding Requested | Status |
|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| Not Applicable | £ | |
| | £ | |

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| 31/07/20 | RBS Rugby Force | £250 |
| 27/07/20 | Hawick Community Council (Travel Costs) | £500 |
| 27/11/19 | RBS Rugby Force | £250 |
| 17/08/18 | RBS Rugby Force | £250 |
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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund |
| Comments | The application has been assessed as medium. The under 15s team will provide a new sporting opportunity for young people in the Hawick area. This could help re-engage young people in sporting activity following the postponement of team sports during Covid. The applicant is also addressing barriers to participation which is positive. |
| Additional terms and conditions required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the club will actively promote that the annual fee can be waived, where deprivation is identified, ensuring that all U15s can participate in the sport. • Hawick Youth Rugby will continue to follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance. |
| Evaluation requirements | <p>If successful, the applicant will be asked to report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of young people and volunteers participating in the Under 15s club • The number of training sessions and matches held • Feedback from team members on what impact their participation has had on them |



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Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details:

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| Organisation name | Roxburgh & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | Constituted Group | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB2122 – T&L - 02 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & Culture | Environment | Community Capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Project start date | As soon as awarded | | Project end date | | 6 months from award | |

2. Organisation's finances:

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| End of year balance | £174,295.84 |
| Current bank balance | £181,000 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £28,000 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | £153,000 |
| <p>Restricted funds -</p> <p>The restricted funds are covering half of CAB salary costs (£17,666 x 3 = £52,998). Funding is ring-fenced to ensure the continuous employment of a member of staff to provide session support for the duration of the SBC contract which runs until 2024.</p> <p>CAB currently has reserves of three months running costs (£48,000) as is dictated by the conditions of their SBC contract although they strive to have 6 months as this is considered best practice. Their redundancy funds currently sit at £50,000 to cover entitlement should the worst happen.</p> | |

Funding has also been set aside for future PPE and cleaning based on the last six months and committed funds to ensure the continued safety of staff, volunteers and clients.

£2000 is held to cover costs incurred if the Bureau continues to limit face to face support. Although not restricted, it's acknowledged by the Board that there will be expected costs associated with renovation of the offices to adhere to social distancing and continued Covid restrictions as the bureau open for face to face advice in the next month or so. Renovations at the Kelso office will be part funded by CAB reserves.

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

CAB wish to build in to their service multiple routes for community members to access advice and support. These routes include email and telephone support, web chats and virtual drop-ins using the 'Near Me' system. These would be additional to the traditional method of face to face engagement. This service development has grown from the flexibility CAB has been able to provide during this past year and the ability to provide the Teviot & Liddesdale area with 5 days of support.

In order to do create this new offer, CAB needs to increase their number of volunteer advisors. Existing volunteers who were IT literate, provided constant support during this past year. Many volunteers are ready to have a break and coupled with the requirement to provide IT training to existing volunteers who are not IT literate, there is a need for a volunteer recruitment drive. CAB would like to employ a CAB Champion to be responsible for promoting the opportunity to volunteer with CAB and increase the number of CAB volunteers. The Champion would be responsible for highlighting this opportunity through promotional materials, attending events and engagements, assisting new recruits to complete the application process and completing the initial stages of an induction and Adviser Training Programme.

CAB would like the Champion to cover the full geographical reach of CAB therefore they are requesting a share of the costs from the Berwickshire, Cheviot and Teviot & Liddesdale BBBB funds. The request of the Teviot & Liddesdale post is two fifths.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

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| High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Medium <input type="checkbox"/> | Low <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Comment:</p> <p>Both volunteers and members of the public would benefit from the creation of a Champion and an increase in the number of volunteers.</p> <p>Across communities, people have seen the benefits of volunteering following experiences during Covid and how it can help strengthen a local community and make communities more independent and resilient. Volunteering is open to all people. It has the possibility of building people's confidence, social skills and can lead to further learning opportunities.</p> <p>The local community would benefit from having a range of advice methods offered by CAB. In 2020/21 the Hawick office had 1958 client contacts, helping with 6179 issues and putting £485,351.57 of confirmed client financial gains back in to the Berwickshire economy.</p> | | |

