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Thanks for your support

Hello

and thank you so much for all your feedback on the first issue of **Link**.

Copies were distributed throughout the Borders, to community centres,

libraries, hospitals, and local organisations. We are delighted with the response we've received so far (see page 8), and the support that you've given us. You've also passed on some good ideas on how we can improve the publication.

Many of you contacted us after receiving the first issue

to let us know how your organisation benefitted from featuring in **Link**. And you were good enough to send us your contributions for this issue.

Our Awards for All funding will meet the cost of one more issue. If you think **Link** is a valuable resource for the Scottish Borders third sector, then let's try, together, to make sure we don't lose it. If you have any thoughts on how we can keep going - please get in touch.

Kathleen Travers, Editor

New Hawick base for charity

Borders Pet Rescue has opened a new charity shop on the High Street in Hawick.

The shops play a vital part in helping to pay for the

day-to-day running costs of the charity and help it to care for animals.

Simon Wallace, Fundraising Manager, explained: "We felt that Hawick was the obvious place to open another shop. We have a strong supporter base in the town, having rehomed hundreds of animals in the area over the years."

He added: "Local reaction to the shop has been terrific; we have attracted some fantastic volunteers and some extremely generous donations.

"The local supporters have been very kind and helped us with shop fittings and various practical items to ensure that our setting up costs have been kept to a minimum."

Simon added: "Since we opened, sales have been far better than we expected - so we are truly grateful to the public for their support and can assure them that all the profits from the shop will be used to benefit the animals in our care."

To volunteer, or make donations to the shop, contact Simon on 01896 849090 or e-mail simonwallace@borderspetrescue.org



▲ Pictured outside the Hawick shop are volunteers Roy Brown, William Wilson and Nina Wallace.

Tesco Bank Tour O The Borders 2016 will be one of the biggest cycling events of the year in the region.

It takes place on Sunday, 7th August, starting from Peebles, and will include long (120km) and short (88km) routes.

Madge is a winner!

Madge Cran, who lives in Duns, was the winner of the prize draw in the first issue of **Link**. She was delighted when we popped into see her to drop off her £25 voucher for The Original Factory Shop. Thanks to all who completed the survey.



Funding boost for befrienders

A Berwickshire project that helps older people to feel less lonely and isolated has received a funding boost that will help it to expand.

BeFriend, based in Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA), is among the latest organisations to benefit from a Big Lottery grant.

It has been awarded £325,336 over five years from the Investing in Communities fund.

Four years ago, Seton Care, a subsidiary of BHA, started Seton Care Befrienders. It went from strength to strength over the years, eventually having about 30 volunteers and helping 70 older people.

When the funding ended, the project successfully applied to the Big Lottery Fund for a further five years' funding.

Project co-ordinator, Terri Bearhope, said: "The Big Lottery has been incredibly generous and helpful and we're looking forward to working with them over the next few years.

"Now we need to continue to expand and improve

CONTACT

01361 885928 07801 672167 terri.bearhope@ bhagroup.org.uk the project and make sure that older people in the area have company and support when they need it."

The award means that volunteers will be able to continue visiting people, going out with them, and helping them to stay active.

BeFriend will be able to re-start a social group and will be appointing a new worker.

BHA Chief Executive, Helen Forsyth, added: "This is great news.BeFriend volunteers will now be able to continue their valuable work offering



companionship to isolated older people in Berwickshire.

"It's wonderful that the impact, value, and hard work of this project have been recognised."

▲ Terri Bearhope (centre) and two of the BeFriend volunteers, Maureen (left) from Ayton and Jane from Coldingham.

Extended opening hours

An advice service in Peebles has started running an evening clinic every fortnight in a bid to meet demand for extended opening hours.

Peebles and District Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) provides free, confidential advice and information on a range of topics.

It can help problems about employment, housing, relationships and family, welfare benefits, consumer, money, debt and legal issues.

Based in the Chambers Institute just off the High Street, CAB is open every morning Monday to Friday, and on Monday afternoons.

The new evening clinic is running every second Tuesday evening, from 5-7pm,

in a trial that will run for a few months.

Most of the CAB services are provided by trained volunteers who give their time and skills free to help their community.

