

**LAUDER COMMON GOOD FUND  
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<p><u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:</p> <p>Telephone No:</p>	<p>Lauder Common Riding Committee</p> <p>Michael Middlemiss (Chairman)</p>
<p>Address to which payment should be made:</p>	<p>Kevin Laidlaw Treasurer</p>
<p><u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:</p>	<p>To develop and implement the annual community celebrations known as the 'Common Riding for the Royal &amp; Ancient Burgh of Lauder.</p> <p>To promote develop and involve residents residing in Lauderdale in the annual common riding event and the social cultural and community life of the area;</p> <p>The common riding is an inclusive celebration with people attending from the Scottish Borders and from across the world. Lauderdale benefits by bringing the community together and provides economical value to local businesses.</p> <p>We believe that the Common Riding provides significant economic benefit to the town of Lauder and the local horse hirers and associated trades.</p>
<p><u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:</p>	<p>To replace old bunting which is used to decorate Lauder during Common Riding week.</p>
<p>When will the donation be required:</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>If this is a one-off project then please give the following details –</p> <p>Date (s):</p> <p>Estimated total cost:</p> <p>Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts:</p>	<p>July 2022</p> <p>£1,121.40 please see enclosed Invoice</p> <p>The Common Riding need to annually raise a significant sum of money (c£24,000 Expenditure) to hold their annual common riding.</p>

<p>Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):</p>	<p>This is raised through grants from the Council, donations and fund-raising events. (see our annual accounts). While we have been careful to protect our financial position through COVID, we expect our fund-raising efforts to be lower than normal due to the impact COVID has had on arranging annual fundraising events. This is in the face of cost off living increases – acutely seen in the provision of horses for our principals – that our finances will be materially impacted</p> <p>When such a large one of expenditure is incurred (such as the purchase of new bunting), we find it puts a strain on our finances, and as a consequence, we have decided to approach the Common Good for assistance this time.</p> <p>We did put our bunting up last two years, and consequently a lot of it is now fully past its usable life, and we are now seeking to replace part of it.</p> <p>Unlike some other towns, we do not seek Council assistance (and never have) for the hanging of the bunting, we have an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers to do this. We simply seek assistance to buy the new Bunting.</p>
<p><u>Other information</u> If you have other information which you feel is relevant to this application, please provide details including details of any previous assistance given:</p>	<p>We do not use bunting solely for the use of Common Riding, e.g. this year we have put the bunting up to help the Community Council brighten the town for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>The bunting is an integral part of “lighting up the Burgh”, and we would be grateful if you would consider this application favourably.</p>
<p><u>Declaration</u> I hereby make application for assistance as set out above and certify that the information I have provided is accurate</p> <p>Signed: Kevin Laidlaw</p> <p>Position Held: Treasurer Lauder Common Riding</p> <p>Date: 10 July 2022</p>	
<p><b>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</b></p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Fiona Walling, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email <a href="mailto:fwalling@scotborders.gov.uk">fwalling@scotborders.gov.uk</a> Telephone 01835 826504.</p>	