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| Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic | | |
| High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Medium <input type="checkbox"/> | Low <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Comment:</p> <p>The CAB Champion would work across Teviot & Liddesdale for 10 hours per week on a 6 month fixed contract.</p> <p>The CAB Champion will -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a minimum of 10 local events to promote the service and attract volunteers • Make contact with at least 24 organisations to raise awareness of the volunteer opportunities • Recruit a minimum of 4 volunteers to the bureau • Create a suit of publicity materials and distribute to at least 24 places/organisations • Carry out a minimum of 2 local press activities • Carry out a social media campaign throughout the 6 month period <p>Outcomes/benefits:</p> <p>Local communities will be more aware of the CAB service and its volunteer roles Organisations working across the area will feel confident and able to refer those interested in volunteering to CAB The bureau will be more able to cope with the expected demand following the end of the furlough scheme and likely financial fallout from CV19 The Bureau will have a suit of publicity materials it can use when recruitment of volunteers is needed in the future. Volunteers will have increased confidence, self-worth and better mental wellbeing</p> | | |

Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £12,210 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £488.40 |
| Request to BBBB | £4,395.60 |

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| Item of expenditure | Cost |
| Staffing | £3120 |
| Travel | £400 |
| Premises hire | £320 |
| Publicity materials | £600 |
| Management fee | £444 |

Match/other funding sought:

| Funder | Funding Requested | Status |
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| BBBB Cheviot | £2,197.80 | Pending |
| BBBB Berwickshire | £4395.60 | pending |
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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| 2018-2021 | SBC Core Grant | £331,591 |
| 2018-2021 | Citizens Advice Scotland | £104,317 |
| 2018-2021 | Robertson Trust | £49,000 |
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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund |
| Comments | <p>The application has been assessed as high, it meets a number of criteria –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of a CAB champion and more volunteers to support service users from the wider community • Delivering support and benefitting all groups including protected characteristics • The project will also be delivered within areas where there is high level deprivation • Evidence of need has been demonstrated |
| Additional terms and conditions required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • The rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage. |
| Recommendations to evaluate impact: | If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of promotional activity undertaken• Number of organisations contacted• Number of volunteers recruited to the Bureau• Evidence of publicity materials used• Feedback from volunteers and partners |
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High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details:

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|------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Organisation name | Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park (on behalf of Twelve Towers of Rule Team) | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | SCIO | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB-T&L-05 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & Culture | Environment | Community Capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
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| Project start date | September 2021 | | | Project end date | March 2022 | |

2. Organisation's finances:

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| End of year balance | £3,005.00 |
| Current bank balance | £3,190.54 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £3,190.45 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | N/A |

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

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Comment:

The Bedrule Heritage Project is one of the recommended actions from the South of Scotland Enterprise funded feasibility study “Twelve Towers of Rule”. Campaign for a Scottish National Park (CSBNP) is the lead applicant and they are seeking funding to commission Archaeology Scotland to undertake an exploratory excavation of the Bedrule Castle site and collate information on the history and story of the land. The fund would pay for staff time and volunteer expenses. Archaeology Scotland would contribute in-kind activity worth £3,600 by providing the equipment required for the archaeological work, free of charge.

Funding would also pay for Archaeology Scotland staff to produce a report on the excavation work as well as the outcomes of sessions that will be held with the local community to share their knowledge/memories/folk lore associated with the project area. Workshops, open days, online sessions, interviews and focus groups will be held to share the learning from the excavation and provide training opportunities for the community. If the project is funded, Archaeology Scotland will run four “*Attainment through Archaeology*” one day taster sessions in-kind, (to the value of £2200) with a target audience of young people and those who are under employed and living in the Scottish Borders.

