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Democratic Services HAWICK COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applicant Details Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:	Hawick Congregational Community Church Reaching Out Community Project 26 Bourtree Place, Hawick Roxburghshire Scottish Borders	
Telephone No:	01450 375391 (please note the office is not manned every day *please phone the Development Worker	
Email:	Reachingout7@google.com *please reply to the Development worker direct at	
Address to which paymen should be made:	Hawick Congregational Community Church 26 Bourtree Place Hawick TD9 9HL	
Activities Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the	As an inclusive inter- generational project we welcome all the local community, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, disability including enduring mental illness, learning disability, chronic illness, older age, children and young families.	
benefits it brings to the local community:	Our activities have grown and developed as a result of grass roots need, and need is increasing, from 280 in 2013 we have an average of 350 people coming in each week	
	Our flagship activity is our weekly volunteer led community Soupalunch .	
	Our customer base is 65 but is increasing and can reach 80 or above. Volunteer opportunities for vulnerable volunteers have risen from 10 to 18.	
	 Soupalunch is supported by Morrison's Reducing Food Waste Initiative and Bowhill Community Trust 	
	 The benefit to local community; reduces loneliness Dedicated local 'key' volunteers have been with us since 2008 giving kind support to those who are more vulnerable. 	
	Helps participants to both give and receive, so important when you feel powerless; move forward and improves their quality of life.	
	"it is so good to have a chance to work (volunteer) and be useful"	
	Our volunteers support each other, sharing skills for shopping, cooking budgeting; many involved have never had this chance before due to poor health, learning disability, literacy disability or life circumstances	

circumstances.

Tackling literacy disability, improving skills; weekly knitting group encourages new friendships, new skills including reading; making decisions, for someone with learning disability to choose their wool and pattern after a lifetime of having others make their choices has a transformational impact and helps them in other areas of their life.

Singing, known aid to health; group welcomes carers, those who live alone, either by bereavement, partner in residential home, without extended family nearby, also early dementia participants.

Reducing loneliness of housebound or isolated through Community pastoral worker who reconnects folk with community links. Working closely with other local partner agencies, this worker meets 'gaps' for vulnerable people, including the elderly, and housebound.

Families Together; Our work with children and families;

Our work with local children and families is increasing;

Awareness of the importance of early years care on future life chances, health and well -being has increased considerably, through prevention and early intervention, "breaking the cycles of underachievement which often blight some of our most disadvantaged communities" (National guidance, Pre-Birth to Three: Positive Outcomes for Scotland's Children and Families)

Toddlers Together Between 25 and 30 parents with their children enjoy safe structured play and support, with live music, specialist preschool entertainment and fun which increases children's happiness and well-being and improves parents interactive play.

Bumps to babies - This informal peer support group is welcomed and supported by local NHS and SBC agencies and is piloting the needs of local expectant parents and those with newly born babies. It is known that attention at this time reduces loneliness, improves health and wellbeing, and helps to reduce depression both for Mothers and for children in later life.

Free family holiday activities, e.g. a seaside craft activity day in the summer holidays, with our Children and Families Worker. Our worker is also part of the Hawick High School Chaplaincy Team, and organises art events, also participating in local activities, such as the Christmas Parade, when we have our stunning walking floats, and involving all ages. The snowmen on our railings from recycled milk bottles cheered up many folk in Hawick, during last year's floods and were made by all the participants in our project. Art is known to raise self- confidence, improve literacy skills and reduce depression.

Additional activities thriving weekly Table tennis group weekly, Art group, sessional activities e.g. mindfulness, cookery; support groups.

