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PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2023

A MEETING of the PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE will be held VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2023 at 5.00 pm.

All Attendees, including members of the public, should note that the public business in this meeting will be livestreamed and video recorded and that recording will be available thereafter for public view for 180 days.

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

15 August 2023

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Order of Business.	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
4.	Minute and Action Tracker (Pages 3 - 22) (a) Consider the Minute of 24 May 2023. (Copy attached.) (b) Consider the Minute of 27 June 2023. (Copy attached.) (c) Minute of 28 February 2023 for noting only. (Copy attached.) (d) Action Tracker. (Copy attached.)	5 mins
5.	Financial Monitoring Report to 30 June 2023 (Pages 23 - 40)	10 mins
6.	Bike Loops, Kingsmeadows Car Park	5 mins
7.	Funding Application: Interest Link (Pages 41 - 90) Consider an application for funding from Interest Link. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
8.	Any Other Business (a) Feedback from Peebles Pensioners Association to be noted (b) Victoria Park Funfair: 14- 16 September 2023 (c) Future arrangements for removal of portaloos from Victoria Park	
9.	Private Business	

	<p>Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be approved:-</p> <p>“That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the aforementioned Act.”</p>	
10.	<p>Minute (Pages 91 - 94)</p> <p>(a) Consider Private Minute of 23 May 2023. (Copy attached.) (b) Consider Private Minute of 27 June 2023. (Copy attached.)</p>	5 mins
11.	<p>Corn Exchange Boiler Replacement (Pages 95 - 96)</p> <p>Consider quote for boiler replacement. (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins
12.	<p>Corn Exchange Lease (Pages 97 - 182)</p> <p>(a) Briefing paper for the lease of the Old Corn Exchange. (Copy attached.) (b) Application form – S. Tait (Copy attached.) (c) Application form and supporting documents – TYA (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins
13.	<p>Haylodge Path Repairs (Pages 183 - 184)</p> <p>Consider quote for Haylodge Path repairs. (Copy attached.)</p>	5 mins

NOTES

1. **Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
2. **Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), D. Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small, V. Thomson and G. Ramsay

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday,
24th May, 2023 at 5.00 pm

Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chairman), D. Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small
and V. Thomson, G. Thomson (Peebles Community Council)

In Attendance:- Acting Chief Officer Corporate Governance, Acting Chief Financial Officer, C.
Cooke; Democratic Services Officers (L. Cuerden and D. Hall)

1. **ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The Chair varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

2. **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

With reference to paragraph 4.1 of the Minute of the meeting held on 19 April 2023, the Chair updated members on progress of the Common Good Fund information panels for the upcoming exhibition. The panels were now complete and the Chair sought approval for the purchase of two artist easels on which to display the boards. This was agreed.

3. **MINUTE AND ACTION TRACKER**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 19 April 2023 and the updated Action Tracker.

DECISION

AGREED the Minute and Action Tracker.

4. **FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2023**

There had been circulated copies of a report by Acting Chief Financial Officer Suzy Douglas, the purpose of which was to provide details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the year 2022/23 including balance sheet values as at 31 March 2023, a full year projected out-turn for 2023/24 and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2024. Appendix 1 showed the actual income and expenditure position for 2022/23, with a deficit of £27,891 for the year. This was higher than previously reported on 28 February 2022 due to an increase in the repairs and maintenance spend. Appendix 2 showed the actual balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023 with a decrease in reserves of £270,843. Appendix 3a provided a breakdown of the property portfolio with actual rental income and net return for 2022/23. Appendix 3b provided a breakdown of the property portfolio with actual property expenditure for 2022/23. Appendix 4 provided a breakdown of the property portfolio with actual property valuations at 31 March 2023. Appendix 5 showed the value of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to 31 March 2023. In response to a question regarding the omission of the fixed assets of Kingsland School site and Kingsmeadows toilets from the balance sheet, it was confirmed this was due to significant use of those assets by Scottish Borders Council and so they appeared on that balance sheet instead. The matter was subject to an ongoing review. In response to a question about parking charges revenue from Greenside car park allocated to Scottish Borders Council rather than the Common Good Fund, Ms Douglas undertook to investigate the matter in time for the next meeting.

DECISION

APPROVED the recommendations as follows:

- a) Noted the actual income and expenditure for 2022/23 in Appendix 1;
- (b) Agreed the projected income and expenditure for 2023/24 in Appendix 1 as the revised budget for 2023/24;
- (c) Noted the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023 in Appendix 2;
- (d) Noted the summary of the property portfolio in Appendices 3 and 4; and Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee – 24 May 2023
- (e) Noted the current position of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund in Appendix 5.

5. **KINGSMEADOWS CAR PARK BAYS**

Robert Reid presented two proposals to remark Kingsmeadows Car Park to maximise available space while maintaining bus/coach parking and bottle bank access and uplift. The car park was currently free to use with 62 marked bays for cars, 3 disabled parking bays and 2 coach bays. The shape of the car park presented challenges for planning an efficient layout. Option 1 – Perpendicular Rows allowed for 73 cars (+11), 3 disabled bays and 2 coach bays. This option provided maximum occupancy however necessitated increased turning movements for car drivers and the need for coach drivers to reverse before exiting. Option 2 – Parallel Rows allowed for 70 cars (+8), 3 disabled bays and 2 coach bays. This option increased capacity and was similar to the current configuration whereby coaches did not have to reverse, however it provided a less efficient use of space. This option proposed 9 additional car spaces in the central area currently unmarked and occupied by coaches, cars or motor homes. Indicative costs from SB Contracts for the two options were as follows: option 1 - £3,300; option 2 - £2,860; and option 3, to remark existing bays - £2,200. There followed a discussion on provision in the plan for a licensed mobile coffee cart that currently operated between the toilets and the disabled parking bays. Robert Reid was to liaise with the cart operator to ascertain their exact location and include in any further iteration of the layout plan. On the matter of spaces for motor homes/camper vans, it was suggested that the additional central bays in option 2 could be chevron marked to accommodate 3 or 4 motor homes or short wheel based trucks. It was also suggested that a wider conversation was required around where to welcome and accommodate motor homes to Peebles. Electric charging/parking bays had not been considered in the plan; the estimated cost was £1,000 per bay. It was reported that there was currently underway a feasibility study on EV charging points throughout the Scottish Borders and further information was to be brought before Elected Members at a later date. There was general agreement that option 2 was the preferred layout with accommodation for larger vehicles in the central area. The timing of the remarking was to be considered for Autumn 2023.

DECISION

AGREED to option 2 for the marking of Kingsmeadows car park, with provision for a licensed coffee cart and mobile home/short wheel based truck bays to be factored in, with work scheduled to begin in Autumn 2023.

6. **KINGSMEADOWS CAR PARK TOILETS**

With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting on 28 February 2023, the Chair proposed that Kingsmeadows Car Park toilets opening regime remained unchanged until such time as a report on opening costs could be discussed at a future meeting.

DECISION

AGREED that the Kingsmeadows Car park toilets opening regime remained unchanged.

7. **VICTORIA PARK - NEW LIGHTING**

Alex Young presented options for the illumination of two footpaths between Kingsmeadows Road and Springhill Road. Both paths were currently in darkness during the winter months with one designated as an official route to school. Following discussions with the Chair, bollard lighting and standard street lighting had been considered with the latter more cost effective. The estimated cost was £56,946 inc VAT. Possible funding sources were the Peebles Parking Fund, the Road Safety team and developer contributions. In response to questions about the lighting design, it was confirmed that the fixtures were LED down lighters which spread the light along the footpath and minimised glare to neighbouring houses. There was general agreement that the work needed to be done with the suggestion that work on one path be carried out in Autumn 2023 and the other path in Spring 2024 if constrained by funding. The matter was to be discussed again at the August meeting of the Peebles Common Good Fund where a decision was to be made on the programme of work.

DECISION

AGREED:

- (a) IN PRINCIPLE to start work in August 2023 subject to alternative funding being sourced**
- (b) to add an item to the agenda of 16 August 2023 meeting to agree the programme of work**

8. TREE PLANTING IN HAYLODGE PARK

With reference to paragraph 4.2 of the Minute of 19 April 2023, there followed a discussion on how to proceed with the coordinated planting of gifted trees which ensured biodiversity. Simon Wilkinson, Tree Officer had provided a response to the committee in which he undertook to liaise with Parks once information on tree species, size and numbers were provided in future. There was a request for a report on a tree planting strategy in all Common Good parks to be presented at some point in the coming year by the Greenspace Officer/ Parks Manager as it was felt that further expert guidance was needed on the matter.

DECISION

AGREED to request a report on a coordinated tree planting strategy for all Common Good Parks

9. WILDFLOWER PLANTING IN COMMON GOOD PARKS

- 9.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by Carol Cooke the purpose of which was to seek Members' agreement to adopt management principles that aligned with the wider 'Pollinators Along the Tweed' project for a ten year period at Haylodge and Victoria parks. The management principles were to include wildflower planting through seeding/plug plants and bulb planting along with less intensive grass cutting practices in selected areas where appropriate. The project aimed to create and enhance pollinator habitats along the River Tweed corridor under the auspices of the Destination Tweed initiative. Council officers had worked with Buglife and Tweed Forum on the assessment proposals and the management and maintenance implications. There followed a brief discussion on the cost of active wildflower management as opposed to leaving an area to grow wild naturally. It was reported that SBC had invested in machinery via the Nature Restoration Fund to carry out the cutting and lifting of arisings in a bid to reduce the nutrient content of the soil which promoted wildflower growth. Currently the cuttings were disposed of into a green waste skip for composting. Further investment into equipment was to be considered in the coming year, again via the Nature Restoration Fund. Current workforce and management regimes were considered adequate to maintain wildflower areas with no additional costs to be incurred by the Common Good Fund.

DECISION

AGREED:

- (a) to adopt and align with the Pollinators Along the Tweed Management Principles at Haylodge and Victoria parks; and**
- (b) to enter into the Landowner Agreement outline in 3.6 of the report**

9.2 Marina Piper, Project Manager Destination Tweed, provided an update to Members on progress regarding the Tweed Trail and Tweed Stories/Interpretation projects. Tweed Trail was to be a 113 mile walking trail and facilitated cycling from Moffat to Berwick-Upon-Tweed. There was to be physical and digital interpretation to animate and engage user experience on the trail. There were proposed upgrades to sections of pathway in Haylodge Park and Tweed Green to create a new 3 metre wide multi-use bound path funded by Sustrans and repair existing sections of Tweed Green path where necessary. There was to be scope for seating and landscaping and habitat enhancements. It was proposed to widen and regrade the mound site behind Haylodge hospital, to widen the Eddleston water bridge and upgrade the link path to The Cuddy to two metres and to three metres for the path to town. New signage was also proposed. The Chair proposed an agreement in principle to the plans, with further discussion to be had at a later date when a more detailed programme of work was available, after 30 June 2023.

DECISION

AGREED:

(a) IN PRINCIPLE to the plans to improve sections of footpath through Haylodge Park and Tweed Green as part of Destination Tweed project

(b) to discuss the matter further once a more detailed programme of work was made available after June 30 2023.

10. **ENERGY SAVING ALTERATIONS**

With reference to the Minute of the meeting on 28 February, there was a request for officers to bring forward a report on how environmentally sustainable Common Good buildings were and how they could be improved going forward.

DECISION

NOTED the request

11. **FUNDING APPLICATION**

There had been circulated copies of a funding application from the Peebles Pensioners Association. The application had requested £2100 to purchase a high specification laptop. The Secretary had until now used her personal laptop for administration, film showing and presentations by guest speakers and it was no longer fit for purpose due to its age. There followed a brief discussion on additional funding sources and it was agreed to fund half of the cost of the laptop, with the Peeblesshire Charitable Trust suggested as a possible source of the remainder.

DECISION

AGREED to award £1050 to the Peebles Pensioners Association to go towards the purchase of a new laptop.

12. **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT.**

Emily Cropton, Destination Tweed Connecting Threads project officer, presented to members a proposal to install a floating water organ by Dumfriesshire based artist Mark Zygadlo on the River Tweed in Haylodge Park. The organ had previously been installed on the River Nith, Dumfries and in Findhorn. The organ which generated music based on the depth, current and flow of the river was to be sited west of Fotheringham Bridge and secured on its eastern side from Friday 30 June to Sunday 2 July 2023. The converted catamaran was also to be untethered for the artist to paddle it up and down the river to the

area where rowing boats had previously been moored further downstream. Alongside the installation there was planned a small number of family friendly, accessible activities on the river banks which may include: boat/canoe trips to get close to the Water Organ; citizen science activity to measure and learn about water quality; invitation to paddle, dip or swim in the area west of the bridge, supported by Borders Water Rescue Team; wildlife walk with botanical flag making workshop to decorate the bridge; and a miniature boat making workshop. Security options for Saturday night were being explored. Peebles Youth Trust was to be approached with a view to working in partnership with the project to positively engage the local youth population. SEPA was aware and were supportive of the plan as a partner in the Destination Tweed project. Peebles Trout Fishing Association was to be approached once permission to go ahead was granted. There was general agreement to the plan and Ms Crompton agreed to return to the Committee with an evaluation of the project at a later date.

DECISION

AGREED to the plan to install the water organ on the River Tweed in Haylodge Park

13. **PRIVATE BUSINESS**

DECISION

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

14. **MINUTE**

Members considered the Private Section of the Minute of the Meeting held on 19 April 2023.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the private section of the Minute for signature by the Chair.

15. **OLD CORN EXCHANGE SHOP**

The Committee agreed to extend the closing date for lease submissions for a further month.

16. **TWEEDGREEN PAVILION**

The Committee heard an update on planned maintenance work to the Tweedgreen Pavilion. There was agreement in principle to approve the works subject to the submission of additional information.

17. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The future meetings were scheduled as follows:

- 16 August 2023
- 22 November 2023
- 28 February 2024
- 12 June 2024

DECISION

NOTED.

The meeting concluded at 6.35 pm

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MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 27th
June, 2023 at 4.30 pm

- Present:- Councillors R. Tatler (Chair), M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small and Community Councillor G. Ramsay
- Apologies:- Councillors D. Begg and V. Thomson
- In Attendance:- Acting Chief Corporate Governance Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Democratic Services Officer (L. Cuerden), Malcom Bruce (Peebles Christmas Lights Association)

1. PEEBLES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ASSOCIATION

There had been circulated a funding application from the Peebles Christmas Lights Association. The Association had planned to purchase a replacement Christmas light display to be installed on the exterior wall of the Eastgate Theatre. The Association had recently been awarded £2,000 from the Neighbourhood Support Fund and had a funding shortfall of £5,500. An award of £3,000 was proposed which was agreed.

DECISION

AGREED to award £3,000 to Peebles Christmas Lights Association to part finance the purchase of a replacement lighting display.

2. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There had been circulated a funding application from Frances Graham, secretary of Peebles Highland Games that requested £5,000 contribution to the cost of replacing the marquee used to stage the guests and competitors during the event each September. There followed a brief discussion on the possibility of other community groups being afforded the use of the marquee. Concern was expressed at liability if the marquee was to be damaged during or after such events. There was a suggestion that the Peebles Highland Games Committee consider charging other groups for the erection and removal of the marquee which would mitigate any damage by a third party. There was general agreement in principle to the proposal that the full amount be awarded with the proviso that other groups had the opportunity to hire the marquee, subject to adequate insurance cover.

DECISION

AGREED IN PRINCIPLE to award £5,000 to Peebles Highland Games for the purchase of a new marquee, on condition that other community groups were able to use it, subject to adequate insurance cover.

3. PRIVATE BUSINESS

DECISION

AGREED under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the business detailed in the Appendix to this Minute on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

4. **PEEBLES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Members were informed that the application was to be considered at the meeting of the Peebles Common Good Fund on 23 August 2023.

The meeting concluded at 5.05 pm

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MINUTES of Meeting of the PEEBLES
COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE
held in Council Chamber, Rosetta Road,
EH45 8HG on Tuesday, 28th February, 2023
at 5.00 pm

Present:- Councillors D. Begg, M. Douglas, J. Pirone, E. Small, V. Thomson and Maudsley
In Attendance:- Acting Chief Corporate Governance Officer, Estates Strategy Manager, Estates
Surveyor (T. Hill), Democratic Services Team Leader, Trainee Democratic Services
Officer

1. **MINUTE AND ACTION TRACKER**

The Minute of the meeting of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee held on 23 November 2022 and the Action Tracker had been circulated. With reference to paragraph 7 of the minute of 23 November 2022, it was noted that Councillor Tatler had declared an interest in the item of business in terms of Section 5 of the Councillors Code of Conduct and left the meeting during the discussion.

