

UNAUDITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL COMMON GOOD FUNDS

Charity Registration Number: SC031538

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2020

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FOREWORD

The implementation of the audit and reporting requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) requires that full audited accounts for this Charity are prepared.

The Charity comprises of the twelve Common Good Funds within Scottish Borders Council, each holding property which it is responsible for maintaining, with many distributing grants to local causes which are eligible within its charitable purpose.

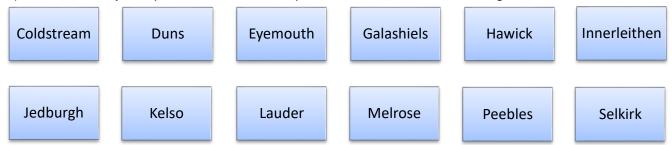
Each Common Good Fund within the charity has financial investments and / or property assets; the operational management of which is overseen by individual Sub-Committees of Elected Members from the relevant ward(s), supported by officers from the Council.

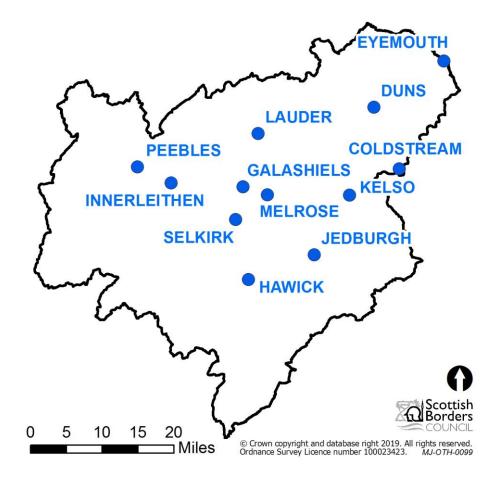
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Structure

a) The Charity comprises a number of separate funds for the former Burghs of:





b) Each fund is administered by a Sub-Committee of Elected Members representing the Council wards in which each Burgh is situated.

Charitable Purpose

- •The charitable purposes of the Common Good Funds are that, subject to their legal responsibilities in terms of any assets held by the charities, the **funds are operated for the common good of the residents** of the aforesaid former Burghs and may be used to **provide advancement of citizenship or community development**.
- •In respect of those funds which have land and property, the Trustees recognise their obligations to ensure that these assets are maintained.

Summary of the Main Activities

- •The Charity has taken steps to ensure that the **assets of the Funds are properly managed and accounted for**. Quarterly budget monitoring reports have been prepared for consideration by the Trustees forming the Working Group for each individual Burgh and the minutes of these meetings reported to the full Council in terms of the Code of Governance.
- •Maintenance work has been approved and carried out on fixed assets and responses made to applications for financial assistance as detailed in the Notes to the Financial Statements on page 15.
- •Most of the individual funds have made donations to eligible beneficiaries in their Burghs with a total of £171,220 being paid out in the year.
- •In line with the Accounting Policy-Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation, all Common Good assets were revalued as at 1 April 2019 with a net gain of £3,481k showing in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Plans for the Future

- •The Common Good Funds will continue to maintain their heritable assets and will look to maximise their income from any of these assets which are let commercially. Where assets are used by third parties towards the Common Good of the Burgh then rental levels may reflect this aspect of the tenants' activity.
- •Where funds permit, the Common Good Funds will look to make grants to organisations in their Burghs which will provide benefit to the Burgh residents, as approved by the individual Common Good Committees.

Governance and Management

Type of Governing Documents

- a) The overarching governance of the Charity is the principle of statute and common law. The statutory framework is the successive Acts from the Common Good Act 1491 through to the Local Government Scotland Act 1994, with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 provisions still in force, and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003. Cognisance is also to be taken of the various judicial opinions in case law governing the treatment of Common Goods.
- b) The funds are governed by Trustee's in line with the Local Code of Corporate Governance of Scottish Borders Council, consideration being given to:

Financial Regulations Code of Corporate Governance Procedural Standing Orders

Scheme of Administration

Scheme of Delegation

- c) When considering any action in connection with the Common Good Funds the Trustees have regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good formerly related.
- d) The financial statements comply with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

There is no recruitment process. Appointment is by virtue of election to the Council and the relevant ward, i.e. those wards covering former Burgh areas and in terms of the Council's Code of Governance.

