

Hermitage Hall
Grant Request Submission
Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage Community Council

Hermitage Hall is a registered Scottish charity - # SC044887. The Hermitage Hall Committee, in keeping with the charitable purpose of the Hall to provide and maintain the Hall as a community facility for the recreation, leisure, education and improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants of the ULHCC area, requests grant funding for the following:

1. Improvements to the kitchen and the purchase and installation of a dishwasher.

The use of the Hall has increased significantly over the last few years. There are social events and activities such as regular coffee mornings, movie nights and speaker evenings, as well as commercial hall hires and large celebratory events. This requires more efficient use of the kitchen and greater attention to food hygiene compliance.

This grant will be used to install a new counter shelf with an undercounter, energy efficient, high specification dishwasher.

(1) HOOVER H-Dish 600 Dishwasher	£479.00	
+ Plumbing installation	<u>100.00</u>	
		£ 579.00
(2) Extended countertop/shelving unit		<u>505.00</u>
		£1,084.00

2. Replacement of exterior lighting with energy efficient, brighter lights.

Many events at the Hall are held at night. The existing exterior lights are old and inefficient. Two lights are not working.

This grant will be used to replace the exterior lights with LED fixtures using less electricity and providing brighter, safer, more secure nighttime illumination for entry/exit and access to parked cars.

(1) External Lights Replacement	£520.00	
+ Scaffolding	<u>75.00</u>	£ 595.00

3. Marquee.

Hermitage Hall has received planning consent to create a community garden on its land adjacent to the Hall. This consent includes an area for the placement from time-to-time of a marquee for community social gatherings to complement the use of the Hall. One such event in the past was a hog-roast celebration for the coronation of King Charles III at which the Hall was able to borrow a marquee from a private owner near Hawick. That marquee is no longer available.

This grant will be used to purchase a 6m x 9m marquee suitable for outdoor community events in the garden area and will provide the Hall Committee with greater opportunity to plan/organise larger activities and promote special event hires.

DIY Marquees Commercial 6m x 9m Marquee	£1,951.20
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4. Bicycle rack and repair station.

Hermitage Hall has become a control point for three significant regular cycling events, namely Chase-the-Sun North, Raffa Pennine Rally and the London-Edinburgh-London challenge. In addition, being at the cross-road from the B6399 leading to Hermitage Castle and the A7, there are a number of cyclists passing the Hall. Further, there are cyclists from Hawick who regularly cycle down to the Hall for its monthly community coffee morning.

There are currently no facilities at the Hall for standing or repairing bicycles. The approved plans for the community garden anticipate bicycle stands and a repair facility to be available.

This grant will be used to purchase a 6-8 cycle stand (which can be added to in the future) and a repair station.

(1) Sheffield Toast TR-6 bike rack	£207.00	
(2) Barriers Direct Premium Repair Station	<u>328.44</u>	£535.44

5. Social entertainment games.

The Hermitage Hall Committee is constantly considering new events and activities to provide a welcoming and interesting place for community engagement. One such planned activity is a monthly social evening for meeting, enjoying the company of friends and neighbours...and relaxing with various games, such as darts, dominoes, Jenga, cribbage, sling puck, skittles, etc., and the holding from time-to-time of quiz nights and bingos.

This grant will be used to purchase for the Hall various games for those social evenings and to be available for use as-and-when wanted. **\$205.00**

Quotes and specific details on all items are available for all these grant requests.

Summary:

1. Kitchen Improvements/ Dishwasher	£ 1,084.00
2. Exterior Lighting	595.00
3. Marquee	1,951.20
4. Bicycle Rack/Repair Station	535.44
5. Social Entertainment Games	<u>205.00</u>

Total Grant Request: £4,370.64

Submitted on behalf of the Hermitage Hall Committee

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