CAB also offers some specialist services, providing help and information about new pension regulations; helping clients to raise concerns about any aspect of their health care treatment; and assisting with complex debt and welfare benefits issues.

Contact 01721 721 722

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SBC flies LGBT flag



The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT Day) takes place each year on 17th May.

It seeks to draw the attention of decision makers, the media, the public, opinion leaders and local authorities to issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

The rainbow flag, a symbol of LGBT pride, was flying at Scottish Borders Council HQ in Newtown St Boswells to mark IDAHOT Day.

Borders LGBT Equality Forum also had a stand inside the HQ building, with Susan Hart spending the day talking to staff and visitors.

More than 130 countries now celebrate the day, which unites millions of people in support of the human rights for all, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

The date of 17th May was chosen to commemorate the World Health Organisation's decision in 1990

to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.

Photos: Barbara Elliot Photography



Help after a stroke

People in the Borders who have had a stroke, particularly those left with communication difficulties, can find a range of services locally.

Groups organised by the Community Stroke Service of Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland Borders meet weekly to give support with communication needs.

They also offer a chance for people to socialise with others who experienced stroke.

All the activities are designed to be inclusive, so that everyone can take part and get support from fully trained volunteers.

The weekly groups take place in the following towns:

Hawick – Monday, 10amnoon, Teviot Church Hall. Chest WHeart & Stroke Scotland

Galashiels – Tuesday, 1.30-3.30pm, Focus Centre.

Peebles – Wednesday, 2.30-4pm, Hay Lodge Day Hospital.

Kelso – Wednesday, 2-4pm, Abbey Row.

Duns – Thursday, 9.30-noon, Southfield Community Centre.

Eyemouth – Thursday, 2-4pm, Albert Road Community Centre.

■ For more information, contact Sandra Nicholas-Cole on 01361 882321 or sandra.nicholas-cole@chss.org.uk



▲ Members and volunteers at the Jedburgh group enjoyed a session looking through bits of war memorabilia and sharing their memories and stories. Pictured are Sheila Sinton and Isobel Middleton.

Borderers recognised in Queen's birthday honours



Margaret Morgan (left) from Reston was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for her services to the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. She has been involved with the RDA for more than 40 years in a variety of roles.

Other Borderers to be recognised, and receive the British Empire Medal (BEM), were:

- **Jessica Troughton**, for her services to the community in Stow.
- Linda Nicholson, founder and coach of Peebles Netball Club, for services to sport in the Scottish Borders.
- Brian McLeod, Poppy Appeal Convenor for Hawick Royal British Legion, for services to the Royal British Legion Scotland and the community in Hawick.

Making connections and sharing information

More than 70 people, including representatives from national and local organisations, attended an event in Galashiels recently to hear more about Ability Borders.

It's an information and signposting charity for people with a disability or long term condition, which was established last year.

There were also presentations by the Independent Living Fund Scotland, the Borders Welfare Benefits Team, Borders Care and Repair and the Community Transport Hub.

A talk by Diabetes Scotland was also on the agenda.

As a result, several people said they would be interested in setting up a diabetes support group in the Borders.

Information on various topics was provided by support groups and others who had stands at the event, which was held at the Focus
Centre.



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Special feature

Development Trusts: transforming Communities Development trusts are owned and managed by the least community. They sin to achieve

Eyemouth & District Community Trust (EDCT) has reached a major milestone with the opening of a community space at the town's former fish market on Harbour Road.

The Chill Space, which is in the process of being rebranded, has been transformed into an indoor/outdoor community space for markets, music, performing and much more.

It has already been used for many events and the calendar is getting booked up quickly.

The facility will be used to provide access to a range of quality services such as employability training, certified courses, healthy eating activities, community learning courses, youth projects, skills and entrepreneurship events, health programmes and e-learning courses.

It is also available for hire for meetings and training, while organised events and fundraising ventures will be hosted outside in the old fish market area.

Funding has allowed the Trust to employ a Project Leader and Project Worker, who are now working to develop the Chill Space.

The project has three main elements:

- training
- events and fundraising to enable the space to become sustainable
- developing a volunteer strategy.

A community fundraising event was held inside and outside the Chill Space on 4th June to complement the Kirk Square Kitchen event in the town.

Local craft stalls and a bouncy castle were among the attractions that drew in locals and visitors on a sunny afternoon.

