

**COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND**

**2024/2025**

The closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Please note late applications will not be accepted

Please refer to the associated guidance when completing this application form.

All projects must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

This is an application form for the Coastal Communities Fund managed by South Ayrshire Council. Please complete all parts of the form. If you require any clarification or additional information then please contact [grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

**Amount of grant requested**

| TYPE OF GRANT      | AMOUNT       | PURPOSE   | SELECT ONE                          |
|--------------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| *Small grant       | Up to £1000  | To support small grass roots groups and organisations.  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| *Development grant | Up to £4,950 | The Development Grant will assist groups to plan & develop small scale projects that will link into one of the priorities of the Coastal Communities Grant Fund. Projects will essentially make communities a more attractive place to live & work. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Section 1: Organisation Details**

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| Organisation Name    | <b>Kirkmichael Development Trust</b>  |
| Organisation Address | <b>McCosh Hall</b><br><br><b>19 Patna Road</b><br><br><b>Kirkmichael</b><br><br><b>KA19 7PJ</b> |
| Type of organisation | <b>SCIO</b>   |

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| (voluntary organisation, charity, CIC, Ltd. by guarantee, SCIO, unincorporated association etc. or private sector) |  |
| If a charity or Limited Company please include your number   | <b>SC053662</b>  |
| Does your group/organisation have a bank account?  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Section 2: Contact details

| Contacts                 | Lead Contact     |
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| Name                     | Caroline Lorimer |
| Position in Organisation | Treasurer        |
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## Section 3: Project Details

### Project Title

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| Development Trust Worker |
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### About your project/what are you seeking funding for?

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| <p>Kirkmichael Development Trust is an independent, community-owned, and community-led organisation established to drive the social, economic, and environmental regeneration of Kirkmichael village and the surrounding area. It is dedicated to securing the long-term future of the McCosh Hall, supporting local groups, fostering community-led initiatives, and promoting active engagement across all generations. Through strong governance, strategic investment, and partnerships, we aim to safeguard vital services, encourage participation, and enrich the cultural and economic life of Kirkmichael for residents and visitors alike. We are seeking funding to contract a Development Worker to support the Board to achieve the aims of the Development Trust. The Development Worker will work across the community supporting not only the Trust, but other community organisations ie. Kirkmichael Shop and Café, the recently formed 3 Villages Creative Arts and local community owned Pub and Restaurant to ensure partnership working to increase the visitor numbers and footfall and make the rural village a more attractive place to live, work and visit. One of the first major initiatives of the Development Trust is the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of McCosh Hall from South Ayrshire Council. This was approved at the August SAC Cabinet meeting. Ownership of McCosh Hall will provide the security,</p> |
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autonomy, and long-term vision required to protect and enhance this essential community resource. It will enable us to make the investments needed to maintain, upgrade, and adapt the hall to meet the evolving needs of the village. We require the support of a Development Worker from November 2025 to February 2026 to assist the Board in the process of this Asset Transfer and significant transition for the village and ensure the community is kept consulted and involved throughout.

**What community will this project be delivered in and what communities will benefit?**

The project will be delivered in Kirkmichael, but will also benefit the surrounding communities of Straiton and Crosshill.

**Please provide information you have about the need and support for the project, eg community consultation**

Kirkmichael Development Trust (KDT) is leading the community's effort to secure McCosh Hall through a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and develop the village as a thriving hub for local life and visitor destination.

At a community consultation, 48 residents backed the hall purchase (none opposed) and 43 joined as members.

A further consultation in April 2025 brought together 45 residents to shape hall designs with ARPL Architects, identifying priorities such as storage, meeting rooms, and essential repairs.

Membership has now grown to 72 (over 10% of the village population), showing clear commitment to community ownership.

In 2022, Kirkmichael Village Renaissance employed a Community Development Worker to revitalise village assets and activities. Independent evaluation in 2024 showed:

- **210 new attendances** at community activities
- **78% felt more connected** to their community
- **56% grew their social circle**
- **1 in 3 reported better health and wellbeing**

This demonstrates that when residents are supported, isolation is reduced, wellbeing improves, and local skills and talents flourish.

