

BERWICKSHIRE WHEELS

In February 2014 a grant of £29,084 was received from the Armed Forces Community Covenant Scheme to cover the cost of acquiring a new vehicle for Berwickshire Wheels. The vehicle was delivered in June and replaces one of our existing vehicles.

The vehicle seats 9 passengers and driver or 1 wheelchair, eight passengers and a driver.

The new vehicle will be presented to BAVS by the Army Covenant Fund on 19 August at Eyemouth Golf Club.

If you wish to use any of our vehicles you need to be registered for insurance purposes, (to register contact Allister Hart on 01361 884652) you will be given a registration form to complete, after which journeys can then be arranged by telephoning Allister.

Please be aware that the service relies totally on volunteer drivers so it is important to give as much notice as possible.



“Out with the Old and In with the New!”

At the end of June, Philippa Wetton left BAVS, after just short of 6 years with the organisation, following a recent move with her family to Edinburgh. Philippa’s role as Development Officer at BAVS, has involved providing varied support to many voluntary and community groups within Berwickshire. From helping new start groups with their initial governance and small scale funding requirements, through to more detailed support with established groups - considering changes in governance; becoming a registered charity; carrying out community consultation or option appraisals; collating business plans or embarking on large scale funding application programmes to help finance their community projects.

Philippa has worked with a diverse range of groups to include; nurseries and schools, youth clubs and girl guides, outdoor play projects, sports and golf clubs, gardening and beekeeping, museums and art groups, health and wellbeing support projects, disability groups, community magazines and radio stations, community transport projects as well as village halls, churches and community centres. At Philippa’s leaving lunch she admitted that “I have never had such a rewarding and enjoyable job. I will really miss the people I have worked with over the last few years”. She thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the huge variety of community projects within Berwickshire and the chance to meet and support the dedicated individuals who made these projects happen.

Whilst with BAVS, Philippa also organised many community events to help better inform and support groups to include the Annual BAVS Day Out and Berwickshire Federation of Village Halls Information Event. She worked with Third Sector partners to hold a Health Information Event and a Borders Volunteer Event and arranged workshops and training sessions to spread knowledge across the region on various topics. A mentor of the Keystone Quality Award Scheme for groups managing community buildings, representation on the European Fisheries Fund Local Action Group and implementation of the European Framework for Quality Management throughout the BAVS organisation were other roles Philippa had whilst in post.

In Philippa’s last few weeks with BAVS she worked closely with her replacement, Penny Dryburgh, relaying project updates on all groups to ensure a smooth transition from “old to new”! Philippa commented that “I have great confidence in Penny taking over smoothly where I have left off. She is a very approachable individual who will work well with the Berwickshire community and the BAVS team, building strong support relationships to help even more groups in the region over the years ahead. I wish her well in her new role as Development Officer.”

A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON PENNY

Penny has lived most of her life in the Scottish Borders and has a keen interest in what is going on in the local community. After leaving school she headed up to Edinburgh and completed her nurse training. After living there for 5 years she returned to the Borders and worked in a home for people with learning disabilities. In 2002 with a significant birthday looming Penny decided it was time for a change! She moved from the Health Service to work in the Voluntary Sector and worked for an organisation supporting people with learning disabilities. This was community based and involved supporting people to access meaningful activities in the Berwickshire Community.

In 2013 Penny moved to work with a client group she had little experience in working with, working with people with dementia.

In March 2014 Penny was flicking through the Berwickshire News and the job for a Community Development Worker for BAVS caught her eye! Encouraged by family and friends, Penny applied for the post, and here she is!

Penny is looking forward to meeting and working with new community groups and although she is sure there will be hiccups along the way, Penny is looking forward to the new challenges ahead.



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FUNDING NEWS

The Bank of Scotland Foundation

Scottish charities are being offered grants of up to £20,000 by the Bank of Scotland Foundation. Those looking to help people take better control of their money can apply for the foundation's financial inclusion grant. The programme will provide funding of between £1,000 and £20,000 to registered Scottish charities, enabling them to deliver projects that promote financial inclusion and money advice.

Kate Guthrie, chair of Bank of Scotland Foundation said: "The addition of the Financial Inclusion Grants Programme to our portfolio of grants has the potential to change lives. Financial education and money advice has never been more important. They are key skills that every one of us requires. The impact of the grants we make will be further amplified by Lloyds Banking Group's volunteering manpower. I am confident that, together, we will be able to make a meaningful and visible difference within our local communities."

The foundation has also announced that 26 charities are set to benefit from its current grants programmes amounting to almost £215,000. The grants range from £2,500 to £12,500, and will benefit a wide range of charitable causes including the elderly, young people, disability, financial advice and literacy.

This latest grants programme enhances the foundation's existing programmes which have distributed over £4.7 million to over 700 charities. Since its launch in November 2010, the foundation has enabled charities to support almost 100 jobs and have a direct impact on over 80,000 people across Scotland.

