




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:	Jed Thistle RFC SCIO Charity No. SC042736
Name of your project:	"Helping Young People Get Fit For The Future"
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Jedburgh

Summarise what you want to use this funding for <i>(max. 100 words)</i>	
<p>(i.e. will it increase access, improve quality of life etc.)</p> <p>To improve quality of life by helping to fund an extension to our current premises - currently all our tables and chairs are stored round the sides of the main hall, while all our large equipment and scrummage machine are stored in an old container at the far end of our pitch. Within the extension there would also be room to provide an indoor fitness area for the players, allowing them to train indoors during poor weather to help keep their fitness schedules up to scratch, and allowing us to continue with our activities throughout the winter months.</p>	

Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the former Burgh <i>(max. 200 words)</i>	
<p>Tell us what activities you plan to carry out and how you will deliver it.</p> <p>As well as enabling us to improve the support that we are able to provide to our young rugby players year-round via the indoor fitness area, the extension will enhance the attractiveness of the premises to other user-groups within the local district – we have large car parking facilities directly outside our front door, wheelchair access and disabled facilities (including toilets) within the premises. Local groups who regularly use our premises include Jedburgh Pensioners Lunch Club; Jedburgh Toddlers Group; Jethart Callant's Festival; Jedburgh Ladies Group; Scottish Fire & Rescue Service community outreach; South of Scotland Semi-Junior League. All will benefit as the feedback from regular users of the clubrooms has been the lack of storage for equipment and not having the Main Hall clear of obstructions for physical activities; this will be resolved by the new extension. The building is now 30 years old and requires a general upgrade, so the project includes additional windows and insulation for better light in the main Hall, greater comfort and sustainability. We own our premises and have been granted a long lease on the additional land for the extension. We have funded all preparatory costs from our own funds and have full planning permission.</p>	

Date:	23/08/2021
Signature:	

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

Tell us what your group does, the activities it undertakes and in what way it benefits the community.

Jed Thistle RFC caters for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 (52 players at present) and a further 40 in our Touch Rugby summer programme. Our activities are open to all young people without discrimination and we have both male and female players.

We have always been supported entirely by volunteers as management committee members, coaches, child protection and welfare officers.

The club is embedded in the life of the town and plays a full part in the development of local young people, with our low cost base helping all to take part in our activities.

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

This club is committed to ensuring that equality is incorporated across all aspects of its development. Sports equality is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognizing inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of rugby to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of rugby union, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality and opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

The new extension is fully accessible to the disabled, along with the rest of the premises. We are open to all.

Safeguarding

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

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

We have a dedicated Child Protection Officer who is also trained in Mental Health Awareness. His role is to get to know the players and their backgrounds, any issues are reported to him.

The players are encouraged to speak with their teammates and opposition in the Main Hall after training and matches - friends for life are created here, and players tend to form a protective bond with one another and support those with problems. Jedburgh and district is a small community where you get to know the people that are struggling, and this local knowledge helps the CPO in his duties.

The Safeguarding Policy is updated in line with Scottish Government guidelines.

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. 19/00767/FUL)

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.