Partnership working; statutory and voluntary, Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership, including Hawick Social Care and Health Team, Older Adults and Adults with physical Disabilities;

Learning Disability Team; Community Learning and Development; NHS South Team Mental Health, Joint Health Improvement Team, NHS Healthy Living Network; Health Visitors, Midwives; Hawick Library, Hawick High School, local community groups, Councils of Voluntary Service, Volunteer Centre, Selkirk Open Door lunch club. We meet the number one objective set out by the Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership is about making services more accessible and developing our communities. Reference from Alison Watkin, Social Worker SBC Hawick We are currently undergoing changes to integrate health and social care in Scotland. I feel that the team give the Hawick community a head start in this objective in terms of community capacity and development. They are always evolving and developing their activities to meet the needs of the community to ensure that they are making a difference to each individual they support. Assistance Requested Sum Requested; Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose We would like to ask for £2,624.38 incl VAT for which it will be used: The purpose for which it will be used; to support our ongoing community project Reaching Out; especially to accommodate increasing numbers of customers attending our flagship volunteer led activity, Soupalunch. In addition the chairs will be used and enjoyed by local voluntary and community groups, who regularly use our facilities, e.g. charity coffee mornings, meetings, clubs, special requests such as birthday parties, so the chairs would benefit the whole community in a variety of ways. Our current stacking chairs are very old, heavy to move around, and uncomfortable. Lighter aluminium frame chairs with stacking trolleys will enable us to store and move the chairs more easily. We saw these chairs at the Selkirk lunch club and had a chance to see how effective they are. This quote is for 50 chairs and 2 stacking trolleys. When will the donation be March 2017 onwards required: If this is a one-off project then please give the following details -Date (s): Estimated total cost: Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts: Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):

Other information
If you have other
information which you
feel is relevant to this
application please provide
details including details of
any previous assistance
given:

Our table tennis group were able to buy new tables from a previous Common Good grant.

- In 2013 we were one of three UK projects which won an award, for Making a Positive Difference in the Community https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24XCQpiSd-s
 - Shortlisted for Loving our Volunteers awards Scottish Borders February 2017

Reaching Out funders include local trusts; Weens House Trust Eventide Homes Hawick Bowhill Community Trust We are supported by Morrison's Food Waste Initiative

Our part time staff posts are currently funded by Robertson Trust, (Development Worker) Cattanach Trust, (Toddlers) Big Lottery Communities and Families Fund, (Bumps to babies) Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund (Community Pastoral Worker to reach out to those who are isolated, housebound or hospitalised)

Congregational Federation; Children and Families worker

We also apply a reserve of 6 month's salary costs to our current total salaries of those whom we employ.

The church will require to carry out repairs and maintenance in 2017 which will be approximately £10,000 in cost.

We share models of good practice;

"Please pass on our thanks to your folk for giving us their time and sharing their expertise. It was good! Linda said she was "inspired" so that's what we need! "(Selkirk Open Door Lunch Club)

"Thank you so much for such a great insight into the fabulous work done ... for all those in need. It really is so valuable and inspiring. The team of volunteers are amazing"

Ryan Telfer Business Connector – Scottish Business In The Community

Equal Opportunities
State how you take
account of equal
opportunities legislation
by including all sections
of the community (include
child protection,
vulnerable adult
legislation if relevant,
disability, promotion of
equality of access to
services irrespective of
race, gender, age sexual

We have an active Equal Opportunities policy which is regularly reviewed, on an annual basis by our Board of Management.

Our staff and volunteers, and participants all work to this policy.

We have a Vulnerable Adult and Child Protection policy, disability access, and our services are available to all irrespective of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs. A Safeguarding Certificate from the Congregational Federation UK was issued in 2016, following an inspection by the safeguarding team.

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Declaration

I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate

Signed:

Position Held: Geraldine Strickland Development Worker

Date: 20th January 2017

Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts. Following the event/project the evaluation form must be completed and returned.

This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Judith Turnbull Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 826556

Trustees'	Annual Rep	ort for th	e perio	d				
	Pe	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
From	01	01	2015	То	31	12	2015	

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known
by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Hawick Congregational Con	nmunity Church
SC004211	
10 Harden Place	
Hawick	
	Postcode TD9 7BY

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	ee name Office (if any) Dates not fo		Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)		
1	Roy Millan	Chairperson/Trustee				
2	Marion Underhill	Treasurer/Trustee				
3	Margaret Millan	Secretary/Trustee				
4	Isabel Duncan	Trustee				
5	Mary Wing	Trustee				
6	Sylvia Ponsford	Trustee				
7	Heinz Melchert	Trustee				
8	Christine Nichols	Trustee				
9	Bill Miller	Trustee				
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The Hawick Congregational Community Church is governed by its Constitution. All details of governance and administration are found within it.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	The Hawick Congregational Community Church actively encourages and seeks new Trustees on all occasions.

