



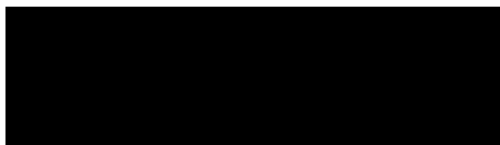
Bonnyrigg Rose & Active Schools Midlothian

Active Schools have recently started working in partnership with Bonnyrigg Rose Community Football Club. We are working in partnership to put on mental health workshops for local secondary school pupils during exam time which we feel will be a massive support mechanism for them. This is of no charge and fully funded by the club.

We will also be working with the new football development officer in the club to provide more fun football sessions free of charge to pupils in Midlothian and provide schools team competitions. All of which Bonnyrigg Rose are keen to be involved in and support.

Working with Bonnyrigg Rose has also opened up opportunities to enhance the work we do with Community Life Long Learning and Employability. We are looking to expand on this work and support the current work Bonnyrigg Rose is currently working on for targeted children and families. Our team have also had the opportunity to access Mental Health First Aid Training which will help us in our roles as Active Schools Coordinators.

Finally we run an events calendar which offers free of charge competitive opportunities for local primary school children. We have in the past and are looking again to work with Bonnyrigg Rose to put on our annual Ryder Cup Golf festival making use of the Astro facility during school time. We appreciate their support with this and look forward to working with them in the future.



Good morning [redacted]

I can confirm that we have worked in partnership for a number of years on various projects. Bonnyrigg Rose Football club also housed our nursery from 2017 until 2020 until we obtained our own building. We worked together on foodbanks for the Community of Bonnyrigg when the pandemic first hit Bonnyrigg.

We fully support the application for asset transfer as we will continue to use Bonnyrigg Rose Football club support with future community projects.

Please let me know if you require any more information.

regards



BASC: Out of School Care and Early Learning & Childcare



[REDACTED]

We would like to confirm the positive partnership that the church has started with Bonnyrigg Rose and having moved to Bonnyrigg in January 2020 it did not take long to see what an impact the club has on the wider community.

I was able to become the club chaplain as a new minister starting just before the lockdown and while COVID has restricted how we are able to work together we are grateful for their openness and willingness to look at partnership as a way to resource the community.

We deeply respect the work of Bonnyrigg Rose in our community, their work goes beyond kicking a football and it is a great privilege to work alongside them.

yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Minister of Bonnyrigg Parish Church

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Wed 16/02/2022 15:05

[REDACTED]
Feedback for partnership

To

I'd like to feed back a bit about what it is like working in partnership with Bonnyrigg Rose. Health in Mind's new service delivery model in Midlothian is all about working in the community and linking in with partner organisations and venues. This is not always easy especially with the risks and associated delays that have resulted from the Covid 19 pandemic. Bonnyrigg Rose is an ideal partner. We have been able to link the people we support to access many of the activities, groups, and supports that are on offer through Bonnyrigg Rose. This is especially true of people experiencing increased social isolation and loneliness. Bonnyrigg Rose have in turn a real understanding of the variety of services we provide and have appropriately signposted people they support to access our services. Bonnyrigg Rose have been part of our advisory group and have helped us develop our new services and offered us many opportunities to link with other services across Midlothian. In addition, they have some outstanding venue spaces which we use and look forward to using more in the future for many of our community based activities including a new music group. These include their large meeting room as well as the new cabin. They also have the capacity to offer outstanding facilities for our planned football group. However the real strength comes where Health in Mind and Bonnyrigg Rose have worked together. Combined projects going forward include: Midlothian Men Matter group for men and active spaces such as a variety of walking and cycling groups. We have found Bonnyrigg Rose to be flexible, patient, and generous. They have been extremely positive in what has been a very challenging time.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]
Midlothian Manager | Health in Mind
[REDACTED]



Letter of support from KIC Dance Company

To whom it may concern,

Bonnvrigg Rose Football Club offers way more than the game itself to our community.

KIC Dance has worked with the club in partnership for years now supporting community events, supporting players/dancers and their families through challenging times from poor mental health to offering services such as foodbanks.

The Bonnvrigg Rose training facility at Poltonhall was critical in keeping our dancers dancing during the first lockdown. After months of delivering online classes, we identified that to meet in a safe, Covid controlled outdoor environment, was our best option at that time for the well-being of our students, and the support we got from BRCFC was second to none.

Bonnvrigg Rose are a likeminded community club who relate to the needs of our community and their team are great to work with.

For many, this institution and facility is a lifeline.

We fully support their application for Community Asset Transfer of the site at Poltonhall, they most definitely have our communities best interest at heart.

If you require any further information, please get in touch.

