

NORTH BERWICK TRUST

North Berwick Trust Ltd's bi-annual Newsletter



North Berwick Trust Chair Sir David Tweedie and North Berwick Sports Centre Assistant Service Manager Gemma Bolton with the newly installed, Trust funded, 'Poolpod' to provide independent, comfortable access to the pool for all.

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By Sir David Tweedie

I am delighted to welcome readers and friends of North Berwick Trust to this fifth edition of our newsletter. This bi-annual update on Trust news is published in the summer and winter each year.

Over the last year, the Trust's Grants Group has been working to deliver additional funding opportunities for our town's community groups and residents in need as demand increases. Recently, the Trust successfully completed our autumn general grants round and over £1.4 million has now been awarded in grants since 2018. A multi-year funding option was available for the first time, designed to provide longer term security for projects. I was delighted to see multi-year grants awarded to four key longer-term projects within our town.

The Trust's Young Person's Scholarship also awarded its first grants this year to support 3 young people with their ambitions. Read more on Page 3. A separate funding stream for capital grant projects up to £100,000 was also launched this summer - applications are welcome at any time for this fund. Read more about our latest grants on page 2.

Like all North Berwick residents, the Trustees of North Berwick Trust were shocked by the extent of the damage done to the harbour by the recent storm. With the expected help of the Scottish Government, East Lothian Council and others, the Trust will stand behind the Harbour Trust in its efforts to strengthen the damaged wall and to restore the harbour to its former condition. As an interim step, the Trustees have agreed

that a previous grant of £30,000 should immediately be diverted to fund emergency measures to protect the harbour from further damage.

The Estates Group have been forming closer links with our local schools. Law Primary pupils enjoyed visiting the orchard at North Berwick Trust Park. Pupils have been learning how to care for our town's first community orchard. They have even come up with a name! The Trust has also moved forward with its plans to improve the 'triangle' of Trust land near to Law Primary. Volunteers have continued to meet up throughout the year on the 1st Saturday of each month to garden and care for the young trees – thank you to all who have helped out and given up their time. Please sign up to our mailing list if you would like to get involved. Read more on page 4.

Thank you to all our community volunteers and our team at North Berwick Trust for giving their time and expertise to developing these projects. Special thanks must go to trustees Morgan Flynn, Jim Goodfellow, Lesley Kay and Ian Watson, who stepped down at the September board meeting. All volunteered considerable time and valued expertise to the Trust. A very welcome to our 5 new trustees Keith Anderson, Alan Nisbet, David Petrie, Linsey Shields and Douglas Sinclair who were appointed to the Board in November.

With best wishes

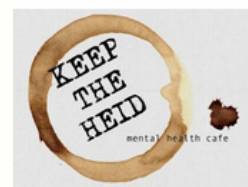
Sir David Tweedie

Autumn 2023 Grant Awards

In our most recent grants round, the Trust awarded £167,188 to support 15 projects, as listed in the table below. This is the Trust's most oversubscribed round to date, with a high number of quality applications. As usual, the projects are very diverse and will benefit a wide cross-section of the community. Grants of up to £32,000 are available for projects which meet the criteria and one or more of the Trust's funding themes. Projects have up to 2 years to claim the funds. Applications are divided between 'Level 1' which is up to £3000 and 'Level 2' which is up to £32,000.

This round was the first time a 'Level 3' was available; multi-year grants where funds of up to £32,000 are available to draw down each year for 3 consecutive years, giving a total maximum grant of £96,000. Fringe by the Sea, Herbspace, Law Out of School Network and North Berwick Youth Project were all awarded 'Level 3' grants to provide longer-term financial security for their projects.

Name of Awardee	Project	Award (£)
Bass Rock Community Group	North Berwick Window Wanderland 2024.	750
Edinburgh Palette	'Growing Together' - Construction of wheelchair accessible path at Law allotments.	1,500
Fringe By The Sea Ltd	North Berwick Trust Hub' - Free community space to enjoy at FBTS in 2024, 2025 and 2026.	32,000
Herbspace CIC	Schools Wellbeing Project to strengthen confidence, mental wellbeing and resilience in our young people.	14,943
Individual Applicant	Contribution towards a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle for a North Berwick resident with disabilities and their family.	3,000
Individual Applicant	'Windows to the Past' - Delivery of a historical photographic exhibition on NB high street in 2024.	3,250
Keep The Heid	Mental health café in North Berwick.	9,400
Law Out of School Care Network	North Berwick Playgroup - Project encompassing a community approach to childcare from 2 - 12 years old via creche, playgroup and out of school club.	3,758
NB Area Children and Youth Network	Support from the Start - Delivery of family learning sessions and bursaries for children age 0-8 years.	18,000
NB Area Health and Wellbeing Network	'Kindness cooperative' foodbank - Delivering weekly food parcels to North Berwick families struggling financially.	24,000
NB Coastal Communities Museum Trust	Funding towards a new museum quality display case for exhibitions in 2024 and beyond.	5,133
NB Day Care Association Ltd	'Reach Out' project - to improve quality of life for older NB residents and their families/carers.	15,654
NB Duke of Edinburgh	Community group established to support our young people progress through the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme.	2,300
NB Kayak Club	Funding towards the purchase of an additional kayak to suit smaller adults/young people.	1,500
North Berwick Youth Project	Funding to secure a full-time Lead Youth Worker for 3 years.	32,000
TOTAL		£167,188



