

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund - Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details:

Organisation name	Eyemouth Enhancement Group					
Organisation structure	Constituted Community Group					
Application reference	BBBB-BER-03					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
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Project start date	October 2021			Project end date	Ongoing	

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£1441.48
Current bank balance	£913.69
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£413.69
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£950.00

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
Comment:		

Eyemouth Enhancement Group is proposing to purchase a new lawn tractor that will enable them to reduce the time it takes to cut areas and increase the amount of pathways it is currently responsible for maintaining, this will in turn:

- Increase the number of pathways in and around the town for local residents and visitors alike to make use of in order to increase their physical activity and by association mental health and general wellbeing.
- Increase the capacity of the group through taking on additional responsibility for their local area.
- Provide opportunities for individuals to come and participate in maintaining pathways and greenspace.
- Maintain the BMX track on behalf of Eyemouth Community Council

The existing mower will continue to be available for use by groups in the local area.

The Enhancement Group has engaged with other groups in the town, including the local walking group and Beavers as well as individuals. All are supportive of improving the network of pathways to facilitate increased walking activity. This reflects the Vision for Eyemouth's theme of Living in a Healthy Town. It will also contribute to the Eyemouth Whole Systems Approach, which aims to increase healthy weight across the local population, and the identified priority of utilising outdoor spaces for activities for children and families.

The Group works closely with Eyemouth High School (EHS), a Memorandum of Understanding is in place, and provide opportunities for older students to work with them. The group is working with Eyemouth High School's Horticultural Department and aims to create three opportunities per term for older students to be trained to use horticulture equipment. Four students were involved during 2019/20.

During Covid the group successfully applied for a grant from Fallago Environment Fund to widen local paths to take account of the needs for social distancing and creating improved outdoor spaces for people. The positive feedback has led the group to explore expanding maintenance to other pathways and link with coastal paths (which are currently being rebuilt to make them accessible for mobility scooters) and cycle paths.

The group has taken on the process resulting from a Participation Request, made under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 by Eyemouth Community Council, in place to cut some of the green spaces in Eyemouth. This releases some SBC staff resource (Parks & Environment) to undertake additional maintenance in other areas in the town. They are also engaged with SBC's Access Rangers.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:
Eyemouth Enhancement Group aims to improve the appearance and usability of paths and greenspaces in and around the town for everyone to enjoy.

During the pandemic everyone was limited to the amount of time they could exercise in public spaces while some were required to shield. The need for safe, accessible outdoor space is more important now than ever before as the country has moved from responding to the pandemic to recovering from it.

A wider network of accessible pathways will enable friends/families to socialise while walking together. Picnic areas will also be maintained providing larger outdoor spaces for people to socialise safely.

Access to pathways will benefit fitness groups as well as the general public at a time when increased numbers of people are holidaying in the UK. It is hoped that accessible walking routes will encourage visitors to remain in the town longer providing additional income to local businesses.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Increased access to pathways will improve the local environment, support physical activity and contribute to the general wellbeing of residents and visitors alike.

Engaging with the High School to provide training opportunities will increase the skill set and employability of older students as well as opportunities to engage with adults outside of their own network of family and friends.

Eyemouth Enhancement Group was previously a sub group of Eyemouth Community Council and have continued to build on the maintenance and enhancement work when it constituted as an organisation in its own right. In doing so it has built the capacity of those involved who are now running the group outwith the structure of the Community Council.

It is expected that the overall benefit of the project will reduce social isolation for everyone involved whether they be volunteers, students or local residents enjoying the pathways.

The equipment will be available for local groups in the East Berwickshire area to use ensuring best use would be made of what would be a valuable community asset.

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£12,444
10% organisation contribution	£1,244
Request to BBBB	£11,200
Item of expenditure	Cost
ZD1211 Kubota zero turn mower (ex-demo with 1 years manufacture's and 2 year supplier's warranty)	£11,994
Insurance pro rata for six months	£225
Fuel for six months	£225

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
2019/20	Happier Eyemouth – electric street sweepers (Berwickshire Community Fund)	£1,170

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application does not meet the criteria of the BBBB fund as a quote is outstanding. However, it is expected that this will be in place prior to the meeting of the Area Partnership on 2 September.
Comments	The application scores high because it addresses several themes of the Fund.
Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance. • The equipment should be made available for use by other community based organisations. • Appropriate insurance cover must be in place to cover all users.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permissions and risk assessments must be in place.
Recommendations to evaluate impact:	<p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of volunteers• Number of young people engaged with• Additional pathways and greenspaces maintained• Number of groups engaged with• Number of groups able to utilise the equipment