DECISION

APPROVED the minute for signature by the Chairman and APPROVED the Action Tracker.

2. **PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Peter Maudsley had indicated his intention to step down from the Sub-Committee since his appointment as Chair of Peebles Community Council. George Ramsay was nominated by the Peebles Community Council to take his place.

DECISION

NOTED the appointment of George Ramsay to the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee as the Peebles Community Council representative.

3. **FINANCIAL MONITORING FOR THE 9 MONTHS TO 31 DECEMBER 2022 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2023/24**

There had been circulated copies of the Peebles Common Good Fund Financial Monitoring Report from the Acting Chief Financial Adviser. The report provided the details of income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for nine months to 31 December 2022, a full year projected out-turn for 2022/23, projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2023 and proposed budget for 2023/24. Appendix 1 detailed the projected income and expenditure position for 2022/23 and showed a projected deficit of £10,300 for the year which was higher than the previously reported deficit on 23 November 2022 as a result of an increase to the Central Support Charge. Appendix 2 detailed a projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023 and showed a projected decrease in reserves of £81,860. Appendix 3a detailed a breakdown of the property portfolio, projected rental income and projected net return for 2022/23 and the actual property income to 31 December 2022. Appendix 3b detailed a breakdown of the property portfolio, projected property expenditure for 2022/23 and actual property expenditure to 31 December 2022. Appendix 4 detailed a breakdown of the property portfolio and projected portfolio valuations at 31 March 2023. Appendix 5 detailed the value of Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to 31 December 2022. The Investment Fund had an 11.43% unrealised loss in market value since investment largely due to continued volatility in investment

markets. The cash held by the fund was projected to be £67,704 at 31 March 2023. Grants and other donations approved and distributed to 31 March 2023 totalled £9,230 with £10,770 unallocated from the 2022/23 budget.

DECISION

AGREED to:

- (a) **the projected income and expenditure for 2022/23 in Appendix 1 as the revised budget for 2022/23;**
- (b) **the proposed budget for 2023/24 as shown in Appendix 1;**
- (c) **note the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2023 in Appendix 2;**
- (d) **note the summary of the property portfolio in Appendices 3 and 4; and**
- (e) **note the current position of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund in Appendix 5.**

4. PROPERTY UPDATE

The Estates Surveyor advised that the following park bookings had been made for 2023:-

- Funfair, Victoria Park
- Cycle event, Tweed Green
- Tweedlove Bike Festival, Tweed Green

With reference to paragraph 7 of the meeting of 23 November 2022, the income from commercial bookings in 2022/23 was confirmed as £2424 and was generated from a circus and two funfairs.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

5. HAYLODGE AND VICTORIA PARKS BENCHES AND TABLES

There had been circulated copies of a presentation from the Peebles Callants Club, the purpose of which was to seek the approval of the Committee for the installation of a number of picnic tables and park benches. The Callants Club had been successful in securing 50% of the necessary funding from the Small Schemes budget to upgrade four benches and install four picnic tables in Haylodge Park, install two benches in Haylodge Hospital garden and install two picnic tables adjacent to the new playpark in Victoria Park. There had been an open question related to the installation of picnic tables which asked for consideration of a table with a disposable barbeque plate to prevent grass damage. A request was made that the Callants Club consider the inclusion of the barbeque plates. It was suggested that the Community Payback Team might be considered as a source of labour. Members approved the installation of the benches and tables.

DECISION

AGREED to the installation of six benches and six picnic tables in Haylodge and Victoria Parks by the Peebles Callants Club.

6. KINGSMEADOWS CAR PARK TOILETS

There followed a discussion on the future of Kingsmeadows Car Park Toilets. A report was to be presented to Scottish Borders Council on public convenience provision across the region. It was anticipated that provision was to be reduced to one site per town with only the East Station Toilets to be maintained in Peebles by Scottish Borders Council. The operation and maintenance of Kingsmeadows Car Park toilets was therefore to revert

back to the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee. It was agreed that an item be added to the next agenda to consider a report on the running costs and regime proposal. In addition it was requested that the parking bays be remarked to maximise the use of space. The need for the retention of bus/coach parking and space for the uplift of bottle banks was noted. A request was to be made to Roads for a summary of running costs and a regime proposal, to be considered at the next public meeting of the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee on 24 May 2023.

DECISION

- (a) **NOTED that the Kingsmeadows Car Park toilets were to revert back to the control of Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee;**
- (b) **AGREED to add an item to the next agenda to consider a report on the running costs and regime proposal for Kingsmeadows Car Park toilets; and**
- (c) **AGREED to request a report on a plan and summary of costs for the remarking of parking bays to maximise the use of space in Kingsmeadows Car Park.**

7. PRIVATE CEREMONY: HAYLODGE PARK

There had been a request to hold a private ceremony to scatter ashes in Haylodge Park. The Committee raised no objections. It was agreed to add an agenda item to discuss memorials on Common Good land in general to the next in-person meeting of the Committee.

DECISION:

AGREED to the holding of a private ceremony in Haylodge Park and to add an agenda item to discuss memorials on Common Good land in general to the next in-person meeting of the Committee.

8. PEEBLES BOWLING CLUB

There followed a brief discussion on a request from Peebles Bowling Club to carry out site investigations with a view to installing a silt trap and soakaway and to the re-siting of a store on a small area of Common Good Land. It was confirmed that this was to be carried out at no cost to the Common Good Fund. The request to carry out site investigations was agreed and a further private meeting was scheduled to discuss a rental agreement for the land on which the store was to be erected.

DECISION:

AGREED to

- (a) **Peebles Bowling Club carrying out site investigations with a view to installing a silt trap and soakaway; and**
- (b) **convene a private meeting of the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee to discuss a rental agreement for the land on which the store was to be erected.**

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT.

Under Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Chair was of the opinion that the item dealt with in the following paragraphs should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to make an early decision.

- 9.1 A request had been received from the Peebles Beltane Committee to plant one of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trees on Tweed Green, the deadline for which was the end of March. At the conclusion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the trees which had formed

part of the event on the Mall in London were earmarked for distribution to counties via Lord Lieutenants. These 'trees of trees' were to be awarded to groups who had done great work for their communities. Tweeddale was given one 'tree of trees' and Sir Hew Strachan nominated the Beltane Committee to receive it, a proposal which met the full approval of the organisers of the Queen's Green Canopy. The rowan tree was currently about 8ft and could grow to 25-30 ft and was to be accompanied by a commemorative plaque. Members agreed to the preferred site of near the wishing well provided the necessary checks were made for cabling and pipework. Haylodge Park had been earmarked for the second site if required.

- 9.2 A request had been received from Anne Woodcock, Communications and Fundraising Officer with RiverTweed.org.uk for permission to stage an event on behalf of the Tweed Foundation and Peeblesshire Trout Fishing Association on Tweed Green on Saturday 1st April 2023. The event was to celebrate the start of the Trout Season on Tweed. The day was an opportunity to promote the health and wellbeing benefits of fishing; to chat with local anglers and engage with new, lapsed, or inactive anglers and help grow participation within the area; to launch the new Trout & Grayling Logbook which monitored trout and grayling with Citizen Science and to launch the RiverFly Monitoring Initiative for Tweed with an opportunity for local residents to find out more and to get involved. Tweed Foundation biologists were also to discuss the Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative on the river which included the Trout Acoustic Tracking project. The applicant was to be directed to the booking form to be completed and emailed to PLACE Bookings to secure the date. A request was made that the event was used to publicise the Tweeddale area and the Chair undertook to meet with Ms Woodcock to discuss how this might be achieved.

**DECISION
AGREED:-**

- (a) **to the Beltane Committee planting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee rowan tree and commemorative plaque by the wishing well on Tweed Green, provided the necessary checks were made for cabling and pipework;**
- (b) **to the staging of an event by RiverTweed.org.uk on Tweed Green on 1 April 2023, with the proviso that the event was used to publicise the Tweeddale area**

Note

At the conclusion of the formal business the Sub-Committee held a Q&A session with members of the public. A copy of the questions and the responses given forms the Appendix to this Minute

10. **OPEN QUESTIONS**

The meeting concluded at 5.35 pm

COMMON GOOD EXHIBITION

Question from Joe Wilton: Most residents of Peebles seem to know very little about the Peebles Common Good. A recent straw poll showed that, although the majority of those questioned had heard of the Common Good, very few had a clear understanding of how it was managed. When asked to name any of the 40 fixed assets that currently make up the Common Good, few could name even one asset. To try to rectify this lack of knowledge and engagement we think there is a strong need for a public (purely factual) exhibition describing Peebles Common Good. This idea was endorsed unanimously by the Peebles community council at their last meeting and the Peebles Civic Soc think this is a "good idea". We have already written a draft text for the councillors to consider and the Eastgate Theatre cafe has agreed to host the exhibition. Would the councillors support such a proposal?

Response from the Chair: The proposal was supported. Further discussions were to be arranged with SBC officers to consider content, format, date, venue, staffing and cost implications.

COMMON GOOD INVESTMENTS

Question from Lesley Morrison: Peebles CG has approximately £500,000 invested through Aegon Asset Management, a global investment company. SBC has declared a climate emergency. Can you reassure us that this money is invested in sustainable businesses and not fossil fuel or other non-sustainable companies? And shouldn't more of this money be spent investing for the future in local sustainable energy & renewables?

Response from the Chair: The report from Aegon can be made available to attendees. Members of the Sub-Committee had received assurances from Aegon on the sustainability of investment funds.

Response from Councillor Pirone: The Pension Fund Committee reviews and scrutinises investments. Councillor Pirone is a member of that Committee and reiterated the response from Councillor Tatler.

CLIMATE CHANGE/ENVIRONMENT

Question from Joe Wilton: SBC has declared a climate emergency. Some of the Peebles Common Good assets offer a great chance for sustainable energy production, such as PV panels on roofs. This would also provide a long-term income to the CG Fund. Is this currently being considered by the councillors?

Response from the Chair: This issue was to be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Peebles Common Good Fund, 24 May 2023.

Question from Nic Barrett: In what ways is carbon reduction a factor in decision making around common good assets or allocation of funds?

Response from the Chair: The Council is committed to achieving Net Zero and this is considered as part of all decision making.

PROCESSES and ADMIN

Three Questions from Cat Hamilton

1. Could there be a publicly accessible AGM (with annual summary document) held where our elected councillors, as the committee of The Peebles Common Good, report back to the community, as stakeholders, the current situation of all the PCG assets & the PCG Fund?

Response: There was an agreement to produce an annual report to present to an in-person AGM. Further discussions were to take place with SBC officers.

2. There should be a named point of contact for Peebles Common Good. What/who is it and where can it be found?

**Support Officer : Lynne Cuerden 01835 826527
lynne.cuerden@scotborders.gov.uk**

Support Officer details was to be found on the Peebles Common Good Fund page [Committee details - Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee - Scottish Borders Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

3. The Peebles Common Good section of SBC website is not the easy to navigate. To find details you have to trudge through previous meeting minutes and documents. To fulfil the requirement of transparency, information should be 'clear and easily accessible' (Scottish Land Commission). How do the councillors propose to make information clear and easily accessible?

Agendas and minutes of all meetings were to be found at [Browse meetings - Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee - Scottish Borders Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#) Consideration was to be given to where to site a paper copy of the minutes for public reference. There was currently a review of the Council website with a view to improving accessibility.

An attendee had offered to set up a Peebles Common Good Fund website. However, it was explained that there was no resource to keep such a website up-to-date and that the Acting Chief Corporate Governance Officer would liaise with the Council's Communication Section to look to improve the information provided.

Two Questions from Richard Welander

1. An Ofcom report published last April highlighted the fact that more than 1.5million households across the UK have no access to the internet. Many more have only limited access via their mobile phones. Do councillors agree that the publishing of all information about Common Good solely on the SBC website is not best practice (particularly when navigating to that information on the website is itself hard) and would they undertake to:

1. produce an annual report on the status of the Fund, the activities of the previous year and plans for the forthcoming year, to be published in the Peeblesshire News **Already answered**
2. to hold an annual open meeting in a suitable local venue (such as the Burgh Hall), at which the sub-committee chair would present an annual report and take questions, and (following the laudable current practice of the Peebles Community Council) **Already answered**
3. post printed copies of the sub-committee latest minutes on the notice boards at the entrance to the Chambers Institute? **Already answered.**

2. The Common Good register for Peebles, published last year by SBC on its website, contains errors and oversights. SBC have undertaken to review the registers 'at least every 5 years'. This seems an excessively long time to leave mistakes uncorrected. Tapping into the wealth of local knowledge in Peebles, would councillors please explore the possibility of instigating an effective mechanism for the capture of issues in need of correction or further investigation and to encourage SBC to undertake an annual (or biennial) review to incorporate new and/or corrected information on its website?

Response: The Register was reviewed every five years and could be added to in the intervening years. Members of the public should write to Scottish Borders Council with details of any artefacts for inclusion on the register.

Five questions from Nick Barrett

1. Who is responsible for validation of the 12 CG asset lists, and who is responsible for valuations, insurance & maintenance?

Response from Norrie Curtis: Rolling assets revaluations occurred every five years, which were then audited.

2, Why is there such a big depreciation on many of the property values? Eg old corn exchange?

Response from Councillor Douglas: Depreciation of property values was a standard accountancy tool to write off their value over the life of the asset.

3. Who ensures that SBC's environmental protection policies are followed in the management & maintenance of CG assets, and how is compliance monitored & recorded?

Response from Norrie Curtis: Leases covered environmental and nuisance clauses and properties with the aim of regular inspections.

4. How do long leases of CG assets apportion responsibility for all components of the asset, and who is responsible for enforcing those responsibilities?

Response from Norrie Curtis: Property Maintenance, based in Peebles, looked after Peebles Common Good Fund assets and followed landowner obligations.

5. Where are grants and applications listed / summarised on CG minutes and the SBC website?

Response from the Chair: Minutes from previous meetings detailed the applications made and funds granted.

INCOME and ACCOUNTS

Four Questions from Joe Wilton

1. The Peebles Common Good accounts show that the 8 lock-up garages at Kirkland St (within the Golf Club car park) bring in an annual rental income of just £800. That's £8.50 per month per garage. The current going rate for same is around £80 pm per garage. That's 10 x the current CG rent. Garages 1,2 and 3 Tweed Green may also be underpriced. What is the explanation for these low rents?

Response from Norrie Curtis: Ground rent is paid for the land on which the garages were built. The garages were built by those who rented the ground. When the rental agreement ends, ownership of the garage falls to Peebles Common Good Fund/SBC.

2. On a similar theme, who makes the decisions regarding who pays fees (and who doesn't pay fees), what the costs are for the use of Peebles Common Good land for events, commercial and not for profit/charitable?

Response from Nuala McKinlay: A cross party working group was to be formed to consider the issue of Common Good charges across the Council area, followed by a report from the Director Infrastructure and Environment to be presented to Scottish Borders Council in due course. Councillor Begg reported that a retailers' association had been recently formed to which he had been an attendee and this group was to be consulted as part of any future review of Peebles Common Good Fund charges. There was no charge for charities and not for profit events.

3. How are rental incomes reviewed? Where is this recorded?

Response from Norrie Curtis: Each rental agreement contained a clause which allows for rent review.

4. Although first established 600 years ago, the principle of the Scottish Common Good is still a brilliant idea - it keeps local money local. Can land or assets still be gifted to Peebles Common Good?

Response from Nuala McKinlay: Land or assets cannot be gifted to the Peebles Common Good Fund. Gifts can be made to Scottish Borders Council through various means.

QUESTIONS FROM RUTH NOBLE

1 Who is responsible for checking condition and safety of areas of Haylodge Park? Are you aware that the gate in the north-west corner is off one hinge, making it difficult to open and potentially hazardous? When will this be repaired? Picture attached

Response: Parks Manager Craig Blackie was to be informed of the issue.

2. I commend the Callants' initiative re bench and picnic table installation. However I hope these will not be abused. I wonder if it might be useful to consider installing at least one picnic table with a disposable barbecue plate. This would save charring of tables or grass.

Response: The matter was to be referred to the Callants for their consideration.

3. I note the (rather unsightly) shipping container adjoining the rugby building has been placed directly in front of a bench making it unusable. This bench was previously used by NHS staff for their (cigarette) breaks. Now the staff have to stand around. Was any consultation undertaken with them (apart from the statutory planning notification) and are there any plans to resite the bench? Picture attached

Response: The matter had already been discussed with the owners of the Highland Games container. The bench was to be re-sited.



