



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	Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park (on behalf of Twelve Towers of Rule Team)					
Organisation structure	SCIO					
Application reference	BBBB-T&L-05					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	September 2021			Project end date	March 2022	

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£3,005.00
Current bank balance	£3,190.54
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£3,190.45
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	N/A

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

Medium

Low

Comment:

The Bedrule Heritage Project is one of the recommended actions from the South of Scotland Enterprise funded feasibility study "Twelve Towers of Rule". Campaign for a Scottish National Park (CSBNP) is the lead applicant and they are seeking funding to commission Archaeology Scotland to undertake an exploratory excavation of the Bedrule Castle site and collate information on the history and story of the land. The fund would pay for staff time and volunteer expenses. Archaeology Scotland would contribute in-kind activity worth £3,600 by providing the equipment required for the archaeological work, free of charge.

Funding would also pay for Archaeology Scotland staff to produce a report on the excavation work as well as the outcomes of sessions that will be held with the local community to share their knowledge/memories/folk lore associated with the project area. Workshops, open days, online sessions, interviews and focus groups will be held to share the learning from the excavation and provide training opportunities for the community. If the project is funded, Archaeology Scotland will run four "Attainment through Archaeology" one day taster sessions in-kind, (to the value of £2200) with a target audience of young people and those who are under employed and living in the Scottish Borders.

CSBNP also intend to create new physical and digital interpretation and signage for the project area including information boards and digital/audio –visual interpretation. Much of this work will be provided in-kind but CSBNP seek funding to employ an artist for specialist art work which will be overseen by Archaeology Scotland. They are also requesting volunteer expenses for those leading the guided walks.

Archaeology Scotland will be responsible for Health and Safety at the site and the required insurances.

[Towers of Rule Research - Bedrule Castle](#)

The Twelve Towers of Rule Team is a volunteer community archaeology and interpretation group centred on the Valley of the Rule (a tributary of the Teviot). Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park and Archaeology Scotland partnered in 2019 to explore the Twelve Towers story and engaged interested individuals and organisations under the title 'Twelve Towers Team'. The team aims to highlight and develop the cultural heritage of the area with an objective of increasing visitor numbers and the quality of the offering, and contributing to understanding of rural Borders history. The group includes landowners, historians, representation from the Scottish Borders Council, Hobkirk Community Council, Historic Environment Scotland, Archaeology Scotland, Ancrum and District Heritage Society, the Scottish Battlefields Trust. It links closely with Clan Associations, Hawick Archaeological Society, the Hawick Reivers Festival, other local people and Community Councils, the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Heriot

Watt University, and Scotland's Castles Association. Jane Bower, Chair of the Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park, coordinates the group.

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

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Providing Covid restrictions allow, there is space for 150 volunteers and 90-120 school children would be involved in the Bedrule Heritage Project with another 80 involved in online talks and 20 in online workshops. Up to 100 visitors per day could attend the Open Days. CSBNP and Archaeology Scotland will be promoting the opportunity through their networks including Community Councils, local historical and archaeology societies, SBC Councillors and individuals. A public meeting is being planned for mid-September in the William Laidlaw Hall, Hobkirk to promote the project. Physical notices and a press release with specified times and places will also be circulated if funding is secured. Archaeology Scotland has an existing list of volunteers, some of whom have participated in the Fulton and Bedrule "Adopt a Monument" workshops and who are keen to be involved in the Bedrule project. Expressions of interest have been received by CSBNP from Hawick, Selkirk and Peebles-based individuals who want to have the opportunity of active involvement. Contact has still to be made with schools.

The Attainment through Archaeology sessions delivered by Archaeology Scotland have space for 60 people to attend. These sessions are intended for young people and those who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic including the under employed and volunteers. The expectation is that young people will enter an 'Activity Agreement' to assist with their learning and mentoring though links are still to be made with SBC's No One Left Behind team to secure this opportunity. Learning for all groups should enhance skills in surveying, measuring, analysing, evaluating and reporting and also increase confidence, team work, relationship building and communication. CSBNP also aim to partner with the Young Archaeologist's Club, Brownies and local youth groups.

