

## Section 3 About Your Organisation

Name of Organisation **GREENER BERWICK**

What type of organisation are you (please tick)

Registered Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Other (please state):

Do you have a set of rules or a constitution (please tick)? <i>(please supply a copy if this is your first application to BTC)</i>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Where does your organisation work (please tick)?

Just in the Berwick, Tweedmouth and/or Spittal area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regionally in the North East and/or Southern Scotland	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Throughout Northumberland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nationally	<input type="checkbox"/>
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For the most recent financial year please state: **\*current balance =**

Income <b>£117</b>	Expenditure <b>£7228.42</b>	Year end balance <b>£1373.78 *</b>
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What does your organisation do?

**We are a community climate action group based in Berwick-upon-Tweed, and reaching out across North Northumberland and the Scottish Borders. We want to create positive environmental change through climate action. We are not affiliated to any political party but are part of the Friends of the Earth Climate Action Network.**

**We network with other environmental groups and engage with local people, organisations and businesses in the fight to become net-zero. We share ideas and empower individuals and organisations in lobbying and identifying relevant local issues. We were formerly known as 'Climate Action Berwick and Borders', and re-branded to Greener Berwick in August 2022.**

**Much of the organisation's activities are focused around particular themes and objectives within our various Action Groups throughout the year. We currently have six Action Groups; Community Growing, Single Use Plastic, Tweed Estuary Pollution, Transport & Active Travel, Warm Homes and Zero Waste Hub. The Zero Waste Hub Action Group is presently initiating the development of a regular monthly Repair Cafe Project, which is the focus of this grant application.**

How many people take part in your activities each year?

**This varies from small committee meetings to community based Meet-Ups, gatherings and events, e.g. Big Green Week & Community Growing 2022: 150 + people attending workshops , film shows and music evening. We engaged directly with over 300 people at our stalls at the recent Slow Food Festival , and we had 19 actual repairs undertaken at our first Repair Cafe session and a further 25 visitors to the session. £84 was raised in donations at the Repair Cafe.**

**Our website has lots of visitors and a current total of 159 members. We also have active Facebook and Instagram pages.**

How many people are involved in your organisation?

Committee & Volunteers

**2 Co-Convenors, ( incl. secretarial tasks) Treasurer, 8 Action Group Coordinators, 10 Action Group Volunteers and 130+ members signed up on our website**

Paid Staff (FTE) none

## 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]

**Greener Berwick's Zero Waste Action Group are starting a half day, monthly repair cafe with local volunteers, which will be free to all users. We will initially hold this at The Salvation Army Hall on Church Street, beginning Saturday, 9th September 2023. Greener Berwick have paid a membership fee to join the Repair Cafe International, which is a world wide network that provides good practice guidelines, logo, plus a detailed manual with all the stages and insurance/ registration/ safety forms etc. required to set up our own Repair Cafe, within a safe environment. This also allows us access to their website and various repair tips and manuals. In due course, Berwick Repair Cafe will be listed on their website map.**

**We will follow the guidelines illustrated within the Repair Cafe UK; such as not repair anything too broken or anything dirty or dangerous. Larger repairs can be undertaken at the discretion of the repairer and the owner of the item. Repairers can also advertise their business at these events, for private arrangements .**

**We will have registration forms for our volunteers and waiver forms for our clients. Greener Berwick has full public liability insurance cover provided by the Friends of the Earth Network. We also have a Safeguarding Policy and Procedures document , which is attached to this application form and is also on our website: [www.greenerberwick.org.uk](http://www.greenerberwick.org.uk)**

**We are reaching out to the Berwick community to find skilled people, particularly retired tradespeople with unique repairing abilities to spend 3 hours each month at the Berwick Repair Cafe. We have conducted a social media call for help and have a database of about 10 people who can cover bike, computer, furniture, upholstery, bookbinding, software, clothing, general mechanical and general electrical repairs.**

**Regarding rules and guidelines, with our membership as described above, we have purchased RepairCafe.com global handbook of best practice, so we are confident in our approach, but we will also adapt to feedback we receive from local users and volunteers attending our Berwick Repair Cafe.**

**The Salvation Army Hall in Church St and their warden is very supportive of our application to hold a monthly Repair Cafe. The venue ticks all the boxes for space, facilities, safety and equipment.**

**The Berwick Repair Cafe is part of a larger vision ( a Tool Library being another aim). which we hope the Town Council and other Berwick bodies may engage with and support. Please find attached a document: 'Creative Zero Waste Vision Berwick.pdf'.**

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

**From an environmental aspect:**

Repair Cafés enable household items to be used for longer rather than being thrown away. This reduces the volume of raw materials and energy needed to make new products. It cuts CO2 emissions by reusing instead of manufacturing new products.

Nationwide, nearly 22 million small pieces of furniture, more than 11,000 bicycles and over 28 million toys are binned in the UK every year after they become damaged, a study by North London Waste Authority (NWLA) says. Fewer than one in 10 people in the UK attempt to repair or restore items if they are broken. According to new research, despite 42% of those surveyed saying they would like to learn the skills to mend, what they end up doing is throwing the item away.

Reducing the waste in our local landfill, helps towards a reduction of CO2 emissions. This acknowledges NCC's declaration of a Climate Emergency and helps towards achieving the Net Zero Goal.