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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

ACTION TRACKER (PUBLIC BUSINESS)

PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND– NOVEMBER 2022 onwards

Notes:-

Items for which no actions are required are not included

NO.	MINUTE PARAGRAPH NUMBER, TITLE AND DECISION REQUIRING ACTION	DEPARTMENT	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	OUTCOME
27 JUNE 2023				
1. PEEBLES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ASSOCIATION	Para 1 - AGREED to award £3,000 to Peebles Christmas Lights Association to part finance the purchase of a replacement lighting display.	Democratic Services	L.Cuerden	Payment requested.
2. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Para 2 - AGREED IN PRINCIPLE to award £5,000 to Peebles Highland Games for the purchase of a new marquee, on condition that other community groups were able to use it, subject to adequate insurance cover.	Elected Members		
23 MAY 2023				
1. KINGSMEADOWS CAR PARK BAYS	Para 5.0 - AGREED to option 2 for the marking of Kingsmeadows car park, with provision for a licensed coffee cart and mobile home/short wheel based truck bays to be factored in, with work scheduled to begin in Autumn 2023.	Infrastructure & Environment	Robert Reid	
2. VICTORIA PARK – NEW LIGHTING	Para 7 - AGREED: (a) IN PRINCIPLE to start work in August 2023 subject to alternative funding being sourced (b) to add an item to the agenda of 16 August 2023 meeting to agree the programme of work	Democratic Services	L. Cuerden	Move to subsequent agenda
3. TREE PLANTING IN HAYLODGE PARK	Para 8 - AGREED to request a report on a coordinated tree planting strategy for all Common Good Parks	Democratic Services	L.Cuerden	

NO.	MINUTE PARAGRAPH NUMBER, TITLE AND DECISION REQUIRING ACTION	DEPARTMENT	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	OUTCOME
4. FUNDING APPLICATION	Para 11 - AGREED to award £1050 to the Peebles Pensioners Association to go towards the purchase of a new laptop.	Democratic Services	L.Cuerden	Award paid. Laptop purchased. On agenda 23/8/23
28 FEBRUARY 2023				
2. KINGSMEADOWS CAR PARK TOILETS	Para 6.0 - (b) AGREED to add an item to the next agenda to consider a report on the running costs and regime proposal for Kingsmeadows Car Park toilets.	Democratic Services	Lynne Cuerden	Ongoing
23 NOVEMBER 2022				
2. COMMON GOOD LAND PARKING	Para 3. - AGREED: (a) to add an item to the next agenda to consider a report on the revenue from Greenside car park	Democratic Services	L Cuerden	Report from John Curry due in 2023
5. ANY OTHER ITEMS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED	Para 6. (a) Use of Parks under control of Peebles Common Good Fund – AGREED to (a) take the necessary action to have the matter of Common Good Land fees considered at a meeting of Scottish Borders Council; (b) include an agenda item at the next Sub-Committee meeting to review the fees charged in the past year	Democratic Services	L Cuerden	Report from John Curry due 2023

MONITORING REPORT FOR 3 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2023

Report by Director of Finance & Procurement

PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND SUB-COMMITTEE

23 August 2023

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the details of the income and expenditure for the Peebles Common Good Fund for the three months to 30 June 2023, a full year projected out-turn for 2023/24, and projected balance sheet values as at 31 March 2024.**
- 1.2 Appendix 1 provides the projected income and expenditure position for 2023/24. This shows a projected surplus of £47,752 for the year.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 provides a projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2024. It shows a projected decrease in reserves of £132,756.
- 1.4 Appendix 3a provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected rental income and projected net return for 2023/24 and actual property income to 30 June 2023.
- 1.5 Appendix 3b provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected property expenditure for 2023/24 and actual property expenditure to 30 June 2023.
- 1.6 Appendix 4 provides a breakdown of the property portfolio showing projected property valuations at 31 March 2024.
- 1.7 Appendix 5 shows the value of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund to 30 June 2023.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee:**
 - (a) Notes the actual income and expenditure for 2023/24 in Appendix 1;**
 - (b) Notes the projected balance sheet value as at 31 March 2024 in Appendix 2;**
 - (c) Notes the summary of the property portfolio in Appendices 3 and 4; and**
 - (d) Notes the current position of the Aegon Asset Management Investment Fund in Appendix 5.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 This report provides the Committee with financial information for the period to 30 June 2023 and projections to 31 March 2024. The report also contains a projected balance sheet for the Common Good Fund as at 31 March 2024.

4 FINANCIAL POSITION 2023/24

4.1 Appendix 1 provides details on income and expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year. The projected net position for the year is a surplus of £47,752.

4.2 Income & Expenditure – Property Income

Rental income for 2023/24 is shown in Appendices 1 & 3a, with Appendix 3a detailing the actual annual rental income by individual property. Actual income is reported on a cash basis until the year end with quarter 4 reports incorporating any annual adjustments for prepayments and accruals.

4.3 Income & Expenditure – Non-Property Related Income

(a) The projected out-turn position shows an amount of £300 relating to interest receivable on cash held by SBC. Also included are dividends from the Common Good Funds investment in Aegon Asset Management amounting to £23,350, with the projection for 2023/24 remaining at the 5% target and the monthly distribution profile projections provided by Aegon. The position will be monitored closely with Aegon Asset Management.

(b) Rebate income of £113 from Aegon Asset Management received in March 2023, along with the corresponding 118 units purchased in April, was accounted for in 2022/23.

4.4 Income & Expenditure – Property Expenditure

(a) The property expenditure for 2023/24 is shown in Appendices 1 & 3b, with Appendix 3b detailing the actual property expenditure by individual property. Actual expenditure is reported on a cash basis until the year end with quarter 4 reports incorporating any annual adjustments for prepayments and accruals.

(b) Appendices 3a and 3b show a full breakdown of the proposed budget for property rental and repairs for 2023/24. These will be revised as further information is received from Estates.

4.5 Income & Expenditure – Grants & Other Donations

The grants and other donations approved and distributed to 31 March 2024 are shown below:

Grant Recipients	Approved	£
Approved and Paid to 30 June 2023		
Peebles Community Trust/Peebles Youth Voice	19/04/23	3,000
Total Paid to 31 March 2024		3,000
Approved but not yet paid		
Peebles Pensioners Association	24/05/23	1,050
Peebles Christmas Lights Association	27/06/23	3,000
Peebles Highland Games	27/06/23	5,000
Total Grants Approved not paid		9,050
Approved Budget 2023/24		25,000
(Unallocated)/Overallocated Budget		(12,950)

4.6 Income & Expenditure – Central Support Service Charge

The proposed charge for 2023/24 is currently estimated using a 2% uplift on the 2022/23 charge. This is subject to revision once the 2023/24 pay award is confirmed and a full Service Charge Review has been completed and approved by Council.

4.7 Income & Expenditure – Depreciation Charge

The projected depreciation charge for the year is £180,508. This is not a cash transaction and is off-set by a corresponding contribution from the Revaluation Reserve at the end of the financial year.

4.8 Appendix 2 provides the actual balance sheet value as at 1 April 2023 and a projected balance sheet as at 31 March 2024.

4.9 Balance Sheet – Fixed Assets

All fixed assets of the Common Good Fund are revalued every 5 years as part of the Council's rolling programme. The fixed assets were revalued at 1 April 2019. Appendix 4 shows the actual values of the individual properties at 31 March 2023, projected depreciation charges for 2022/23 and projected values at 31 March 2024.

4.10 Balance Sheet – Investment Fund

The fund has an 11.30% unrealised loss in market value since investment, largely due to continued volatility in investment markets. Overall, taking account of the income received, the fund has achieved a return of 16.45% since investment in February 2018.

4.11 Balance Sheet – Cash Balance

The cash held by the fund is projected to be £78,425 at 31 March 2024 and is detailed below:

Cash Balance	£
Opening Balance at 1 April 2023	31,254
Projected surplus for year from Income & Expenditure Statement	47,752
Net cash movement in Debtors/Creditors	(0)
Rebate Investment in Aegon	(581)
Projected Closing Balance as at 31 March 2024	78,425

4.12 Balance Sheet – Capital Reserve

The movement in the Capital Reserves include the unrealised loss for the Aegon Asset Management Fund as at 31 March 2023, but due to the nature of the markets no estimate has been made for the future years' movement.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no further financial implications other than those explained above in Section 4.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that investments in the Aegon Asset Management Fund may reduce in value due to market or investment performance. This risk cannot be fully mitigated; however, it is being managed by the selection of a Fund Manager with a clear objective of preserving capital values while aiming to produce returns in line with the benchmark.

5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no impact or relevance to Equality Duty or the Fairer Scotland Duty for this report. This is a routine financial monitoring report which forms part of the governance of the management of the Common Good Funds. Nevertheless, a light touch assessment has been conducted and this will be published on SBC's Equality and Diversity Pages of the website as in doing so, signifies that equality, diversity and socio-economic factors have duly been considered when preparing this report.

5.4 Sustainable Development Goals

Whilst there are no economic, social or environmental effects arising from the proposals contained in this report, there are, through the activities reported upon, positive impacts upon the economy through protection of employment, positive impacts upon the quality of community life and improvements in local amenities and nurturing of local talent. The potential improvement in levels of income through the use of the new investment fund will act to make the Common Good Fund more sustainable in the future.

5.5 Climate Change

There are no effects on climate change arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

There are no effects on rural proofing arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.7 Data Protection Impact Statement

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.8 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes required to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Legal Officer (including as Monitoring Officer), the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Communications have been consulted and their appropriate comments have been incorporated into this report.

Approved by

Suzy Douglas
Director of Finance & Procurement

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Background Papers:

Previous Minute Reference: Peebles Common Good Committee 24 May 2023

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**PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND
PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2023/24**

APPENDIX 1

	Actuals at 30/06/23	Full Year Approved Budget 2023/24	Full Year Projected Budget 2023/24	Full Year Projected Over/ (Under) Spend 2023/24	Para Ref	Comments
	£	£	£	£		
Property Income						
Rental Income	(49,644)	(67,770)	(67,770)		4.2	
Non-Property Related Income						
Interest on Cash deposited with Council	(0)	(300)	(300)		4.3	Est 5% return
Investment Funds – Dividends Rec'd	(3,617)	(23,350)	(23,350)		4.3	
Other Income	(0)	(500)	(500)		4.3	
Total Income	(53,261)	(91,920)	(91,920)			
Property Expenditure						
Property Costs – General	73,105	0	0		4.4	
Haylodge Toilets – Cleaning etc	4,100	9,780	9,780		4.4	
Total Property Expenditure	77,205	9,780	9,780			
Grants & Other Donations	3,000	25,000	25,000		4.5	3 year average
Central Support Service Charge	0	9,388	9,388		4.6	Subject to review
Depreciation						
Depreciation Charge	0	180,508	180,508		4.7	
Contribution from Revaluation Reserve	(0)	(180,508)	(180,508)		4.7	
Net impact of Depreciation on Revenue Reserve	0	0	0			
Total Net (Surplus)/Deficit for year	26,944	(47,752)	(47,752)			

PROJECTED BALANCE SHEET VALUE AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Opening Balance at 01/04/23 £	Projected Movement in Year £	Projected Closing Balance at 31/03/24 £
Fixed Assets			
Land & Buildings	890,092	(180,508)	709,584
Feu Duties	1,619	0	1,619
Total Fixed Assets	891,711	(180,508)	711,203
Capital in Investment Fund			
Investment Fund Book Value	505,760	581	506,341
Unrealised Gains/(Loss)	(59,345)	0	(59,345)
Market Value	446,415	581	446,996
Current Assets			
Debtors	19,344	0	19,344
Cash deposited with SBC	31,254	47,171	78,425
Total Current Assets	50,598	47,171	97,769
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	0	0	0
Receipts in Advance	1,960	0	1,960
Total Current Liabilities	1,960	0	1,960
Net Assets	1,390,684	(132,756)	1,257,928
Funded by:			
Reserves			
Revenue Reserve	(136,318)	(47,752)	(184,070)
Capital Reserve	(412,450)	0	(412,450)
Revaluation Reserve	(841,916)	180,508	(661,408)
Total Reserves	(1,390,684)	132,756	(1,257,928)

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2023/24
(Actual income to 30 June 2023 and projections to 31 March 2024)

Rental Income – Land & Buildings	2023/24			2023/24
	Approv'd Budget	Project'd Budget	Actuals as at 30/06/23	Proposed Net (Return) /Loss
	£	£	£	£
33. Tweed Green Car Park	0	0	0	0
25. Greenside Car Park	0	0	0	0
22. Kings Meadows Car Park	0	0	0	0
9. George Meikle Kemp Monument	0	0	0	0
11. Victoria Park	0	0	0	0
10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts	0	0	0	0
Peebles Disused Railway	0	0	0	0
6. Peebles Golf Course	(15,290)	(15,290)	(15,290)	(15,290)
1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing	(17,500)	(17,500)	(16,528)	(17,500)
2. Neidpath Grazings	0	0	0	0
8. Haylodge Park	(250)	(250)	0	(250)
17. Haylodge Depot	(9,500)	(9,500)	(8,260)	(9,500)
26. Old Corn Exchange Hall	(450)	(450)	(225)	(450)
34. Walkershaugh Store	(6,500)	(6,500)	(4,875)	(6,500)
28. Tweed Green	0	0	0	0
24. Cuddy Green (Part 1)	0	0	0	0
29. Venlaw Wood	0	0	0	0
20. Tweed Fishings	0	0	0	0
27. Peebles Town Clock	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Front)	(10,830)	(10,830)	(703)	(10,830)
32. Garage 1 Tweed Green	(300)	(300)	(300)	(300)
12. Venlaw Quarry	0	0	0	0
30. Venlaw Amenity Ground	0	0	0	0
Old Town Wall Monument	0	0	0	0
3. Haylodge Park Play Area	0	0	0	0
37. Walkershaugh ACF Site	(500)	(500)	(375)	(500)
36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green	0	0	0	0
40. Former Railway	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Park	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Play Area	0	0	0	0
19. Old Town Green	0	0	0	0
32. Garage 2 Tweed Green	(175)	(175)	(88)	(175)
32. Garage 3 Tweed Green	(175)	(175)	(88)	(175)
23. Land at March Street	0	0	0	0
38. Gas Governor Site	0	0	0	0
4. Fotheringham Bridge	0	0	0	0
16. Haylodge Cottage & Land	0	0	0	0
15. Garages Sites at Kirkland St (1-8)	(800)	(800)	(808)	(800)
21. Kingsmeadows Toilets & Land	0	0	0	0
13. Haylodge Toilets	0	0	0	9,780
39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
18. Haylodge Pavilion Site	0	0	(104)	0
5. Elliots Park Grazings	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Primary School & Site	(3,500)	(3,500)	0	(3,500)
7. Kingsland Primary School Sub Stn	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Nursery School	0	0	0	0
14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site	0	0	0	0
General Property Expenditure	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	(67,770)	(67,770)	(49,644)	(57,990)

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE FOR 2023/24
(Actual expenditure to 30 June and projections to 31 March 2024)

Property Expenditure – Land & Buildings	2023/24				
	Approv'd Budget	Project'd Budget	Actual (Repair & Maint)	Actual (Other)	Actual Total
	£	£	£	£	£
33. Tweed Green Car Park	0	0	0	0	0
25. Greenside Car Park	0	0	0	0	0
22. Kings Meadows Car Park	0	0	0	0	0
9. George Meikle Kemp Monument	0	0	0	0	0
11. Victoria Park	0	0	0	0	0
10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts	0	0	0	(38)	(38)
Peebles Disused Railway	0	0	0	0	0
6. Peebles Golf Course	0	0	0	0	0
1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing	0	0	73,066	(117)	72,949
2. Neidpath Grazings	0	0	0	0	0
8. Haylodge Park	0	0	353	0	353
17. Haylodge Depot	0	0	0	(192)	(192)
26. Old Corn Exchange Hall	0	0	0	0	0
34. Walkershaugh Store	0	0	0	0	0
28. Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0
24. Cuddy Green (Part 1)	0	0	0	0	0
29. Venlaw Wood	0	0	0	0	0
20. Tweed Fishings	0	0	0	0	0
27. Peebles Town Clock	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop –(Front)	0	0	141	(2)	139
32. Garage 1 Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0
12. Venlaw Quarry	0	0	0	0	0
30. Venlaw Amenity Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Old Town Wall Monument	0	0	0	0	0
3. Haylodge Park Play Area	0	0	0	0	0
37. Walkershaugh ACF Site	0	0	0	0	0
36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	0
40. Former Railway	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Park	0	0	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Play Area	0	0	0	0	0
19. Old Town Green	0	0	0	0	0
32. Garage 2 Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0
32. Garage 3 Tweed Green	0	0	0	0	0
23. Land at March Street	0	0	0	0	0
38. Gas Governor Site	0	0	0	0	0
4. Fotheringham Bridge	0	0	0	0	0
16. Haylodge Cottage & Land	0	0	0	0	0
15. Garages Sites at Kirkland St (1-8)	0	0	0	0	0
21. Kingsmeadows Toilets & Land	0	0	0	0	0
13. Haylodge Toilets	9,780	9,780	0	(4,092)	(4,092)
39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear)	0	0	0	(276)	(276)
18. Haylodge Pavilion Site	0	0	0	0	0
5. Elliots Park Grazings	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Primary School & Site	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Primary School Sub Stn	0	0	0	0	0
7. Kingsland Nursery School	0	0	0	0	0
14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site	0	0	0	0	0
General Property Expenditure	0	0	178	0	178
Total	9,780	9,780	73,738	3,467	77,205

