

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2019/20*

*Please note this is a fund of last resort – you will need to demonstrate to the Common Good Fund Committee that you have tried to secure funding from other sources.

Applicant Group/Organisation:	Hawick Volunteers Group
Name of your project:	Hornshole Re-wilding
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Hawick Common Good Fund

Summarise what you want to use this funding for *(max. 100 words)*

The Hornshole site is of major importance to Hawick. The site now belongs to Hawick and needs major regeneration. Plans are to “re-wild” the site more befitting of its history dating back to 1514.

Initial budgeted costs for necessary works may appear high, however the planting programme is designed to future proof the site to reduce annual maintenance costs to the Hawick Common Good fund substantially, with works undertaken for free by the Hawick Volunteers Group once the site is established.

The site will become a main feature in plans afoot to create a “Return from Hornshole Trail” increasing visitor numbers to the town.

Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the former Burgh *(max. 200 words)*

The Volunteers Group has engaged with The Paul Hogarth Company (TPHC), Landscape Architects, to outline and cost initial works to “re-wild” the site. All proposed works are as outlined in TPHC’s Masterplan and Budget Cost Plan provided.

Some of the works, as indicated in the Budget Cost Plan, will be carried out at no cost by the Hawick Volunteers Group itself and by McLaughlin & Harvey, with other Hawick Clubs and individuals providing monetary sponsorship, all towards reducing the overall project costs. Sponsored works to date account for 59.41% of total project costs. Any additional sponsorship gained will be subtracted from the requested funding from Hawick Common Good fund.

Once all works are completed, the appointed Contractor will be responsible for the first year’s growth and any necessary remedial works required to ensure established re-wilding is achieved. The Volunteers Group will assume responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the site thereafter, which is considered will be required twice yearly.

Hornshole will be the culmination point of a Return from Hornshole Trail - a truly colourful spectacle befitting of attracting further tourism interest to the town, benefitting our economy as well as having other benefits as identified below.

Tell us how your project will be sustainable in the future (max. 100 words)

The proposed re-wilding of Hornshole is far more than just a trendy facelift. It aims to replicate the award-winning schools' bio-diversity project, for which TPHC recently won a top industry award.

Contact has been made with some of the local primary schools who are already planning projects. Hornshole will become a base for natural history initiatives reconnecting our younger people with nature and eco-sustainability. Hawick's children then become the messengers of these fun, green learning modules, taking the projects back to their immediate families and out into the wider community.

Expenditure: Please tell us how much money you need for the entire activity/project (you may be asked to provide up to 3 quotes to support your application)

Item of Expenditure	Cost (£)
Please see attached Budget Cost Plan for this project	
Total Expenditure	£33,073.90
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£13,424.00
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	Budget Cost Plan & Masterplan provided

Have you received funding in the last 5 years from Scottish Borders Council or any other external funders? If so, please detail the fund name, the amount and the purpose of the grant.

Fund	Amount	Purpose
No		

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.

	Amount	Purpose
Total sponsored as per Budget Cost Plan	£14,299.90	Sponsors as per Budget Cost Plan
Additional Sponsorship to date:		The Chair has successfully approached these individual Sponsors for a contribution to the funding of this project and has undertaken for the Volunteers Group to carry out works as per Item 7 on the Budget Cost Plan.
Hawick Common Riding Committee	£5,000.00	
Future Hawick	£ 250.00	
Item 7 on Plan to be covered by Volunteers	£ 100.00	The Chair will continue to explore other funding opportunities, and any further sponsorship received will be subtracted from the requested funding from Hawick Common Good.

Individual/Group/Organisation details:

Contact Name:	Mr John G Hogg
Position in Group/Org: (if appropriate)	Chair
Home Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Date:	20 th November 2020
Signature:	

What does your organisation do and who does it support? If appropriate. (max. 100 words)

The Group is formed of members from 10 Clubs throughout the town, to support one another in each other's activities.

In addition, during the pandemic, the volunteers have been heavily involved in tidying up many areas of the town, including de-weeding and tidying at Trinity Gardens, area around the Horse Monument, the High Street, the Tower Knowe area including the Civic Space, Station Bridge, Drumlanrig Gardens and the War Memorial at Wilton Lodge Park.

Any group requiring assistance can call upon the Volunteers Group for their help and support. All Clubs are then contacted by the Chair and necessary numbers of volunteers arranged to carry out the task in hand. There are no shortage of volunteers willing to help.

Equalities

Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes No

The Group comes under the auspices of the Hawick Common Riding Committee, who have an Equality Statement

Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010

The Contract will be subject to open tender.

Safeguarding

Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes No

If yes what public protection policies do you have in place and how often are these reviewed? Please provide a copy of these or give full details below.

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Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes No

If yes do you have the following? (please tick relevant)

Hornshole land belongs to Hawick Common Good

A lease agreement (Date of lease and duration years)

Written permission of owner

Planning permission (Reference No.)

Common Good Funds

Common Good Funds in Scotland originated in the 15th century and are the assets and income of some of the former Burghs. They can represent a substantial portfolio of land, property, some moveable items and investments and by law continue to exist for the benefit of the inhabitants of the former Burghs to which they relate. Scottish Borders Council is the owner of these Funds and each Fund has a sub-committee comprising the relevant local Councillors who make the decisions on the management of the Fund's assets and approval of any requests for funding (up to a limit of £20,000 above which full Council approval is required).

If you are successful in being awarded Common Good Funds, you will be asked to complete a monitoring & evaluation form when your project is complete or within 1 year of receiving funding. Future applications will not be considered until this has been received and the Common Good Fund Sub-Committee are satisfied with the evaluation you have provided.