

2020/2021 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF2021-BER-1

Organisation Name: Reston & Auchencrow Community Council

Funding Requested: £10,000

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Community Council		
Annual Accounts Balance	£167.45 (March 2020)		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Funds received to date for the play park are ring-fenced.			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
SBC Funds received	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Quality of Life	2018/19	£2,000	Noticeboard
Community Council Grant	2019/20	£630	
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Community Council Grant	2017/18	£630	
Have they applied for Common Good Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	Reston & Auchencrow CC would like to make significant improvements to the existing play park in the village of Reston. The improvements will allow better access to the play equipment for children or all ages and abilities. Reston & Auchencrow CC are seeking funding to purchase play park equipment.
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	2021

Total Expenditure (£)	£72,647	
Community Fund Request (£)	£10,000	
10% organisation contribution	£1,000	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	£10,500	Reston & Auchencrow CC - agreed
	£10,000	Foundation Scotland - agreed
	£8,000	Donation, through Foundation Scotland - agreed
	£25,000	Viridor - Stage 2 pending Jan 2021
	£10,000	Lottery - agreed
	£10,000	Robertson Trust – unsuccessful
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" 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	
Berwickshire Action Plan priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in and create community facilities and spaces. • Support local community capacity building, in particular local volunteers (utilising their skills and expertise) • Encourage leisure/cultural facilities to be as accessible as possible (convenient, affordable, time of day) • Work with local communities on regenerating and reimagining their local places (town centres, village halls, play areas etc.) 	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>In 2019 Reston Parent Council carried out a consultation within the Primary School to find out what the children would like to change/improve in the area of Reston to help improve their well-being. The children feedback that the play park was 'old and boring', looked in poor condition and did not have the equipment they wanted to use. They wanted this to be an area of the village that was improved. Working alongside Reston Parent Council, Reston & Auchencrow CC organised an open evening in the village hall to discuss what improvements people would like to see in the village. This also resulted in concerns being raised about the poor state of the play park and the fact that it is not fully accessible to all. Requests were made for the play park to be improved.</p> <p>Reston & Auchencrow organised a further open evening which play equipment suppliers attended providing residents with the opportunity to engage in discussions about how the play park</p>

	<p>could be improved. Over 60 people voted for their favourite play park design that evening and further votes were secured during a period of 1 week when the play park designs were displayed in the village shop.</p> <p>Reston has a population of</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>Reston community council wish to support Scotland's strategy for play, <i>Scottish Government, (2013)</i> by helping to make Scotland the best place to grow up through valuing the benefits of play and by supporting play areas designed in partnership with children and young people.</p> <p>The hope is that the play park project will encourage community engagement, improve the mental health of children and adults, promote resilience and encourage physical activity, cognitive development and social development. With an updated, fully accessible play park, Reston & Auchencrow expect to see an increase in the number of families and children who access the park frequently. It will provide a community space for local groups and services to use for example the nursery and Reston Primary School and local residents will feel an increase in pride in their area for what has been achieved.</p> <p>A new play park will also encourage people from other areas to visit opening up the opportunity for them to explore the surrounding countryside walk ways and community garden.</p> <p>A car park is adjacent to the play park and has a suitable surface for wheelchairs and mobility vehicles. The park can be reached easily by children within the village either by walking or cycling and pavements have designated crossing areas.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The public will chose the equipment to be installed in the park in consultation with play park equipment suppliers.</p> <p>Reston & Auchencrow CC has worked with SBC throughout this process. SBC supports the CC's ambition to improve the play park and a formal agreement is in place. Due to budget constraints, SBC are not able to fund any renovation works at the play park currently or in the foreseeable future.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Reston & Auchencrow CC have secured £38,500 in funding and have applications pending with others funders. If funding is secured funding from Viridor and the Community Fund, this would provide them with the monies required to complete the project. Reston & Auchencrow held two events prior to Covid-19 where £227 was raised. They plan to continue with public fundraising events once Covid-19 restrictions are eased.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The new play park will have a 10 year maintenance package agreed with the play equipment supplier, including replacement parts. The park will be regularly inspected by SBC as it is currently and assisted by Reston & Auchencrow CC members. Anyone using the park will be encouraged to report any issues and defects to local council members.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes
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SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

We would seek the group to particularly report on:

- Number of people involved in helping design and develop the new play park
- Range of equipment provided and the benefits of this equipment
- Improvement in venue accessibility
- Usage of the play park
- What partners were involved and did it lead to new opportunities
- Improved integration in the community