Objectives and activities	
Charitable purposes	To advance the Christian faith (in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs); To relieve sickness and hardship and to promote and preserve good health, physical, mental or otherwise by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind; To advance citizenship through social welfare and community development; To improve quality of life for people of all ages by enabling, supporting and promoting activities whether on an individual or group basis; To improve opportunities for people of all ages for individual and/or personal development, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The worship, community and social welfare aims of the church are fulfilled by a team of 2 supply Pastors, 2 Lay Preachers, a Community Development worker, a Children and Families worker, and 2 sessional posts of Family support worker and Play worker, alongside the Trustees and dedicated volunteers. Deacons provide Sunday worship together with pulpit supply from 2 retired Ministers and 2 Lay Preachers, Community Development Worker, Children and Families worker, and some of our Trustees. Funding for a new post of Community Pastoral Worker has been secured. We have a strong ministry team, concentrating on transformational work, alongside those who are vulnerable, suffer poverty in our area, through low pay, diminishing health, and disadvantage. The Children and Families Worker is a member of the Hawick High School Chaplaincy Team. The social ministry of the church is carried out under the umbrella of the community project of Reaching Out, welcoming all faiths and none, working to make a positive difference to the lives of those who feel themselves to be vulnerable or disadvantaged. Our charity provides an important safe, warm and vital base for these folk, particularly welcoming those who are excluded, due to retirement, physical, mental or other disability, long term unemployment, loneliness, poverty.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Women's' Fellowship Also open to men! Events arranged included -

Candlelight supper Representatives from other churches attended. Entertainment provided.

Scots Night Annual event with haggis supper and Scottish entertainment.

Christmas – a particularly lonely time for many isolated people in the community. Candlelit Christmas Eve service open to all

Christmas Soupalunch. Supported by Morrisons and Bowhill Community Trust. Hawick Christmas parade: participation in community parade, help make our float.

Refreshments and drop in on the day. Winners of the Best walking float.

Hawick Christmas window: runner up with our display of eco snowmen.

These winter community events were very important links to the activities of the community, which has suffered greatly from the loss of local jobs and flooding in the latter end of the year..

Developed our Reaching Out activities - all the activities which Reaching Out undertakes are closely linked with health and well-being, inter-generational contact and an emphasis on providing safe and affordable activities which make a positive difference in people's lives.

Our regular inclusive activities provided no or low cost community events, especially welcoming those who are most disadvantaged in our community, include

Weekly Soupalunch, our flagship social project providing affordable social lunch, particularly welcoming those who find it difficult to access mainstream activities due to age, disability, including mental illness, long term unemployment, poverty. This is a lifeline also for those who are carers, or who have experienced bereavement or have partners in care homes, and experience isolation due to loneliness. Special happiness lunches to celebrate Burns, Christmas. There is a slight increase in regular customers weekly from 60 to 65, many of them regulars. 10 vulnerable volunteering placements, with additional opportunities such as shopping, washing up, gardening. Close connections with other voluntary groups, statutory services such as learning disability services, local mental health team, Health centres. On Soupalunch day we are a base to offer and signpost informal help for those struggling with practical issues such as benefits, housing, and occasionally a bridge for those who present homeless, in trouble, to listen and recommend next steps to gain help and support.

Singing group weekly, growing steadily, now involving up to 20 people a week, some coming with their Carers, others experiencing for the first time, social inclusion in a group, and the chance to make friends. This is a lifeline for lonely people, it is also transformational for example a lady with very poor speech who couldn't read, has progressed to learning how to find hymns, made friends, and developed improved language and now lives in sheltered housing.

Children and Families: Parents together:

Toddlers Together has increased in numbers, moving to an arrangement which employs two sessional staff, funded by the Cattanach Trust.