Warm regards,

[Redacted Signature]

Director

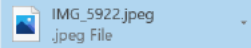
KIC Dance Company



Wed 09/02/2022 20:53

Re: BRCFC - Asset Transfer Application 2022

To



Lady Haig's Veterans Walking Football Club was started with the help from Bonnyrigg Rose Community FC. Our walking football team received a grant from the community club which was used for purchasing, Balls, bibs & training cones etc. Lady Haig's walking football club is made up of disabled veterans that work in a supported environment at the Lady Haig Poppy Factory. The team feel that walking football has helped with their health & fitness as well as their positive mental health and this has been made possible with the help of Bonnyrigg Rose FC letting the team use the facilities for obviously football practice and games but also being able to use the club house for a cup of tea and chat after our sessions where the guys find this a positive space to open up with any issues they may be having.

Lady Haig Walking Football Team were able to host a walking football tournament where we had teams made up of many groups within the local community and also teams from further afield. This tournament was only possible by the support from Bonnyrigg Rose Community Club who facilitated this event which was a huge success.

We hope that we have now turned a corner from this global covid pandemic and we are now looking forward to the year ahead hopefully building on the foundations of our walking football club and the foundations that have been set with the support from Bonnyrigg Rose. Positive mental health is one of the teams main aims and this is very much supported from the numerous mental health programs that Bonnyrigg Rose are involved in.

[Redacted]
Team Manager
Lady Haig Walking Football Club



Thu 10/02/2022 12:05

Learning Circles Scotland

To

In response to your request for feedback and to confirm the healthy working relationship we have developed over the past year or so I would like to highlight the following ways in which I experience our partnership working for the benefit of the whole community.

- Over 100 hours of Individual Support Sessions for Men, Women and Young Men in psychological and emotional crises.
- Supporting individuals with a range of issues including suicidal thoughts, anxiety, stress, depression, anger and addictions.
- Helping people connect and learn from their own experience and connection with others through learning to work in community.
- Designing, planning, developing and delivering young men's groups supporting school leavers and directionless young men to find meaningful pathways.
- Helping individuals recover from addiction and other mental health and well being issues such as grief, the loss of a loved one, loss of work or a relationship, so they can recover and learn to support their family again and improve their community.

I am particularly grateful as the founder of Learning Circles Scotland, a relatively new business, to be able to link in with your service to support individuals, groups and the wider community in and across Midlothian, especially through promoting men's work in men's circles. I would also like to particularly draw attention to the importance of the way in which you are able to find and refer people to get the help they need. Through the reputation and success of the work we have done so far we are taking the pressure off the NHS by accepting referrals from GP's, local businesses and local organisations including Education, Social Work and Carers. The feedback from Learning Circles Scotland clients has been nothing but positive, gratitude and relief at not having to wait up to 2 years for psychological, emotional health and wellbeing support from the NHS.

I have nothing but praise for the initiative, creativity, authenticity and credibility that you are allowing me to bring and share new healthy ways of being with the people of Midlothian.

In support and service, with gratitude,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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09/02/22

To Whom it may concern

I can confirm the Red Cross in Midlothian have a valued working relationship with Bonnyrigg Rose,

A recent example is the setting up of a long overdue lunch club in the Bonnyrigg area that provides an excellent service to the local community giving our lonely and isolated elderly clients a venue to have warm wholesome home cooked meal with some entertainment and a chance for much need social interaction.



Community Co-ordinator





Thu 10/02/2022 14:54

Asset transfer Mumswalk

To

Dear [REDACTED] and Bonnyrigg Rose Community Football Club,

We are very pleased to support your application for asset transfer of the site at Poltonhall. We have benefited greatly from the support of BRCFC and in the use of the hub at Poltonhall.

As a peer support walking group for mums with mental health issues it has been really great for us to have the Poltonhall site as a place to meet at the start our walks - it's handy for mums coming from around the community and has parking for those driving to meet us. It's got the added benefit of support at hand from BRCFC staff if needed.

When we return from our walks we have coffee and chat (and usually cake!) in the hub community cafe. This safe space is invaluable for our group as mums feel able to unload and toddlers are free to play. BRCFC have made this space ideal for this part of our work.

[REDACTED] and the team have been massively supportive of our group - helping with funding, networking, planning and a supportive ear to chat through things with. I would go as far as to say our group wouldn't have got back up and running after covid without [REDACTED] and the BRCFC team supporting us.

They've also helped us connect our mums in with their other work and partners. Our mums have benefited from counselling, football camp scholarships, info on Baby's Bumps and Bairns and the play cafe. One example is a mum with anxiety who was only managing to come to the walking group and not going out otherwise feeling able to try the play cafe as it was a familiar place for her.

These community links are invaluable and [REDACTED] and BRCFC are using the space to develop community and connection that is very much needed and from which we have benefited greatly.

I hope you are successful in being awarded the asset transfer - we see it as the best decision for our community.

We are happy to answer any questions or give further info if required,

[REDACTED] and the Mumswalk team



Thu 24/02/2022 11:26

RE: BRCFC - Asset Transfer Application 2022 [OFFICIAL]

To

OFFICIAL

Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you, I hope this is still of some use to you.

