

CELCA Grant Application Form

Application Reference: GM 06/06/23.1

Applicant/Organisation:

Duns Dogs formed last year as an Obedience and Agility dog training group at Kidshielhaugh Farm and several members of the community and their dogs have completed their Bronze Good Citizen awards, or are fully fledged regular agility partakers. I am still an active member of Duns Dogs and I am always encouraged to hear the positive effect agility and obedience is having on owner/dog relations. The agility classes provide an excellent outlet for physical and mental energy whilst building confidence and developing self control. It can also help with distraction training, which can in turn build confidence and trust between dogs and their owners. As we are back to (hopefully) drier weather, agility classes will be held outside at Kidshielhaugh farm. The Kennel Club good citizen scheme aims to produce a dog who will walk and behave in a controlled manner on the lead, recall happily, able to be handled and inspected comfortably, and provide basic training knowledge to the owner. Duns Dogs will be doing another Bronze class, and also a Silver as they have a number of owners wishing to return for the Silver Obedience classes, including several CELCA members.

Reason for Application:

There are 3 members from the community who completed and enjoyed the Bronze Good Citizen test and would like to return to do the Silver with Duns Dogs who live within the CELCA catchment area, and there is 1 agility enthusiast who wishes to continue to build on their knowledge and skills. I would like to support their continuation of the classes, whilst allowing for other interested members of the community to complete the Bronze course. I would like to apply for enough funding to cover the Silver class, continuation of agility, and allow for new start spaces. These new start spaces can be used for either Bronze obedience classes, or for introduction to agility.

Benefit to the Community:

In previous years, the number of dogs in the UK as a whole has increased dramatically, and any encouragement of responsible dog ownership should be celebrated especially considering the high percentage of livestock farmland that falls within the CELCA area. The only requirement to participate in training is to have a canine companion, and for agility the dog needs to be over 12 months, so these classes are open to any dog owners within the CELCA area.

Disability Provisions:

Obedience is more about close contact so is inclusive to most disabilities, as agility is more active this can be assessed on an individual basis and Shaune and Mike encourage all who have an interest to get in contact, and view a class if they would like an idea of what to expect prior to attending.

Details of Funding Requested:

ITEM	QTY	COST
6 week starter spaces @ £10	8	£480.00
Returning community members		£500.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST		£980.00

Amount requested from CELCA: £980.00

Details of other sources of funding:

None

Contributions from Applicant/Organisation:

None

Dates of Project:

June - September 2023