

INVESTING IN THE BORDERS ENVIRONMENT

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Established by EDF Energy Renewables and Roxburghe Estates, the Environment Fund supports local and regional projects within the Scottish Borders area.

Designed to help fund a balance of built, natural and cultural heritage projects, and support those parts of the Borders without access to other community benefit funds, it has, in addition to supporting 53 projects, helped lever in an additional £5 for every pound invested by the Fund. Projects are chosen for their contribution to supporting local rural communities (funding some of our excellent local organisations), helping preserve and enhance our special landscapes and biodiversity, preserving and telling the story of our heritage and enhancing the Scottish Borders as a tourism destination.

Fund Facts & Figures

116 applications



53 projects supported



£4,923,392

Total sum of successful projects



£957,732

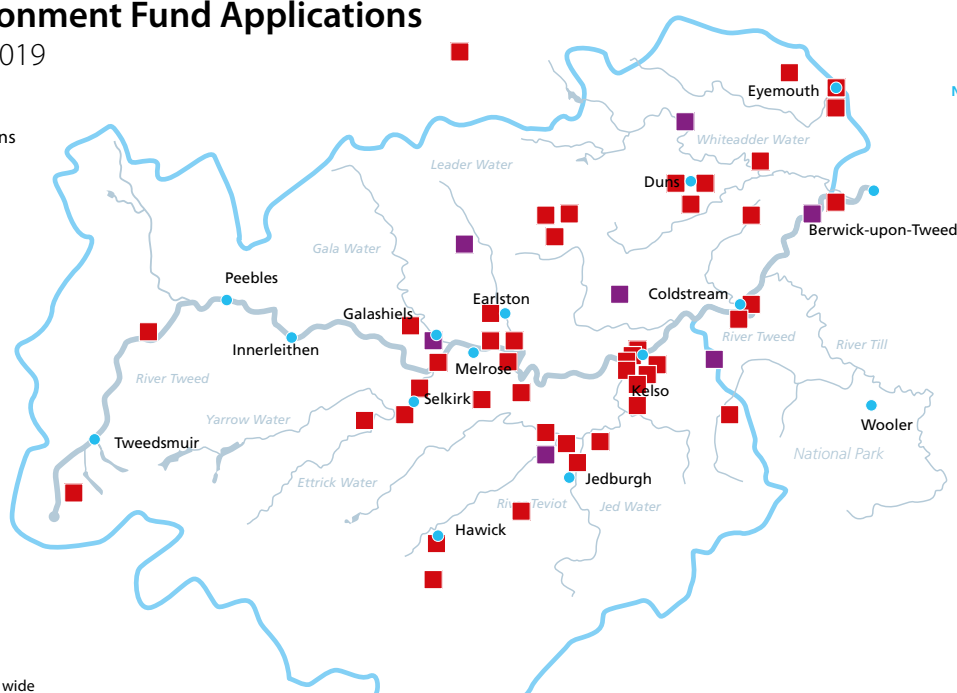
Total Fallago grant awards

Statistics up to and including round 11 (01.09.18)

Fallago Environment Fund Applications

up to February 2019

- Round 11 Applications
- FEF Application*
- Scottish Borders
- Main Rivers



*Some Applications are Borders wide

Seven New Projects Approved



We are the first confirmed contributor towards this £7 million initiative to restore the oldest vehicular suspension bridge in the world

In the latter half of 2018, seven new projects were approved (subject to confirmed match funding).

The Fund will be supporting improvements to the A-listed Gala Fairydean Rovers Football Stand; the Will H Ogilvie Anniversary Commemoration, celebrating 150 years of the Border Poet; a community archaeological investigation of the Ancrum Mantel

Walls site; improvements to Burnfoot Community Gardens; restoration of the Union Chain Bridge (pictured); provision of instruments to Hawick Brass Band; and the Historic Heart of the Lammermuirs project, which will protect and promote the archaeological heritage of this important area.

PROJECTS

Monteath Douglas Mausoleum

This spectacular, B-listed, grand Victorian monument is being restored and preserved with support from the Fund. New pathways will also improve visitor access.



The Duke of Roxburghe and Scottish Borders Council Convener, David Parker, unveil a new walking map at Leaderfoot

Celebrating the Heritage of the Leader Water

Path improvements to the very popular Leader Water circular walk are now complete. Interpretation, highlighting the natural, built and cultural heritage found along the route, has also been an important part of this project.

■ Gifford Community Woodland

This project will create and promote safe, all-ability access to the Woodland, with a particular focus on local outdoor groups and volunteering opportunities. A community orchard will also be created.



■ Woodland Restoration in the Border Hills

In the upper Talla and Gameshope valleys this community project has planted 20,000 trees, helping restore native montane woodland.

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■ Borders Tree Planting Grant Scheme

The scheme encourages people to plant new trees. With support from the Fund over 19,000 new trees are now established throughout the Scottish Borders.



■ Waterloo Monument (Penielheugh) Repair Works

Access to this iconic Monument has now been safeguarded for future generations, thanks to the Fund. Built by local people to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo, it also appeals to visitors from around the world.

■ Stobo Village Hall: Upgrading of Facilities and Disabled Access

Completion of these improvements has allowed the Hall to expand its activities and secure its future for the local community.



A Burns Supper in full swing at the newly upgraded Stobo Village Hall

■ Borders Art Fair

The Borders Art Fair attracted over 5000 people to Kelso last year for an amazing celebration of the Borders' artistic talent. This event will take place in March each year, one for the diary!



■ Kelso High School - Launch of the Golden Swarm

The Golden Swarm celebrated beekeeping at Floors Castle, and its partnership with the High School Beekeeping Club, through community-based art activities and the production of a collective artwork.



The Duke of Roxburghe admires bees from The Golden Swarm

■ Westruther Community Amenities

This project has improved various Westruther community features, including providing a safe outside area for young people to play sports.

■ Hume Castle

This project is working with the local community to investigate, interpret and protect the archaeology and heritage of Hume Castle and its surrounding landscape.



■ Stobs Military Camp Project

This fascinating community project to understand, value and protect a significant historical Military Camp site continues. Pictured are volunteers and pupils from Kelso High School excavating some of the site's fortifications.



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