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO VALUATION FOR 2023/24

Projected property valuation to 31 March 2024)

Fixed Assets – Land & Buildings	Net Book Value at 01/04/23 £	Project'd Dep'n Charge 2023/24 £	Project'd Net Book Value at 31/03/24 £
33. Tweed Green Car Park	0	0	0
25. Greenside Car Park	0	0	0
22. Kings Meadows Car Park	0	0	0
9. George Meikle Kemp Monument	0	0	0
11. Victoria Park (part)	0	0	0
10. Victoria Park Tennis Courts	40,000	0	40,000
Peebles Disused Railway	0	0	0
6. Peebles Golf Course	158,000	0	158,000
1. Jedderfield Farm & Grazing	150,176	(4,824)	145,352
2. Neidpath Grazings	20,000	0	20,000
8. Haylodge Park	0	0	0
17. Haylodge Depot	51,400	(30,600)	20,800
26. Old Corn Exchange Hall	24,250	(19,750)	4,500
34. Walkershaugh Store	28,600	(23,400)	5,200
28. Tweed Green	0	0	0
24. Cuddy Green (Part 1)	0	0	0
29. Venlaw Wood	16,000	0	16,000
20. Tweed Fishings	0	0	0
27. Peebles Town Clock	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop –(Front)	58,625	(55,375)	3,250
32. Garage 1 Tweed Green	2,750	(2,250)	500
12. Venlaw Quarry	0	0	0
30. Venlaw Amenity Ground	0	0	0
Old Town Wall Monument	0	0	0
3. Haylodge Park Play Area	0	0	0
37. Walkershaugh ACF Site	10,000	0	10,000
36. Walkershaugh Bowling Green	500	0	500
40. Former Railway	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Park	0	0	0
35. Ninians Haugh Play Area	0	0	0
19. Old Town Green	0	0	0
32. Garage Tweed 2 Tweed Green	1,650	(1,350)	300
32. Garage 3 Tweed Green	1,650	(1,350)	300
23. Land at March Street	0	0	0
38. Gas Governor Site	750	0	750
4. Fotheringham Bridge	0	0	0
16. Haylodge Cottage & Land	144,175	(11,825)	132,350
15. Garage Sites at Kirkland St (1-8)	8,000	0	8,000
21. Kingsmeadows Toilets	2,600	0	2,600
13. Haylodge Toilets	18,176	(6,824)	11,352
39. Land at Gytes Leisure Centre	0	0	0
26. Old Corn Exchange Shop (Rear)	27,250	(22,750)	4,500
18. Haylodge Pavilion Site	4,790	(210)	4,580
5. Elliots Park Grazings	50,000	0	50,000
7. Kingsland Primary School & Site	70,000	0	70,000
7. Kingsland P'mary School Sub Stn	750	0	750
7. Kingsland Nursery School	0	0	0
14. Connor Ridge Monitoring Site	0	0	0
Total	890,092	(180,508)	709,584

Fixed Assets – Moveable Assets

Eastgate Fountain

Arts & Artefacts – held in locations below:

Chambers Institute

Leather Chairs (14), Chairs (5), China Cabinet, Antique Mirror, Square Coal Scuttle, Oak Mantle Clock (1930), Antique Fire Irons & Grate, Log Effect Electric Fire, Oval Oak Table, Light Pendants (5), 4 Single Brass Gas Wall Fittings

Tweeddale Museum

Silver Bowl, Provosts Chain (2), Weights & Balances, Provosts Chain & Baillie’s Insignia 1957, Provost & Baillie’s Robes 1957, Commemorative Bronze Plaque, Beltane Cup & Saddle 1663, Beltane Silver Plate 1677, Town Drum 1677, Silver Arrow for St Bartholomew’s Fair 1628, Silver Plate donated by Earl of March 1708, Silver Bell of Peebles with 2 smaller bells 1647, Engraving of Neidpath Castle, Rennie Trophy and Silver Medallion, Civic Photograph Album, Old Fire Engine, Portrait of Sir Michael Grieve Thorburn

Rosetta Road Offices

Portraits of J Ramsay Smith, Sir Michael Thorburn of Glenormiston, Alexander-7th Lord Elibank, Harry B Marshall of Rachan, Sir Graham Graham-Montgomery of Stanhope, Sir R J Thompson of Kaimies, Montolieu-10th Lord Elibank, Sir John Hay c1818, Back of Old Town Peebles

Fixed Assets – Land & Buildings (owned by the Common Good Fund but not included in the Balance Sheet)	Projected Net Book Value at 01/04/24 £
Kingsland School Site	7,496,900
Kingsmeadows Toilets	101,600
Kingsland Nursery School	399,000
Total	7,997,500

INVESTMENTS EXTERNALLY MANAGED

Cost of Investment	Units	£
Aegon Asset Management Investment (February 2018)	387,354	419,388
Aegon Asset Management Investment (August 2018)	22,187	24,000
Aegon Fund Rebate – (2018-2019)	422	452
Aegon Asset Management Investment – (May 19)	18,254	20,000
Aegon Fund Rebate – (2019-2020)	350	392
Aegon Asset Management Investment – (January 2021)	36,802	40,000
Aegon Fund Rebate – (2020-2021)	434	437
Aegon Fund Rebate – (2021-2022)	464	510
Aegon Fund Rebate – (2022-2023)	596	581
Total Invested to 30 June 2023	466,863	505,760

Value of Investment	£
31 March 2018	418,032
31 March 2019	446,938
31 March 2020	393,681
31 March 2021	508,284
31 March 2022	508,278
30 June 2022	452,112
30 September 2022	423,681
31 December 2022	447,500
31 March 2023	446,416
30 June 2023	448,329
Increase/(Decrease) from Total Cash Invested	(57,431)

Return on Investment from inception	Capital Return %	Total Return %
to 31 March 2018	-0.30	
to 31 March 2019	+3.86	+9.41
to 31 March 2020	-15.16	-5.98
to 30 June 2020	-8.52	+2.76
to 30 September 2020	-7.91	+4.83
to 31 December 2020	-0.61	+14.09
to 31 March 2021	+0.78	+16.84
to 30 June 2021	+1.10	+18.71
to 30 September 2021	+0.36	+19.52
to 31 December 2021	+3.93	+25.02
to 31 March 2022	+0.68	+22.56
to 30 June 2022	-10.46	+10.70
to 30 September 2022	-16.12	+5.84
to 31 December 2022	-11.43	+12.81
to 31 March 2023	-11.69	+13.46
to 30 June 2023	-11.30	+16.45

Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

Part 1 Scoping

1 Details of the Proposal

Title of Proposal:	MONITORING REPORT FOR 3 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2023
What is it?	A new Policy/Strategy/Practice <input type="checkbox"/> A revised Policy/Strategy/Practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description of the proposal: (Set out a clear understanding of the purpose of the proposal being developed or reviewed (what are the aims, objectives and intended outcomes, including the context within which it will operate).	Quarterly report to Peebles Common Good Fund on the projected out-turn for 2023/24 and the projected balance sheet for 2023/24
Service Area: Department:	Common Good Funds Finance & Regulatory
Lead Officer: (Name and job title)	Suzy Douglas, Director of Finance & Procurement
Other Officers/Partners involved: (List names, job titles and organisations)	
Date(s) IIA completed:	28/07/2023

2 Will there be any cumulative impacts as a result of the relationship between this proposal and other policies?

Yes / No (please delete as applicable)
If yes, - please state here:

3 Legislative Requirements

3.1 Relevance to the Equality Duty:	
<p>Do you believe your proposal has any relevance under the Equality Act 2010? <i>(If you believe that your proposal may have some relevance – however small please indicate yes. If there is no effect, please enter “No” and go to Section 3.2.)</i></p>	
Equality Duty	Reasoning:
Elimination of discrimination (both direct & indirect), victimisation and harassment. <i>(Will the proposal discriminate? Or help eliminate discrimination?)</i>	Given the subject matter of this assessment, it is not relevant to Equality duty.
Promotion of equality of opportunity? <i>(Will your proposal help or hinder the Council with this)</i>	
Foster good relations? <i>(Will your proposal help or hinder the council s relationships with those who have equality characteristics?)</i>	

3.2 Which groups of people do you think will be or potentially could be, impacted by the implementation of this proposal? (You should consider employees, clients, customers / service users, and any other relevant groups)				
Please tick below as appropriate, outlining any potential impacts on the undernoted equality groups this proposal may have and how you know this.				
	Impact			Please explain the potential impacts and how you know this
	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
All of the protected characteristics including Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage or Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex, Sexual Orientation.	X			No impact or relevance. This is a routine monitoring report required as part of good governance of the Common Good Funds
3.3 Fairer Scotland Duty				
This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making <u>strategic</u> decisions.				
The duty is set at a strategic level - these are the key, high level decisions that SBC will take. This would normally include strategy documents, decisions about setting priorities, allocating resources and commissioning services.				
Is the proposal strategic? No				
Yes / No <i>(please delete as applicable)</i>				
If No go to Section 4				
If yes, please indicate any potential impact on the undernoted groups this proposal may have and how you know this:				
	Impact		State here how you know this	

	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
Low and/or No Wealth – enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.				
Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies				
Area Deprivation – where you live (e.g. rural areas), where you work (e.g. accessibility of transport)				
Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parents' education, employment and income				
Looked after and accommodated children and young people				
Carers paid and unpaid including family members				
Homelessness				
Addictions and substance use				
Those involved within the criminal justice system				

4 Full Integrated Impact Assessment Required

Select No if you have answered “No” to all of Sections 3.1 – 3.3.

Yes / No (please delete as applicable)

If a full impact assessment is not required briefly explain why there are no effects and provide justification for the decision.

Report is a regular governance report required to ensure good governance of the Common Good Fund. All members of the Fund have equal status under the regulations followed.

Signed by Lead Officer:	Suzy Douglas
Designation:	Director of Finance & Procurement
Date:	28/07/2023
Counter Signature Service Director	
Date:	

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Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2023/24*

*Please note this is a fund of last resort – you will need to demonstrate to the Common Good Fund Committee that you have tried to secure funding from other sources.

Applicant Group/Organisation:	Interest Link Borders
Name of your project:	Interest Link Tweeddale (Peebles Members)
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	PEEBLES COMMON GOOD FUND

What does your organisation do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. 100 words)

Tell us what your group does, the activities it undertakes and in what way it benefits the community. Founded by family carers, we work across Scottish Borders improving the lives of socially excluded children (8+) and adults with learning disabilities and their family carers.

We achieve this through volunteer befriending: 200 peer-age volunteers support 220 members in 1:1 links and friendship groups, also benefiting 250 carers. We deliver through four local Branches (Berwickshire, Central Borders, Roxburgh and Tweeddale).

Our service has developed through co-production and benefits include more friends & opportunities and improved mental wellbeing, confidence, self-esteem and social skills for members. Family carers' role is eased and they have better wellbeing and more opportunities for other activities.

Summarise what you want to use this funding for (max. 100 words)

Over 12 months our Tweeddale Branch will support 20 Peebles members through:

- c10 1:1 links meeting fortnightly for 2-3 hours for e.g. walks, shopping, sightseeing & sports.
- c20 places in six groups:
 - Four groups will meet fortnightly on a weekday evening for 2 hours at our Cavalry Park venue for arts & crafts, music, games, healthy eating, parties and trips out: Champions (8-16s), Fronrunners (16-25s) Motivators (Young Adults) and Make That (Older Adults). Each has 22 sessions annually.
 - Green Wanderers group will meet fortnightly on a weekday to tend their raised beds at Greener Peebles Community Garden, go on trips and do crafts.
 - Online Zoom Bingo Group connects residents at Garvald West Linton with friends in Peebles.
- We also run a Parents Craft & Chat group at Cavalry Park, which includes 4 Peebles family carers.
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Summarise how the outcomes of the project will be measured/evaluated (max. 100 words)

Our Annual Survey in June 2024 will gather outcome statistics and feedback from at least 40% of supported members, family carers, volunteers as well as teachers and care professionals. We will also ask for ideas to improve the service. This will produce a Tweeddale Impact Report similar to that attached and we will also drill down and report benefits to those living in Peebles.

Branch Co-ordinators Mary Mouat and Rosa Cabello will write at least four case studies based on observation and feedback

[See recent examples](#)

Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the current/former Burgh (max. 200 words)

Our members have Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome & Autism, with high levels of epilepsy & sensory impairment. They are socially excluded: children are taught in additional needs units and only 1% are likely to have a partner in adult life and 4.5% a job. Day support has shrunk and they are at risk if they go into the community on their own.

Our project will breakdown barriers with the Peebles community, give members some friends who are in their life out of choice and provide opportunities for new activities and experiences. This will improve their happiness, confidence, self-esteem and social skills: in our June 2023 survey 88% of Peebles members said we had made a difference in all of these areas (and 100% a difference in most of them)

Family carers have a lifelong role which isolates them and is hard to sustain. Our project will give Carers time to spend on themselves, each other and social connections, happy in the knowledge the person they care for is enjoying themselves safely with friends. In our June 2023 survey all Peebles family carers said we had made a difference to their quality of life.

Tell us how your project will be sustainable in the future (max. 100 words)

Tweeddale Branch raises funds from a wide variety of sources, currently including SBC funds, National Lottery Community Fund, Better Breaks, Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, Creative Breaks, Borders Children's Charity, Gannochy & RS MacDonald. We are always looking for new funders and have a strong track record which has sustained Tweeddale Branch successfully for 22 years.

For the 2023-24 Peebles project we have a funding gap of £2,000 after all our other applications are included. We are going to every source available and the external funding environment is currently extremely competitive.

Expenditure: Please tell us how much money you need for the entire activity/project (you may be asked to provide up to 3 quotes to support your application)

Item of Expenditure	Cost (£)
Staff Salaries, NI & Pension (Branch Co-ordinator and Assistant Co-ordinator working total of 25hrs per week)	23,843
Staff & volunteer recruitment, travel & training	2,220
Group costs: Activities & materials, Tutors, Venue	10,152

Office & administration (telephone, postage, stationery, insurance, payroll, accountancy)	1,411
Total Expenditure	38,875
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	2,000 for volunteer and Group costs
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	Attached

Have you received funding in the last 5 years from Scottish Borders Council or any other external funders? If so, please detail the fund name, the amount and the purpose of the grant.

Fund	Amount	Purpose
<p>Please see Schedule attached, compiled from Annual Accounts and 202-23 Management Accounts: SBC grants are highlighted. All were for our befriending service running costs in the different localities.</p> <p>We receive £21,996 annually from SBC Learning Disabilities budget: this is classed as unrestricted income by our independent examiner so is not shown separately in the Annual Accounts, however it is shown in the 2022-23 Management Accounts.</p> <p>We received a grant of £2,000 from the Peebles Common Good Fund in February 2021.</p> <p>We received a grant from the SBC Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund in September 2022. This has been fully spent and reported on.</p> <p>In the current year, we received a grant of £4,805 from SBC Cheviot. Neighbourhood Fund in April 2023</p>		

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.