A range of paper and digital publications will be created for local, national and international information. It is hoped that by raising the profile of the area as a cultural heritage destination it will help fulfil the tourism potential of the area which would lead to increased employment opportunities.

CSBNP aims to co-ordinate its activities with other local heritage groups, traditional skills groups, walking and cycling clubs. CSBNP is also working the Rough Wooing Trust and other groups interested in the Rough Wooing period of Scottish History to deliver events based on this theme.

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

High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The excavation of the Bedrule Castle site will result in a detailed topographical survey of the site. It is hoped this will generate an improved understanding of this historical period and will can be used to promote visitors to the area. CSBNP believe this will be complimentary to current efforts being undertaken to address tourism in Teviot & Liddesdale and in turn help tackle unemployment and a struggling economy.</p> <p>The evaluation and a project case study will be disseminated online to all funders and stakeholders. Archaeology Scotland will deliver papers at industry conferences and promote the successes of the project to local businesses and charitable organisations. The learning from the works itself will be used to support future excavation research design.</p> <p>It is hoped that young people and the under employed in particular will strengthen their job prospects through the learning opportunities presented in the Attainment through Archaeology sessions.</p> <p>As a result of the enhanced knowledge historians and archaeologists will have through this project, they will have a stronger base for applying for funding from public and private sources to carry out further research and exploration in the wider area of Rule Valley and Teviotdale.</p> <p>By holding the workshops in a local community halls, this project will be helping support local assets which have suffered during the pandemic.</p> <p>The Bedrule Heritage Project will also deliver a basis for the later phases of the wider Twelve Towers of Rule Programme.</p>		

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£13,962
10% organisation contribution	£1,396
Request to BBBB	£12,566

Item of expenditure	Cost
3 x AS Staff @200 per person per day for 10 days fieldwork	£6,000
1 x AS Staff @200 per person per day for 5 days reporting	£1,000
1 x Specialist @250 per person per day for 4 days reporting	£1,000
1 x specialist @ £400 per day for 3 radio carbon dates	£1,200
Volunteer expenses for excavation	£250

1 x specialist @ £300 per person per day	£900
1 x specialist artist @ £250 per day for 2 days	£500
Volunteer expenses for site interpretation, training and engagement	£250
Hire of Bedrule Hall for workshop presentations, meal and comfort breaks etc.	£900
Hire of William Laidlaw Hall Memorial Hall (community presentations)	£350
Leaflet and poster design/graphics	£240
Folded leaflets print x 2500	£218
Newsletter design	£280
Newsletter print x 1000	£220
Office supplies, Postage etc.	£654

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
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	<p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>SBC recognises the ambitions of this project and intention to help regenerate the area by attracting new interest and tourists and by providing learning opportunity to those who have been disadvantaged due to Covid-19.</p> <p>It is due to the ongoing pressures of Covid-19 that this application has been assessed as medium. The applicant still needs to undertake a range of community engagement activity to ensure workshop spaces and open day spaces are filled and all volunteers are recruited. It is likely the applicant will need show flexibility in how participants, especially school children, are given the opportunity to participate as Covid-19 continues to impact on face to face activity and schools</p>

	<p>cope with significant pressures. Hawick Common Riding successfully demonstrated how alternative activities can be delivered online which may provide some ideas to the applicant.</p>
<p>Additional terms and conditions required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • The group should continue to liaise with SBC's Archaeology Officer for the duration of this project and satisfy any Officer requirements particularly before (towards a project design for the fieldwork), during and after (for the reporting) any fieldwork. (The Archaeology Officer is happy to be contacted to discuss these as necessary). • Discuss with SBC ideas for the new information boards and digital/audio-visual interpretation • All staff costs must meet the National Living Wage.
<p>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</p>	<p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of any published reports / information • Numbers of people attending workshops, open days etc • Number of volunteers supporting the project • Outcomes of the ATA workshops • Feedback from participants and volunteers • Links to any relevant websites and data on web / social media statistics