

Borders Community Radio & Media (T/A TD1 Radio)
Galashiels Golf Club
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Chief Executive

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Ms Fiona Walling
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Dear Ms Walling

TD1 Radio

TD1 Radio is an entirely voluntarily community radio station broadcasting to Galashiels and surrounding areas on 106.5 fm.

The past year has proved very difficult for the station with disruption following the abrupt and contentious resignation of the volunteer station manager. Very little information was made available by this person with the result that, among other gaps in information, there are no approved accounts for 2016/17. We have since discovered that the accounts for the previous year were also not approved. There was also virtually no money remaining in the company's bank account.

Since then, the small but dedicated group of volunteers has put in considerable efforts to maintain broadcasting. This involved rebuilding the software packages and building bridges with volunteers who had resigned during the previous year.

An ad hoc committee governs the station currently but it is planned to formalise this at our AGM in April and then to apply to OSCR to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This and approved accounts for 2017/18 will enable us to apply to a wide range of funders.

We are grateful to Galashiels Golf Club who allow us use of their premises free of charge but fundraising, has proved difficult with no approved accounts but, despite this, small individual donations from the public and volunteers and income from

sponsorship have allowed broadcasting to continue but we now face significant essential expenditure before 1 April.

By that date, we have to pay our annual licence fee to OFCOM at £850 and our fee for use of Sky News at £351. We also have ongoing running costs of £400 per month to cover our power supply, broadband, insurance and fees to the Performing Rights Society and Phonographic Performance Ltd.

If we cannot raise these funds, the station will be forced to cease broadcasting by 31 March.

Currently, we have just over £800 banked.

As a result of these costs, we are, once again, in financial difficulty. We have two events planned before April which we hope will raise some of the necessary money but would very much appreciate if the Fund could support this valuable asset to the Galashiels community.

We contribute to the Common Good by providing local community information of various types, local travel information and a wide variety of programme material which is not available from any other station. We also provide a volunteering opportunity locally.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Treasurer