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Democratic Services

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Jedburgh TD8 5BN**

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Fiona Henderson
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Dear Fiona,

Please find enclosed our much belated report. If you need more information, just let me know.

Regards,

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Report on Award of £5,000 from Jedburgh Common Good Fund

Since this award we have had a momentous year. In March 2015 the band was the winner of the Scottish Brass Band Championships, in August we were invited to perform a concert as part of the Edinburgh Festival, and in September we represented Scotland in the British Brass Band Championships. The preparation and participation in these events has meant that our development programme has been delayed.

In our application, we proposed the following elements of the development programme :

Recruitment and tuition of young players from local primary schools.

The current situation is that we are planning to perform concerts in the three local primary schools, in cooperation with the SBC brass instructor, in a recruiting drive that will be mutually beneficial, for the schools, the pupils, the brass instructors, and the band.

Purchase of necessary brass and percussion instruments.

We have identified and costed the key brass and percussion instruments that need to be replaced. Now that we are performing at a higher standard we need instrumentation that matches that standard. The replaced instruments will be used for the young players we are recruiting.

Renovation of a room in our band hall to form a music library.

An architect in the band has drawn up plans to floor the room and provide shelving for our extensive library of over 2000 pieces of music (about 100,000 pages) which increases every year. Currently it is stored in cardboard boxes. The work is currently being costed.

Secure the remainder of the funding

We have made an application to the Youth Music Initiative for a grant of £13,000 for the recruitment and tuition of young players. This is more than we originally anticipated, but we are taking advantage of the 2-year funding available. We used the Common Good grant as match funding. The total cost of our programme is now £27,000, and we are applying for the rest of the funding from Awards for All and SBC Community Fund.

George Burt
Treasurer