CSBNP also intend to create new physical and digital interpretation and signage for the project area including information boards and digital/audio –visual interpretation. Much of this work will be provided in-kind but CSBNP seek funding to employ an artist for specialist art work which will be overseen by Archaeology Scotland. They are also requesting volunteer expenses for those leading the guided walks.

Archaeology Scotland will be responsible for Health and Safety at the site and the required insurances.

[Towers of Rule Research - Bedrule Castle](#)

The Twelve Towers of Rule Team is a volunteer community archaeology and interpretation group centred on the Valley of the Rule (a tributary of the Teviot). Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park and Archaeology Scotland partnered in 2019 to explore the Twelve Towers story and engaged interested individuals and organisations under the title ‘Twelve Towers Team’. The team aims to highlight and develop the cultural heritage of the area with an objective of increasing visitor numbers and the quality of the offering, and contributing to understanding of rural Borders history. The group includes landowners, historians, representation from the Scottish Borders Council, Hobkirk Community Council, Historic Environment Scotland, Archaeology Scotland, Ancrum and District Heritage Society, the Scottish Battlefields Trust. It links closely with Clan Associations, Hawick Archaeological Society, the Hawick Reivers Festival, other local people and Community Councils, the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Heriot

Watt University, and Scotland's Castles Association. Jane Bower, Chair of the Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park, coordinates the group.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Providing Covid restrictions allow, there is space for 150 volunteers and 90-120 school children would be involved in the Bedrule Heritage Project with another 80 involved in online talks and 20 in online workshops. Up to 100 visitors per day could attend the Open Days. CSBNP and Archaeology Scotland will be promoting the opportunity through their networks including Community Councils, local historical and archaeology societies, SBC Councillors and individuals. A public meeting is being planned for mid-September in the William Laidlaw Hall, Hobkirk to promote the project. Physical notices and a press release with specified times and places will also be circulated if funding is secured. Archaeology Scotland has an existing list of volunteers, some of whom have participated in the Fulton and Bedrule "Adopt a Monument" workshops and who are keen to be involved in the Bedrule project. Expressions of interest have been received by CSBNP from Hawick, Selkirk and Peebles-based individuals who want to have the opportunity of active involvement. Contact has still to be made with schools.

The Attainment through Archaeology sessions delivered by Archaeology Scotland have space for 60 people to attend. These sessions are intended for young people and those who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic including the under employed and volunteers. The expectation is that young people will enter an 'Activity Agreement' to assist with their learning and mentoring though links are still to be made with SBC's No One Left Behind team to secure this opportunity. Learning for all groups should enhance skills in surveying, measuring, analysing, evaluating and reporting and also increase confidence, team work, relationship building and communication. CSBNP also aim to partner with the Young Archaeologist's Club, Brownies and local youth groups.

A range of paper and digital publications will be created for local, national and international information. It is hoped that by raising the profile of the area as a cultural heritage destination it will help fulfil the tourism potential of the area which would lead to increased employment opportunities.

CSBNP aims to co-ordinate its activities with other local heritage groups, traditional skills groups, walking and cycling clubs. CSBNP is also working the Rough Wooing Trust and other groups interested in the Rough Wooing period of Scottish History to deliver events based on this theme.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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| <p>Comment:</p> <p>The excavation of the Bedrule Castle site will result in a detailed topographical survey of the site. It is hoped this will generate an improved understanding of this historical period and will can be used to promote visitors to the area. CSBNP believe this will be complimentary to current efforts being undertaken to address tourism in Teviot & Liddesdale and in turn help tackle unemployment and a struggling economy.</p> <p>The evaluation and a project case study will be disseminated online to all funders and stakeholders. Archaeology Scotland will deliver papers at industry conferences and promote the successes of the project to local businesses and charitable organisations. The learning from the works itself will be used to support future excavation research design.</p> <p>It is hoped that young people and the under employed in particular will strengthen their job prospects through the learning opportunities presented in the Attainment through Archaeology sessions.</p> <p>As a result of the enhanced knowledge historians and archaeologists will have through this project, they will have a stronger base for applying for funding from public and private sources to carry out further research and exploration in the wider area of Rule Valley and Teviotdale.</p> <p>By holding the workshops in a local community halls, this project will be helping support local assets which have suffered during the pandemic.</p> <p>The Bedrule Heritage Project will also deliver a basis for the later phases of the wider Twelve Towers of Rule Programme.</p> | | |

Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £13,962 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £1,396 |
| Request to BBBB | £12,566 |

| Item of expenditure | Cost |
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| 3 x AS Staff @200 per person per day for 10 days fieldwork | £6,000 |
| 1 x AS Staff @200 per person per day for 5 days reporting | £1,000 |
| 1 x Specialist @250 per person per day for 4 days reporting | £1,000 |
| 1 x specialist @ £400 per day for 3 radio carbon dates | £1,200 |
| Volunteer expenses for excavation | £250 |

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| 1 x specialist @ £300 per person per day | £900 |
| 1 x specialist artist @ £250 per day for 2 days | £500 |
| Volunteer expenses for site interpretation, training and engagement | £250 |
| Hire of Bedrule Hall for workshop presentations, meal and comfort breaks etc. | £900 |
| Hire of William Laidlaw Hall Memorial Hall (community presentations) | £350 |
| Leaflet and poster design/graphics | £240 |
| Folded leaflets print x 2500 | £218 |
| Newsletter design | £280 |
| Newsletter print x 1000 | £220 |
| Office supplies, Postage etc. | £654 |

Match/other funding sought:

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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | |
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| Comments | <p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>SBC recognises the ambitions of this project and intention to help regenerate the area by attracting new interest and tourists and by providing learning opportunity to those who have been disadvantaged due to Covid-19.</p> <p>It is due to the ongoing pressures of Covid-19 that this application has been assessed as medium. The applicant still needs to undertake a range of community engagement activity to ensure workshop spaces and open day spaces are filled and all volunteers are recruited. It is likely the applicant will need show flexibility in how participants, especially school children, are given the opportunity to participate as Covid-19 continues to impact on face to face activity and schools</p> |

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| | cope with significant pressures. Hawick Common Riding successfully demonstrated how alternative activities can be delivered online which may provide some ideas to the applicant. |
| Additional terms and conditions required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • The group should continue to liaise with SBC's Archaeology Officer for the duration of this project and satisfy any Officer requirements particularly before (towards a project design for the fieldwork), during and after (for the reporting) any fieldwork. (The Archaeology Officer is happy to be contacted to discuss these as necessary). • Discuss with SBC ideas for the new information boards and digital/audio-visual interpretation • All staff costs must meet the National Living Wage. |
| Recommendations to evaluate impact: | <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of any published reports / information • Numbers of people attending workshops, open days etc • Number of volunteers supporting the project • Outcomes of the ATA workshops • Feedback from participants and volunteers • Links to any relevant websites and data on web / social media statistics |



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High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details:

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Organisation name | Hornshole Gateway Development Group | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | SCIO | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB-T&L-06 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & Culture | Environment | Community Capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Project start date | October 2021 | | | Project end date | March 2022 | |

2. Organisation's finances:

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| End of year balance | First year or operation |
| Current bank balance | £7,341.22 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £1,341 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | £6,000 restricted which include match funding for this project £7,000 has been secured from Hawick Common Good to engage a professional company to assist with information gathering and preparation of major grant funder applications as well as general administrative works. |

Project:

