

Berwick St James Community Fund

Quick bit of history
What is it?
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Balances

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History

- Village fete committee in 2008 set a goal to raise funds to purchase a marquee for the village and also raise funds for the reading room and church
- Aimed to encourage enthusiasm for village fundraising (overcome apathy)
- 2008 Village fete introduced a dog show and duck race
- Fundraising doubled compared to previous years.
- Funds from rental of marquee to go into community funds
- 2009 Village Fete - a proportion of funds went to community fund after a certain sum had been reached for church and reading room
- Berwick 5K run raised funds which went into the community fund

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What is it?

- **Very simple!**
- **Funds can be spent on whatever the village meeting votes for.**
- **Can be for the Reading Room, Church or anything we vote for.**
- **If proposed spend is for over £500, then 10 days notice must be given**
- **It has evolved a bit over the years and has become a 'holding place' for funds.**

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Why have it?

- Broadens interest to encourage fundraising.
- Fund can pay for things that precept fund cannot.
- Can be used to attract match funding.
- Enables the village to have fun by paying for upfront costs for events which tend to lead to further funds being raised.
- Helps to spread the proceeds of fund raising events over two years.
- You never know when you might need/want it – e.g. royal wedding, flood protection etc

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What does it get used for?

- First marquee was catalyst
- £100.00 village fete signs 2009
- £ 377.00 restoration of church memorial 2009
- £500 to reading room for renovations – 2012
- £1000 reading room projector 2012
- £600 to noticeboard match funded to £1200 by WC – 2013

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What does it get used for?

- £139.98 - gazebos purchase - 2013
- £75.60 - purchase of village sandbags to deal with flood planning - 2014
- £500 - contribution to beech tree pruning in graveyard - 2014
- £57.60 - village mapping software - 2014
- £143.94 - two more village gazebos - 2014
- £450.00 - contribution to defibrillator - 2014
- £271.14 - village liter bin - 2014
- £205.80 Bus Shelter repair – 2015

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What does it get used for?

- £500 donation to air ambulance re OG – 2015
- £47 for wheelie bin speeding stickers - 2016
- £126 for marquee storage boxes - 2016
- £65.00 defib pads - 2016
- £1250 to reading room - 2016
- £1250 to church – 2016
- £300 to air ambulance/fireworks party event 2017
- £400 each to reading room & church - 2017

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What else does it get used for? – Underwriting community events

- **Paid £762 for float, insurance etc for village Fete 2014 Float**
- **Paid upfront cost for band (£510) and large marquee (£460) for queen's 90th birthday party**
- **Paid upfront costs for Open Gardens e.g. toilets, signs etc.**

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What else does it get used for – Regular outgoings?

- About £20 for carol singing refreshments
- About £80 per year for wine for the village meetings
- £60 to £250 for maintenance of defibrillator
- £80 yearly village contribution for parish magazine per year
- Village marquee maintenance which generates funds.

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How much does it have? – Closing balances

- 2010 - £1130
- 2011 - £2787
- 2012 - £2289
- 2013 - £2291
- 2014 - £1794
- 2015 - £1418
- 2016 - £4378
- 2017 - £1808
- Now - £872 (-£500 for church pipe?)