

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2021/22*

*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:	Silverbuthall Community Development Trust
Name of your project:	Teviot Orchard
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Hawick

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

The Trust has been founded by local people to pursue projects which promote sustainability, the environment and community wellbeing. Our objects are described in our articles of Association. The community of Silverbuthall is defined by a group of postcode areas to the west of Dovemount Place and Wilton Hill.

The Company's main Purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development. The Company's Purposes are:

To provide or advance the accessibility of recreational facilities, and/or organising recreational activities, which will be available to members of the Community and public at large with the object of improving the conditions of life of the Community.

Advancement of citizenship or Community development, including rural or urban regeneration.

To advance educational opportunities in the Community relating to environment, culture, heritage and/or history.

To advance environmental protection or improvement including preservation, sustainable development and conservation of the natural environment, the maintenance, improvement or provision of environmental amenities for the Community and/or the preservation of buildings or sites of architectural, historic or other importance to the Community.

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

For two years Silverbuthall Trust working with A Greener Hawick, has been researching the ownership and routes to acquiring the former Wilton South and St Margaret's Church site which lies between Commercial Road and Laing Terrace. We will shortly be applying to the Scottish Land Fund for finance to take forward our plans for this site but as a community organisation we need to seek the views of the community on the proposals. Broadly, these are to provide a managed community space with leased parking to ensure long term sustainability. Chargepoints supported by solar power, a heat network, Wheelie-bin store and e-bike loan/hire scheme are also proposed.

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

Some outcomes are intangible – improvement to the front wall and visibility of an active community space enhancing the attitude to the town of travellers along the A7; a more acceptable environment for residents in Laing Terrace and Station Buildings for example.

Others are longer term and measurable. The sensitive (this is a conservation area) installation of PV panels could be extended to directly benefit surrounding households; a ground-/water-source powered heat network will assist with decarbonisation of local households—measured by the take-up of energy conservation grants and connections to the network; the number of e-bike loans and hires from the associated project; reduction in costs to the Local Authority of weed control; removal of wheelie bins from the A7 pavement. All of these results will be required to be measured as conditions of the grant funding which is currently under discussion with a number of national funders.

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)*

The former church site has been a blot on the Commercial Road landscaper for thirty years or more, since the closure of the church. It has cost the public purse upward of a quarter of a million pounds in more ways than one. Refurbished and brought back into use for the community it will:

- **generate enough income to maintain and improve it for many years to come**
- **provide much needed off-road parking**
- **facilitate the move to electric vehicles**
- **provide a bin store off Commercial Road**
- **create a welcome off-street space for community interaction**
- **interpret the former use of the site through multimedia channels**
- **enable the development of a green heat network**
- **grow in containers food plants that may be grown at home**

These uses are not an exhaustive list because the community will decide how it wishes its property to be used into the future.

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

The very simple phase 1 of the project will generate income from leased parking spaces, which will be more than adequate to maintain the community space. Each further element will be measured for sustainability in its own right but the initial proposition will not be at risk from any extension.

It should be explained that this initial consultation is essential to unlock the Phase One funding from Scottish Land Fund. The funding to undertake further, detailed consultation and the necessary ballot which will precede an application for a ministerial order under the Land Reform Act have been secured. Specific amounts for acquisition and development costs will be determined by the feasibility study but have all been the subject of discussion with the named organisations whose criteria we meet for the funding required.

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 (£)
Village Poll	5820
Village Poll (Managed Servers and Hosting)	720
Poll Design and Incidental Administration (Telephone, Postage etc)	460
Total Expenditure	7000
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	7000
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	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
NO		

Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.		
	Amount	Purpose
Scottish Land Fund	c£20 000	Feasibility Study and business plan
Scottish Government	c£3 000	Green Shoots Fund via A Greener Hawick
Ballot	£4000	Green Shoots Fund via A Greener Hawick
National Lottery, Vallencia and Fallago Landfill Funds	To be determined	Development costs
LES—CARES	To be determined	Energy developments
EST	c£ 25 000	e-bike acquisition
Paths for All	<£50,000	Staffing costs for e-bike management and further research.

Individual/Group/Organisation details:	
Contact Name:	Andy Maybury
Position in Group/Org: (if appropriate)	Director
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Date:	4 November 2022
Signature:	

Equalities
Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010</p> <p>The project does not discriminate against any protected section of the community. Indeed, as a community space it will be available to all.</p>

Public Protection
Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.

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 William Mohieddeen, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA; Email: william.mohieddeen@scotborders.gov.uk; Telephone: 01835 826504