

SCDT Update (September 2025)

The September meeting of Skirling Community Development Trust was briefed on the progress of the preparation for Skirling 750 event. A Clyde Windfarm application for funding in addition to the Scottish Borders Neighbourhood Support Fund application. Both applications remain pending. Fittings are to be borrowed from Biggar Museum for use in the Skirling 750 event exhibition. Several panels have been procured for the exhibition, each featuring a different aspect of the history of Skirling. Volunteers have agreed to assist with transporting items to the exhibition and providing information for the panels. There is a possibility that an Eco-museum will be developed which could feature information presented at the exhibition.

There was a reminder that the Skirling 750 event will also feature an open meeting of the trust, to provide an opportunity for the community to get involved with the trust and to explain what the role of the trust is. There should be a brief presentation by the trust, either 20 minutes before or after George Wheeler-Carmichael's talk.

An update on Skirling Land Project was also received. Three potential consultants have been contacted to obtain tenders for obtaining advice on the transfer of various parcels of land in Skirling. The closing date for tender responses is October 24th 2025. Thereafter a recommendation to appoint one of the consultants will be made to the trust on the merits of the applications received. An SSE Windfarm application for funding will be made to cover the cost of the consultation.

Regarding the Skirling Playpark Project, it is intended that a pre-application will be made in due course to Scottish Borders Council.