

YOUR COMMON GOOD ASSETS – DISCOVER THE FACTS FOR YOURSELF

BURGHES (Royal Burghs, Burghs of Barony) are now included within the 32 Scottish Councils.

Councils listed below do not appear to record, **for audit**, any common good **heritable assets**. It is inferred they also failed to record **moveable assets**. Based on their assets (past and present) they should have both heritable and moveable **common good assets**, which must be shown separately from other assets and be properly recorded and insured. Common good assets **should be identified as such, distinct from the general body of assets** under Council control.

Aberdeenshire Council
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Dundee City Council
East Dunbartonshire Council
East Renfrewshire Council
Falkirk Council
Inverclyde Council
Midlothian Council
North Lanarkshire Council
Shetland Islands Council
Stirling Council

Useful Check List (alphabetical groups) for **HERITABLE ASSETS** of Common Good - **Enquire** of your Council under The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

HERITABLE ASSETS include



A

Access rights
Acres
Advertising wording
All weather courts
All weather pitch
Allotments
Amenity ground
Arts Centre
Aviary

B

Baths
Barony
Beach
Bleaching field
Bow Butt
Bowling green
Bowling pavilion
Brae
Bridge
Burgh land
Burgh wells

C

Car park
Caravan path
Castle
Cattle Rank
Cave and grounds
Cemetery
(Burgh) chambers
(City) chambers
Church Tower
Citadel
City hall
Clock
Close
Club
Coalfield

Coastal slopes
Coastguard premises
Common
Community land
Common land
Common Muir
Court house
Corn exchange
Cottage
Convenience
Cricket ground
Cricket pavilion
Customs dues

D

Depot
Development land
Docks
Dowbutts

E

Estate
Esplanade

F

Fairground
Farm
Feu duties
Field
Fire station
Fishing rights
(river – bay)
Flat
Flower store
Football ground

Football pitch
Foreshore
Fountain

G

Gait (walk)
Gallery
Gap site
Garages
Gardens
Gas site
Gate (s)
Golf club
Golf course
Golf links
Goose green
Grandstand
Grass area
Grass mall
Grazing field
Grazing land
Grazing paddock
Green (eg Glasgow)
Ground
Ground lease
Ground (at pend)
Gymnasium

H

Hall
Hardstanding
Harbour
Haugh
Heritage collection
Hill
Hill ground
Hockey pitch

Horse market	<u>O</u>	Show site
House		Site (baths –
Town House	Observatory	gymnasium)
Home and grounds		Site (coastguard
Hotel		station)
Hut		Skateboard park
	<u>P</u>	Solum
<u>I</u>	Paddock	Square
Ice cream stance	Park	Stables
Industrial estate	Pavement	Statue
	Pavilion	Steeple
	Plantation	Store
<u>J</u>	Play park	Storage tanks
Jetty	Police station	Sunken garden
	Pond	<u>T</u>
	Property	Tanneries
	Provost's lamp post	Theatre
Kiosk	Public convenience	Toilets
	Putting green	Tolbooth
<u>K</u>		Tower
	<u>Q</u>	Town hall
	Quarry brae	Town hall clock
		Town loaning
<u>L</u>	<u>R</u>	Town/county offices
Lade	Race course	<u>U</u>
Lagoon	Raik (cattle)	Undeveloped land
Land (river)	Racing club – pigeons	
Lane	Recreation area	<u>V</u>
Leisure centre	Reclaimed ground	
Library	Recycling centre	
Links	Ex reservoir	<u>W</u>
Loch	Resource centre	War memorial
Lodge	Retail park	Well
	River	Workshop
<u>M</u>	River walkway	Woods
Market	Road	Wynch
Market stance	Rugby ground	Wynd
Mechanics institute		
Meadow(s)	<u>S</u>	
Memorial garden	Sailing club ground	<u>XYZ</u>
Mill	Salmon fishings	
Minerals	Sea beach	Yards
Monument	Sea shore	Youth centre
Muir	Sewage pumping station	
Museum	Ship yard	
Mussels	Shop	
Mussel beds		
<u>N</u>		
Nursery (land)		

To make sure your common good **MOVEABLE ASSETS** are safeguarded, **it needs you to enquire and check** that these are listed (registered), insured, audited annually, all **separately** from all other assets. Any **SALES** must be recorded and the proceeds paid into a separate ‘common good fund’. Each Scottish Council is responsible for this **stewardship**. Each elected Councillor becomes a **TRUSTEE** on election.

Possible **MOVEABLE ASSETS** (Common Good) include: -



B

Baillies’ badges (other civic badges)

Books

Brooch

Burgh insignia

Burgh silver

C

Candleabra

Candlestick

Casket

Caster

Centrepiece

Ceramics

Ceremonial key

Charters

Chains (Provosts’ etc)

Coffee pot

Coins

Condiment Set

D

Deeds (legal)

E

Egg cup

Embroidery

Ewer

F

Flag

Fruitbowl

Furniture

Furnishings

G

Gifts ‘to the burgh’

Gifts ‘to the community’

Gifts ‘to the people of’

Glassware

Goblet

Gold cup

Gun

H

Halberd

I

Inkstand

J

Jewels

Jewellery

L

Loving cup

Ladle

M

Mace	
Manuscript	Silver articles
Mazer	Silver ball
Medal	Silver bells
Medallion	Snuff box
Monteith	Spoon
Mug	Sporran
Musical instruments	Sword
	Sugar bowl

P

Painting
Pennant
Pistol
Plaque
Portrait
Pottery

Q

Quaich

R

Records (historical)

S

Salter
Salver
Sauceboat
Scrolls
Silver arrows

T

Tankard
Targe
Tassie
Tea caddy
Tea kettle
Tea pot
Tea service

Tray

Trophies

U

Urn

V

Vase

W

Writing set

Others

Items paid for through **PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION**; acquired through **BEQUESTS**; through **GIFTS** to the Burgh or the Community and **CONTENTS** of Municipal **GALLERIES** and **MUSEUMS** may all be, in part or whole, Common Good Assets.

REMEMBER THAT

Common Good Funds consist of heritable and moveable assets and finance.

Make sure your assets are safeguarded by enquiring and checking they are **LISTED** in an **asset register**, **INSURED**, **AUDITED** annually, all **SEPARATELY** from other Council Assets. Any **SALES** must be recorded and the proceeds paid into a separate Common good **FUND**.

For further information, visit www.scottishcommons.org and download and read *Common Good Land in Scotland, A Review and Critique* - and *Common Good, A Quick Guide*.

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See Scottish Parliament Petition 875