



Berwick upon Tweed Town Council

People and Communities Committee 08 June 2021 Appendix A

Report of Finance Officer

Summary of Grants Awarded in 2020-21

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Background

1. Berwick Town Council provides grants to various groups to support events, as well as support environmental and community projects.
2. Additionally, Berwick Town Council has established a community equipment fund, which is used to purchase equipment that can be loaned to various groups on request.
3. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the grants awarded during the last financial year.

Summary of Grants Awarded

4. Only one grant was awarded during 2020-21, an environmental enhancement grant made to Spittal Improvement Trust.

Other Regular Financial Support

5. Alongside direct grants, Berwick Town Council directly supports the activities of Berwick in Bloom and the Rotary Club, as well as events and Autumn Festivals.
6. Due to the cancellation of both the Britain and Northumbria in Bloom events, Berwick in Bloom did not use their budget allocation in 2020-21. Ordinarily, the allocation is used to pay for Northumbria in Bloom entry fees, printing and other costs linked to judging visits and attending award ceremonies.
7. Funding for the Rotary Club supports their activities in erecting Christmas Lights on the Royal Tweed Bridge and a Christmas Tree in Marygate. The value of this support was over £2300 in 2020-21.
8. Most events in 2020, such as Riding of the Bounds and Tweedmouth Feast, were cancelled. The budget for this area of expenditure is £9250
9. The Autumn Festivals, excepting the Food Festival, took place in virtual form and benefitted from Town Council support. In 2020, this support totaled £5277 out of a budget of £10600.

Recommendation

1. Committee notes the report.

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