Community ownership of McCosh Hall will safeguard vital services such as the Community Shop, Café and Bowling Club, while enabling new cultural, social, and wellbeing initiatives to grow.

To sustain momentum and deliver this ambitious community-led vision, KDT now urgently requires funding for a Development Trust Worker. This new dedicated role will:

- Drive the CAT process to completion
- Support groups and activities using McCosh Hall
- Develop new initiatives responding to community needs
- Strengthen resilience in Kirkmichael by reducing isolation and improving health outcomes

With Coastal Communities funding, KDT can secure McCosh Hall as a vibrant, accessible hub that meets the needs of today while building a stronger, healthier future for generations to come.

**Which of the following Council plan priorities most aligns with your proposed project:**

Priority 1 – Spaces & Places ☒

Priority 2 – Live, Work, learn ☒

Priority 3 – Civic & Community Pride ☒

**Please select the grant you are applying for and the relevant priority (you can select more than one priority, if applicable)**

**For small grant only:**

- To assist with barriers to sustain the group ☐
- To develop new projects/ideas ☐

**For development grant only:**

- Deliver improvements to public places that will increase the number of visitors ☒
- make coastal communities more attractive places to live and work ☒
- demonstrate a strong link to local strategies and local place plans ☒

If linking into a place plan or a community action plan, please details which priority it will be achieving:

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| This project will be achieving Priority 02 for Kirkmichael – Live, work and learn in the CSK Community Led Action plan. |
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| <b>Estimated start date:</b>      | <b>10/11/25</b> |
| <b>Estimated completion date:</b> | <b>22/02/26</b> |

#### **Section 4: Project Costs**

How much funding are you requesting from the Coastal Communities Fund?

**£4940**

Are you applying for Revenue or Capital costs, or both?

Revenue ☒ £4940

Capital ☐ £

Please provide a full break down of costs for your project.

If applying for both revenue and capital, then please detail costs separately.

| Item/Activity | Cost |
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| <b>12 weeks of a Development Trust Worker Contract (£18 per hour, 20hrs per week)</b> | <b>£4320</b> |
| <b>Expenses (£10 per week for 12 weeks)</b>   | <b>£120</b>  |
| <b>Activity and Admin Fund</b>  | <b>£500</b>  |
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| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£4940</b> |

**For development grant only:**

Individual item costs over £1000, 3 quotes need to be provided – if relevant quotes are not provided when submitting application, it will not be considered.

**Section 5: Checklist**

**Please confirm you have the following documents:**

Constitution/Memorandum & Articles ☒

Audited or independently verified accounts ☒ Organisation is under 1year therefore no current financial statements are available.

Last 3 months bank statements ☒

**Section 6: Declaration & Conditions**

I, on behalf of, Kirkmichael Ayrshire Development Trust:

- Certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and accurate and will adhere to the following terms and conditions;
- Understand that making this application does not entitle the organisation to funding as a right;
- Will not commence or commit any expenditure before receiving approval of the funding;
- Confirm that the quotations are bona fide competitive quotes;
- Will provide the External Funding officer with digital colour photos of the work, both before and after the work has been completed. I understand that these images will be kept on record and used for future publicity;
- Understand that this funding award does not cover retrospective work;
- Understand that to make any misleading statement in relation to this application could make the application invalid, or may mean the organisation has to repay the funding;
- Understand that this application is subject to appropriate checks and meets appropriate conditions such as planning, procurement guidelines, and other statutory consents; and
- I Have read the associated guidance before completing and submitting this application form.

- Understands that if I do not provide satisfactory evidence of spend then the council may request I repay the grant

Failure to return or complete and return any evaluations requested then I may not receive any future funding from South Ayrshire Council. I may be asked to repay the funds if I cannot provide evidence that they were used for the purpose intended.

Name of Person Completing Application: Caroline Lorimer

On behalf of: (Organisation name) : Kirkmichael Ayrshire Development Trust

Date: 02/09/2025

Completed application only should be saved as a PDF document and uploaded to the [Your Area Your Voice Your Choice](#)

Supporting documents should be e-mailed to [grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:grants@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

These include:

- Constitution
- Last 3 months bank statements
- Independently verified accounts
- Quotes (where required)