	Secured	Pending or Planned	Notes
Better Breaks Fund	2,500		
Borders Children's Charity	750		
Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	2,250		
Co-op Local Community Fund	825		
Creative Breaks		2,000	Decision Sept 2023
Donations and fundraising		656	Ongoing
Gannochy Trust	1,000		
National Lottery Community Fund	11,444		
Orcome Trust		2,500	Decision Oct 2023
Peebles Common Good Fund		2,000	Decision August 2023
People's Postcode Trust		3,000	Decision Oct 2023
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	1,500		

Rooney Foundation	750		
SBC Community Welfare Trust		500	Decision Sept 2023
SBC Healthier Happier Stronger Fund Tweeddale		2,500	Decision August 2023
SBC Neighbourhood Fund Tweeddale		2,500	Decision Oct 23 or
SBC Main Grant	2,200		
Total	23,219	15,656	
Combined Total		38,875	

Individual/Group/Organisation details:	
Contact Name:	Andrew Findlay
Position in Group/Org: (if appropriate)	Project Co-ordinator
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Post Code:	TD1 1SW
Telephone Number:	07785 734992
Email Address:	andrewfindlay@interestlink.org.uk
Date:	26/07/2023
Signature:	

Equalities
<p>Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010</p> <p>Equality & Diversity Policy attached</p> <p>We do not discriminate on the basis of age, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership and pregnancy and maternity.</p> <p>Providing opportunities usually denied our members with learning disabilities is key to our mission. Our members cannot attend mainstream groups, they are on low incomes, do not have friends or access to transport and are vulnerable if they go into the community alone. As a result they have poor outcomes relative to the general population in terms of mental wellbeing, confidence, self-esteem and social & communication skills. This makes them unlikely to achieve positive destinations such as employment and independent living</p>

Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes No

If yes what public protection policies do you have in place and how often are these reviewed? Please provide a copy of these or give full details below.

Adult & Child Protection Policies attached.

They are written to dovetail with the Scottish Borders statutory protection system and reviewed annually (last in September 2022)

Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes No

If yes do you have the following? (please tick relevant)

- A lease agreement (Date of lease _____ and duration _____ years)
- Written permission of owner
- Planning permission (Reference No. _____)

Common Good Funds

Common Good Funds in Scotland originated in the 15th century and are the assets and income of some of the current/former Burghs. They can represent a substantial portfolio of land, property, some moveable items and investments and by law continue to exist for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Burghs to which they relate. Scottish Borders Council is the owner of these Funds and each Fund has a sub-committee comprising the relevant local Councillors who make the decisions on the management of the Fund's assets and approval of any requests for funding (up to a limit of £20,000 above which full Council approval is required).

If you are successful in being awarded Common Good Funds, you will be asked to complete a monitoring & evaluation form when your project is complete or within 1 year of receiving funding. Future applications will not be considered until this has been received and the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee are satisfied with the evaluation you have provided.

This completed form and supporting documents should be submitted to Lynne Cuerden, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: lynne.cuerden@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone: 01835 826527



Tweeddale

Impact Report 2023

*I talk more
it's fun*
lots of new friends
I feel like I belong
Made good friends
You treat me with respect *I love being out and about*
more confident speaking out
Proud of what I can do
I'm happy in the group

Our Aims and Activities

Interest Link was founded by family carers in 1990 and works across the Scottish Borders to improve the quality of life of socially excluded children (aged 8+), young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism. We aim to help our members connect with their communities through friendships and shared opportunities, having fun and improving their happiness, confidence, self-esteem and social skills.

We achieve our aims through a volunteer befriending service that creates and supports social groups and 1:1 links for around 215 members annually. It is delivered through four local projects (Berwickshire, Central Borders, Roxburgh and Tweeddale) each with its own staff and local committee of stakeholders. They work with local schools, Borders College, Social Work and care providers to reach as many people as possible.

Our support is longterm and sustainable throughout transitions. It also provides respite for around 250 family carers annually. Activities are delivered with the help of around 200 peer-age volunteers, including around 60 of school-age. All volunteers are PVG checked, trained (including adult and child protection) & supported by staff.

Our befriending model has developed through co-production and regular consultation and includes traditional 1:1 links, befriending groups, overnight trips and in-school groups. Group activities are similar to those of mainstream youth and social groups such as arts & crafts, drama, film, gardening, music, cookery, games and outdoor adventures.

Our members and the need for the service

Our members have a lifelong condition that affects their development and means they need help to understand information, learn skills and live independently. Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome & Autism are often involved, with high accompanying levels of epilepsy & sensory impairment.

Members are socially excluded throughout their lives: Most children are taught in additional needs units and lack opportunities for friendships, art, drama or sport that are crucial to wellbeing and achieving their full potential. Only around 1% of people with learning disabilities have a partner in adult life and 4.5% a job, and we hope to maximise the chances of positive destinations in these areas.

The family carers of our members with learning disabilities have a role which is difficult to sustain, isolating, reduces their opportunities, affects their wellbeing and often involves financial hardship.

Tweeddale Activities

In the 12 months to the end of July 2023 we supported 45 members with learning disabilities. There were 21 1:1 links and 43 member places in our befriending groups. 51 family carers enjoyed short break respite. Branch Co-ordinator Mary Mouat and Assistant Co-ordinator Rosa Cabello deliver the service, along with sessional workers, tutors and 35 volunteers.

Developments:

- Our gardening and outdoors group, Green Wanderers spread its wings fully, with raised beds at Greener Peebles Community Garden, wildflower planting, visits to Dawyck & Kailzie Gardens and winter craft activities.
- Our new intergenerational Zoom bingo group had its origins in the pandemic and is now a regular part of our service, supporting members at Garvald West Linton

Our other groups all meet fortnightly at our Cavalry Park venue for arts & crafts, music, games, healthy eating, parties and trips out:

- Champions (8-16s)
- Frontrunners (16-25s)
- Motivators (Young Adults)
- Make That
- Parents Craft & Chat group

Highlights of the year included:

- In February 2023 Interest Link won the overall Loving our Volunteers award
- In April 2023 Interest Link held the first [Charmian Challenge](#) fun run in memory of former director Charmian Ledsham, with 120 members, carers and volunteers taking part.

Tweeddale Outcomes at a Glance

Member Outcomes



Carer Outcomes



June 2023 Tweeddale Outcomes Survey

We surveyed supported members, family carers, volunteers, tutors and care professionals in June 2023, using accessible questionnaires deployed face-to-face, online and by telephone and post.

Response rates	Members	Family carers	Volunteers	Tutors		
	59%	80%	59%	100%		
Main Outcomes:						
Impact on Members	More Friends	More opportunities	Greater Happiness	Improved Confidence	Increased Self-esteem	Better Social Skills
Reported by Themselves	100%	91%	87%	96%	96%	100%
Reported by Carers	95%	95%	90%	100%	100%	90%
Reported by Volunteers	94%		94%	94%	94%	88%
Impact on Family Carers	More Opportunities Outside Caring		Eased or More Sustainable Caring Role		Greater Wellbeing	
Reported by Themselves	75%		80%		95%	
Reported by Social Care Professionals	100%		100%		100%	
Impact on Volunteers	Increased Learning Disabilities Awareness		More confidence with people with learning disabilities			
Reported by Themselves	100%		100%			
Other responses:	Members	Family carers	Volunteers	Tutors	Social Care Professionals	
Service still needed	100%	100%			100%	
Feel valued & supported by Interest Link	100%		100%	100%		
Volunteering has met hopes and expectations			100%			
Safe & Professional Service					100%	

Links to feedback:

[Members](#)

[Carers](#)

[Volunteers](#)

[Care professionals](#)

[Tutors](#)

Selected Feedback: Members

[Top](#)

Outcome/Theme	Quotes
Confidence	I was shy when I first started and feel more confident now.
Confidence	It has helped with my confidence especially after Covid getting back to groups safely.
Confidence	Given me confidence in new situations and surroundings.
Confidence	Doing new stuff makes me more confident.
Confidence	I am shy with new people but feel confident talking to people at interest link.
Friends	Lots of lovely friends I have great fun with and we help each other.
Friends	Not easy but this has helped.
Friends	I like meeting new people at the group and making friends with them.
Friends	Yes, with the people running it and everyone who goes.
Friends	I have made a lot of friends and I'm happy,
Friends	I look forward to the group and meeting my friends.
Friends	I love being part of a group as I feel that I can be a part of something and not on my own. It makes me feel happy. I like the art group the best. I have memories of my friend there.
Friends	I love champions I look forward to it every two weeks! Everyone is lovely and helpful.
Friends	The group makes me feel like I belong, have friends and make good art.
Happiness	Good to see my friends and I'm happy in the group.
Happiness	I love doing all the different activities and spending time away from home.
Happiness	I am outside more and not in the house and mixing with people. I'm really happy as I get to speak and socialise with people and it's lots of fun.
Happiness	Happy in the group.
Happiness	I love when my day comes to come to the group, it's so much fun.
Happiness	I feel happy and safe.
Happiness	The group is really good and Rosa and Mandy make me feel happy. I can talk to them about anything. I feel happy.
Happy	I always go back home happy with what I have achieved at the group.
Opportunities	My mum does things with me at home and I teach her my new things.
Opportunities	I've been able to go to new places, met new animals and try new things e.g. herbal tea.
Opportunities	I have gone to places like GO Ape, rock climbing and various other places that would not normally get to do.
Opportunities	I went to no groups until I got the chance to come here.
Opportunities	It has taught me to be a more creative person and get more creative skills.
Opportunities	I am artistic and find it great having opportunities to make art with other people.
Opportunities	I now buy arts and crafts to do at home for night time and weekends to keep me busy.
Opportunities	I really loved the Christmas party as I don't attend parties at school. School parties are too busy and loud. I would like to do more baking/cooking.
Opportunities	I enjoy going out with Gerda. Enjoy libraries, we do bingo, its good.
Opportunities	I like doing every craft. I think I'm very good at art and crafts. I love everything about Motivators, truffles!! :-)) bowling, games. I like going into the garden, getting my hands dirty! Green fingers.
Opportunities	I enjoy going out with my volunteer and going shopping and out to cafes
Opportunities	Something different that I really enjoy
Self-esteem	Everyone is very kind to me and always pleased to see me, this makes me feel valued.
Self-esteem	I feel better because it allows me to do more.
Self-esteem	Mary and Rosa listen to my ideas.
Self-esteem	Everybody listens and helps me with everything.
Self-esteem	I know they will listen in the group and take me seriously.

Self-esteem	I love the art projects and have lots of things I've brought home to show my family. I am very proud of the work I have done.
Self-esteem	I love doing arts and crafts. I like to see what I have achieved. I use my imagination a lot more.
Self-esteem	I'm very proud of what I make. I give some of my things to people for presents.
Self-esteem	It makes me feel part of something.
Social Skills	I am able to speak to my friends easier.
Social Skills	If I didn't have the groups I wouldn't get to speak to people as much. I feel confident to talk and socialise with other people.
Social Skills	I feel more sociable because of the groups and like I'm able to do more.
Social Skills	I can communicate easier with groups of people than I could before.
Social skills	Speaking to my friends and we all encourage each other. We all smile and laugh.
Social skills	I think I can find the words easier to tell people what I am asking for.
Social skills	I feel that people understand me more. I feel better at talking to people.
Social skills	I am more talkative with people.
Social skills	Although I don't use language I can communicate and laugh a lot.
Social skills	I think this group has greatly improved my social skills.
Social skills	I can explain what I am thinking better.

Outcome/Theme	Quotes
Carer Opportunities	Gives me time to myself and I am able to talk to people who understand my situation.
Carer Opportunities	We look forward to coming, it's sometimes the only chance to see friends all together
Carer Opportunities	If my child is out with a one to one it gives me time to spend with friends.
Carer Opportunities	I go to exercise classes while my daughter attends.
Carer Opportunities	I can do whatever I want or do nothing, just be at home or in the garden.
Carer Opportunities	We can go and see my daughter who lives in Edinburgh, also just time for ourselves.
Carer Opportunities	It gives me and my mum time together and a wee break to have some time for us.
Carer Opportunities	Yes - Tuesday evening is the only evening my daughter is out, so I can spend time with my husband and other daughter.
Carer Opportunities	Gives the family much needed respite in a safe and controlled environment.
Carer Opportunities	It gives myself and my wife some evening free time to catch up with our daughters
Carer Opportunities	I can spend time with each child individually as the other is at interest link .
Carer Opportunities	It has extended our child's social life and ours.
Eased caring role	When my sister attends the groups I know she is safe, having fun and meeting new friends along with learning new skills. This takes a lot of pressure off the family because my sister feels safe and at her happiest when attending the groups.
Eased caring role	I'm just glad he's got something for him. He comes back with the things he's made. It's given him something that adds to his life. He gets a lot out of it
Eased caring role	I greatly benefit from the 2 hours to myself to do activities I want to do. My life revolves around meeting my daughters needs and I have little time for myself.
Eased caring role	My role as a carer is more settled/comfortable as my sister is having fun/learning new skills and meeting friends in a safe place which is planned excellent and she loves going to them.
Eased caring role	Helps you chill. Get time to myself and I know where he is, that he's safe and having fun too.
Eased caring role	The service has certainly eased our role as carers as we get more time to relax.
Eased caring role	It does help me, sometimes it can be difficult because I am responsible for him.
Eased caring role	Yes, because he really enjoys it. We know he is safe.
Eased caring role	It is good to see my daughter being independent and knowing she is happy makes our role easier.
Eased caring role	We have a Parents' Craft and Chat Group which we really enjoy. We meet other parents, learn new crafts and have a cup of tea.
Family Wellbeing	It acts as respite and we have never had any of this - so we know every two weeks we have two hours "free"
Family Wellbeing	As it makes a difference for Aaron it benefits us as a family
Family Wellbeing	We love hearing Brookes stories of her time at the group and she comes home happy with a sense of achievement.
Family Wellbeing	These groups contribute to our happiness because when my sister is happy and safe we are happy to see her smiling around friends and doing excellent prepared groups is amazing.
Family Wellbeing	Definitely, if my son's happy everyone is happy.
Family Wellbeing	Definitely, we aren't in each others space and it's really good for us all.
Family Wellbeing	Yes - We have a great sense of community with our Interest Link family.
Member Confidence	As above, Aaron's confidence has improved over the last year. Interest Link has contributed to this improvement.

Member Confidence	Yes, I think he is more confident, and doing something for himself that I'm not involved in gives him an interest.
Member Confidence	Nicola is taking new experiences much more in her stride
Member Confidence	Our impression is that he feels more confident now that he can meet with friends and mentors who are ready and able to listen to him and his views.
Member Confidence	He is more confident about tackling new activities.
Member Confidence	Learns new things which can only better his future
Member Confidence	He seems more outgoing.
Member Happiness	My child looks forward to going out with a one to one and in the fortnightly meeting. she gets excited when it's time to go to either.
Member Happiness	She loves attending the group and telling family and friends what activities she has been doing.
Member Happiness	My sister is so happy coming to these groups and like I said plays a very important part in her life.
Member Happiness	My son is a lot happier getting out to the groups and seeing friends.
Member Happiness	Interest Link helps us feel happier and connected as a family.
Member Happiness	He really enjoys being involved in the group
Member Opportunities	My child has tried lots of different activities: I know my child is safe and not worried at all.
Member Opportunities	Interest Link is the only group in the area that could successfully meet my daughters needs and give her opportunities to meet new people and try new activities.
Member Opportunities	Mary and Rosa have created a very safe fun environment for people to have fun, socialise and learn new things. My sister has learnt some fantastic new skills, ways of doing things and becoming more confident, she has also met loads of new friends which is so important for her and her family.
Member Opportunities	Sometimes he can be wary of new groups and gets quite anxious, but not at Interest Link's groups. He knows everyone and has settled.
Member Opportunities	Yes, definitely, it's opened a lot of doors for our son and he is a lot happier.
Member Opportunities	Yes, he's quite independent anyway, and I am trying to make him less dependent. Coming to the groups and seeing his friends helps him with this.
Member Opportunities	This is the crucial thing about Interest Link, my daughter feels secure and happy and comfortable in the group and so willing to try new things. It is difficult if you have a learning disability to make and especially maintain friendships and that's what Interest Link does.
Member Self-Esteem	Definitely more confident and self esteem is much better and is always so proud of her work.
Member Self-Esteem	Yes, he is able to be himself around all his friends.
Member Self-Esteem	People gravitate to my daughter, this helps her self esteem.
Member Social skills	Communication skills and social skills, interaction is much better, she loves catching up with friends and it is a safe place for her.
Member Social skills	Definitely, has come right out his shell. More confident talking to people.
Member Social skills	She started having a telephone conversation with a link during Covid and it is so important to her that it has continued on. She enjoys having the link to herself but it also means that she really has to listen.
Member Social skills	Enjoying being sociable and part of a group.
Need	Aaron doesn't have many opportunities to socialise now his college courses are over and this is good for his confidence and social skills
Need	My daughter cannot attend most activities and groups for youngsters as she has problems with crowds and noise. Interest link provides a safe and relaxed environment where she can attend without suffering from fear and sensory overload.

