

Section 3: About Your Organisation

Name of Organisation:

NORTHERN VIEW (BERWICK) LTD

What type of organisation are you? (please tick)

Registered Charity

Unregistered community group/Club/Society

Other (please state)

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL

Do you have a set of rules or a constitution? (please tick)
(please supply a copy if this is your first application to BTC)

Yes

No

Where does your organisation work? (please tick)

Just in the Berwick, Tweedmouth
and/or Spittal area

Regionally in the North East
and/or Southern Scotland

Throughout Northumberland

Nationally

For the most recent financial year please state:

Income:

Expenditure:

Year End Balance:

What does your organisation do:

Northern View is the only community facility of its kind in the Berwick-upon-Tweed area. In addition to bar and room rental activities, which cover running costs for the building, we offer a wide range of activities for the community.

Activities include:

- a parent and baby group
- summer holiday activities
- Halloween and Christmas parties
- Warm clothes, baby items and school uniform exchanges
- venue for Christmas dinner for the elderly
- a Warm Space
- base for the Northstar Centre for adults with learning disabilities
- Upper Spittal Gardening Group

Where possible these are offered free of charge (in response to Cost of Living Crisis)

How many people take part in your activities each year?

Numbers range from 20 for the parent and baby group to around 1000 for the School Uniform Pop Up Shop

How many people are involved in your organisation? (Committee, volunteers, paid staff)

5 members of staff, up to 10 volunteers depending on the event, 6 Board Members

Section 4: Your Project

Describe your project (Continue on a separate sheet as necessary; include any drawings or plans of your project that will help explain what it is about)

In response to the cost of living crisis, we act as a collection point and venue for the School Uniform Exchange Pop Up Shop. Now in its second year, the Exchange is very well supported in terms of donations and people attending to get uniform items for their children. In 2022 we saw around 1000+ children benefiting from the scheme.

In late 2022, we extended the idea to offer a 'Warm Clothes' Pop Up Shop for anyone suffering from fuel poverty, and in July 2023 we held our first Baby Items Exchange which was very well supported.

Donations that aren't taken at the Pop Up Shops are stored and made available throughout the year to anyone who needs them.

Why is it needed? (include details of any research you have carried out to identify the need 2and describe any specific benefits for the people of Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal)

We desperately need storage for the items that are donated but not 'sold' at the Pop Up Shops. For security reasons, we have identified a shipping container as the best solution as it could be stored in our locked yard and could be easily accessed as required. The container would also need to be shelved.

How will you measure the success of your project?

Time saved by staff
 Making items available faster
 Being able to use the limited space at Northern View for other activities

What is the total Cost of your project?

PLEASE PROVIDE A PROJECT BUDGET

Have you asked any other organisation for help to fund the project?

Yes

No

If yes, please give details below

Organisation	Amount requested	Outcome
NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER / EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SMALL GRANT	500	AWARDED

Section 4: Your Project (Continued)

What will the Town Council grant be used for?

Here you should list either individual items you want the Town Council to help pay for e.g. Toilets or insurance or areas of expenditure you want help with e.g. printing or publicity. Do not provide a list of unrelated items and a single cost for them all.

Item	Cost	Purchase or hire?	Town Council contribution
PURCHASE AND SITING OF A 20FT SHIPPING CONTAINER	4890	PURCHASE	2500
PURCHASE OF SHELVING FOR SHIPPING CONTAINER x2	940.80	PURCHASE	
Total requested from the Town Council			2500
This amount must not exceed £2500			

How will you publicise the Town Council's assistance (for example at the event and/or in publicity or other material)

WE UNDERSTAND THAT £2500 IS THE MAXIMUM USUALLY AWARDED BUT HOPE YOU COULD INCREASE THAT FOR THIS APPLICATION AS IT BENEFITS THE WHOLE TOWN.

WE WOULD SHARE INFORMATION ON THE GRANT ON ALL OUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND INCLUDE BTS AS A 'SPONSOR' ON POSTERS FOR ALL UPCOMING EXCHANGES.

What will happen if you are not given funding at this time?

WE WOULD NEED TO LOOK AGAIN AT THE AMOUNT OF STOCK WE HOLD, POTENTIALLY HAVING TO DONATE OR DISPOSE OF MANY ITEMS.

WE WOULD ALSO LOOK FOR OTHER FUNDING BUT AS THE CONTAINER IS NEEDED URGENTLY THERE WOULD NEED TO BE ITEMS DISPOSED OF IN THE MEANTIME.