EDINBURGH PALETTE



2024 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

General Grants

Spring 2024

Opens: Wednesday 27th March.

Closes: Wednesday 8th May.

Autumn 2024

Opens: Wednesday 21st August.

Closes: Wednesday 2nd October.

Young Person's Scholarship

Opens: 1st August 2024.

Capital Grants

Applications welcome at anytime.



North Berwick High School student Charlie Pugh competing at the World Junior Surf Championships in Rio, Brazil, November 2023.

Young Person's Scholarship: First Awards Granted

North Berwick Trust were delighted to award three young people from North Berwick a total of £14,000 at our September board meeting.

The scholarship is especially designed to assist our young people age 14–25 years old to move their life forward in a positive way and to progress their careers. The scheme is open to those who live or study in North Berwick. Priority is given to those who could not afford to pursue their ambitions without support. The types of projects the Trust will support include further education or career training and those with specific ambitions in sport, music and art or other cultural or creative endeavours.

This was the first-time scholarships have been awarded. The Trust was delighted to support a university student with commuting costs, a school leaver pursuing a career in aviation and a young surfer on his way to the World Junior Surf Championships in Brazil. 15-year-old surfer and North Berwick High School student, Charlie Pugh, was thrilled when he was selected to represent Scotland, *'It was an amazing experience being able to compete on the world stage against the best of the best! I felt I surfed well and was able to contribute to the teams' overall points haul. Team Scotland finished in 27th place out of 47 countries which is a fantastic result that we were all very proud with. I came away with lifelong memories of the best surfing experience and made lots of new friends along the way!'*

'I'd like to say a massive thank you to the North Berwick Trust for helping to make the recent trip to Rio possible for me. It was such an honour to represent Scotland in the ISA World Junior Championships in Brazil'.



This fund is now closed until **1st August 2024**. Applications and guidance notes will be available to download from the Trust's website:

northberwicktrust.co.uk/grants/north-berwick-trusts-young-persons-scholarship.

Please contact our Grants Manager throughout the year for queries and support at:

grants@northberwicktrust.co.uk.

North Berwick's 'Forever Fund'

The 'Forever Fund' supports a wide range of projects via the General Grants scheme and Young Person's Scholarship, all of which meet one or more of its aims:

- Support and enhance recreational, cultural and sporting activities and facilities for our community;
- Support and enhance educational and lifelong learning opportunities for our community;
- Conserve and enhance the natural environment and public green space in North Berwick, and improve the sustainability of our community;
- Conserve and enhance the historic and built environment of North Berwick; and
- Help those in need in our community.

News from the Trust's Estates Group



Main picture: Volunteers tending to the young fruit trees at North Berwick Trust Park's community orchard in October 2023. **Inset:** Law Primary School pupil Martha Begley, age 11, who has named the orchard 'The Little Fruit Patch'.

Town's First Community Orchard Gets a Name!

Following the planting of our town's first community orchard in March this year at North Berwick Trust Park, students at Law Primary were asked to help the Trust come up with a creative name. In a 'Name the Orchard' competition held throughout October, children age 5 – 11 years old came forward with some wonderful ideas. Well done to winner Martha Begley, age 11, who suggested 'The Little Fruit Patch'. Signs will be installed in the park early next year. Thank you to the Scottish Seabird Centre who awarded generous prizes of a year's junior membership and a cuddly toy or book to two year group winners and two runners up.

We welcome both Law Primary and North Berwick High School, along with the many other community groups throughout the town, to come along and enjoy the Park for outdoor learning and recreation.

On the first Saturday of each month, volunteers come together to help care for the Trust's estate, including planting, weeding and caring for our young trees. Sign up to the Trust's mailing list for the latest updates. Thank you to all the volunteers who have come along in 2023 to care for North Berwick Trust Park.

Plans for Trust's 'triangle' Progress

The Trust has moved forward with its plans to improve the 'triangle' of Trust land near to Law Primary; with a detailed specification being developed and prices requested from suitably qualified contractors. The closing date for this tender process is early January 2024, and we are hopeful that works will commence in the spring. The Trust continues to be supportive of the pump track development; and has agreed to accommodate this facility within the 'triangle'.

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