As one of the Bonnyrigg Community Police Officers I am fully aware of the fantastic community work that is ongoing at Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club, which targets various ages/demographics and supports vulnerable persons within the community. Police Scotland acknowledges the clear benefits that the club has had on reducing youth disorder in the Bonnyrigg area through both youth groups and support services, but is also aware of the other projects that are ongoing to better support the community and its residents. Police Scotland recognises the effective and impactful community work that is ongoing by Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club and we look forward to working closely with and supporting the club going forward.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Bonnyrigg Community Ward Officer
Bonnyrigg Police Station

Tel: 101



Thu 10/02/2022 08:35

Poppyscotland

To

Hi

I run the Poppyscotland Poppy Appeal every year and to help me in facilitating this I use the facilities at Poltonhall to prepare the tins before they are dispatched in the local community. I also use Poltonhall for poppy appeal meetings with our local volunteers throughout the year to assist in the planning for the event. Poltonhall is also a base for running additional Poppyscotland fundraising events. Bonnyrigg Rose is very much involved in the Bonnyrigg Poppy Appeal and has helped to raise several thousand pound over the last few years. The Poppy Appeal has been very successful in recent years although the Country is going through trying times, we have built the Poppy Appeal up as a community event and I believe the local community now recognise Bonnyrigg Rose as a Poppyscotland partner and know that our base for the appeal is at Poltonhall.

Bonnyrigg Area Organiser
Poppyscotland



Thu 10/02/2022 12:16

Re: BRCFC - Asset Transfer Application 2022

To

Hi

We're delighted to hear that Bonnyrigg Rose is applying for the Asset Transfer of the site at Poltonhall. It has been a privilege for us to partner with the club on many different occasions in the delivery of mental health awareness training courses that have been of great benefit to the community, judging by the feedback we have received. We have enjoyed delivering the training to not only delegates from BRCFC but also to people from other local organisations who you have given places to - like the local dance group, local shop workers and mental health support workers. You really are making a tangibly positive difference within Bonnyrigg and surrounding area - keep up the great work and we hope your application is successful.

Best wishes

Director, Positive Mental Health Scotland



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

17/02/2022

[REDACTED]
Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club

Re: Support for Asset Transfer

Dear [REDACTED]

I am very happy to offer this note of support for Bonnyrigg Rose's Community Asset Transfer request of the Poltonhall pavilion facilities.

As a locally based counsellor, I am proud to be working with you to provide a free one-to-one counselling service to Midlothian adults who are experiencing significant mental health difficulties. The clients, who are accessing the service via referrals from Health in Mind, are all highly vulnerable individuals who have experienced significant trauma in their lives. The majority of them are living in situations of multiple disadvantage, including poverty. There are very few other one-to-one counselling services available through the third sector within Midlothian, so this service provides a necessary addition to the support available to our most vulnerable individuals.

Bonnyrigg Rose is both funding this service and also providing a warm, safe, accessible and confidential space at Poltonhall in order to hold the counselling sessions. The space is quiet and comfortable, with both parking facilities and easy access from the 31 and 49 bus routes.

At a time when Midlothian's communities are growing at an unprecedented rate, without a corresponding level of investment in public services, it is more important than ever that grassroots third sector organisations have the facilities and resources to meet the needs of local people. Physical spaces are vital to this. Bonnyrigg Rose has demonstrated a real commitment to health and wellbeing and an ambition to transform the Poltonhall site to a vibrant community hub which will be far more than just a football club.

I wish you best of luck with the next phase of your development.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Counsellor
[REDACTED]



11/02/2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Bonnyrigg Rose Community Football Club – Community Asset Transfer

RUTS have been working with Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club to support residents of Midlothian take part in meaningful activities. Through these activities it is clear that the club operates with the interest of the community as a priority and not solely just for the football club, and that the activities benefit groups / individuals within the community.

RUTS are aware of Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club's application for Asset Transfer of the site at Poltenhall. This letter is provided in support of their application.

Yours sincerely,



Thu 10/02/2022 15:01

RE: BRCFC - Asset Transfer Application 2022

To [Redacted]

Hello [Redacted]

Thank you for emailing me about this. I appreciate the work that this takes. Hope this is helpful

Team United is very supportive of the partnership that has formed between the two organisations and has enabled young people with disabilities and in particular Autism to have a sense of belonging within their community. In partnership, we now offer weekly activity to young people who would not easily access these opportunities themselves. The young people have gone further in now having representation in the World's First Autism league and Scottish Cup in May this year. Playing football and being part of a team can be challenging for young people with Autism. This is due to the intense social and communication skills it requires. The partnership approach in working with Bonnyrigg has not only provided young people with place based activity but also given Bonnyrigg Rose more knowledge and skills which can only help them grow and flourish in the years to come.

We certainly look forward to working with Bonnyrigg Rose in the future and would support any application made that will enhance this work.