Need	My son enjoys the friendship opportunities offered, which are otherwise difficult to achieve for him.
Need	This service is absolutely vital. The groups are very important to my sister and for her well being, it is a safe place for her to meet friends, socialise and have fun. There is very little to do in the area, so Interest Link is very important and is lots of fun for her. There is loads of variety and things to do when she attends the groups and every week she looks forward to what's on at them and meeting her friends. Rosa and Mary are always very well organised in planning ahead which plays a big part in my sister's life for routine and knowing what's happening.
Need	It's the only thing he's got. If it wasn't for Interest Link he wouldn't have the social life he has.
Need	My brother does enjoy it. It's good for him to mix with other people. If he didn't do Interest Link I don't know what he would do. You've done really well organising all the different activities.
Need	Interest Link promotes opportunities which she would not otherwise have. It includes smaller groups doing activities like gardening., larger groups doing bingo and one to one sessions with a link. She would be lost without it.
Need	Most of my daughter's activities are with Interest Link. Being a rural community there are no other local opportunities. We would be lost without Interest Link.
Need	Nicola has always found new situations challenging and has needed a lot of support. Interest Link has given her a range of different activities which have been new with someone other than ourselves
Need	My child has found it difficult to deal with other youth groups that he has tried. However, he found the structure at Interest Link much more suited to his needs.
Need	My child has tried all the other youth clubs in the area. None of them were suitable - too noisy, unstructured and generally unpleasant for him. He would have very little social life without Interest Link.
Praise for Staff & Service	I can honestly say how much I and others love the groups. So helpful. Rosa, Mandy and Helen are amazing. I can't find enough words to say how great they are!
Praise for Staff & Service	The past 2 years have been fantastic for my sister, through Covid it was very hard for her to meet friends etc, but the groups had excellent Zoom sessions and was always very well planned and so much fun, she was still able to see her friends, yes it was on screen but was still good for her. The things planned are so much fun for my sister with loads of variety and fun things to do. Rosa and Mary are fantastic people who plan excellent sessions for everyone, without the groups my sister would be lost and very withdrawn from social interaction with friends. Mary and Rosa run excellent groups which makes my sister a very happy lady. Also very happy sisters to see our sister happy and having fun.
Praise for Staff & Service	Interest Link has built a real community group. It was lovely to see everyone at social events, Shrek, Bingo and the Treasure Hunt, and we really appreciate all the hard work from Mary and Rosa and the volunteers. Many thanks.
Praise for Staff & Service	We would like thank Interest Link for all of the activities that they provide for Nicola and especially Joss who sees Nicola on a very regular basis. Nicola enjoys these meetings and all of the activities that they do and we greatly appreciate it.
Praise for Staff & Service	This service is an absolutely godsend for our family to sustain the placement. The array as said before is relevant and the young person gets so much confidence and practice to increase his level of concentration. Mary/Rosa just get him and work to his individual level. They really reinforce the fact he has to remain safe whilst doing activities and understand the risks involved with this young man.
Praise for Staff & Service	Mary, Rosa and Mandy work incredibly hard. I can't think of anything more they could do.

Outcome/Theme	Quotes
Confidence making friends with people with learning disabilities	The more people I meet the more able I am to understand people and form relationships.
ditto	Far more empathetic and confident in public.
ditto	I am able to talk to group members more and understand their barriers.
ditto	I am more confident chatting to and socializing with people with a learning disability now than when I started volunteering with interest link. And when out in the community am more aware of barriers, for example being aware if in a shop that someone may need more time at the till. I often stop and chat to one of the men that used to attend then Interest Link youth group.
Friendships	The lady I have befriended and I have built up a friendship over the years we have been linked. And likewise with others that I have met through the youth group, if they see me out locally they'll always say hello to me.
Friendships	Have built a lovely friendship
Friendships	Feels like I am going to meet a friend
Friendships	I get on with everyone and everyone is great in the group. Everyone has something to bring to the group and benefits from friendships in the group.
Friendships	We know all about each others families and often speak about our outings together and love planning what to do next.
Friendships	Found it easy to interact with new members and everyone has been really friendly.
Friendships	Two way relationship. I have enjoyed their warmth.
Member Outcomes	When I first met Nicola she was nervous around new situations, and relied on a lot of support from her parents. After a few years of our link, I can see her confidence has grown, and is still growing. She's a lot more confident when we're out in the community being able to ask questions to members of staff when in a coffee shop for example. She's now living independently which is a big step for her and shows great confidence.
Member Outcomes	Being shy when they first started but as the weeks go by they are getting more confident to speak.
Member Outcomes	Brooke seemed very introverted when I first joined, but she's since become extremely chatty about her personal life.
Member Outcomes	Collectively as a group they have gone from strength to strength. Didn't take long for the group to gel and regard themselves as a group. Their social skills have developed from knowing they are going out and being with their pals to do activities we provide them.
Member Outcomes	A new member in the Champions Group has definitely come out of himself more over the last few weeks, and another member is more able to speak about what's going on at school and any problems.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	It's an enjoyable day out, we have plenty in common so never seems a "chore" we also have a few different places we like to go, things to do, so never gets too repetitive. I guess I could say it makes me feel good to enhance Daniel's quality of life & it's always nice to feel welcomed & appreciated when I visit.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	I enjoy seeing what creative ideas the users come up with and watching them have fun.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	I felt I was doing something genuinely worthwhile with my time, which has guided me in applying my values to future university and career choices. Having my 1:1 Link open up to me over hot chocolates inspired me to consider child psychotherapy as a long term pathway, which I have decided to commit to following further research.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	I love seeing the joy my buddy gets when we meet up. I also love that it gives families a break

Other Volunteer Outcomes	The satisfaction of seeing the enjoyment the participants have is a motivation to help them in any way I can.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	I enjoy seeing the members happy the most. I enjoy helping and seeing members benefit from my help and that motivates me. My 1:1 link's face lights up when she sees me and it's nice to know she benefits from my friendship.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	I really enjoy it. It gives me more of a social life as well.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	Chance to do something new, takes me out of my comfort zone, helps with my social skills.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	The support is amazing and always made to feel valued.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	I never thought I would still be involved with Interest Link at my age. Volunteering has more than fulfilled my expectations.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	The experience of volunteering with Interest Link is very satisfying and rewarding.
Other Volunteer Outcomes	When I first signed up I just had a vague idea of what was involved, but it has surpassed anything that I had in mind and any preconceptions I had at the time.
Praise for staff and service	Mary and Rosa have always been extremely accommodating and friendly, and I hope to stay in touch.
Praise for staff and service	Mary or Rosa always there if I need support.
Suggestions	For the Children's Group more variety of activities.
Suggestions	It would be good to expand the group.

Outcome/Theme	Quotes
Carer Outcomes	These groups provide fun for service users and respite for carers.
Member outcomes	The adult I support absolutely loves coming to the groups, she smiles and is so happy to see her friends, she is also very proud of things she makes and all her friends look out for her and each other for support and help.
Member outcomes	My client looks forward to sessions and talks about them a lot.
Member outcomes	My client's confidence of coming to groups on her own has grown massively.
Member outcomes	Happier to try new things.
Member outcomes	It is a really friendly regular group and my client has really gained confidence since coming along.
Member outcomes	The pride shown over the members' own work is priceless.
Member outcomes	Yes, I have seen a difference in the individual. He enjoys going and looks forward to seeing friends.
Member outcomes	The excitement knowing we're coming to the 'craft group' We also love the 'gardening group'. My client takes his knowledge home and grows his own plants in his own greenhouse.
Need	I think you provide excellent opportunities and a service where people feel safe and able to gain new skills in a calming/fun environment. There are not many groups in the area so Interest Link plays a vital part in adults lives where they can meet friends and socialise while having fun.
Praise for Staff & Service	The groups are fantastic and are so well run and everything is always so well prepared.
Praise for Staff & Service	Keep up the good work, :-), very appreciated.
Praise for Staff & Service	Please keep the group going as it gives so many opportunities.
Praise for Staff & Service	Well done and thanks Rosa, Mary and helpers.
Praise for Staff & Service	This is my first job like this and bringing my client has absolutely warmed my heart. The love, fun, togetherness etc. is unbelievable.
Praise for Staff & Service	Friendly group, good activities every session. Well supervised.
Praise for Staff & Service	The gardening groups are well thought out and inclusive. They are a joy to attend.
Safe and professional	I feel you offer a very safe, kind and warming environment for everyone.
Safe and professional	Definitely. Provide a safe and professional service. Brilliant.
Safe and professional	All the service users needs are thought of and met.
Safe and professional	Yes, very safe environment and professional.

Outcome/Theme	Quotes
Member Outcomes	I am a tutor who has worked creatively with Interest Link members for many years. I have noticed that, by attending the groups, participants have improved their creative skills including coordination, dexterity, sequencing & creative decision making, and also their social skills including meeting new people, sharing, talking to a large group, helping others, and I would say members are overall more confident in social situations, and in trying new activities.
Member Outcomes	There is a wide variety of opportunities for members to express their creativity and develop new skills.
Praise for staff & service	I have worked as a tutor for Interest Link for 10 years and I feel it is a fantastic and worthwhile charity to work for. The Tweeddale Branch (Mary & Rosa) continue to develop and expand the activities they do, thinking creatively about how they can support their services users and reach out to more people, with the facilities they have. I am always so impressed by the amount of activities that they run and how much energy and care they give. It is obvious to me as I talk to participants that they LOVE attending the groups, which have become a big part of their social lives and they and their families talk to Mary & Rosa as friends. I enjoy the positive energy of the groups, the laughter and the noise. There is never a dull moment! There is one particular participant I would like to mention. He is profoundly deaf and almost blind in one eye, and at each class he carefully follows my instructions to make something, slowly using scissors, paint brushes, paper folding, weaving, whatever we decide to try. I am always so impressed that he has to work so much harder to understand what we are doing, but he slowly and steadily watches and achieves. A lesson for us all I think!
Praise for staff & service	Interest Link are doing an exceptional job of bringing people together to learn new skills, be out in community spaces, express themselves and to make strong friendships and bonds in the process. The fact there is always a lot of laughter says it all!
Praise for staff & service	I think Interest Link is pioneering in its services to service users. I think the positive effect of the groups has a far reaching effect on wider family and friends, who love the groups. Mary and Rosa work tirelessly to create wonderful experiences for their service users and whenever I am teaching in a group, people continually thank Mary & Rosa for their work and the impact it has had on their families. The Interest link activities have become a vital part of service users lives, their development as individuals and as members of a wider, stronger, healthy community.
Praise for staff & service	Rosa is always expressive in her appreciation and feedback, which is much appreciated.
Praise for staff & service	I have worked with Mary and Rosa at the Tweeddale branch for many years. They are always very supportive during the classes and respect my creative decisions which, as a creative tutor, is very important to me.
Praise for staff & service	I am very happy with the way I am supported by Mary & Rosa.
Tutor Outcomes	It is clear that members of Green Wanderers and Motivators have built up strong friendships and community and they are great to work with. I am always made to feel welcome and their enthusiasm is infectious. I love working outside with the group because natural spaces have such a positive effect of people's wellbeing - even if they are unaware of it. There have been many memorable and profound moments working in the garden with the Green Wanderers - a stand out one this past year was 'Pizza Making'. There was a fulfilling sense of achievement helping members harvest and prepare food that they had been part of growing, and then sharing the meal together. Many of the members are very sociable and chatty but naturally, some are quieter and I find that they often blossom in the garden, witnessing a smile in response to a sense of

	satisfaction or enjoyment while watering is reassuring that those who are unable to speak or sign are enjoying it too. Providing a peaceful space and relaxing gardening activities for members' carers and supporters has also been important because they often have extremely busy and stressful lives.
Tutor Outcomes	Absolutely. Not only have enjoyed creating with the group but find that leading sessions with this group requires continuous development of creative skills in order to adapt and be flexible.
Tutor Outcomes	As a tutor I have been able to develop my skills in creating and running bespoke workshops that will creatively stretch the diverse groups which include people with learning disabilities, their carers, their parents, volunteers. It has been important to create classes in which everyone feels they have achieved something and are happier when they leave.

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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
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**Reference and Administrative Details
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TRUSTEES	K Wood (Convenor) Ms E J Irvine (Vice Convenor) Ms S Scott-Aiton (Treasurer) C Douglas R Hemming Ms D Lawrie Ms C Shiells (appointed 24/2/22)
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The company does not trade for profit and is prohibited from making distributions to its members.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

We were founded by family carers in 1990 and work across the Scottish Borders to improve the quality of life of socially excluded and disadvantaged children (aged 8+), young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism. We aim to provide opportunities to grow & flourish, and provide respite for their carers.

We achieve our aims through a peer-age volunteer befriending service delivered by 11 project staff and up to 200 volunteers, supporting around 200 members with learning disabilities annually. Staff are based in four local branches (Berwickshire, Central Borders, Roxburgh and Tweeddale) each with its own local committee of stakeholders and working with local schools, Borders College, Social Work and care providers.

Our service model has developed through regular consultation and includes traditional 1:1 links, befriending groups, school-age volunteers, overnight trips and in-school groups.

The service is needed because our members have a lifelong condition that affects their development and means they need help to understand information, learn skills and live independently. Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome & Autism are often involved, with high accompanying levels of epilepsy & sensory impairment. They are socially excluded throughout their lives: Most children are taught in additional needs units and lack opportunities for friendships, art, drama or sport that are crucial to wellbeing and achieving their full potential. Only around 1% of people with learning disabilities have a partner in adult life and 4.5% a job, and we hope to maximise their chances in these areas. Family carers have a role which is difficult to sustain, isolating, reduces their opportunities and affects their wellbeing. It also makes them and their family twice as likely to live in poverty.

The longterm support we provide builds members' friendships, wellbeing, confidence, self-esteem and social skills. The regular respite provided improves family carers' opportunities for other activities, wellbeing and resilience.

We are open to anyone with learning disabilities (and those under 25 with autism) through referral or self-referral. The service is free of charge save for occasional small activity contributions. All volunteers are PVG checked and receive safeguarding training.

Our service fills a definite gap in provision. Apart from statutory services there is little learning disabilities provision locally, and none providing the community friendships and personal development we offer.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

In 2021-22 we were very glad to transition from our pandemic distance service back to our usual face to face activities. However the distance service was extremely effective, and we have retained elements such as Zoom calls and social media groups as a longterm complement and back-up.

Activities

Once lockdown ended, a total of 65 1:1 links met fortnightly for 2-3 hours for community activities such as going for a walk, doing arts & crafts, sightseeing or shopping. During lockdown, contact had been by Zoom, telephone or social media, and many links continued this contact after physical meetings were resumed.

We ran 27 befriending groups across the Scottish Borders, with a total of 175 places for members. These met on Zoom and social media initially, but started to meet outdoors from June and indoors from September. In January-March 2022, we started new community groups in Duns (two), Kelso and Peebles, and an in-school group at Langlee Primary.

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The 21 community groups operated much like mainstream youth and adult social groups, but usually with a 50:50 member to volunteer split. Most met at community venues for 2 hours on a weekday evening to do activities of their choice such as arts & crafts, drama, film, gardening, music, cookery, games and outdoor adventures. All the youth groups ran multi-session arts projects in the winter, most finishing with performances and exhibitions, and this was a great way to get members used to indoors face to face contact again.

The 6 in-school groups met at lunchtimes for 50 minutes for games, arts & crafts & healthy eating. They reached members not able to attend community groups because of health or personal care needs or living very remotely. They also enabled younger children to volunteer.

We supported a total of 203 members during the year. 30 were new to Interest Link or had not received a service the previous year. 37 were in more than one group, or were in both a group and a 1:1 link.

Impact

We surveyed over 45% of supported members, family carers and volunteers between April and June 2022, using accessible questionnaires deployed face-to-face, by telephone or online. The results were:

Members: 98% of members said they had made more friends, and 96% said they had been given new opportunities.

Members reported our activities improved their:

- Happiness/mental wellbeing: 98%
- Confidence: 98%
- Self-esteem: 96%
- Social & communication skills: 99%

Family carers: 92% said they had more opportunities to spend time with the rest of their family, see friends or do other activities. 95% reported we eased their role as a carer and made it more sustainable. 95% said we had contributed to their family's happiness and wellbeing. All said the service was still needed.

