

## Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2020/21\*

\*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.

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| <b>Applicant Group/Organisation:</b>                              | Hornshole Greenway Development Group                     |
| <b>Name of your project:</b>                                      | Hornshole Greenway - design compliance of signage system |
| <b>The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:</b> | Hawick Common Good Fund                                  |

### 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. Write here ...

The Hornshole Development Group has the following clear objectives

- \* The commemoration of the history and culture of Hawick.
- The advancement of education.
- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The advancement of the arts, heritage and culture.
- The provision of recreational facilities..
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

We plan to delivered on these aims through the design and delivery of a 7.5 kilometre multifaceted 'Interpretative Greenway' through the town to Horshole which has a strong focus on a wider green objective, tells the story of Hawick and includes the creation of an iconic sculpture.

The current application is focused specifically on the interpretive signage system which will bring the history and story of Hawick to life.

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

(i.e. will it increase access, improve quality of life etc.)

Ultimately we are seeking to secure funding for the next phase of our project which involves the design work for the layout, manufacture and installation of signs along the length of the Greenway. We have been in regular negotiation with the Flood protection scheme who have now undertaken to pay for the manufacture and installation of the signs which fall within the active travel route through the town.

Following discussion with other stakeholders (SBC, Sustrans etc) there is a general acceptance of the signage design concept developed by our group and this work is required to set out any legislative guidance, specifications and quality standards for orientation, wayfinding and interpretation signing to confirm compliance. Only one quote has been provided as the Paul Hogarth company have acted as advisers to our Board on a voluntary basis thus far and therefore have a knowledge of the project that

is unrivaled and therefore they would be best placed to undertake this work

**Tell us how your activity/project will make a difference to your organisation and how it will benefit the residents of the former Burgh (max. 200 words)**

Tell us what activities you plan to carry out and how you will deliver it.

Write here ...

We see development of the Hornshole Greenway as a major asset to the town of Hawick bringing direct benefits to local residents who are able to utilise, engage with and help shape and develop the multi-faceted project. We see in particular that the younger members of the community will have the chance to learn about and embrace a greener agenda and act as ambassadors for green issues into the future.

In tandem with this however we see the Greenway (and the proposed iconic sculpture) as a potential major visitor attraction for the town bringing substantial economic benefit to the community as a whole. We feel that developing and encouraging tourism is key to the future of Hawick and the Borders in general so it is very important that the visitor experience is given high priority.

The creation of the Greenway signange system will provide a most valuable introduction to the town both for the community and of course will also tell the town's many stories to visitors

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

Write here ...

We are seeking funding from Common Good Fund for assistance in this next development stage of our signage project.

While responsibility for this small stage of the process sits with the HGDG its successful completion will be the key to opening access to potential large scale funding to secure delivery of the full signage system

**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 (£)       |
|--|----------------|
| <b>Total estimated cost for entire signage system</b>  | <b>£400000</b> |
| <b>Aspects for which we are seeking Common Good Fund support</b>   |                |
| Work required to set out any legislative guidance, specification and quality standards for orientation, wayfinding and interpretation signing. (£3880 + VAT) | <b>£4656</b>   |
| <b>Total planned Expenditure for full project</b>  | <b>£4656</b>   |
| <b>How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?</b>  | <b>£4656</b>   |

**Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan**

**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.**

| <b>Fund</b>               | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>  |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|
| Hawick Common Good Fund   | £7000         | Information gathering, public consultation, education programme etc |
| Build Back Better Borders | £15000        | Education programme over 2 years and public consultation            |

**Tell us about your own fundraising or how you have secured other funding for this project.**

|                  | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>               |
|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Donation in kind | £10000-£15000 | Preparation of business plan |
|                  |               |                              |

**Individual/Group/Organisation details:**

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| <b>Contact Name:</b>                              | Catherine Elliott-Walker  |
| <b>Position in Group/Org:</b><br>(if appropriate) | Member of current steering group (and Trustee for the the SCIO which is currently awaiting approval by OSCR ) |
| <b>Home Address:</b>                              |   |
| <b>Post Code:</b>                                 |   |
| <b>Telephone Number:</b>                          |   |
| <b>Email Address:</b>                             |   |
| <b>Date:</b>                                      | 3rd May 2023  |
| <b>Signature:</b>                                 | Catherine Elliott-Walker  |

## Equalities

Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes

Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010  
Equality statement attached. This covers all aspects of the obligations contained in the Equalities Act 2010

## Public Protection

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

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.

Write here...

As part of our Eco-education programme we only work with children under parental or school supervision in large groups. Plans are in place for those involved to undergo the necessary PVG checks etc (although most of our team already hold appropriate certification)

## Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? Yes - land (but not for this aspect )

If yes do you have the following? (please tick relevant)

Written permission of owner - Under discussion with various owners

Planning permission - Appropriate permission will be sought/obtained before any works are undertaken

## 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 Democratic Services, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: [Judith.Turnbull@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:Judith.Turnbull@scotborders.gov.uk) Telephone: 01835 826556