50 parents, 9 babies and 50 children are currently involved.

We have developed a rolling programme of activities for toddlers and their siblings up to 8 years old, to benefit the early development of babies, toddlers and their parents. This has alleviated loneliness and improved the confidence of parents. This year we have had an increase in the numbers of polish parents attending, and those with children who have special needs.

Free Holiday Art and craft activities during summer and the October half term to encourage activity for children, especially those with low incomes. All our activities use eco materials which are re-cycled and our work is on display outside the church or in local venues.

Working with the community: Our children and families worker connects with the community through schools and local voluntary groups, assisting with a variety of activities.

During 2015 - in excess of 300 people regularly attended our Reaching Out activities, our average weekly footfall being in excess of 200 of all ages. Front line need is increasing.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Table Tennis - continues to draw many folk from the community of all ages, including 80 and 90, for a mixture of social doubles, with some competitive singles thrown in! **Here to listen:** 1,000 hours of counselling have been provided to 48 women and 26 men, 40 hours during 2015. Although front line need has risen this year, we have managed to make this time available for this one to one work which focuses on gaps.

Art for All this group has been in transition due to a change of teacher and a high level of illness amongst the members. The class is building up again as a result of this change.

Mindfulness drop in: pilot sessions have enabled people who suffer anxiety and depression to access a small and fully qualified class which enables them to find ways of coping.

We continue to develop our own income generation. This is a challenge. This year in our community unemployment has risen, and there have been additional struggles due to flooding. There is rising poverty and as a result, available income in the town is very low.

Soupalunch a volunteer-led social enterprise which promotes good inter-generational contact, as well as healthy living, with home cooked environmentally friendly food at affordable cost. At the end of 2015 we developed a community partnership with Morrisons.

Knit 'n Natter has used a pop up shop to sell their goods which has given valuable experience in shop keeping, meeting the public and pride in selling hand made work.

Hymnathon/Hymnalong - Part of the Hawick Summer Festival: an uplifting event of two hours playing of sponsored hymns by Jean Hogg, attended by more than 100 people. An important interactive activity supporting a summer community event. A visit from the Summer Festival Princess, and her attendants, all primary school, was welcomed.

Jumble Sale: to provide good quality clothing and toys in a low income community. This was welcomed and we hope to repeat this event during 2016.

Funders 2015 Robertson Trust, Cattanach Trust, Congregational Federation, Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund, to whom we record our sincere thanks

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The Hawick Congregational Community Church sold its Manse a number of years ago; the proceeds were put into designated accounts. The amount now held, £26,000 is to cover the costs of upkeep, general fabric repairs and as a roof repair fund for the Church and its Hall. It is also the wish of the Trustees that a minimum of £15,000, approximately six months running costs of the Church, be held within the designated funds. Therefore the current Designated Funds (£41,000) are held for such circumstances.
Details of any deficit	There is a surplus in the accounts in this financial year to 31st December 2015, primarily arising from grants that have been awarded to fund projects during 2016
Donated facilities and services (if any)	In kind voluntary time this year in excess of 3,000 hours. This includes Board of Management, volunteers, and additional unpaid hours by staff.

Other optional i	nformation	
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Declaration The trustees declare t	that they have approved the trustees' rep	ort above.
Signed on behalf of th	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· ·
Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)		Marion Underhill
Position (e.g. Chair)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	8/2/2016	8/2/2016

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Hawick Congregational Community Church Receipts & Payments Accounts

For the period

1st January 2015

31st December 2015

ACCOUNTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds Current Year	Total Funds Last Year
Receipts					40404	10440
Donations	10481	0	0	0	10481	10410
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0	00500
Grants	0	24500	0	0	24500	20530
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	1304	0	0	0	1304	6634
Bank Interest	20		473	0	493	593
Receipts from Other Charitable Activities	16650	0	0	0	16650	9569
Total Receipts	28455	24500	473	0	53428	47736
Payments Expenses for Fundraising Activities Payments Relating to Charitable Activities	1519 18962	0 22004	0	0	1519 40966	6771 32081
Expenses for Fundraising Activities					40966	32081
Grants & Donations	200	0	0	0	200	0
Governance Costs:	0	0	0	0	0	
Independent Examination	80	0	0	0	80	80
Account Transfer	0		0	0	0	
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	7694	2496	473	0	10663	8804
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Net Receipts/(Payments) Transfers to/ (from) Funds	7694	2496	473	0	10663	8804