EDCT is working on two other major projects:

Social Eco Innovation Centre

The aim is to create the centre in the old Eyemouth Town Hall and Burgh Chambers building.

The Chill Space project is the starting point, and will continue to be used to increase skills, opportunities and training for people; increase tourism; encourage social enterprise, and help in starting up businesses.

It will have a training kitchen, and a function

Development trusts are owned and managed by the local community. They aim to achieve the sustainable regeneration of a community or to address local economic, social, environmental and cultural issues. They are independent, but tend to work in partnership with other organisations.

The number of development trusts in the Scottish Borders is not known, but the Development Trusts Association Scotland lists eight local members. Here, we feature the work of two of them, Eyemouth & District Community Development Trust and Burnfoot Community Futures in Hawick.

suite for events and conferences.

It will also offer serviced office accommodation for businesses, and build Eyemouth as an economically sustainable town.

Local people were consulted on the first draft of the plans in May, and planning documents were submitted to Scottish Borders Council on 6th June.

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Vision for Eyemouth

Groups in Eyemouth have been working on a strategic plan for the town over the last two years.

The Vision for Eyemouth recently received funding for a Town Audit, which was carried out by Scotland's Towns Partnership.

The next stage is developing Eyemouth's Town Plan.

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Burnfoot Community
Hub in Hawick is a shining
example of what can
happen when a community
and a local authority
come together to work in
partnership.

It's the fruition of many years of hard work by Burnfoot Community Futures, in partnership with Scottish Borders Council, and has resulted in the creation of local jobs and placements.

The Hub seeeks to improve community cohesion, improve health and wellbeing and enhance



Cover photo - local youngsters Hayden, Ezekiel and Kyra enjoying a family day out at the Eyemouth Chill Space.

Guest column



▲ The Chill Space in Eyemouth - hosting crafters as part of the fundraising day

▼ Cafe and soft play area in Burnfoot Community Hub



community skills through employment, training and volunteering.

It's become a place for the local community, with a café, function room, soft play area, office and training space and a community garden.

The aim is to promote and revitalise the community spirit in the area and give Burnfoot's 3,000 or so residents a renewed sense of identity.

The initiative, which cost more than £2 million, included buying and

developing an unused building – previously a pub – to make a space for the community.

The pub was purchased in 2014 and opened last year.

The Big Lottery Fund, the Scottish Government, Scottish Borders Council, the Robertson Trust and the Landfill Communities Fund all funded the project.

Work is going on to further develop the Hub and widen the range of activities, services and events for people of all ages.

I SAY...

John Lamont, MSP for Ettrick, Roxburgh & Berwickshire, is our guest writer this month.



'We really ought to be grateful for everything the third sector does'

The Borders is very lucky to have a range of third sector organisations and a whole raft of people willing to give their time to help.

Collectively, the third sector provides valuable, often lifechanging services, which is why they deserve the support of politicians, decision makers and the wider public.

As your MSP for the past 9 years, I've sought to get out and see as much of the great work the third sector does first hand.

Whether it is the annual campaigns run by the likes of Marie Curie or Macmillan or the Borders specific initiatives such as Interest Link who provide a befriending service for youngsters in the Borders with learning disabilities, there is a lot going on and a lot you could get involved with.

I always try to do my bit promoting these initiatives and lending them my support but I do think there is more which can be done by Government and those who are tasked with supporting the sector.

One thing which comes up time and time again when I speak to third sector organisations is the benefit of secure funding.

Charities need to know they will have the support they need for more than a year or two, otherwise most of their time is taken up with applying for more funds rather than making a difference to people's lives.

And perhaps the reverse side of this is that we need to ensure that funding handed out is being used effectively. Too often, organisations are handed a pot of money and left to get on with things without the right follow up support to see if they have been able to meet their goals.

But it's about more than money, it's about helping with publicity, business planning and about promoting volunteering.

We really ought to be grateful for everything the third sector does and what better way to show our appreciation than to get involved in whatever way, big or small, in one of our local third sector initiatives.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT LINK?

We love hearing what you think about **Link**!

Below are just some of the comments we received about the first issue - thanks so much for your support.

- Fantastic to have 3rd sector news across the Borders assembled in one place!
- ▶ Great first newsletter wonderful inspiring stories from the Borders.
- I think this would be of great interest to a lot of the general public.
- ▶ This is a much needed voice for the third sector.
- Just to say wow!! This is a really impressive publication.
- ▶ Wonderful facility which can only improve communications throughout the third sector to benefit all.
- ▶ Good to have one newsletter to be kept up to date about so many organisations.
- ► Great layout making it easy to read.
- It's an excellent publication and so vital to finally be able to professionally present the great work the third sector does.
- All round really great to hear about projects, funding and local events.

Please give us your views at www.surveymonkey. co.uk/r/facepr

Get on the move with Macmillan

Cancer patients have, traditionally, been told to rest to recuperate.

But research by Macmillan Cancer Support has shown that being active during and after treatment can improve physical and emotional health.

It can also help to minimise the side effects of various treatments.

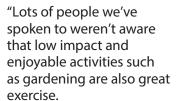
Macmillan Cancer Support and Live Borders are working in partnership to develop *Move More* Borders – a programme of physical activity designed specifically for people affected by cancer.

This programme, which has been launched across Scotland with success, complements the efforts of healthcare professionals.

Macmillan has invested £132,000 in the programme, which will include walking groups, a gentle movement class, circuits-based activity classes and gardening.

Charlotte
Young,
Macmillan
Move More
Development
Officer, said:
"The range of
activities are
varied to appeal
to people's
individual
interests.





"Gentle movement classes are similar to Tai Chi, which offer less intense exercise with lots of relaxation and emotional benefits."

Volunteers are needed to help in a range of roles, and training will be provided.

Classes will be held weekly from July.

Contact Charlotte on 01896 661166 ext 311 or movemore@liveborders. org.uk



'Walk this way' says Coldstream

Coldstream will host this year's Borders walking festival, which runs from 4th-10th September.

There will be 31 walks in all during the event, which is hosted by a different Borders town each year.

There will be a host of walks for ramblers of all abilities, with social events planned each evening, including:

- a guided tour of Flodden on the commemoration day of the battle, taking in a possible escape route used by Scottish soldiers
- Berwickshire coast routes
- walks in the Cheviot Hills
- · cross-border trails.

The festival began in West Linton in 1995 and has attracted walkers from across the UK.

Scottish Borders Council is supporting the event, along with the South East Scotland Transport Partnership (SEStran).

Visit www.

borderswalking.com for more information or to book a walk.

BIG support!

A multi-million pound fund aimed at helping Scotland's children get the best start in life made its final awards in May.

Eighty-three community groups shared £511,412 from the Communities and Families Fund (CFF), a joint venture between the Big Lottery Fund and the Scottish Government.

They included six Borders projects:

Connect Berwickshire Youth Project - £10,000

- to continue the outdoor play element of their previously CFF-funded project providing local families with play, active learning, healthy eating and other forms of support.

Play Borders - £9,460 - to provide 15 drop in play sessions across the Scottish Borders, in remote communities.

Tweedbank Playgroup

- £5,837 - for staff for additional sessions, resources and trips.

Gibson Park Playgroup

- £4,143 - to provide more outdoor experiences for the children that attend through trips, more equipment and materials.

Broughton Bumps, Babies and Toddlers

Group - £2,265 to cover a year of activities for the playgroup.

Channelkirk After School Care Club -

£1,441 - to develop a programme of activities that will incorporate various celebrations and holidays.

Maureen McGinn, Chair of the Big Lottery Fund Scotland Committee, said: "Since its launch in May 2012 the Communities and Families Fund has helped to give Scotland's next generation the best start in life.

Over the past four years the programme has supported a wide range of activities in each of the country's 32 local authorities, showing how small amounts of funding can often make the biggest difference.

"Each of the 753 groups funded by Communities and Families have put children and their needs at the very heart of their work, creating a legacy of which we are proud to have been a part."

Other Scottish Borders projects to receive Big Lottery funding recently include:

Borders MTB Racing

C.I.C. - £9,991 from SportScotland to provide 'grass roots' mountain biking events for children and young people in the South of Scotland. The group will use the



funding to purchase event equipment so that they can hold events throughout the year.