Financial Review

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements and the charity's governing document.

The applications of the Funds are detailed in the Notes to the Accounts.

Reserves

The charity has considered the reserves required and have taken into account its current and future liabilities, ensuring reserves will be maintained at a level sufficient to respond to:

- all approved applications for grants
- all financial obligations in respect of properties owned by the charity, where relevant, and
- all support and governance costs.

At 31 March 2020, the reserves of the Common Good Funds amounted to:

- Restricted Income Funds £3,442k
- Revaluation Reserves £12,820k

Investments

Per the Council's Common Good and Trust Fund investment strategy the main balance of funds are invested in the Kames Capital Diversified Income Fund.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name Scottish Borders Council Common Good Funds

Charity registration number SC031538

Business Address Council HQ

Newtown St Boswells

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Trustees

The Trustees of this charity for the year to 31 March 2020 were the duly elected members of Scottish Borders Council (the Council), a local authority constituted under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994, at that time. These were:

Sandy Aitchison	Andy Anderson	Heather Anderson
Stuart Bell	Jim Brown	Kris Chapman
Kevin Drum (to 7 March 2020)	Gordon Edgar	Jim Fullarton
John Greenwell	Carol Hamilton	Scott Hamilton
Shona Haslam	Euan Jardine	Helen Laing
Stuart Marshall	Watson McAteer	Tom Miers
Donald Moffat	Simon Mountford	David Parker
Caroline Penman	David Paterson	Clair Ramage
Neil Richards	Euan Robson	Mark Rowley
Harry Scott	Sandy Scott	Eric Small
Robin Tatler	Elaine Thornton-Nicol	George Turnbull
Tom Weatherston		

Chief Executive The Chief Executive of Scottish Borders Council is Tracey Logan.

Auditor Audit Scotland

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Professional support

The Council provides the Administrative, Legal and Financial support and advice to the Common Good Funds which is recognised within *Other: governance costs* in the financial statements. All financial transactions go through the Council's books of account and their Bankers are the Bank of Scotland, Galashiels.

Shona Haslam Trustee Scottish Borders Council Common Good Funds 23 June 2020

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRS102, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the trustees:

- > Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- > State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- State where applicable, whether the financial statements comply with the trust deeds and rules, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- > Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the rules of the charity and within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that Act. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial and other information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2020

2018/19 £'000		2019/20 £'000	Notes
	Income from:		
4	Donations and legacies	5	1
154	Investments	172	2
243	Charitable activities	396	3
401	Total Income	573	
	Expenditure on:		
(431)	Raising funds	(684)	
(101)	Charitable activities	(171)	
(48)	Other: governance costs	(52)	5
(580)	Total Expenditure	(907)	4
28	Gains / (losses) on investment assets – unrealised	(435)	7, 12
(151)	Net Income / (Expenditure)	(769)	
	Other Recognised Gains / (Losses)		
0	Gains on Revaluation of Fixed Assets	3,481	6
1	Recognition of Investments	17	
(150)	Net Movement in Funds	2,729	
	Reconciliation of Funds		
13,683	Total funds brought forward	13,533	
13,533	Total Funds Carried Forward	16,262	12, 13

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2020

as at 31 March 2019				l March 20	Notes
£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	
		Long Term Assets			
		Tangible fixed assets:			6
10,465		- Land & buildings	13,435		
25		- Heritage assets	25		
2,780		Investments	2,335		7
24		Long term loan to third party	55		8
	13,294	Total Long Term Assets		15,850	
		Current Assets			
99		Debtors	58		9
155		Short term investment in SBC loans fund	401		10
	254	Total Current Assets		459	
		Current Liabilities			
		Creditors:			
	(15)	Amounts falling due within 1 year		(47)	11
	239	Net Current Assets		412	
	13,533	Total Net Assets		16,262	
		The Funds of the Charity			
	(3,683)	Restricted income funds		(3,442)	12
	(9,850)	Revaluation reserve		(12,820)	13
	(13,533)	Total Charity Funds		(16,262)	

All income and expenditure transactions derive from continuing activities.

The Accounting Policies on pages 12 and 13 and the Notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these Financial Statements.

The unaudited accounts were issued on 23 June 2020.

David Robertson CPFA Executive Director, Finance & Regulatory 23 June 2020

CASH FLOW STATEMENT as at 31 March 2020

The Cash Flow Statement shows how the Common Good Funds generate and use cash as classified into operating, investing and financing activities. The amount of cash held by Common Good Funds at the year-end is always nil, as all surplus cash is invested in the short term, in the SBC Loans Fund.

as at 31 March 2019			as at 31 March 2020		Notes
£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	
		Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
	(176)	Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		95	14
	ı	Cash flows from Investing Activities			
154		Dividends and Interest	172		
0		(Purchase) of tangible fixed assets	0		
(93)		(Purchase)/Disposal of investments	10		
104		Movement in short term investments	(246)		
	165	Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(64)	
		Cash flows from Financing Activities			
11		Cash Received from Loans	(31)		
	11	Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		(31)	
	0	Net Movement in Cash		0	

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS102, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Funds Structure

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include the designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Income Recognition

Under FRS102, income is recognised when its receipt is "probable", rather than "virtually certain", which was the case under the previous Charities SORP 2005.

Full recognition criteria are:

- Entitlement control over the rights or other access to the economic benefit has passed to the charity
- Probable it is more likely than not that the economic benefits will flow to the charity
- Measurement the monetary value or amount of the income and the costs to complete the transactions can be measured reliably

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

- Donations and grants are recorded as expenditure when the activity they relate to takes place, regardless of when applications are approved.
- Where income and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the balance sheet.
- Income and expenditure are credited and debited to the relevant revenue account, unless they properly represent capital receipts or capital expenditure.

Donations & Legacies

All donations and gifts are included within incoming resources under Restricted Funds. Donations and Gifts in Kind are brought into the financial statements at their market value to the charity.

Resources Expended

Resources expended are analysed between charitable activities, costs of raising funds and governance costs. Charitable activities include all direct costs and other support costs.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets, comprising land & buildings and heritage assets, with a value greater than £5,000, having a value to the business greater than one year, other than those acquired for the purpose of specific projects, are capitalised.

Where purchased, Heritage assets are held at acquisition cost, and for donations the initial valuation is used as the deemed cost, removing the need for subsequent valuations. These Heritage assets are deemed to have indeterminable lives and accordingly depreciation is not charged.

Land is held at current valuation and is not depreciated. All land and buildings are subject to revaluation every five years, with the last revaluation being undertaken in 2019/20. Depreciation is charged on all tangible fixed assets other than land and heritage assets at a rate which will reduce the current value of the asset to its residual value over the remaining effective life of the asset.

Investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their market value as at the balance sheet date using closing quoted market price.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between market value at the beginning and the end of the financial year, or if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and market value at the end of the financial year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds and cost.

Short Term Investments

Short Term Investments are current asset investments which are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are either convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying values. Short Term Investments comprise of call deposits with the Council.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Donations and Legacies

2018/19 £'000		2019/20 £'000
0	Coldstream	0
0	Duns	0
0	Eyemouth	0
0	Galashiels	0
1	Hawick	1
0	Innerleithen	0
1	Jedburgh	1
1	Kelso	1
0	Lauder	1
0	Melrose	0
0	Peebles	0
1	Selkirk	1
4		5

2 Income from Investments

2018/19		2019/20
£000		£'000
2	Bank Interest Receivable from SBC Loans Fund	2
152	Income from Investment Portfolio	170
154		172

3 Analysis of Charitable Income

Charitable income is comprised of rental income for properties which are owned by Common Good Funds and let commercially; as well as income from the sale of trees from the Burgh Woodlands in Hawick of £164k causing a large increase from the prior year.

2018/19 £'000		2019/20 £'000
0	Coldstream	0
0	Duns	0
0	Eyemouth	0
0	Galashiels	0
115	Hawick	268
0	Innerleithen	0
0	Jedburgh	0
0	Kelso	0
11	Lauder	12
0	Melrose	0
56	Peebles	55
61	Selkirk	61
243		396

4 Analysis of Charitable Expenditure

2018/19 Total		Activities Undertaken Directly	Support and Governance Costs	Property Cost & Depreciation	2019/20 Total
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
9	Coldstream	0	0	10	10
0	Duns	0	1	0	1
0	Eyemouth	0	0	0	0
39	Galashiels	0	2	55	57
151	Hawick	63	13	201	277
17	Innerleithen	0	0	31	31
31	Jedburgh	37	4	12	53
47	Kelso	2	2	59	63
27	Lauder	15	10	34	59
3	Melrose	0	0	4	4
73	Peebles	26	9	113	148
183	Selkirk	28	11	165	204
580		171	52	684	907

5 Governance Costs

Governance costs are comprised of a recharge from SBC and reflect the cost of the proportionate administration, finance, and legal time spent on Common Good funds. The fee for the external audit of the charity is charged against Scottish Borders Council General Fund and notionally recharged to the Common Good Funds, recognised under Governance Costs. This fee amounted to £3,500 in 2019/20. A notional grant from SBC to cover the full cost is recognised under Donations and legacies. No Trustee remuneration or other expenses were incurred.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

The change in the value of tangible fixed assets has been driven by the following movements:

As at 31 March		As at 31 March 2020			
2019 Total		Surplus/(Loss) on Revaluation	Depreciation	Total	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	
216	Coldstream	70	10	276	
0	Duns	0	0	0	
2	Eyemouth	0	0	2	
518	Galashiels	218	54	682	
3,518	Hawick	1,005	93	4,430	
256	Innerleithen	289	31	514	
442	Jedburgh	110	11	541	
713	Kelso	283	59	937	
983	Lauder	338	26	1,295	
32	Melrose	0	4	28	
766	Peebles	169	83	852	
3,044	Selkirk	999	140	3,903	
10,490		3,481	511	13,460	

Tangible fixed assets are broken down between Land & buildings and Heritage assets as follows:

As at 31 March		As at 31 March 2020			
2019 Total		Land & Buildings at Net Book Value	Heritage Assets	Total Long Term Assets	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	
216	Coldstream	276	0	276	
0	Duns	0	0	0	
2	Eyemouth	2	0	2	
518	Galashiels	682	0	682	
3,518	Hawick	4,427	3	4,430	
256	Innerleithen	514	0	514	
442	Jedburgh	541	0	541	
713	Kelso	918	19	937	
983	Lauder	1,295	0	1,295	
32	Melrose	28	0	28	
766	Peebles	850	2	852	
3,044	Selkirk	3,902	1	3,903	
10,490		13,435	25	13,460	

7 Investments

All investments are through regulated funds or are traded on a recognised investment exchange.