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| Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change) | | |
| High <input type="checkbox"/> | Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Low <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>Hornshole Greenway is a large scale, multifaceted project which is intended to build on the town’s historic, cultural and natural assets and encourage more visitors to the town. The aim is to deliver the different phases of the project over the next 2-3 years. Phases include the establishment of a Greenway from Wilton Lodge Park to Hornshole, the establishment of a community garden and the construction of a statue designed to be a tourist attraction for the town.</p> <p>One phase of the project which will be delivered in the near future is the advancement of a sustainable Eco Education programme. This has developed from a pilot project delivered in three primary schools in the Teviot & Liddesdale area. The focus of this phase is on local environmental protection and improvement, the community’s carbon footprint and reducing food miles.</p> <p>To help take this activity forward, Hornshole Greenway are seeking funding to deliver four Wildlife Watch day workshops – 2 for young people and 2 for people living within the Burnfoot area and beyond– to engage them in nature and environmental sustainability issues. Workshops are to be led by a local expert from the Newcastleton Wildlife Watch Group who has previously undertaken work with primary schools in the Teviot & Liddesdale area. Funding is also being requested to train 12 Wildlife Watch Volunteers. They will become part of the ongoing delivery of the sustainability programme.</p> <p>Workshop and training set up costs are being requested along with the cost of purchasing digital equipment so workshop participants can record their learning and observations. All digital equipment will be available for future activities.</p> <p>Hornshole Greenway are also seeking funding to contribute towards the cost of employing consultants to establish the views of local people on the establishment of a Greenway as well as the other elements of their project. The idea for a Greenway emerged from a project to improve the Hornshole memorial site and find new education initiatives that could grow from there. The aim is to build on what is being delivered in the town through the flood protection scheme by creating a child friendly, active cycle/walking travel route along much of the length of the river. It is anticipated a questionnaire would be available for community members to complete as well as consultation sessions. Part funding has already been secured.</p> | | |

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| Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic: | | |
| High <input type="checkbox"/> | Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Low <input type="checkbox"/> |

Hornshole Greenway recognise the impact Covid and the subsequent restrictions have had on young people with a loss of opportunity at school, through sports activities, social events etc. The Eco Education workshops are designed to provide young people with the opportunity to focus on outdoor interests with like-minded peers. The workshops will be free to attend with transport and catering costs covered to ensure the workshops are accessible to all. There will be 12 spaces in each workshop with parents and carers able to attend in support of a child or individual participating in the workshops.

Hosting the workshops in Burnfoot Hub is an attempt to attract interest and support from the community within the Burnfoot area by removing barriers to their participation. It is hoped participation in the workshops will boost people's self-confidence and encourage their engagement in other activities running in the area. Workshops will be promoted through Burnfoot Primary School and Burnfoot Hub, staff from SBC's No One Left Behind Employability and Progression Programme, Escape and Abundant Borders.

6 volunteers have already been recruited to help with this project as well as other local initiatives that the group will deliver. A pilot programme delivered by the Hornshole Gateway group led to local children participating in clearing and helping to maintain a public garden area. It is hoped that the workshops will encourage local families in the Burnfoot area to be inspired to adopt areas within their community.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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The intention of the workshops is to inspire young people to become ambassadors for the project. The hope is that the workshops will become a catalyst for those involved in the workshops to take ownership of the local environment and affect change to address Climate Change issues going forward.

The consultation will provide an opportunity for the wider community to share their thoughts on the project and share their ideas on how the community can work towards a greener Hawick and develop assets that would encourage visitors to the area and boost the local economy.

Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £18,000 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £3,000 |
| Request to BBBB | £15,000 |

| Item of expenditure | Cost |
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| Professional Fees for Leading Wildlife Watch Leader and 3 additional wildlife experts | £3,540 |
| Training and travel expenses for 12 Wildlife Watch volunteers | £1,560 |

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| Equipment: 15 x tablets + cover for tablets Laptop + software Installation of software and maintenance Lockable cupboard Clipboards x 24 Hi viz vests x 40 | £5,550 |
| Hire of Burnfoot Hub and catering | £2,650 |
| Community Consultation work | £1,750 |

