

# CELCA Grant Application Form

**Application Reference:** GM 01/06/2026.3

**Applicant/Organisation:**

**Duns Pipe Band**

Founded in 1942, Duns Pipe Band has offered generations of Borderers tuition, instruments, equipment, and highland dress free of charge to ensure anyone can learn the bagpipes or drums. Open to all ages and abilities, the band has 40 active playing members and 12 learners, most progressing through our free in-house training programme. We build musical skill, confidence, teamwork, and pride in local heritage, with members performing live at a full schedule of community events across Berwickshire and beyond. Young members have achieved Advanced Higher, Higher and National 5 qualifications, others have progressed to play and compete at the highest level, and almost all continue to support local life. Through music, mentorship, and public contribution, Duns Pipe Band preserves a proud cultural tradition, nurtures personal development, and unites generations in celebration of shared community spirit.

**Reason for Application:**

Duns Pipe Band are seeking funding to replace essential pipe band equipment, specifically 30 pipe bag covers, and 30 sets of drone cords used by Duns Pipe Band members.

These items are subject to regular wear and deterioration due to environmental exposure, frequent use, and necessary cleaning. As core components of the instrument setup, bag covers protect the airtight bag supplying air to the reeds, while drone cords secure the drones in position.

Replacing these items ensures the instruments remain functional, presentable, and fit for performance at community events.

**Benefit to the Community:**

Duns Pipe Band and its players individually perform regularly across Berwickshire and beyond, supporting civic weeks, gala days, agricultural shows, Remembrance services and seasonal celebrations. These performances provide accessible, free cultural entertainment, and contribute to the shared identity and traditions of local communities. The project will ensure the band can continue to perform to a high standard, maintaining a professional appearance and musical quality at public events. It also supports the continuation of our free tuition programme, open to members across the CELCA area, enabling people of all ages to learn and participate in a positive atmosphere, strengthening community cohesion, intergenerational engagement and pride in local heritage.

**Accessibility:**

Duns Pipe Band is fully inclusive, offering free tuition, instruments, and equipment to all individuals regardless of age, gender, background or prior experience. Members travel from across Berwickshire, including the CELCA area, to take part, with remote learning options via Zoom improving accessibility for those unable to attend in person.

All instructors are PVG registered, and young learners are supported in a safe, structured environment. By ensuring all members have appropriate equipment, this project removes barriers to participation and enables equal involvement. It supports confidence, teamwork, and social connection, while ensuring the band remains a welcoming and active part of the community.

**Details of Funding Requested:**

ITEM	QTY	COST
Bagpipe Covers	30	£1,590.00
Bagpipe Cords	30	£450.00
	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£2,040.00</b>
	<b>Amount from Others</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
	<b>Amount from CELCA</b>	<b>£1,020.00</b>

**Details of Other Sources of Funding:**

None.

**Contributions from Applicant/Organisation:**

Duns Pipe Band will contribute £1,020.00 from unrestricted reserves, representing 50% of the total project cost. This contribution reflects Duns Pipe Bands commitment to shared investment in the renewal of these important assets. The Band operates entirely on a voluntary basis and generates funds through performances, small fundraising activities and community support. By allocating a significant proportion of our reserves to this project, we are demonstrating both financial responsibility and strong local commitment, while retaining sufficient funds to ensure organisational stability.

**Dates of Project:**

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.