

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:	PEEBLES COMMUNITY TRUST
Name of your project:	PUBLIC EXHIBITION - to provide information about, and celebrate, Peebles Common Good Fund
The name of the Common Good Fund that you are applying to:	PEEBLES 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.

Peebles Community Trust - takes the form of a Development Trust and is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. Its aim is to generate revenues through grants and commercial projects, and to use these revenues to fund community projects and develop community assets

Background to this application: Peebles Common Good lists 40 fixed assets and many movable assets. But, local people, who ultimately are the owners of the Peebles Common Good (PCG) assets, seem to know very little about PCG. In a recent straw poll conducted in the town we found very few had a clear understanding of the history of PCG or how it was managed. And, when asked to name any of the 40 fixed assets that currently make up PCG, very few could name even one asset!

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

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

Because of the lack of public awareness about PCG matters, we think an Exhibition to provide information about, and celebrate, PCG would be very valuable. This will include:

- pull up banners describing the background, history, management of PCG, and listing the assets
- relevant objects held in collection and a folder with complete list of common good assets & photographs; take away leaflets; potential walks and talks.

This will be launched at Door Open weekends in September and will attract further publicity through this event. It will form a unique and accessible way of celebrating PCG with relevant objects on display in the Chambers Room of the Chambers Institution. The Eastgate Theatre has also agreed to host the exhibition in their cafe later in the year.

We are already working with Chris Sawers from Tweeddale Museum on this exhibition. We will also consult with other experts on local history and relevant officers in SBC ensure that the content is accurate. Finally we will liaise with the members of the Peebles Common Good Sub Committee to ensure that they approve of the content.

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

The Exhibition will increase awareness in the town about the PCG Fund. This will be measured by:

1. recording the number of visitors to the exhibition and attending talks and guided walks
2. having a comments book in the exhibition itself
3. noting healthy discussions, and greater involvement, from local people regarding the PCG Fund (in local newspapers, social media, etc)

By exhibiting Common Good assets, sharing this information with the community and offering associated outreach activities this may act as a pilot for other Royal Burghs. There are nearly 200 Common Good Funds in Scotland and we think this may be the first such CG exhibition in recent times in Scotland. This led by the people of Peebles will add kudos to the town.

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

The exhibition will provide a clear historical narrative of the history of the PCG assets. It will further good working relationships between the Common Good Committee and the residents of Peebles.

The PCT is pleased to have helped in this aim.

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

This is a once-off Exhibition but when put together it can be displayed at various locations around Peebles.

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 (£)
design of posters and A4 leaflets	£500
printing of same	£300
PCT admin fee for this application	£100
contingency for unexpected additional costs	£200
Total Expenditure	£1,100
How much would you like from the Common Good Fund?	£1,100
Please supply a copy of your signed & dated Annual Accounts or Projected Financial Plan	n/a

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
n/a		

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

	Amount	Purpose
n/a		

Individual/Group/Organisation details:

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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

n/a

Public Protection

Does your idea/project involve work with children, young people under the age of 18 or vulnerable adults? 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.

n/a

Permissions

Does your project involve work to a building or land? **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 Lynne Cuerden, Democratic Services Officer, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, TD6 0SA. Email: lynne.cuerden@scotborders.gov.uk Telephone: 01835 826527