
NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES AND QUALITY OF LIFE WORKS

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM

4 JUNE 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood Small Schemes from the Area Forum.**
- 1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Berwickshire Members and Community Councils:- Install play equipment at play park Ayton, Purchase stone and build rockery East End Chirnside, Repair wire fence common good park Chirnside, Purchase plants for village enhancement group Ayton, Delineate parking spaces in town centre Duns, Purchase and plant hedge and trees at play park Hutton, Purchase and install net at Home park Coldstream, Purchase small goals, shrubs and benches for public park Duns, Purchase plants for enhancement group Westruther, Removal of trees at Parish Churchyard Duns, Purchase plants for enhancement group at Eyemouth, Repair steps and footway at village hall Allanton, Install drainage at core path Hume, Repair entrance stones at Burnmouth, Install rural bench Bluestane Ford Chirnside, Purchase and install play equipment at play park Hutton, Install drainage at two locations at Lamberton, Mordington and Foulden, Install 2 benches at Old Greenlaw, Purchase and install Gallipoli floral bedding Coldstream, Manufacture and erect two picnic tables and no dumping sign Reston, Purchase trailer for transporting barriers in Berwickshire, Manufacture and erect two picnic benches play park Haymons Cove Eyemouth, Purchase and install five barrels and planters/soil for Swinton, manufacture and erect perimeter fence at cemetery Hutton, Repaint tennis courts at Foulden, Supply soil box and water butt cemetery Eyemouth, Purchase 100 litter pickers for communities in Berwickshire, Install new fence at cemetery Greenlaw, Repair gates at Home Park War Memorial Coldstream. Repair the Home Park gates next to the War Memorial Coldstream. Purchase plants for two flower beds in Duns.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Berwickshire Area Forum:**
- (a) **Approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-**
- i) **Ayton Play Park -To install addition play equipment at Ayton play park. £5000**
 - ii) **Chirnside East End – Purchase stone and build a rockery at the rear of the site. £950**

- iii) **Chirnside Common Good Park- Repaired wire fence between the park and the field. £200**
- iv) **Ayton – Purchase plants for Ayton Village enhancement group. £300**
- v) **Duns - Delineate parking spaces in Duns Town Square with new Marshall blocks. £2630**
- vi) **Hutton – Purchase and install a perimeter hedge along the field edge at Hutton Play park and re-plant 5 trees. £1410**
- vii) **Coldstream - Install a net to prevent footballs going into the pensioners gardens behind the goal in Home Park, Coldstream. £196**
- viii) **Duns Public Park -Purchase small goals for Duns Public Park, further tree and shrub planting in Duns Public Park and purchase 2 new benches and 4 new picnic benches. £3250**
- ix) **Westruther – Purchase plants and planters for Westruther Village enhancement group. £750**
- x) **Duns - Removal of trees at Duns parish Church. £1140**
- xi) **Eyemouth - Purchase plants for Eyemouth Town enhancement group. £750**
- xii) **Allanton - Repair the steps and footway at Allanton Village Hall. £3100**
- xiii) **Hume - Install further drainage at Hume Core path. £500**
- xiv) **Burnmouth - Repair entrance stones at both approaches to Burnmouth Village. £3950**
- xv) **Chirnside – Manufacture and erect bench over looking Bluestane Ford from the A6105. £56**
- xvi) **Hutton – To purchase and install new play equipment at Hutton play park as requested by the community council. £5000**
- xvii) **Mordington, Lammberton and Foulden – Carry out drainage works Mordington Clappers at 2 locations. £8000**
- xviii) **Greenlaw – Manufacture and install 2 new benches on the Old Greenlaw Road. £112**
- xix) **Coldstream – To purchase and install a floral decoration to commemorate Gallipoli campaign in WW1. £1155**
- xx) **Reston – Manufacture and erect 2 picnic tables for Reston football park and manufacture and erect a no dumping sign at the bottle banks. £250**

- xxi) Duns- Purchase a trailer to transport barriers for events in Berwickshire. £2311**
- xxii) Eyemouth – Manufacture and erect 2 picnic benches for the Haymons Cove play park. £208**
- xxiii) Swinton – Purchase 5 barrels and 4 square tubs 2 tonne topsoil at the village entrances. £500**
- xxiv) Hutton – Manufacture and erect a perimeter fence at Hutton Cemetery. £1486**
- xxv) Foulden – Repaint 2 tennis courts at Foulden Village. £600**
- xxvi) Eyemouth – Supply soil box and new water butt for Eyemouth Cemetery. £100**
- xxvii) Berwickshire – Purchase 100 litter pickers for communities that carry out litter picks. £1200**
- xxviii) Greenlaw – Install a new fence at Greenlaw cemetery. £469**
- xxix) Coldstream – Repair gates at Home Park War Memorial Coldstream. £1500**
- xxx) Duns – Purchase plants for 2 flower beds in Duns Park and Primary school. £650**