CG Sporting Enterprise

- £9,648 from the Big Lottery Fund to run an active after school club offering sport and play activities to primary aged children in Innerleithen on Friday afternoons in response to the asymmetric school week.

Newcastleton & District Old People's Welfare

Group - £7,500 from the Big Lottery Fund to continue the group's car scheme for medical trips and visiting friends and relatives. The funding will also be used for bus trips for outings, events, and fortnightly lunches for older people.

Scottish Borders

Council - £697,000 from the Heritage Fund for the Jim Clark Museum Extension, Redevelopment and Interpretation Project.

Andante Chamber Choir

- £1,480 from Creative Scotland for the Mozarton-Tweed Festival.

If you have recently received funding and would like to let us know about your project, call 0300 111 1920 or e-mail link@facepr.co.uk

BOCCIA
IN THE
BORDERS

Boccia is a ball sport similar to bowls, for players with physical or other disabilities.

It was originally designed to be played by people with cerebral palsy but now includes athletes with other disabilities affecting motor skills. In the Borders, Boccia groups have been set up in Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick, Peebles and Kelso/ Coldstream for people with learning disabilities.

The groups will get together for a Borders Boccia League fixture in Galashiels in July.

FUNDING FOR EQUALITIES WORK

Borders Green Team and Scottish Borders Rape Crisis Centre are among organisations to benefit from recent Scottish Government funding to tackle inequalities.

More than £20 million has gone to 224 projects to drive forward Scotland's equality agenda in 2016-2017.

The projects will work with individuals, families, children and communities to address inequality and discrimination.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Border Links will be hosting a morning of fun and games at an Olympic Celebration at Kelso Rugby Club on 12th July from 11am-12.30pm.

It's one of the regular drop-in sessions for people with a learning disability. Call 01289 305423 for info.

The next Tweeddale Community Networking Event will take place on Wednesday 21st September from 10am–12.30pm in the Community Centre (the Drill Hall) in Peebles.

These meetings offer a chance for local groups to link up and make valuable connections.

Contact Graham Lumb at The Bridge in Peebles -01721 723123 or graham. lumb@the-bridge.uk.net

Bookdonors backs crime writing festival

A Tweedbank-based social enterprise is the headline sponsor for this year's Scottish Crime Writing Festival.



Bookdonors, which trades in used books to provide employment opportunities, protect the environment and generate income for charities, is collaborating with the Bloody Scotland festival.

Each year since 2012, Stirling has been host to the international crime writing festival, which aims to showcase the best of Scottish and international crime writing and to nurture the next generation of writers.

The festival is a charity, an accredited Living Wage Employer and offers a fee to all participants taking part in the programme.

Last year, it became the first festival in Scotland to open its doors free to unemployed people.

Bookdonors now employs 32 people to process the 600,000 used books that it collects each month from charity shops across Scotland.

Managing Director, Tom Murdoch-Kenny, said: "As a community interest company, with a strong ethical dimension, we are delighted to be able to support the excellent work of Bloody Scotland."

Bloody Scotland runs from 9th-11th September.

www.bloodyscotland.com www.bookdonors.co.uk

NEW PANEL TO TACKLE ACCESS PROBLEMS

A new group has been set up in Berwickshire for people with disabilities and their families and friends.

The Berwickshire Access Panel aims to identify difficulties that people with mobility, sight or hearing problems may face when they are out and about.

These can include problems getting access to shops, transport and public toilets.

The Panel also works with other organisations and groups across the Borders to help people feel safe when they are out and about and to help them have some independence.

For more information, contact Kym Bannerman on 01361 850 232, 07482 192430, e-mail kym. bannerman@lycos. com or visit www. berwickshireaccess.org.uk



▲ Some of the delegates throw themselves into a drama session

More than 60 family carers, service users and representatives from support organisations attended a Carers Week 2016 event at Tweed Horizons in Newtown St Boswells on 8th June.

As well as updates on the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and the Scottish Borders Carers Strategy, delegates enjoyed activities such as quilt-making, drama, and a guided walk.

The day also included workshops on autism and self-directed support.

The event was organised by Borders Voluntary Care Voice and Borders Carers Centre.

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring.

It highlights the challenges that carers face and the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

Special feature

Projects promote positive mental health

The Scottish Borders is an area where rolling hills and beautiful countryside combine with a rich cultural heritage.