Match/other funding sought:

| Funder | Funding Requested | Status |
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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| June 2021 | Hawick Common Good Fund | £7,000 |
| April 2021 | Langhope Rig Fund | £500 |
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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | |
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| Comments | <p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application has been assessed as medium. The project has developed from a pilot delivered within Education and has been designed to create a range of learning opportunities for young people and to those living within the Burnfoot area, two communities who have been adversely affected by the pandemic. The success of previous activities suggests this will be well received but further engagement work with the community will be required to ensure workshop spaces are filled. It is likely the applicant will need to show flexibility in how participants are given the opportunity to engage as Covid-19 continues to impact on face to face activity. Hawick Common Riding successfully demonstrated how alternative activities can be delivered online and may provide some ideas to the applicant.</p> |
| Additional terms and conditions required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • equipment is available for use by other groups • All staff costs must meet the National Living Wage |

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| Recommendations to evaluate impact: | <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of workshop participants and the community they represent• Number of wildlife Watch Volunteers trained and active• Outcomes of workshops and any follow up activity |
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Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details:

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| Organisation name | Alchemy Film & Arts | | | | | |
| Organisation structure | SCIO | | | | | |
| Application reference | BBBB-T&L-07 | | | | | |
| Theme of application | Sport | Arts & Culture | Environment | Community Capacity | Community resilience | Intergenerational activity |
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| Project start date | September 2021 | | | Project end date | April 2022 | |

2. Organisation's finances:

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| End of year balance | £251,412 |
| Current bank balance | £303,033 |
| Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose | £35,482 |
| Total restricted /committed funds & purpose | £257,551 Restricted Funds: Creative Scotland Regular Funding for core running costs Creative Scotland Culture Collective Funding for artist residencies Youth Arts Access Funding for community filmmaking programme with 16-25 year olds William Grant Foundation funding for artist residencies Esme Fairbairn funding for filmmaking workshops and associated events |

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| | Robertson Trust funding for filmmaking workshops and associated events |
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Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

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Alchemy Film and Arts are seeking funding to develop a new project which will connect intergenerational communities through archive film and future thinking discussion and activity on how communities can build back and build forward. This project has developed from their experience of facilitating community engagement and discussion during the previous 18 months with groups such as Scottish Borders After a Suicide Working Group, Borders Additional Needs Group, Hawick Congregational Community Church, Hawick Archaeological Society, Hawick Film and Video Group, Borders Women’s Aid, Scottish Borders Rape Crisis Centre and Scottish Borders LGBT Equality. Feedback from participants included how important it had been to them to have the opportunity to stay connected.

This project will provide people with the opportunity to have a say over their place. Alchemy Film & Arts will digitise deteriorating archive material in Hawick and the Borders to secure a heritage legacy of the Borders on film and screen such films and facilitate discussions on methods of history and which groups of people might be missing from recorded story-telling and the plural identities of Hawick and the Borders. This will help generate discussion on the potential futures for the region. Funding will cover the cost of staff time to set up this project as well as equipment, venue hire, materials and travel for the consultation events and activities. Venues to be used include Hawick Film & Video Group, Heart of Hawick cinema, Heart of Hawick workshop spaces, Heritage Hub and other workshop and events space within Hawick with some online events.

Planning for project will start in September with delivery of the project taking place over the following four months. Exhibitions and screenings of the new work created by Borders young people will be displayed in March and April.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

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This project is focused on involving people in creative activities beyond the cinema with more discursive opportunities with frameworks for the communities to share memories, perspectives, expertise and visions for the future. It will provide people with the opportunity to reflect on their place and what they want from it.