- (b) Proposes to full Council a change to the Scheme of Delegation to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to approve Neighbourhood Quality of Life Schemes which occur between Area Forum meetings, subject to consultation with and approval by all six members of the Area Forum.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential Small Schemes and Quality of Life schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.
- 3.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Berwickshire Area:-
- i) **Ayton Play park** -To install addition play equipment at Ayton play park. New play equipment was installed 2013/14 financial year from revenue funding and small schemes budget. The piece of equipment that was replaced was not as big as the piece that came out and so it was hoped that we could add an additional piece early in this financial year to utilise the play space. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - ii) **Chirnside East End** - A wall and bench were erected at Jubilee Orchard at the East End of Chirnside. The wall was drystone in material and the Community Council would like further stone material to build a rockery at the rear of the site. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - iii) **Chirnside** - Fence requires to be repaired in the Common Good Park, Chirnside. Footway works were carried out here last year and this would further enhance the area. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - iv) **Ayton** – Purchase plants for Ayton Village. This was requested by the Village Enhancement Group.
 - v) **Duns** - Parking spaces need delineated with new Marshall blocks so that spaces can be seen easier and prevent poor parking in Duns Town Square. There have been ongoing problems here and the Police are carrying out inspections to prevent illegal parking. This was requested by the Community Council and Mid Berwickshire Councillors.
 - vi) **Hutton** - To install a perimeter hedge along the field edge at Hutton Play park and re-plant five trees. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - vii) **Coldstream** - To install a net to prevent footballs going into the pensioners gardens behind the goal in Home Park, Coldstream. The posts are already installed but the net requires to be replaced and re-tensioned. This was requested by John Lamont MSP.
 - viii) **Duns Public Park** - Purchase small goals for Duns Public Park, further tree and shrub planting in Duns Public Park and purchase two new benches and two new picnic benches. This was requested by the Community Council.
 - ix) **Westruther** - Plants and planters for Westruther Village. This was requested by the village enhancement group.

- x) **Duns** - Removal of trees at Duns parish Church. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xi) **Eyemouth** - Purchase plants for Eyemouth Town. This was requested by the Town Enhancement Group.
- xii) **Allanton** - Repair the steps and footway at Allanton Village Hall. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xiii) **Hume** – Contribute to further drainage at Hume Core path. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xiv) **Burnmouth** - Repair entrance stones at Burnmouth. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xv) **Chirnside** – Manufacture and erect bench overlooking Bluestane Ford from the A6105. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xvi) **Hutton** – To purchase and install new play equipment at Hutton play park. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xvii) **Mordington, Lamberton and Foulden** - Mordington Clappers road requires drainage at two locations. At a meeting it was discussed that the only available funds was the small scheme or quality of life budget to allow work to go ahead here. A local land owner is prepared to carry out drainage works in the vicinity to allow the water to drain away from the road. This was requested by the Community Council and Councillor Michael Cook.
- xviii) **Greenlaw** – Manufacture and install two new benches on the Old Greenlaw Road. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xix) **Coldstream** – To purchase and install a floral decoration to commemorate Gallipoli Campaign in WW1. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xx) **Reston** – Manufacture and erect two picnic tables for Reston football park and manufacture and erect a 'No Dumping' sign at the bottle banks. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxi) **Duns**- 80 Pedestrian Barriers have been donated to a group in Duns for use throughout Berwickshire. These are planned to be used for festivals across Berwickshire with no charge apart from a donation for travel expenses. The group require a trailer to transport them at a cost of £2811 of which they already have a donation of £500. Therefore they are looking to apply to the small schemes budget for the remaining fund required. This was requested by The Berwickshire Barrier Crew.
- xxii) **Eyemouth** – Manufacture and erect two picnic benches for the Haymons Cove play park. Requested by the Town Council.
- xxiii) **Swinton** – Purchase and erect four tubs and barrels at the village entrances. Requested by the Community Council.
- xxiv) **Hutton** – Manufacture and erect a perimeter fence at Hutton Cemetery. This was requested by the Community Council.

- xxv) **Foulden** – Re-paint two tennis courts at Foulden Village. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxvi) **Eyemouth** – Supply soil box and new water butt for Eyemouth cemetery. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxvii) **Berwickshire** – Purchase 100 litter pickers for use by Berwickshire communities for litter pick events. This was requested by Council Officers to assist with community litter picks.
- xxviii) **Greenlaw** – Install new fence at cemetery Greenlaw. This was requested by the Community Council.
- xxix) **Coldstream** – Repair park gates at Home Park at the war Memorial Coldstream as a joint scheme with Property Maintenance. This was requested by Councillor Moffat.
- xxx) **Duns** – Purchase plants for two flower beds in Duns, one in the park which will be maintained by the Heart of Duns and the SWRI and the other at Duns Primary school which will be maintained by a local volunteer who is assisting the pupils at the school. This has been requested by SWRI and the Heart of Duns committee.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £48,200 is available for Small Schemes in the Berwickshire Area in 2015/16.
- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Berwickshire Area in 2015/16.
- (c) If the schemes in 2.1 (a) are all approved, the remaining Small Scheme budget for 2015/16 will be £477.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If the budget is not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

4.3 Equalities

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 2.1.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 Rural Proofing

There is no change to policy or strategy within this report.

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There is a proposed change to the Scheme of Delegation to the Service Director Neighbourhood Services to approve Neighbourhood Quality of Life Schemes which occur between Area Forum meetings, subject to consultation with and approval by all six members of the Berwickshire Area Forum through email.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy & Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer Human Resources and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in the final report.

Approved by

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Signature

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