Market towns surrounded by farmland continue their own traditions and historical ties, maintaining a real community spirit.

But rural life can also contribute to a real sense of isolation for people who experience mental ill health.

For those who are carers, getting time to explore their own interests and meet new people can seem impossible.

Travel can be difficult, especially for those who rely on public transport.

Towns are geographically distant, so many people find that they rarely get an opportunity for a change of scene.

Rediscover Borders
Befriending is a project
run by Health in Mind,
a charity that promotes
positive mental health and
wellbeing.

It aims to provide tools, information and support to help people experiencing



mental health difficulties to cope with life's challenges.

A team of volunteers helps with the first steps towards meeting new people, rediscovering old hobbies, or developing new interests.

Volunteers can help to

- build confidence and self-esteem
- provide more opportunities for social contact
- support building relationships with others
- encourage participation in local activities or groups.

The programme is open to anyone feeling isolated due to mental ill health, and to their parents and carers.





Borders Navigator is a new service for Eyemouth and the surrounding areas that links people with non-medical sources of support within the community.

Research has shown real benefits for those who are experiencing low mood and/or isolation in using this approach, called "social prescribing".

Borders Navigator, a Health in Mind project, works one-to-one with people to find out their interests and needs and link them into local activities.

It has already had a number of self-referrals and referrals from other services, and has helped people to become involved in various activities, such as volunteering and befriending, or to find support from local organisations.

Future plans include working with other groups to organise a wellbeing week for Eyemouth in the autumn, and offering an evening drop-in.

"Working with Borders Navigator has given me more confidence and I feel much more able to mix with others."

"It lets you concentrate on doing something and not thinking about things ...and not sitting around the house thinking about problems. I really enjoyed it and the end result was actually quite good."

"It was helpful to get referred to the Men's Shed – I have met a whole bunch of new people and it gives me something to get up for on Thursdays."

Contact Jo Highet on 07730 220111 or e-mail joanne.highet@health-in-mind.org.uk





Gently does it ...

Scottish Borders Council's community capacity building team aims to increase support for older people. Since the team was established in 2013, it has worked with individuals, statutory agencies, the third sector and private organisations to support the greater involvement of

older people in how services are provided.

Initially, the work was focused on Central Borders, but the team recently got the green light to expand into Berwickshire.

The emphasis is on working with the over-50s to establish or create new activities in their communities.

In partnership with Fitborders, the team recently set up gentle exercise classes for people of all abilities in Chirnside.

GEGICLE

For older people of all abilities

FitBorders and Scottish Borders Council present

a gentle exercise class to music with time for tea and a chat afterwards.

Delivered by a qualified FitBorders instructor, the classes are suitable

for all abilities as exercises can be done seated or standing.

Chiroside Community Centre
Flavory Wednesday

11 am

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The classes are editivired as part of Scottish Burders Caucit Community Quantity Building project

which hand is support older people takes a serf in their community.

The class meets every Wednesday, and those who go along say it has improved their health and wellbeing.

Hall gets a new lease of life

Community group A Heart for Duns has taken over the town's Volunteer Hall, after signing a 15-year lease.

Owned by the Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, the hall was administered by Scottish Borders Council for many years.

But now it is firmly in the hands of the local community, after the keys were formally handed over at a recent special event.

The group has been running the hall for over a year, creating a vibrant community venue.

It has hosted markets, food and beer festivals, plant sales quizzes and films to raise funds.

Now, A Heart for Duns will be looking to further develop the hall.

Show off your assets!

A new campaign to increase the number of volunteers in the Scottish Borders has just been launched.

Volunteer Centre Borders has teamed up with former Scottish international footballer Pat Nevin to urge Borderers to "show off their assets".

Executive Officer, Gordon Brown, explained: "The biggest asset the Borders has is its people. But sometimes those assets can be hidden and that's why we want to explore and map out exactly how great an asset we have." Pat Nevin added: "My job has always been around football, but one of my other main passions is music and one of the things I most enjoy doing is DJing.

"I would ask Borderers to think about what their assets might be and then get in touch with Volunteer Centre Borders who will ensure they are put to good use."

Contact Volunteer Centre Borders on 0845 602 3921 or e-mail g.brown@ vcborders.org.uk



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