

Common Good Fund: Application Form for 2023/24*

*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:	Galashiels Amateur Swimming Club (Gala ASC)
Name of your project:	Summer Fun Day
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	Galashiels

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.

Gala ASC is a community swimming club, with a membership of 70 swimmers, aged between 8 and 18.

As one of the larger swimming clubs in the Scottish Borders, we have 7 squads catering to swimmers of all levels beyond lessons, from novices to elite athletes with national and international aspirations.

The Club offers two coached swimming sessions per week and supports swimmers who wish to train for fitness and those wishing to participate in competitions. In addition, the club also arrange a coach and poolside helper to attend competitions which are usually held on weekends.

Our primary objective is to offer children the chance to improve their swimming skills in a secure, enjoyable, and inclusive environment.

We are run by a committee of parent volunteers and with a team of volunteer coaches and poolside helpers.

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

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

In recognition of our club members' dedication and efforts throughout the past year, we intend to organise a summer outing. This event aims to both reward their commitment and foster a sense of camaraderie among team members.

Our primary goal is to facilitate the establishment of strong connections within the club, enabling individuals of various ages and abilities to interact and form a cohesive team. This unity not only enhances the club's competitive edge but also promotes a welcoming and comfortable environment for all members.

Our proposed plan entails a summer Surf Day at Coldingham beach, where everyone will have the opportunity to partake in a surfing lesson followed by games and a BBQ.

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

One of the objectives of the excursion is to provide an enjoyable experience for the swimmers, which will be evaluated based on their feedback.

The further aim of the trip is to garner team spirit, and ensure each swimmer feels welcome and at home within the club. To that end, membership numbers will be monitored to assess retention rates of junior swimmers. The level of participation at competition events is also highly reflective of the individual member's engagement with the team, and this will be monitored in the months following the trip to see whether the event has encouraged new or more reluctant swimmers to take part in the team competitions.

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.

Our summer trip will provide an opportunity for swimmers of different ages and backgrounds to come together and socialise as a team. This team building opportunity will help new and younger members to feel welcome and supported within the team (which will hopefully lead to them being long term members of the club). The older and more established members of the club will benefit from the social opportunity, and the chance to interact with newer members, to support and encourage.

Usually, we would fund the summer trip from reserves, with an additional parental contribution to go towards transport. However, membership costs have recently (May 2023) been increased from £20 per month to £30 per month. This has been necessary as our pool hire costs alone have increased by 40%. Accordingly, we are reluctant to ask parents for more money this year, particularly as we are keen that all members can attend the trip.

We aim to keep swimming accessible to all children as it has huge health benefits. As well as being of benefit to the residents of Galashiels who are members of the club, ensuring the ongoing support and continuation of a swimming club within Galashiels is to the benefit of anyone within the town who has an interest in swimming for recreation, fitness, or competition.

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

The Club has a new and active Junior Committee who meet regularly and contribute to the running of the Club. One of the focusses of the Junior Committee this year is to fundraise for the summer trip, and they have recently organised a successful bake sale at the Braw Lad's Swimming Gala. Going forward, the Club will continue to consider fundraising ideas, including sponsored swims, raffles and hosting our own regional swimming competition at Galashiels Swimming Pool.

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 (£)
Surf Lessons (St Vedas)	£1,620
Bus (BARC)	£590
BBQ & Refreshments	£300
Total Expenditure	£2,510
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£590
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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
ClubSport (2020)	£250	Covid Grant
Sykes	£1000	Swimming Equipment

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

	Amount	Purpose
Bake sales (various)	£248	To add to club funds
Raffle (Dec 2022)	£233	To add to club funds

Individual/Group/Organisation details:

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Equalities

Do you have an Equal Opportunities Policy or Equality Statement? Yes No

Explain how your project complies with the obligations contained in the Equality Act 2010

Our club complies with the Equality Act as laid out by our governing body, Scottish Swimming. Details can be found here.

<https://www.scottishswimming.com/clubs/governance-club>

Our club acknowledges the importance of being active and the necessity of being able to do so in a safe and pleasant environment that is accessible to everyone. The excursion we are organising is open to every member of our club.

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.

We follow guidance from our governing body, Scottish Swimming,
<https://scottishswimming.com/wellbeing-and-protection>

Our WPO has undertaken all the required training and certification via Scottish Swimming. All our adult volunteers have also been checked and verified in line with Scottish Swimming requirements (including PVG and CWPS).

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