Volunteers: 96% said they had become more confident socialising with people with learning disabilities and more aware of the barriers they face. 100% said volunteering had met their hopes and expectations.

We also surveyed **Care & Social Work Professionals**, all of whom said we filled a gap in existing provision and delivered a safe and professional service.

Full survey results and feedback can be found at www.interestlink.org.uk on the Impact and Library pages. We also have recent videos and photos on the Gallery page.

Voluntary help and gifts in kind

The directors are very grateful for the continued support given by unpaid volunteers. It is estimated that around 14,000 hours of volunteer time were given. At the UK national average wage of £17.19 per hour, this values volunteer time at around £222,094. This does not include the added value of the befriending relationship: a study of befriending by Deloitte's showed a Social Return on Investment of £6 for every £1 spent.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

For the befriending service in 2020-21, Interest Link Borders received total funding of £270,061 (2021: £333,576) as detailed at note 16 on page 15 of these accounts. In addition general funding of £30,938 (2021: £39,037) was raised from service agreements, voluntary donations, local fundraising, sponsorship, bank interest and miscellaneous sources.

The accounts show net outgoing resources for the year, per page 6, of £8,923 (2021: incoming £75,920) which, when added to total funds brought forward at 31st March 2021, gives total funds of £267,249 as at 31st March 2022, comprising £137,123 on the General Fund and £130,126 on the Restricted Fund, details of which are included at note 15 on page 14 of these accounts.

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Funding of £290,000 has been raised for 2022-23 from a wide range of bodies including Bank of Scotland Foundation, Chance to Flourish, Charity Begins at Home, Children in Need, Co-op Community Fund, Edward Gostling Foundation, Four Acre Trust, Gannochy Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Hayward Sanderson Trust, Mainhouse Charitable Trust, National Lottery Community Fund, People's Postcode Trust, RS MacDonald Charitable Trust, Scottish Borders Council and Scottish Government's Short Breaks Fund and Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. The Trustees would like to express their thanks to the generosity of these funders, without which Interest Link's work would not be possible.

Reserves policy

The charity recognises the need to have reserves to meet commitments in the event of income sources being lost or its activities terminated.

The charity has a policy of retaining unrestricted reserves that are adequate to:

- i) Sustain the charity for a period of 4 months if all other funding sources are terminated.
- ii) Pay any costs incurred if the charity were to cease operating.

The charity will take reasonable steps to ensure this level of reserves is achieved and maintained but its ability to do so will inevitably be limited by the sources of unrestricted funding available to it.

General reserves have increased this year to £137,123 (2021: £108,798) and the charity will make best efforts to continue strengthening these reserves over the coming years.

FUTURE PLANS

In 2022-23 we will continue to develop our service, with a new community group in Hawick and an in-school group planned for Burnfoot Primary.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Organisational structure

The structure of Interest Link Borders consists of:

- (a) the MEMBERS - who have the right to attend the Annual General Meeting (and any Extraordinary General Meeting) and have important powers under the Articles of Association and the Companies Acts; in particular, the members elect people to serve as Trustees and take decisions in relation to changes to the Articles themselves;
- (b) the TRUSTEES - who hold regular meetings during the year between Annual General Meetings, and generally control and supervise the activities of Interest Link Borders; in particular, the Trustees are responsible for monitoring the financial position of Interest Link Borders.

The members of Interest Link Borders shall consist of the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as are admitted to membership under articles 3 to 7 of the Articles of Association.

There are four Branch sub-committees (Berwickshire, Buddies Central Borders, Roxburgh, and Tweeddale) which meet bi-monthly and advise and assist the four Branch Co-ordinators.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year under review was to relieve the suffering and distress and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and their carers by the provision of befriending services. A

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26/8/22 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms S Scott-Aiton - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Interest Link Borders**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages six to twenty.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.


Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Caroline JA Tice CA BA
Douglas Home & Co Ltd
Chartered Accountants
47-49 The Square
Kelso
Roxburghshire
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Date:29/8/22.....

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £	31/3/21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,180	270,061	271,241	338,421
Charitable activities					
Befriending Services	4	21,996	-	21,996	22,020
Investment income	3	1,702	-	1,702	1,582
Other income		<u>6,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,060</u>	<u>10,590</u>
Total		30,938	270,061	300,999	372,613
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	462	15,200	15,662	15,683
Charitable activities					
Befriending Services	6	2,151	292,109	294,260	281,010
Total		<u>2,613</u>	<u>307,309</u>	<u>309,922</u>	<u>296,693</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		28,325	(37,248)	(8,923)	75,920
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		108,798	167,374	276,172	200,252
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>137,123</u>	<u>130,126</u>	<u>267,249</u>	<u>276,172</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2022**

	Notes	31/3/22 £	31/3/21 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	13,000	-
Cash at bank		<u>276,900</u>	<u>302,263</u>
		289,900	302,263
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(22,651)	(26,091)
		<u>267,249</u>	<u>276,172</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>267,249</u>	<u>276,172</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>267,249</u>	<u>276,172</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>267,249</u>	<u>276,172</u>
FUNDS	16		
Unrestricted funds		137,123	108,798
Restricted funds		<u>130,126</u>	<u>167,374</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>267,249</u>	<u>276,172</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26/8/22
and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
S Scott-Aiton - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

These notes deal with costs not allocated entirely to a single head.

Costs of generating funds

Costs of generating funds includes 25% of the Project Co-ordinator's and Administrator's salary, office costs, reflecting the time spent by them in fundraising activities during the year.

Activities in furtherance of Charities objectives

Costs of activities in furtherance of objects of the charity includes all branch and overheads costs includes 70% of the Project Co-ordinator's and Administrator's salary, office and travel costs, reflecting the time spent by them on delivering the service.

Governance Costs

Governance costs include 5% of the Project Co-ordinator's and Administrator's salary, reflecting the time spent in management and administration of the organisation.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer and office equipment - Straight line over 4 years

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £	31/3/21 Total funds £
Donations	1,180	-	1,180	4,845
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>270,061</u>	<u>270,061</u>	<u>333,576</u>
	<u>1,180</u>	<u>270,061</u>	<u>271,241</u>	<u>338,421</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £	31/3/21 Total funds £
Deposit account interest	<u>1,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,702</u>	<u>1,582</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31/3/22 £	31/3/21 £
Fundraising events	Befriending Services	-	24
SBC service contract	Befriending Services	<u>21,996</u>	<u>21,996</u>
		<u>21,996</u>	<u>22,020</u>

5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £	31/3/21 Total funds £
Staff costs	-	13,678	13,678	12,037
Rent & accommodation	-	188	188	180
General office costs	-	1,262	1,262	2,959
Staff travel costs	-	72	72	65
Fundraising event costs	<u>462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>442</u>
	<u>462</u>	<u>15,200</u>	<u>15,662</u>	<u>15,683</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 7) £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Befriending Services	<u>285,939</u>	<u>8,321</u>	<u>294,260</u>

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31/3/22 £	31/3/21 £
Staff costs	212,147	204,774
Sessional staff	4,197	2,183
Staff travel costs	5,459	2,216
Staff training	660	465
Volunteer recruit & advertise	61	-
Volunteer training	1,179	1,565
1:1 Volunteer activity costs	1,664	1,170
1:1 Volunteer travel expenses	1,917	920
Group activity costs	18,919	22,783
Group travel expenses	8,927	290
Group venue hire	8,407	4,647
Group tutor fees	15,050	10,323
Rent & accommodation	6,054	6,014
General office costs	9,300	13,917
Subscriptions	235	510
Insurance	1,081	1,081
Payroll administration	706	706
Evaluation	784	406
Staff recruitment	-	451
Overnight trip activity costs	468	-
Historical adjustments	<u>(11,276)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>285,939</u>	<u>274,421</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Befriending Services	<u>8,321</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Governance costs

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	Befriending Services	Total activities
	£	£
Wages	2,421	2,119
Social security	211	186
Pensions	104	102
Committee meetings	849	500
Independent Examiners' fee	3,912	3,420
Bank charges	<u>824</u>	<u>262</u>
	<u>8,321</u>	<u>6,589</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

During the year 2 Trustees (2021: 3 Trustees) received reimbursement of expenses for travel and attending meetings of £156 (2021: £112).

The treasurer also received £500 as an honorarium (2021: £500).

10. STAFF COSTS

	31/3/22	31/3/21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	199,101	192,587
Social security costs	11,849	10,412
Other pension costs	<u>17,611</u>	<u>16,219</u>
	<u>228,561</u>	<u>219,218</u>

During the year, a total of key management personnel compensation of £31.642 was paid.

The weekly equivalent number of full-time staff during the year was 8 (2021: 8).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31/3/22	31/3/21
Employees	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AT 31 MARCH 2017	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	4,845	333,576	338,421
Charitable activities			
Befriending Services	22,020	-	22,020
Investment income	1,582	-	1,582
Other income	<u>10,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,590</u>
Total	39,037	333,576	372,613
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	442	15,241	15,683
Charitable activities			
Befriending Services	16,706	264,304	281,010
Total	<u>17,148</u>	<u>279,545</u>	<u>296,693</u>
 NET INCOME	21,889	54,031	75,920
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	86,910	113,342	200,252
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>108,799</u></u>	<u><u>167,373</u></u>	<u><u>276,172</u></u>
 12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			Computer and office equipment £
COST			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022			<u>1,209</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022			<u>1,209</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022			<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 March 2021			<u><u>-</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			31/3/22	31/3/21
			£	£
Trade debtors			<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>
14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			31/3/22	31/3/21
			£	£
Trade creditors			12,744	18,746
Other creditors			1,868	
Accrued expenses			<u>8,039</u>	<u>7,345</u>
			<u>22,651</u>	<u>26,091</u>
15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS			31/3/22	31/3/21
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	fund	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	85,342	204,558	289,900	302,263
Current liabilities	<u>51,781</u>	<u>(74,432)</u>	<u>(22,651)</u>	<u>(26,091)</u>
	<u>137,123</u>	<u>130,126</u>	<u>267,249</u>	<u>276,172</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	108,798	28,325	137,123
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	-	1,916	1,916
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	985	985
Bank of Scotland Foundation	15,000	(15,000)	-
Befriending Networks Befriending Fund	475	(475)	-
Better Breaks Fund	13,000	-	13,000
Blackhill WindFarm Community Fund	1,980	(1,980)	-
Cash for Kids – Radio Borders	-	-	-
Children in Need	6,893	1,152	8,045
Children In Need Next Steps	3,892	(3,453)	439
Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	-	34,824	34,824
Communities Recovery Fund	2,370	(2,370)	-
Creative Breaks	4,230	4,325	8,555
Creative Scotland	8,280	(8,280)	-
Forbes Charitable Foundation	2,000	(2,000)	-
Four Acre Trust	1,512	2,319	3,831
Gannochy Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Garfield Weston	18,000	(18,000)	-
Gunter Charitable Trust	1,024	(779)	245
Hawick Common Good Fund	-	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	7,500	(7,500)	-
Hudson Hirsell Trust	560	(124)	436
Mainhouse Charitable Trust	358	637	995
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	27,740	(27,740)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	53,464	53,464
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	32,790	(32,790)	-
Peebles Common Good Fund	2,000	(2,000)	-
Robertson Trust	4,771	(4,771)	-
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	4,500	(4,500)	-
SBC Community Fund	-	-	-
Souter Foundation	2,499	(2,499)	-
Stafford Trust	5,000	(4,958)	42
Wood Foundation	-	1,720	1,720
Youth Borders Summer Fund	-	109	109
Youth Borders Wee Wellbeing	-	520	520
Youth Borders Winter Fund	-	-	-
	<u>167,374</u>	<u>(37,248)</u>	<u>130,126</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>276,172</u>	<u>(8,923)</u>	<u>267,249</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,938	(2,613)	28,325
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	6,500	(4,584)	1,916
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	10,000	(9,015)	985
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Befriending Networks Befriending Fund	-	(475)	(475)
Better Breaks Fund	13,000	(13,000)	-
Blackhill Wind Farm Community Fund	-	(1,980)	(1,980)
Cash for Kids – Radio Borders	1,500	(1,500)	-
Children in Need	28,126	(26,974)	1,152
Children in Need Next Steps	4,654	(8,107)	(3,453)
Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing	35,851	(1,027)	34,824
Communities Recovery Fund	-	(2,370)	(2,370)
Creative Breaks	14,000	(9,675)	4,325
Creative Scotland	-	(8,280)	(8,280)
Forbes Charitable Foundation	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Four Acre Trust	4,500	(2,178)	2,322
Gannochy Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Garfield Weston	-	(18,000)	(18,000)
Gunter Charitable Trust	-	(781)	(781)
Hawick Common Good Fund	3,000	(3,000)	-
Henry Smith Charity	15,000	(22,500)	(7,500)
Hudson Hirsell Trust	-	(124)	(124)
Hugh Fraser Foundation	4,000	(4,000)	-
Mainhouse Trust	1,750	(1,113)	637
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	-	(27,740)	(27,740)
National Lottery Community Fund	110,000	(56,536)	53,464
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	-	(32,790)	(32,790)
Peebles Common Good Fund	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Robertson Trust	-	(4,771)	(4,771)
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	-	(4,500)	(4,500)
Scottish Borders Council Community Support Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Souter Foundation	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Stafford Trust	-	(4,958)	(4,958)
Youth Borders Wee Wellbeing	1,100	(580)	520
Wood Foundation	3,000	(1,280)	1,720
Youth Borders Winter Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
Youth Borders Summer Fund	580	(471)	109
	<u>270,061</u>	<u>(307,309)</u>	<u>(37,248)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>300,999</u>	<u>(309,922)</u>	<u>(8,923)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,910	21,888	108,798
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	4,508	(4,508)	-
Bank of Scotland Foundation	7,739	7,261	15,000
Better Breaks Fund	-	13,000	13,000
Befriending Networks Befriending Fund	-	475	475
Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund	-	1,980	1,980
Children in Need	1,352	5,541	6,893
Children in Need Next Steps	-	3,892	3,892
Community Recoveries Fund	-	2,370	2,370
Co-operative Community Fund	2,704	(2,704)	-
Corra Foundation	1,000	(1,000)	-
Creative Breaks	-	4,230	4,230
Creative Scotland	-	8,280	8,280
Forbes Charitable Foundation	-	2,000	2,000
Four Acre Trust	3,661	(2,149)	1,512
Gannochy Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Garfield Weston	2,500	15,500	18,000
Gunter Charitable Trust	213	811	1,025
Henry Smith Charity	9,734	(2,234)	7,500
Hudson Hirsell Trust	560	-	560
Mainhouse Trust	136	222	358
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	23,895	3,845	27,740
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	40,106	(7,316)	32,790
Peebles Common Good Fund	-	2,000	2,000
Robertson Trust	4,263	508	4,771
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	4,627	(127)	4,500
Souter Foundation	582	1,917	2,499
Stafford Trust	-	5,000	5,000
St James Place Foundation	3,762	(3,762)	-
Woodward Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>113,342</u>	<u>54,032</u>	<u>167,374</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>200,252</u>	<u>75,920</u>	<u>276,172</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,037	(17,149)	21,888
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	-	(4,508)	(4,508)
Aviva Communities Fund	124	(124)	-
Bank of Scotland Foundation	17,386	(10,125)	7,261
BAVS NLCF	500	(500)	-
Befriending Networks Befriending Fund	2,130	(1,655)	475
Better Breaks Fund	27,000	(14,000)	13,000
Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund	2,000	(20)	1,980
Bridge NLCF	500	(500)	-
Children in Need	32,980	(27,439)	5,541
Children in Need Booster	2,499	(2,499)	-
Children in Need Next Steps	13,962	(10,070)	3,892
Communities Recovery Fund	9,500	(7,130)	2,370
Community Wellbeing Fund	4,000	(4,000)	-
Co-operative Community Fund	-	(2,704)	(2,704)
Corra Foundation	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Creative Breaks	13,000	(8,770)	4,230
Creative Scotland	8,280	-	8,280
Forbes Charitable Foundation	2,000	2	2,000
Four Acre Trust	-	(2,149)	(2,149)
Gannochy Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Garfield Weston	20,000	(4,500)	15,500
Gunter Charitable Trust	1,000	(189)	811
Henry Smith Charity	30,000	(32,234)	(2,234)
Lanhope Rig (Hawick)	500	(500)	-
Mainhouse Trust	1,501	(1,279)	222
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	56,470	(52,625)	3,845
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	50,000	(57,316)	(7,316)
Peebles Common Good Fund	2,000	-	2,000
Robertson Trust	15,000	(14,492)	508
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	6,000	(6,127)	(127)
Souter Foundation	2,500	(583)	1,917
Stafford Trust	5,000	-	5,000
St James Place Foundation	1	(3,763)	(3,762)
Woodward Charitable Trust	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Youth Border Accessibility Fund	1,743	(1,743)	-
	<u>333,576</u>	<u>(279,544)</u>	<u>54,032</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>372,613</u>	<u>(296,693)</u>	<u>75,920</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	86,910	50,213	137,123
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	4,508	(2,592)	1,916
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	985	985
Bank of Scotland Foundation	7,739	(7,739)	-
Better Breaks Fund	-	13,000	13,000
Children in Need	1,352	6,693	8,045
Children in Need Next Steps	-	439	439
Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing	-	34,824	34,824
Co-operative Community Fund	2,704	(2,704)	-
Corra Foundation	1,000	(1,000)	-
Creative Breaks	-	8,555	8,555
Four Acre Trust	3,661	217	3,878
Gannochy Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Garfield Weston	2,500	(2,500)	-
Gunter Charitable Trust	214	30	244
Henry Smith Charity	9,734	(9,734)	-
Hudson Hirsell Trust	560	(124)	436
Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	(47)	(47)
Localities Fund	1	-	1
Mainhouse Trust	136	859	995
National Lottery Community Fund	-	53,464	53,464
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	40,104	(40,104)	-
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	23,895	(23,895)	-
Robertson Trust	4,263	(4,263)	-
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	4,627	(4,627)	-
Souter Foundation	582	(582)	-
Stafford Trust	-	42	42
St James Place Foundation	3,762	(3,762)	-
Wood Foundation	-	1,720	1,720
Woodward Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Youth Borders Wee Wellbeing	-	520	520
Youth Borders Summer	-	109	109
	<u>113,342</u>	<u>16,784</u>	<u>130,126</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>200,252</u>	<u>66,997</u>	<u>267,249</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	69,975	(19,762)	50,213
Restricted funds			
Aviva Communities Fund	124	(124)	-
Agnes Hunter Trust	6,500	(9,092)	(2,592)
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	10,003	(9,018)	985
Bank of Scotland Foundation	17,386	(25,125)	(7,739)
BAVS NLCF	500	(500)	-
Befriending Networks Befriending Fund	2,130	(2,130)	-
Better Breaks Fund	40,001	(27,001)	13,000
Bridge NLCF	500	(500)	-
Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund	2,000	(2,000)	-
Cash for Kids	1,500	(1,500)	-
Children in Need	61,107	(54,414)	6,693
Children in Need Booster	2,499	(2,499)	-
Children in Need Next Steps	18,616	(18,177)	439
Communities Recovery Fund	9,500	(9,500)	-
Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing	35,851	(1,027)	34,824
Community Wellbeing Fund	4,000	(4,000)	-
Co-operative Community Fund	-	(2,704)	(2,704)
Corra Foundation	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Creative Breaks	27,000	(18,445)	8,555
Creative Scotland	8,280	(8,280)	-
Forbes Charitable Foundation	2,000	(2,000)	-
Four Acre Trust	4,498	(4,281)	217
Gannochy Trust	12,000	(12,000)	-
Garfield Weston	20,000	(22,500)	(2,500)
Gunter Charitable Trust	1,000	(970)	30
Hawick Common Good Fund	3,000	(3,000)	-
Henry Smith Charity	45,000	(54,734)	(9,734)
Hudson Hirsell Trust	-	(124)	(124)
Hugh Fraser Foundation	3,999	(4,046)	(47)
Lanhope Rig (Hawick)	500	(500)	-
Mainhouse Trust	3,250	(2,391)	859
National Lottery Community Fund	109,999	(56,535)	53,464
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	54,465		
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	50,002	(73,897)	(23,895)
Peebles Common Good Fund	2,001	(2,001)	-
Robertson Trust	15,000	(19,263)	(4,263)
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	6,000	(10,627)	(4,627)
Scottish Borders Council Community Support Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Souter Foundation	2,501	(3,083)	(582)
Stafford Trust	5,000	(4,958)	42
St James Place Foundation	1	(3,763)	(3,762)