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Expendable Endowment Funds	Permanent Endowment Funds	Total Funds Current Year	Total Funds Last Year
On anima Cash & Bank	24426	8048	31548		64022	55220
Opening Cash & Bank	7694	2496	473	0	10663	8802
Surplus/(Deficit) Closing Cash & Bank	32120	10544	32021	0	74685	64022

Investments

There are none held by the charity

Other Assets	Addit 2014	tions	Asset Value 2015
Main Church & Hall Contents of Church & Hall	1314600 26789 5000		1314600 26789 5000
Contents of Kitchen	1346389	0	1346389

Liabilities

There are none this year

Notes to the Accounts

All funds for the Hawick Congregational Community Church are un-restricted, except for the grants that were received a the end of 2014 and during 2015. These grants were awarded to contribute to payments for 4 part time staff who work with volunteers to run our projects. These grants are carried forward into 2016.

The expendable endowment funds are for the use of the Church and may be required for running costs during the financial forthcoming year.

Signed: Secretary	Print Name: Margaret Millan
Signed: (Treasurer)	Print Name: Marion Underhill
Date: 8.2.2016	Page 6

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Reaching Out	Church Funds		Total Funds Current Year	Total Funds Last Year
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	Reaching	Church		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Out	Funds		Current Year	Last Year
Receipts					
Donations	0	0		0	0
Legacies	0	0		0	0
Grants	8500	16000		24500	20530
Receipts from Fundraising Activities				0	0
Bank Interest				0	.0
Receipts of Other Charitable Activities				0	0
Total Receipts	8500	16000	o	24500	20530
Payments	<u> </u>				
Expenses for Fundraising Activities	0	O		0	0
Relating Directly to Charitable Activities	2360	19644		22004	18068
Grants & Donations	0	0		0	0
Governance Costs:	o	0			0
Independent Examination	ol	O		0	0
Account Transfer		0		0	- 0
Total Payments	2360	19644	0	22004	18068
Net Receipts/(Payments)	6140	-3644	0	2496	5586
Transfers to/ (from) Funds		STATE STATE			0
Surplus/ (Deficit) for Year	6140	-3644	ol	2496	5586

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Break	Down	of	Endowment	Fund	Is
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	Century 8	Century 5	RBS 60 Day	Total Funds Current Year	Total Funds Last Year
Receipts					
Donations	0	0	0	0	
Legacies	0	0	0	0	
Grants	0	0	0	0	
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	0	0	0	0	C
Bank Interest	163	310	0	473	578
Receipts from Other Charitable Activities				0	G
Total Receipts	163	310	0	473	578
Expenses for Fundraising Activities Payments Relating to Charitable Activities				0	
Payments Relating to Charitable Activities				0	
Grants & Donations				0	
Governance Costs: Independent Examination				0	Total St. (Sign
Other				0	
Total Payments	0	0	0	0	0
Net Receipts/(Payments)	163	310	0	473	578
Transfers to/ (from) Funds					0
Surplus/ (Deficit) for Year	163	310	0	473	578

Nature & Purpose of Funds

All funds held for Hawick Congrational Community Church are for use within the Church for whatever purpose the Trustees think Fit.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of

Hawick Congregational Community Church

Registered charity
number
On the accounts of the
charity for the period

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Period start date			11 Jan 1		Period end	date	
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1	01	01	2015	to	31	12	2015

Set out on pages

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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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 independent examiner's statement

My examination is 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 seeks explanations from the 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 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 comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

Date:

11-2-16

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.

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body:

Sue Bennett

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ACIE & Diploma in Business & Finance

Address: