

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF2021-BER-10

Organisation Name: Ayton Heritage

Funding Requested: £2,538

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	SCIO		
Annual Accounts Balance	£1,078		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? AH paid for a bat survey in September costing £703.60 so their current balance is £374.40			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Have they recently applied to the Common Good Fund? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project brief	<p>Ayton Heritage wish to preserve the ruins of the 12th Century St Dionysius in Ayton Kirkyard. It was the Parish Church until 1867 when the current Church was built. The old Church is of historical importance as it was the location for several treaties being signed between Scotland and England during the 14th and 15 Centuries.</p> <p>Ayton Heritage are seeking funding to cover the fees of a conversation architect to provide drawings, the project methodology and estimated costs of preserving the ruin.</p>
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	2021
Total Expenditure (£)	£2,820
Community Fund Request (£)	£2,538

10% organisation contribution	£282	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input 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	
Action Plan priorities	The project meets the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and make the most of existing tourism opportunities • Encourage leisure/cultural activities to be as accessible as possible 	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>Ayton Local History Society organised a public meeting In June 2019 to determine if there was public support for addressing concerns about the state of the church ruin which included ivy covering the building. Over 30 residents attended and the establishment of Ayton Heritage followed. Their task is to take forward this project.</p> <p>Historic Environment Scotland agreed to an application to include this project in their Adopt a Monument Scheme run by Archaeology Scotland. Ayton Heritage volunteers have removed three tons of ivy in order to allow a conservation architect to assess the structure.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>Ayton Heritage are supported by an Officer from Archaeology Scotland. Volunteers have been involved in surveying techniques and building interpretation under the guidance of Archaeology Scotland. This project will provide opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills associated with conservation, building interpretation and historical research.</p> <p>Once preservation work is complete, there will be building interpretation and historical research carried out allowing local residents, visitors, family historians and any other interested party, the ability to learn about the significance of the Church and village.</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	<p>The project has developed out of consultation with local residents. Ayton Local History Society paid for Sasine searches to be carried out by the Registers of Scotland to identify ownership but this did not result in any ownership being established.</p>

What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	Enquiries have been submitted to the Architecture Heritage Fund, Barcapal Foundation, Robert Barr Charitable Trust and the Hugh Fraser Foundation for future funding. Ayton Heritage have already paid for an ecology assessment to be completed.
How will the impact and success of the project be measured? What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	When the architect has completed their work, Ayton Heritage will submit grant applications to fund the architect to tender documents for the proposed works plus the full cost of preservation work on the ruin, including the long term care and ongoing maintenance required. If any planning permissions are required, an application will need to be submitted to SBC Planning department.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	SBC has granted consent as far as it can as owners of the churchyard in terms of section 32 of the 1925 Act, to the repairs which Ayton Heritage seek to carry out to

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the Community Fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

Scottish Government coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance must be adhered to with a protocol for safe participation in the programme and use of resources developed, and all participants agreeing to adhere to this protocol.

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- *The findings of the architect and next steps*