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued			
Youth Borders Wee Wellbeing	1,100	(580)	520
Wood Foundation	3,001	(1,281)	1,720
Woodward Charitable Trust	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Youth Border Accessibility Fund		1,743	(1,743)
Youth Borders Summer	580	(471)	109
Youth Borders Winter Fund	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>603,637</u>	<u>(586,853)</u>	<u>16,784</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>673,612</u></u>	<u><u>(606,615)</u></u>	<u><u>66,997</u></u>

Unrestricted funds

The general fund comprises those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects of Interest Link Borders.

The general fund includes income from service contracts.

Restricted funds

Grants are received for specific areas of the Befriending Service which is Interest Link Borders' sole service.

Restricted funds are principally funded by grants from the Big Lottery Fund and grant-making Trusts.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £	31/3/21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Gifts	-	-	-	(1)
Donations	1,180	-	1,180	4,846
Grants	-	<u>270,061</u>	<u>270,061</u>	<u>333,576</u>
	1,180	270,061	271,241	338,421
Investment income				
Deposit account interest	1,702	-	1,702	1,582
Charitable activities				
Fundraising events	-	-	-	24
SBC service contract	<u>21,996</u>	-	<u>21,996</u>	<u>21,996</u>
	21,996	-	21,996	22,020
Other income				
Miscellaneous	<u>6,060</u>	-	<u>6,060</u>	<u>10,590</u>
Total incoming resources	30,938	270,061	300,999	372,613
EXPENDITURE				
Raising donations and legacies				
Wages	-	12,106	12,106	10,594
Social security	-	1,054	1,054	932
Pensions	-	518	518	511
Rent & accommodation	-	188	188	180
General office costs	-	1,262	1,262	2,959
Staff travel costs	-	72	72	65
Fundraising event costs	<u>462</u>	-	<u>462</u>	<u>442</u>
	462	15,200	15,662	15,683
Charitable activities				
Wages	5,499	179,075	184,574	179,874
Social security	-	10,584	10,584	9,294
Pensions	-	16,989	16,989	15,606
Sessional staff	-	4,197	4,197	2,183
Staff travel costs	-	5,459	5,459	2,216
Staff training	-	660	660	465
Volunteer recruit & advertise	43	18	61	-
Volunteer training	-	1,179	1,179	1,565
Carried forward	5,542	218,161	223,703	211,203

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31/3/22 Total funds £	31/3/21 Total funds £
Charitable activities				
Brought forward	5,542	218,161	223,703	211,203
1:1 Volunteer activity costs	26	1,638	1,664	1,170
1:1 Volunteer travel expenses	-	1,917	1,917	920
Group activity costs	834	18,085	18,919	22,783
Group travel expenses	-	8,927	8,927	290
Group venue hire	303	8,104	8,407	4,647
Group tutor fees	-	15,050	15,050	10,323
Rent & accommodation	-	6,054	6,054	6,014
General office costs	790	8,510	9,300	13,917
Subscriptions	-	235	235	510
Insurance	-	1,081	1,081	1,081
Payroll administration	353	353	706	706
Evaluation	-	784	784	406
Staff recruitment	-	-	-	451
Overnight trip activity costs	-	468	468	-
Historical adjustments	<u>(11,276)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,276)</u>	<u>-</u>
	(3,428)	289,367	285,939	274,421
Support costs				
Governance costs				
Wages	-	2,421	2,421	2,119
Social security	-	211	211	186
Pensions	-	104	104	102
Committee meetings	843	6	849	500
Independent Examiners' fee	3,912	-	3,912	3,420
Bank charges	<u>824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>824</u>	<u>262</u>
	<u>5,579</u>	<u>2,742</u>	<u>8,321</u>	<u>6,589</u>
Total resources expended	<u>2,613</u>	<u>307,309</u>	<u>309,922</u>	<u>296,693</u>
Net income	<u>28,325</u>	<u>(37,248)</u>	<u>(8,923)</u>	<u>75,920</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,085	(17,816)	18,269
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	6,159	(4,992)	1,167
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	10,000	(6,830)	3,170
Bank of Scotland Foundation	5,417	(5,417)	-
Better Breaks Fund	23,001	(10,001)	13,000
Big Lottery Fund 21st Century Life	76,684	(78,980)	(2,296)
Big Lottery Fund Improving Lives	53,500	(86,264)	(32,764)
Children in Need	-	(7,939)	(7,939)
Creative Breaks	-	(5,006)	(5,006)
Four Acre Trust	6,499	(2,927)	3,572
Gannochy Trust	-	(3,988)	(3,988)
Gunter Charitable Trust	999	(1,414)	(415)
Henry Smith Charity	15,000	(20,982)	(5,982)
Corra Foundation	4,000	(3,000)	1,000
Robertson Trust	15,000	(10,488)	4,512
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	6,000	(12,833)	(6,833)
Souter Foundation	2,500	(2,500)	-
Stafford Trust	4,999	(4,999)	-
St James Place Foundation	-	(2,766)	(2,766)
Hayward Sanderson Trust	2,500	(2,500)	-
Gordon Fraser Trust	1,500	-	1,500
Mainhouse Trust	2,501	(2,331)	170
Youth Border Accessibility Fund	1,500	(1,500)	-
Tesco	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>238,759</u>	<u>(277,657)</u>	<u>(38,898)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>274,844</u>	<u>(295,473)</u>	<u>(20,629)</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,363	(16,013)	18,350
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	6,500	(3,159)	3,341
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	(3,170)	(3,170)
Bank of Scotland Foundation	11,930	(4,191)	7,739
Better Breaks Fund	-	(13,000)	(13,000)
Big Lottery Fund 21st Century Life	89,634	(118,452)	(28,818)
Big Lottery Fund Improving Lives	54,578	(24,862)	29,716
Children in Need	21,627	(20,275)	1,352
Co-operative Community Fund	4,709	(2,005)	2,704
Four Acre Trust	5,000	(4,911)	89
Gannochy Trust	6,000	(5,000)	1,000
Gunter Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,371)	(371)
Henry Smith Charity	30,000	(25,178)	4,822
Hugh Fraser Foundation	3,000	(3,000)	-
Corra Foundation	4,000	(4,000)	-
Robertson Trust	15,000	(15,249)	(249)
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	6,000	(5,903)	97
Souter Foundation	2,500	(1,918)	582
Woodward Charitable Trust	1,000	-	1,000
St James Place Foundation	10,000	(6,238)	3,762
Gordon Fraser Trust	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
Mainhouse Trust	1,500	(1,534)	(34)
Tesco	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Garfield Weston	10,000	(7,500)	2,500
Localities Fund Eildon	6,129	(6,129)	-
Hudson Hirsell Trust	560	-	560
	<u>290,667</u>	<u>(279,546)</u>	<u>11,122</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>325,030</u>	<u>(295,559)</u>	<u>29,472</u>

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15 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,037	(17,149)	21,888
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	-	(4,508)	(4,508)
Aviva Communities Fund	124	(124)	-
Bank of Scotland Foundation	17,386	(10,125)	7,261
BAVS NLCF	500	(500)	-
Befriending Networks Befriending Fund	2,130	(1,655)	475
Better Breaks Fund	27,000	(14,000)	13,000
Blackhill Windfarm Community Fund	2,000	(20)	1,980
Bridge NLCF	500	(500)	-
Children in Need	32,980	(27,439)	5,541
Children in Need Booster	2,499	(2,499)	-
Children in Need Next Steps	13,962	(10,070)	3,892
Communities Recovery Fund	9,500	(7,130)	2,370
Community Wellbring Fund	4,000	(4,000)	-
Co-operative Community Fund	-	(2,704)	(2,704)
Corra Foundation	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Creative Breaks	13,000	(8,770)	4,230
Creative Scotland	8,280	-	8,280
Forbes Charitable Foundation	2,000	-	2,000
Four Acre Trust	-	(2,149)	(2,149)
Gannochy Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	(4,500)	15,500
Gunter Charitable Trust	1,000	(189)	811
Henry Smith Charity	30,000	(32,234)	(2,234)
Langhope Rig (Hawick)	500	(500)	-
Mainhouse Trust	1,501	(1,279)	222
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	56,470	(52,625)	3,845
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	50,000	(57,316)	(7,316)
Peebles Common Good Fund	2,000	-	2,000
Robertson Trust	15,000	(14,492)	508
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	6,000	(6,127)	(127)
Souter Foundation	2,500	(583)	1,917
St James Place Foundation	1	(3,763)	(3,762)
Stafford Trust	5,000	-	5,000
Woodward Charitable Trust	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Youth Borders Social Isolation Fund	1,743	(1,743)	-
	<u>333,576</u>	<u>(279,544)</u>	<u>54,032</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>372,613</u>	<u>(296,693)</u>	<u>75,920</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,938	(2,613)	28,325
Restricted funds			
Agnes Hunter Trust	6,500	(4,584)	1,916
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	10,000	(9,015)	985
Bank of Scotland Foundation	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Befriending Networks Befriending Fund	-	(475)	(475)
Better Breaks Fund	13,000	(13,000)	-
Blackhill Wind Farm Community Fund	-	(1,980)	(1,980)
Cash for Kids – Radio Borders	1,500	(1,500)	-
Children in Need	28,126	(26,974)	1,152
Children in Need Next Steps	4,654	(8,107)	(3,453)
Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing	35,851	(1,027)	34,824
Communities Recovery Fund	-	(2,370)	(2,370)
Creative Breaks	14,000	(9,675)	4,325
Creative Scotland	-	(8,280)	(8,280)
Forbes Charitable Foundation	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Four Acre Trust	4,500	(2,178)	2,322
Gannochy Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Garfield Weston	-	(18,000)	(18,000)
Gunter Charitable Trust	-	(781)	(781)
Hawick Common Good Fund	3,000	(3,000)	-
Henry Smith Charity	15,000	(22,500)	(7,500)
Hudson Hirsell Trust	-	(124)	(124)
Hugh Fraser Foundation	4,000	(4,000)	-
Mainhouse Trust	1,750	(1,113)	637
National Lottery Community Fund Adult Project	-	(27,740)	(27,740)
National Lottery Community Fund	110,000	(56,536)	53,464
National Lottery Community Fund Youth Project	-	(32,790)	(32,790)
Peebles Common Good Fund	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Robertson Trust	-	(4,771)	(4,771)
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	-	(4,500)	(4,500)
Scottish Borders Council Community Support Fund Eildon	5,000	(5,000)	-
Souter Foundation	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Stafford Trust	-	(4,958)	(4,958)
Youth Borders Wee Wellbeing	1,100	(580)	520
Wood Foundation	3,000	(1,280)	1,720
Youth Borders Winter Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
Youth Borders Summer Fund	580	(471)	109
	<u>270,061</u>	<u>(307,309)</u>	<u>(37,248)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>300,999</u>	<u>(309,922)</u>	<u>(8,923)</u>

Interest Link Borders Full-year Management Accounts 2022-23

	Full Year Actuals Actuals
Income	
Unrestricted	
Bank Interest	4,059
Fundraising Income	125
SBC Main Grant	21,996
Donations	6,529
Miscellaneous Income	5,799
Total Unrestricted	38,509
Restricted	
Agnes Hunter Trust	6,500
Baily Thomas Charitable Trust	-
Bank of Scotland Foundation	16,500
Befriending Networks	1,144
Better Breaks Fund	-
Cash for Kids - Radio Borders	-
Chance to Flourish -Scottish Children's Lottery	1,500
Charity Begins at Home	1,852
Children in Need	28,626
Children in Need Next Steps	-
Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	1,959
Creative Breaks	15,400
Creative Scotland	920
Edward Gostling Foundation	10,000
Forbes Charitable Foundation	-
Four Acre Trust	15,521
Gannochy Trust	6,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000
Gosling Foundation	6,000
Hawick Common Good Fund	-
Hayward Sanderson Trust	3,000
Henry Smith Charity	-
Hugh Fraser Foundation	4,000
Mainhouse Charitable Trust	2,000
National Lottery Community Fund	124,548
Peebles Round Table	500
People's Postcode Trust	6,000
Rooney Foundation	9,500
RS MacDonald Charitable Trust	12,000
SBC Neighbourhood Fund Berwickshire	4,206
SBC Neighbourhood Fund Tweeddale	5,000
SBC Platinum Jubilee June 2022	541
Selkirk Common Good Fund	2,500
Spifox	4,483
Wood Foundation YPI	-
Youth Borders	3,575
Total Restricted	313,775
Total Income	352,283

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