At 31 March 2020 all investments were with the Kames Capital plc Diversified Monthly Income Fund. As a result of the COVID-19, global markets across most asset classes have seen a drop, resulting in an unrealised loss for 2019/20. Investment amounts and unrealised losses on these investments at 31 March 2020, per Common Good Fund are detailed below:

As at 31 March		As at 31 March 2020			
2019 Total Investment		Additional Investments / (Disinvestment)	Kames Unrealised Loss	Total Investment	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	
0	Coldstream	0	0	0	
17	Duns	0	(2)	15	
0	Eyemouth	0	0	0	
160	Galashiels	0	(25)	135	
460	Hawick	0	(73)	387	
0	Innerleithen	0	0	0	
910	Jedburgh	0	(143)	767	
267	Kelso	0	(42)	225	
250	Lauder	0	(39)	211	
0	Melrose	10	(2)	8	
447	Peebles	20	(74)	393	
269	Selkirk	(40)	(35)	194	
2,780		(10)	(435)	2,335	

8 Long Term Loan to Third Party

Balance at 31 March 2019 £'000		Advances paid out £'000	Repayments received £'000	Balance at 31 March 2020 £'000
21 3	Jedburgh Lauder	0 0	6 3	15 0
0	Peebles	40	0	40
24		40	9	55

9 Debtors

2018/19		2019/20
£'000		£'000
30	Trade debtors	35
67	Prepayments and accrued income	11
2	Other debtors	12
99		58

10 Short Term Investments in SBC Loans Fund

All surplus cash invested on behalf of the charity with Scottish Borders Council

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

2018/19		2019/20
£'000		£'000
0	Grants payable	30
15	Accruals and deferred income	17
15		47

12 Restricted Income Funds

Balance at 31 March 2019 £'000		SOFA Surplus / (Loss)	Unrealised movement on investment assets	Balance at 31 March 2020 £'000
122	Coldstream	0	0	122
18	Duns	0	2	16
1	Eyemouth	0	0	1
320	Galashiels	5	25	300
638	Hawick	108	73	673
135	Innerleithen	0	0	135
1,002	Jedburgh	5	143	864
297	Kelso	10	42	265
302	Lauder	(7)	39	256
18	Melrose	18	2	34
562	Peebles	13	74	501
268	Selkirk	42	35	275
3,683		194	435	3,442

13 Revaluation Reserve

Balance at 31 March 2019 £'000		Gain on Revaluation of Fixed Assets £'000	SOFA Surplus / (Loss) £'000	Balance at 31 March 2020 £'000
94	Coldstream	70	(10)	154
0	Duns	0	0	0
1	Eyemouth	0	0	1
365	Galashiels	218	(54)	529
3,384	Hawick	1,005	(93)	4,296
121	Innerleithen	289	(31)	379
439	Jedburgh	110	(11)	538
713	Kelso	283	(59)	937
980	Lauder	338	(26)	1,292
14	Melrose	0	(4)	10
716	Peebles	169	(83)	802
3,023	Selkirk	999	(140)	3,882
9,850		3,481	(511)	12,820

14 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from Operating Activities

2018/19 £'000		2019/20 £'000
(150)	Net income/(expenditure) for the year ended 31 March	2,729
	Adjustments for:	
275	Depreciation charges	511
(28)	(Gains) / losses on Investments	435
(154)	Dividends and interest	(172)
(45)	(Increase) / decrease in debtors	41
(74)	Increase / (decrease) in creditors	32
0	Other non-cash item (revaluation of fixed assets)	(3,481)
(176)	Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	95

15 Contingent Assets

The charity granted a secured grant to Jedburgh Golf Club in 2004 to purchase land. The grant is to be written down over 20 years. If during this period the land is sold the balance of the remaining funds are to be returned to the charity.

16 Related Party Transactions

Due to the nature of the operations and composition of the Common Good Funds (Trustees are comprised of Elected Council Members of Scottish Borders Council), Scottish Borders Council is registered as a related party. Transactions with Scottish Borders Council for the year under review are listed below:

	£
Interest received on funds invested in SBC Loans Fund	2,094
Service Charge paid for central administrative support	(48,832)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the trustees of Scottish Borders Council Common Good Funds and the Accounts Commission for Scotland

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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