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Borders Railway Celebration Fund

On Wednesday the 9th of September 2015 Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh officially opened the Borders Railway line running from Edinburgh Waverley to Tweedbank, Galashiels.

The Borders Railway Celebration Fund was set up with the aim of encouraging people and communities to come together to celebrate the return of the Borders Railway. The fund was open to all non profit-making, voluntary and community organisations, Community Councils, schools, public bodies and places of worship based in the Scottish Borders and has been a great success with 31 awards made to a total value of £60k. This infographic gives some examples of awards made in each locality.

Berwickshire

No applications were received from the Berwickshire area.

Tweeddale

Innerleithen Community Trust awarded £1600

For the provision of railway heritage interpretation boards at places of interest along the Tweed Valley Railway Path on the Cardrona to Innerleithen section.



Eildon

Tweedbank Primary School awarded £3219

To create a childrens library which will be named 'The Reading Station'. The library will incorporate railway themed furniture alongside a selection of railway themed books. Probus Club of Innerleithen, Walkerburn & Traquair **awarded £600**

The club took a Celebratory trip on the new railway incorporating 60

members/spouses/ guests in the 60-90 age range. This included a trip on the Edinburgh trams and a stop off on return at Stow Station.

Parish

of Stow

Council

Community

awarded £5145

An opening day celebration involving

local community and visitors to Stow

was conducted. The event hosted a

farmers market, railway exhibition

by local photography club, displays

by local businesses/community

music, food and beverages.

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Broomlands Primary School awarded £344

Celebratory trip for primary school children on board the Borders Railway incorporating a visit to the Scottish Mining Museum at Newtongrange on 26th October 2015.

Firebrand

Theatre

awarded £7650

Firebrand Theatre Company Ltd

will be staging 3 performances of

'The Great Train Race' at Heart of

story is based around the overnight

West Coast rail services between

Hawick in November 2015. The

races between the East and

Aberdeen and London.

Company

Cheviot

Scottish Borders Rape Crisis Centre

awarded £2500

To celebrate the return of the Borders Railway, an event incorporating a talk on the railway and working model train displays will be held at Ednam House in Kelso in March 2016.

Teviot & Liddesdale

Future Hawick awarded £2056

Will be laying on 8 Celebratory coach tours to take place in December 2015 with passengers being transported from Galashiels Interchange to Hawick Town Centre. A coach will carry a volunteer courier pointing out places of interest along the route at Galashiels, Selkirk, Denholm and Jedburgh.

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How many grants did we award from the Community Grant Scheme (CGS)?	CP04-P01P How many grants did we award from the Community Grant Scheme?	14	 How are we doing: There has been an increase in Community Grant Scheme (CGS) demand in Q2 15/16. Following changes to the "Awards for All (AFA)" process, some projects, previously referred to AFA, have had to be funded by CGS due to project timescales. The CGS has responded well to this external change but budgets overall are lower than normal at this stage of the year. The total project costs are higher in Q2 15/16. This also may be linked to the AFA changes where some larger projects have come to the CGS due to timescales. 	ſ_,		Shona Smith
What was the value of the Community Grant Scheme grants awarded? (CP04-P02aP)	Exec - Community Grant Scheme: Grants / Total Project Value £125,000 - £110,854 £100,000 - £110,854	£47,873	What are we doing to maintain/improve performance: We expect this to be a temporary situation while applicants adjust to the new AFA criteria and plan their projects to better meet the revised timescales. We			Shona Smith
What was the total value of the projects the Community Grant Scheme money contributed to? (CP04-P02P)	E75,000 E50,000 E25,000 E0 E0 E0 E17,918 E47,381 E46,671 E46,671 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E46,788 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,873 E47,978	£142,58 6				Shona Smith

Corporate Priority 4: Build the capacity and resilience of our communities and voluntary sector







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How many people have carried out volunteer work with SBC? NEW	CP04-P10P The number of people carrying out volunteer work with SBC	453	<pre>Observations: Baseline this quarter. In Q2 we had 453 volunteers who worked a total of 2027.5 hours. This equates to an economic benefit of £24,613 to SBC. (This does NOT include Railway or Tour of Britain volunteers) Economic benefit is calculated as follows: the number of volunteers X the average number of hours X average hourly wage* *average hourly pay for those living in the Scottish Borders = £12.14 (2014), provided by Nomis.</pre>	?•		Shona Smith