

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2020/21*

*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:	Peebles County Cricket Club
Name of your project:	The development of cricket as a sport in Peebles
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Peebles Common Good Fund

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

The club was formed in 1857 and has been part of the town since then. We have a First XI that competes in the East of Scotland Leagues, but our focus has been, and is, upon the development of junior cricket for all ages from six upwards. We coach juniors weekly and arrange matches for them during the season; the costs of coaching, travel, equipment and pitch fees have all been met by club members and parents of the juniors. Before the cancellation of the 2020 season, we had 38 junior members (28 boys and 10 girls)

We have always been self-sustaining, through a combination of membership fees and sponsorship; to this point we have never previously requested grant support from any organisation.

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

The impact of COVID and the lockdown has been dramatic for the club. No cricket was played at any level in 2020, so no income from membership fees. Some were able to contribute, but many are self-employed or furloughed and so could not. Likewise previous sponsors were unable to offer such help due to business constraints.

We received no relief from SBC in terms of lease costs and we are responsible for repairs to the pavilion. At this moment, therefore, we require support to fund basic costs and enable juniors and seniors to play cricket this coming summer.

Summarise how the outcomes of the project will be measured/evaluated (max. 100 words)

The outcome will be a fully functioning cricket club, with a thriving junior section for all ages and sexes, and teams competing in senior and junior competitions as Peebles County Cricket Club. Our ambition is that our junior players eventually become the senior First XI and that, longer term, we will field more than one team to represent the town.

Immediate outcomes will be the payment of bills to cover ground and pavilion lease, pavilion repairs, insurance, league fees and equipment renewal. We will use all reserves we have but these will not be sufficient.

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

As indicated above, the immediate difference will be to allow the club to survive by paying outstanding and short-term future bills. Although we do all the work ourselves, it will allow us to purchase the materials to prepare the ground for the coming season and to improve the pavilion for our own and opposition players.

The club offers the opportunity for all ages and abilities to enjoy outdoor sport; new members, junior or senior, are warmly welcomed and given the opportunity to play cricket with qualified and registered coaches.

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

As stated previously, we have never requested support funding before. We have self-sustained through individual membership fees, individual match fees, external sponsorship and fundraising (quiz nights, bag packing etc) and occasionally, through bequests.

Like all sports clubs, we will need to double our efforts to encourage funding, particularly from sponsors although this will be difficult in these times. However, we have always stated our need to be self-sustaining, without recourse to loans or grants, and we do not intend to alter our approach to this, so most of our funding will come from the members.

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 (£)
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Ground rental and maintenance (£1500), Pavilion rental, repair & maintenance (£750), and equipment (mower) service and repair (£100)	2350
Insurance	350
Contribution to Borders Cricket Youth Worker	250
Total Expenditure	2950
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	2600
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	Attached

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
Sports Foundation Scotland	£4,250	Purchase of a new mower (the existing one was destroyed in the flooding the previous winter)
N/A		

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.		
	Amount	Purpose
Odd Shaped Ball (2019 & 2020)	£1050	Funding for junior equipment & clothing
Sponsorship from Burns & Shaw Surveyors, Cormack Consultancy Group, and Shukria Restaurant. All to cover 2018 & 2019	£1620	Playing equipment for senior players, ground maintenance, match balls.
In 'normal' years we have also undertaken fundraising events such as supermarket bag packing (a good way to engage the younger members and families), quiz nights, race nights, joint events with other sporting and charity organisations, including quiz nights and auctions. In 2018, we were also gifted a £1,000 as a one donation by the sister of a recently deceased player, in recognition of the importance that the club played in his life.		Funds we generate through these activities go towards the running costs of the club, purchase and renewal of equipment, cost of membership for competitions, ground maintenance and equipment, and repairs to, and upkeep of, the pavilion.

Individual/Group/Organisation details:	
Contact Name:	Steven Slater
Position in Group/Org:	Chair and Club Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer

(if appropriate)	
Home Address:	
Post Code:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Date:	
Signature:	

Equalities

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

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

Although we do not have a specific EOP, we have a detailed Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy, based upon Cricket Scotland guidance. A copy of this is issued to all senior players and all parents of juniors. Although specifically relating to juniors, we issue to all members as it covers the key categories identified in the Equality Act 2010 as it relates to sport: age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief and/or sexual identity (Policy Statement: Underpinning Principles, #4). The Policy, as required by the Equality Act, also has specific sections of bullying/harassing, behaviour, discipline and a grievance & complaints procedure. These categories and policies are equally relevant for and applicable to adult members.

Public Protection

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.

Please see above the section on the Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy. The CWPO (Steven Slater) has been trained and accredited by Liveborders to undertake this role. All those who work with juniors have been PVG checked – their accreditation will be renewed this year, 2021. A copy of the Policy is attached to this application.

Permissions

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

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

- 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 current/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.

This completed form and supporting documents should be submitted to Louise McGeoch, Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: lmcgeoch@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone: 01835 825005