

Cornhill Community Action Status report - 9th November 2022

All details of the charity's affairs can be found at 'About us' on the Cornhill on Tweed Centre website <https://www.cornhillontweedcentre.org.uk>

Funding:

We obtained £5,500 from Sir James Knott Trust
We hope to hear from Garfield Weston soon.

Martin and Elizabeth spent a couple of hours with Simon Hayward in Berwick Library searching for suitable funders. Simon is part of the Business and Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC) and was very helpful. He found several possible funders.

Depending on the result from Garfield Weston, Martin and Elizabeth have an application prepared for the National Lottery Partnerships fund.
Steve is applying to the Tudor Trust and the Key Fund.

Other funds suggested at the meeting:

Calor Gas - Steve will try

Berwick Development Trust - Steve

Barmoor Wind Farm - Elizabeth

Financial situation:

We have a balance of £8,354 in the school fund at the moment.

If Garfield Weston agree to give us £10,000, then we need £31,500 to finish the job.

Refurbishment works:

Some building work was carried out in September and October - unit 6 was cleared of remaining partitioning, the ceiling made good and provision made for the new external door.

The electricity meter was finally connected on 18th October and the electricians worked all day on 20th so we had power just in time for the Open Morning and Naming of our Sheep on 22nd. We were extremely grateful to Clive for lending us his generator for the major clean-up on 15th October. Many thanks to all the people who turned up to help.

The majority of old fluorescent lights have been converted to LED giving better light and saving 75% of power. The fire and intruder alarms are active.

A few days ago plumbers dealt with all the open pipe ends resulting from the removal of fittings. We can now proceed with the water re-connection but the tanks will not be filled until either the heating is in use or after the coming cold weather.

The new CCA trustee responsible for the tenants, Maggie Read, has very successfully publicised the Cornhill on Tweed Centre on social media; Facebook and Instagram. She has a newspaper covering the Craft Fair and Oliver put her in touch with someone at Radio Borders.

Martin Devon