

DALKEITH AGRICULTURAL SHOW

APPLICANT

Dalkeith Agricultural Society
www.dalkeithshow.co.uk

TOTAL PROJECT COST

£16,953

£10,172
(60%)

£6,781

Tyne Esk LEADER

Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

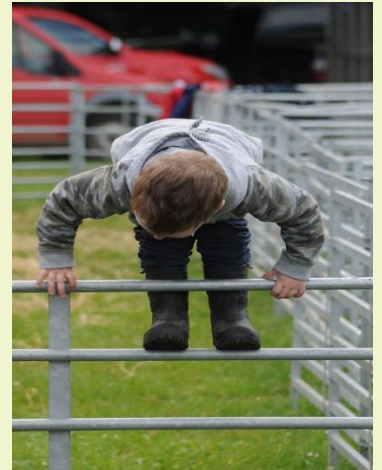
- Make annual local Dalkeith Agricultural Show more self-sufficient by investing in essential equipment which previously had to be hired.
- Ensure the safety of exhibitors and visitors to by investing in the purchase of crowd barriers and livestock gates.
- Provide Dalkeith Agricultural Society a small income through the hire out of the equipment.



PROJECT DETAIL

Dalkeith Agricultural Society has been in existence since 1805. It hosts Dalkeith Agricultural Show in the grounds of Dalkeith Palace in July every year. The show brings livestock exhibitors, farmers, equestrian enthusiasts, a wide mix of trade stand exhibitors and the local community together for one day, in an outdoor countryside setting. Visitor numbers have risen significantly in recent years due to increasing interest and awareness from the public in how their food is produced. It is also a pleasant day out for local people.

The Society previously had to hire in equipment, including crowd barriers, livestock gates and horse jumps for the show which incurred a cost to them. The project aimed to purchase those items, negate that cost and provide a modest income stream through their rental out.



Photographs courtesy of Dalkeith Agricultural Society

RESULTS

The Tyne Esk LEADER funding allowed purchase of these items, and enabled the show to become more self-sufficient and the applicant to manage future costs. It means every show meets health and safety requirements without external help. Attending the event raises awareness of agriculture and food production by allowing farmers the chance to chat with the public, showcase their animals, machinery and produce and meet their customers in a more relaxed atmosphere. This in turn, means the project supports the local businesses who exhibit there and encourages residents and visitors to mix, engage and enjoy their local countryside.

