

## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: *Berwickshire*

Ref. No.: *CF1920/BER/4*

Organisation Name: *A Heart for Duns*

Funding Requested: *£1,925*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Scottish Charitable Incorporate Organisation		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£46,043 (31 March 2018)		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Yes, includes existing assets and for ongoing salaries.			
Has the applicant applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Localities Bid Fund - Rd 2 <i>Pending – awaiting public vote</i>	2019-20	£5,240	Duns Information Exchange in Market Square.

ABOUT THE PROJECT		
Project Brief  Project Start Date: 01/07/2019	To replace four existing old and worn wooden planters in Duns Market Square with new planters, along with top soil/compost. (Note: existing Summer bedding plants to be transferred).	
Total Expenditure (£)	£2,400	
Community Fund Request (£)	£1,925	
10% Match-funding	£300	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	£70	Confirmed (local businesses)

Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	

<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	The existing planters are very old and in poor condition. Members of the Community Council recently met with the gardening volunteer group (under the umbrella of A Heart for Duns) and identified a need to improve the look and ambience of the Market Square.
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	Duns Festival Week starts on 7 <sup>th</sup> July and the newly improved and extended Jim Clark Motorsport Museum officially opens to the public on 11 <sup>th</sup> July, both are expected to attract many visitors to the area.  A renewal of the planters and a more vibrant colour impact will benefit both the local shops and cafes and help attract tourists to the town.
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	There is already an active gardening group in Duns planting up a number of existing flower beds welcoming residents and visitors to the town.  The new planters would be planted and maintained by volunteers.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	The project group have contributed towards one planter and are actively sourcing additional funding from local businesses, with contributions already being made.
What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	The planters will remain and be maintained by local volunteers (through A Heart for Duns and Duns Community Council).  Fund raising in the form of donations from local groups, as well as the annual Spring plant sale, ensure the cost of replacing plants when necessary is covered.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes.
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes.

<b>SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b>
Recommend to approve to the value of £1,925 and to explore opportunities with the local Men's Shed in the supply/provision of wooden planters for other suitable sites in the town.