

Chief Executive

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

<u>Applicant Details</u> Name and Address of Applicant/Organisation:	JEDFOREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY c/o HONEYFIELD HONEYFIELD ROAD JEDBURGH TD8 6JW
Telephone No:	01835 862811
Address to which payment should be made:	AS ABOVE
<u>Activities</u> Please supply a brief description of the activities of your organisation and the benefits it brings to the local community:	THE SOCIETY PROMOTES INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF JEDBURGH. DEREK RAE'S BOOK PROVIDES A FASCINATING INSIGHT INTO AN IMPORTANT PHASE OF THE TOWN'S HISTORY - SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNT.
<u>Assistance Requested</u> Please indicate the sum requested and the purpose for which it will be used:	WE ARE NOT REQUESTING A FIXED SUM BUT LOOKING FOR A DONATION TOWARDS COST OF PUBLISHING BOOK "HISTORY OF NORTH BRITISH RAYON JEDBURGH"
When will the donation be required:	BEFORE APRIL IF POSSIBLE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL
If this is a one-off project then please give the following details - Date (s): Estimated total cost: Funds already raised by applicant's own efforts: Funds raised or expected to be raised from other sources (please state sources):	BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED BEFORE NEXT JULY £2000.00 (see attached estimate) £200.00 WE HAVE ASKED ROTARY IF THEY CAN MAKE A DONATION - NO ANSWER YET.

<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>THIS AREA OF LOCAL HISTORY IS PASSING AWAY FROM PEOPLE'S MEMORY. THE AUTHOR IS ONE OF THE FEW EX-EMPLOYEES OF NBR STILL AROUND</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:</p> <p>Position Held: PRESIDENT</p> <p>Date: 22/01/15</p>	
<p>Note: All applications from organisations MUST be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts</p> <p>ATTACHED</p>	
<p>This completed form, accounts and any supporting details should be submitted to Fiona Henderson, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Telephone 01835 826502</p>	

Jedforest Historical Society

Proposed basis of letter to SBC in connection with application for

- 1. Permission to rename part of A68 as 'The Silk Road'. (X)**
- 2. Funding from Common Good Fund for publication of NBR story.**

NORTH BRITISH RAYON, JEDBURGH.

The above factory operated in Jedburgh as makers of viscose artificial silk, known formally as Rayon, between 1928 and 1956.

It was known to all as the silk mill and was by far the biggest employer in the town during those years.

Its founding on the 8 acre Canongate site was the biggest civic settlement in the town since the monks arrived to build the Abbey 800 years previously. Apart from war its coming was hailed as the Burgh's most important event of the 20th. Century.

NBR employed 800 in 1935 when the town population was 4000, having risen from 2068 in 1927.

Despite arriving as their economic saviour on the very cusp of worldwide depression (the Wall Street crash happened 4 months after start up) the industry with a raffish reputation was received with suspicion by a formidable minority of citizens. Indeed, some issues between the Company and Town Council lumbered along for the mill's entire tenure.

After surviving the early years of production ups and downs, of labour shortage, of environmental claim and counter claim, the Company settled in as might a 6ft. man in a 5ft. bed.

Eventually, NBR earned a worldwide reputation as the makers of the finest artificial silk viscose yarn and overtime gained the local respect it deserved..

When the first chill wind of redundancies, caused mainly by competitive countries recovering from WW2 and paying meagre wages, blew through the departments of NBR in 1952, it signalled the start of a downward curve of fortunes not relieved until its closure in July 1956.

For 28 years the Silk Mill had been the major provider of wage packets in the town, had filled a role as its leading social eventer and provided a town buzz of wellbeing not felt since.

When the site was eventually cleared to allow the realignment of the A68 to open to traffic in 1976 the road route comprised a curved diagonal between the bridges which neatly divided the works site into two equal areas of former NBR manufacturing departments and offices. See attached drawing.

It is the Society opinion that the factory and its employees deserve to be commemorated for their massive contribution to the economic, social and political life and times of Jedburgh between 1928 and 1956.

(X) We would therefore be grateful if Scottish Borders Council would kindly consider our proposal that the A68 road between the Canongate and Abbey End Bridges be identified as 'The Silk Road'. A weatherproof plaque with brief NBR details near to each bridge could be of interest to both townspeople and visitors. (X)

⊗ These items
have already been
approved / passed by
SBC + Ted Community
Council

BW.

ESTIMATE NUMBER 12824

JEDFOREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

T: * WORKING TITLE SO FAR
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Date 19/01/2016

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Title Artwork

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THIS QUOTATION IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS.
PRICES QUOTED ARE SUBJECT TO SIGHT OF COPY. PAYMENT TERMS 30 DAYS NET.
WE TRUST THAT THE ABOVE PRICE MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL AND AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
IN THE MEANTIME IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

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Income and Expenditure from 7April 2014 to 7April 2015

INCOME

Membership and Visitors	£ 223.00
Book Sales	£ 104.40
Art Fund	£ <u>50.00</u>
Total Income	£ 377.40

EXPENDITURE

RBL Rent	£ 200.00
Speaker expenses	£ 20.00
Stationery	£ 21.20
Footnote	£ 60.00
Share of projection equipment	£ <u>247.00</u>
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>£ 548.20</u>
Excess Expenditure over Income	£ 170.80
Bank Balance as at 7 April 2014	£ 1310.37
Cheque not presented RBL	£ <u>200.00</u>
Balance at 7 April 2015	<u>£1110.37</u>

Prepared by Isobel Lafferty