**From a cost living aspect:**

Repair Cafes save money for local people by repairing broken items that would have otherwise been thrown away, eg. kettles and toasters being regular items repaired at Repair Cafes.

**From a social, educational and community aspect:**

Repair Cafes provide a skills-exchange, with educational and training opportunities offered by the wealth of local trades people in Berwick, many of whom are retired. This initiative could also help to strengthen cross-generational connections between retired traders and the younger generation, plus could potentially educate and help employment training in younger people. People participating in such an initiative will feel a sense of ownership and strong sense of being part of something they can be proud of .

**From a mental health aspect:**

Repair Cafes are particularly helpful in dealing with isolation and loneliness. They also provide a sense of purpose when the skills of the elderly are found to be much more in demand. The sharing of skills forges connections between people of different ages & fosters a sense of self reliance.

We will have food and drink there to make it a friendly, sociable and welcoming environment. Hopefully, in time , this initiative will help to strengthen links within the community and lead to other similar initiatives being set up locally.

How will you measure the success of your project?

**Following the good practice guidelines contained within the Repair Cafe Manual, we will;**

- **record attendance**
- **log user feedback, including skills learned and recommendations**
- **log volunteer feedback and recommendations**
- **weigh and record the quantity, description and number of items repaired.**
- **record the number of volunteers engaged and details of the repairs undertaken.**
- **take photos throughout for recording the session, in compliance with our Safeguarding Policy.**
- **conduct regular reviews with the RC team & volunteers and the Greener Berwick committee.**

What is the total cost of your project? **£4,049.62**

**Total cost of Repair Cafe Project, which includes 1 year cost of rent , secure storage, catering and training of 2 local people in PAT testing. (£2,892)**

**Many of the tools and equipment purchased will also be able to be lent out to local people through the Tool Library, which is the next stage of the Zero Waste Initiative for Berwick. The two people trained in PAT testing will be available to help test equipment for the Tool Library.**

**Please see attached document:**

### **GREENER BERWICK: TOTAL COSTINGS FOR REPAIR CAFE**

Have you asked any other organisation for help to fund the project? If yes, please give details below ( only Greener Berwick- see below)	Yes	No	<b>X</b>
Organisation	Amount requested	Outcome	
<b>Greener Berwick:</b>			
1. Salvation Army Hall Hire for 1st Repair Cafe session	45.00	paid	
2. Repair Cafe International Membership and Manual	43.45	paid	
3. Initial materials/equipment for Repair Cafe	34.40	paid	
4. 1st Repair Cafe session- Catering costs	50.00	to be paid	

## Section 4 Your Project (continued)

What will the Town Council grant be used for?

Item	Cost	Purchased or hired?	Town Council Contribution	
<b>TOOLS &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>				
WICKES 18V Cordless Brushless Combi Drill + 2x2 OAH batteries & carry case	£96	<b>All to be purchased</b>	£96	
Wera 73675 Kraftform Micro Precision Screw-driver Set 12 set as per E Linton Tool Library/Repair Shop.	£38.71		£38.71	
Lap K530 Voltage Detector Kit (95426)	£22.95		£22.95	
Masterplug 13A 6-gang switched surge-protected extension lead, 1 metre	£16.99 (3yr guarantee) x 2		£33.88 (2 items)	£33.88
SCREW FIX Lightweight portable workbench	£29.99		£29.99	
Magnusson Portable Vice 3 ins	£24.99		£24.99	
iFixit Essential Electronics Toolkit, Basic tool-set with 16 precision bits (4 mm), magnetic screw-driver & opening tools for electronic devices	£25.99		£25.99	
Heat Gun SEEKONE 2000W Variable temp.control, overload protection, + 7 accessories	£29.99		£29.99	
DEKO 100 Piece Home Repair Toolkit	£39.99		£39.99	
Spreader Clamp Set (4 pack) £24.99 per pack	£24.99		£24.99	
Mouldable Multi Purpose Glue for Creative Fixing and Making £17.99 per pack ( 8 repairs)- 4 PACKS	£71.96		£71.96	
				(sub-total £439.44)

50% annual rent cost ( 6 of 12 sessions)	£600	purchased	£300
50% annual catering cost (6 of 12 sessions)	£600	purchased	£300
25% annual storage costs , Berwick & Borders Storage (Flannigan) 2.5m x 2m £90 pm (ex vat)-£1,296 annually	£324( incl vat)	purchased	£324
Publicity budget- local printing businesses	£200	purchased	£200
PAT testing 1 day course for 2 people City & Guild £198 incl. VAT each - online ( to be used in Tool Library as well)	£396	purchased	£300
<b>Total requested from Town Council</b>			<b>£1,836.44</b>

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

**We will credit the Town Councils' support within all our publicity : by mentioning it on our Greener Berwick Website, Facebook and Instagram pages, in our newsletter and in any local news articles. We will also use the town council logo on all our printed posters and leaflets.**

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

If we are unable to receive funding from the Town Council at this time, then we will have to run the monthly Repair Cafe sessions on a much smaller scale, and put on hold the setting up of the tool library.

We will have to undertake fundraising to purchase some of the needed tools ( as above and in the attached Project Costings document ). We would attempt to raise local donations (funds or tools) from sources such as the local Salvation Army and charity shops.

As any electrical equipment used will need to be PAT tested, then we would set this as a priority and raise the necessary funds to train at least one person.