Some sessions will be targeted at specific groups, for example funding would allow for tailored support and programming to be offered to around 80 Borders-based young people. It will also allow us to work directly with older communities from Hawick Film & Video Group, communities from Hawick Archaeological Society and other interests. Alchemy Film & Arts has a working partnership with the seven Hawick Primary Schools and hope to arrange for artists to talk to pupils in the school about visual communication and creativity. Other events will be open to public. Alchemy Film & Arts will advertise that people can submit past or contemporary films that show the Borders to our Borders Community Film Archive which will allow them to run reminiscence discussions and screenings. Other public and free events will include an exhibition scheduled for late November of repurposed archive material focusing on Peter Scott mill and lived experience of being a woman in the Borders. This exhibition will be complemented by public discussion and archive events.

In summary, the anticipated activities are as follows:

- 8 sessions with 60+ young people resulting in a film that will then be shown at as public event
- One exhibition at Heritage Hub with expected visitor number of 500 people
- Two programmed public events/discussions with capacity for 15 people each
- Three days a week spent working one to one with members of the community on the pulling together of Borders Community Film Archive
- Three public screenings (up to 300 visitors)
- Three discussion events (up to 90 participants)
- Three schools talks with three professional filmmaker visits
- Up to 20 sessions direct with community groups such as Borders Additional Needs Group, Borders Women's Aid, Hawick Primary Schools, Hawick Film and Video Group

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

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Alchemy Arts have received feedback from participants in previous projects that the opportunity has helped people to make connections, to feel included, to learn in new ways and strengthen their skill-sets. Alchemy Arts believes that this project will again provide the opportunity for people to have a shared learning experience and to improve their social and mental well-being and quality of life. The Scottish Government's Culture Strategy places culture as a focus in all policy areas, promoting it as a transformative force for health, wellbeing, economy, education, reducing inequality and shaping an innovative future.

The impact of the project on participants will be measured through video evaluation and surveys. Options for sharing the outcomes and ideas for this project include the creation of videos by Alchemy Film & Arts that gather ideas and processes and can be shared widely to both publics and decision-makers; a book publication or report; a collection or exhibition of resulting material for publics to attend and distribution of content created.

Project Expenditure:

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| Total Project Cost | £20,700 |
| 10% organisation contribution | £2,070 (from Creative Scotland grant) |
| Request to BBBB | £15,000 |

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| Item of expenditure | Cost |
| Staffing | £10,000 |
| Digitising Costs | £2,500 |
| Materials and equipment (computer dedicated to hosting archive material, external harddrives, digital storage to back up files, microphones etc) | £3,000 |
| Travel and hospitality | £700 |
| Marketing and events | £4,500 |

Match/other funding sought:

| Funder | Funding Requested | Status |
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| Creative Scotland | £5,700 | Approved |
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Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

| Date | Project Title | Amount |
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| January 2020 | SBC Community Fund – Once Upon a Time in Hawick | £9,925 |
| January 2020 | Awards for All – Once Upon a Time in Hawick | £10,000 |
| January 2021 | Culture Collective - | |
| December 2020 | | |
| December 2020 | | |

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| SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT | The application does not meet the criteria of the BBBB fund as quotes have not been provided for all items of expenditure. However SBC recognises that the estimated costs are based on Alchemy project delivery costs from the previous two years and quotes have been received for items Alchemy has not purchased before (e.g. the cost of digitising analogue films). |
| Comments | The application has been assessed as medium. The project has developed out of activity delivered during the pandemic which successful engaged a variety of organisations and individuals. Positive feedback from this activity suggests Alchemy Film & Arts new project |

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| | <p>will be well received. It is also a strength of the project that Alchemy Film & Arts has demonstrated they they can deliver activities through a range of platforms. It is likely the applicant will need to show some flexibility in how participants are given the opportunity to engage as Covid-19 continues to impact on face to face activity. Further engagement work is required to secure participation in all the activities and events they intend to run.</p> |
| <p>Additional terms and conditions required</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • Equipment is available for use by other groups • All staff costs must meet the National Living Wage |
| <p>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</p> | <p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of participants in the project • Feedback from participants • Outcome of discussions • Copy of any promotional material / materials following the conclusion of the project |

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