

CELCA Grant Application Form

Application Reference: GM 01/06/2026.9

Applicant/Organisation:

Berwickshire Agricultural Show

The Annual Agricultural show hosted by Berwickshire Agricultural Association plays an important role in celebrating, supporting, and promoting rural life and industry in the Berwickshire area.

Its key aims are to encourage those arts with which Agriculture, Industry and the rearing of Stock are associated, and the promotion of the Agricultural, Manufacturing and Pastoral interests generally. By hosting competitions across a wide range of categories—such as livestock, equine, baking and crafts—participants are motivated to continually improve their standards and share best practices and achievements - including the recipients of Long Service awards within the Agricultural community. This helps to preserve traditional skills while also embracing new techniques and developments.

The Association also serves to strengthen community spirit. It brings together people from rural and surrounding areas, creating opportunities for social interaction, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas. Exhibitors, visitors, and organisers all contribute to a shared experience that fosters pride in local heritage and identity and allows attendees to become better educated and gain an understanding of the farming community.

Reason for Application:

We will use the grant to part fund the cost of tentage, rosettes, trophy engraving, judge's expenses, cataloguing, insurance, and advertising for the Industrial Tent at the 2026 show.

Benefit to the Community:

Many exhibitors in the Industrial Section come from the Lammermuir district, providing an opportunity to showcase their talents in stick dressing, as well as their make-and-bake skills. The section also allows participants to connect and interact with fellow local exhibitors, fostering a strong sense of community and shared tradition.

There is also a charitable class every year. This year's class is a Knitted or Crocheted Breast, to be donated to NHS Borders, the breasts are used by midwives and health visitors as a teaching aid to support individuals who choose to breast or chest feed their baby. The Industrial section is hoping to contribute of £1,000 towards the costs associated with their section, however the remainder is un-funded. The total tent cost for this section is £2,316, while the additional sundries (listed above) total £1,126. The total cost of this section has risen again this year to £3,442, and as mentioned earlier, the Industrial section hopes to increase their contribution to £1,000 this year which leaves £2,442 unfunded - 49% grant requested. Attending the Show will become unobtainable for the Industrial Section should they have to fund all their costs.

Accessibility:

The Industrial Section offers a wide range of classes designed to suit all ages and abilities. There are classes for the skilled baker, novice flower arranger, young participants, and a special class in support of a local charity. There are no restrictions on entry, and participants of all experience levels are warmly encouraged to take part.

Whilst the field itself is managed as a grass field, it is relatively accessible for those with disabilities. Disabled parking is available on the field, located closer to the main attractions, and all activities on the show field are accessible for wheelchair users and those with sight, hearing, or hidden disabilities. Disabled and baby changing bathroom facilities are also provided on the field.

Details of Funding Requested:

ITEM	QTY	COST
Industrial section tentage, rosettes, tables, chairs, trophy engraving, judges expenses, insurance, advertising	-	£3,442.00
	Total Project Cost	£3,442.00
	Amount from Others	£0.00
	Amount from CELCA	£1,200.00

Details of Other Sources of Funding:

See below.

Contributions from Applicant/Organisation:

Yes, the industrial section are hoping to contribute £1,000 and the BAS will contribute the remainder of funding required.

Dates of Project:

1st August 2026.