

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2022/23*

*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:	Selkirk Silver Band
Name of your project:	National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain, Cheltenham 2023
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Selkirk

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.

Selkirk Silver Band is one the main features of Selkirk Common Riding, providing musical entertainment at many functions and events leading up to the main day itself.

Other engagements include Lauder Common Riding, Ettrick & Yarrow Show, Scott's Selkirk, a large number of Christmas events around the town and local area such as the Margaret Kerr Unit, Ettrickbridge Village Hall, various residential homes. We provide entertainment around the town on New Year's Day, all of which provide a strong link within the Community.

We also compete in a minimum of 2 contests per year – the Scottish Championships which are held in March, and the Borders Entertainment contest, held in November.

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

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

The band recently competed in the Scottish Brass Band Championships in Perth where we were crowned Scottish Champions in the 3rd section. This gives us promotion into the 2nd section, and an invitation to compete in the National Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham in September.

We are the only Borders band represented at the Finals.

We have estimated that it is going to cost around £9,000 for the band to compete at the Finals which includes accommodation (£4,500), transport (£2,000), entry fee (£375), music (£90), bandsmen tickets for entry to the venue (28 x £10 = £280), Training Day (£500), conductors fees (£1,500).

Various fundraising events have already been organised to raise funds specifically for Cheltenham such as pop up shops, bake sale, bonus ball. We also receive donations and collections at various concerts and events during the Common Riding season which all goes towards the general running costs of the band i.e music, hall and instrument insurance, electricity, travel costs, transport, instrument repairs etc, therefore we need to raise this additional money to be able to go to Cheltenham.

This is a great experience and a fantastic opportunity for the band to compete in these Championships and represent the Scottish Borders and Scotland.

We would be requesting approximately £1,500 towards the cost

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

No matter what the result is on the day, the preparation for this competition brings the band together and gives opportunities to both young and older players who will be competing at an event like this for the first time.

We have a couple of youngsters in the band who are hoping to study music as a career, and this will benefit them greatly.

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)

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

This is the first time in the band's history that we have been crowned Scottish Champions, and we have felt a large community spirit since we won back in March. It has also given the band a huge amount of confidence that we can compete at this level and above.

We will hold a public rehearsal in our hall so that local residents can come and listen to us before we perform on the stage at Cheltenham.

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

The band gives local children & adults the opportunity to learn musical instruments through our Junior Band and Learners Section which acts as a feeder for the senior band, providing a secure future for Selkirk Silver Band.

We provide a social activity for our members, rehearsing for our 3 annual concerts, contests and various local events.

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 (£)
As detailed above	£9,000
Total Expenditure	£9,000
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£1,500 approx
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	Signed & Dated annual Accounts included

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
Common Good	£500	Previous trip to Cheltenham

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

	Amount	Purpose
Player Contributions	£100 per person	Cover the cost of accommodation
Various fundraising events (pop up shops, bake sale, various other events)		Cover costs of trip to Cheltenham

Individual/Group/Organisation details:

Contact Name:	Lynne Kemp
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Equalities
Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010

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

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 Democratic Services, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: compap@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone: 01835 825005