For more information visit: <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/new-financial-inclusion-grants-programme-launched>

Bank of Scotland Foundation – Small and Medium Grant Programmes

Grants are available to charities for projects that develop and improve local communities. Applications can only be accepted from charities registered in Scotland.

Grants have been given for core costs, equipment, staff costs, playgroups, volunteer costs. Small grants of between £1,000 and £10,000, and Medium grants of between £10,001 and £25,000. The next deadline date is 13 October 2014.

For more information visit: www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/medium-grants-programme

Event Scotland – Clan Event Fund

Tourism Minister Fergus Ewing has recently launched a £200,000 fund to support clan events over the next three years with the aim of attracting more international visitors to Scotland. The second round of the Scottish Clan Event Fund will support the delivery and planning of local clan events over the Year of Food and Drink in 2015, Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016 and Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017. Mr Ewing said, "Thanks to the first round of the Scottish Clan Event Fund, we were able to provide support to a number of clans who organised events across the country during our Year of Homecoming 2014. "This weekend at Bannockburn Live, we saw a fantastic range of outlets showing off their Scottish delicacies, whiskies and real ales to visitors from around the world. As we look towards the Year of Food and Drink in 2015 we want to keep up this momentum and show off some of the excellent produce that has helped to reinforce Scotland's reputation as a land of food and drink."

For more information, including closing dates visit:
<http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/scottish-clan-event-fund/>

Early Year's Grant Scheme 2014 / 2015

The small grants scheme for early learning and childcare settings, including childminders is continuing for financial year 2014 / 2015. There are 2 categories of grant funding, different deadline dates, conditions and criteria attached to each grant category. Information on these is provided with the application forms.

Grants are only available to registered childcare services. The exception to this is applications on behalf of non-commissioned Vulnerable Playgroups and Parent & Toddler Groups.

For further information and requests for application forms and guidance notes please contact the earlyyearsteam@scotborders.gov.uk for an application form and guidance notes or the Early Years Team on 01835 824000 at Scottish Borders Council HQ.

Digital Media – Community Shares Scotland

Crowdfunding offers both commercial and non-commercial ventures the opportunity to raise a sum of money by offering shares to people who put forward small amounts of money. Community Shares Scotland connects not-for-profit groups and investors looking to provide money for social good. People buying shares in the projects promoted through the site will recoup their investment through improvements to their community rather than profit. Social businesses can offer interest to be paid on the shares if the profit from trading is sufficient.

Community Shares Scotland hopes it can provide organisations such as community groups looking to save a local shop or start a local food scheme with access to funds. The programme is scheduled to run for three years and its partners include the Plunkett Foundation, Co-ops UK and Rocket Science. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and Carnegie UK Trust through an award of £800,000.

A series of Community Shares Scotland road shows will take place across Scotland providing local groups with more information about how to get involved. Although dates have not been released yet, information will be available from www.communitysharesscotland.org.uk when they are.

BAVS CHARITY SHOP COLDSTREAM

After 10 years down in the Market Square, BAVS charity shop has moved to new premises, we are now at 47 High Street.

The new premises are larger and have more storage space, and of course are now more prominent.

Thanks must go to the shop manager Susan & her band of helpers for all their hard work in moving everything and setting up in the High Street.

Why not pop in for a look, and grab a bargain.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY cont.

Get Involved in Silver Sunday 2014 – 5th October



Silver Sunday, on 5th October 2014, is an annual day of free activities and events for older people across the UK. It aims to celebrate the value and knowledge they contribute to our communities and to combat the loneliness which affects many older people. A recent survey announced that two-fifths of older people regard their TV as their main form of company and Silver Sunday's goal is to reach out to these isolated members of the community.

The organisers of Silver Sunday invite you to take part by organising and hosting an event for older people. It can be anything you want as long as it's for over 65s and it's free! 2013 saw many events in support of this cause right across the UK - from a matinee at The Royal Albert Hall to chair zumba - and they are looking to significantly expand this year when Silver Sunday returns on 5th October 2014. Anything you could do to bring people together on the Sunday would help to reduce isolation and loneliness amongst older people in your community.

How to get involved:

- ♦ **Decide on an event:** Dance lessons, museum tour, or a coffee morning – your Silver Sunday event can be anything, anywhere, just so long as it brings older residents together. So get creative! Previous events have ranged from tea dances, to computer lessons, to dance classes. Or just invite neighbours round for a cup of tea and cake – anything to celebrate and involve older people!
- ♦ **Find a venue:** The world is your oyster! But if you're struggling to find an appropriate location try contacting your local community centre, library or council
- ♦ **Submit your event:** Large or small, near or far, Silver Sunday wants to hear about your plans. Submit your event at the website address below and it will be promoted on the site.
- ♦ **Get the word out:** Whether it's putting up posters, contacting your local council, promoting it online, or good old fashioned word of mouth, spreading the message will help make your Silver Sunday a success. The Silver Sunday team will also offer support through promotional materials and liaising with local media to help promote your event.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate older people and to get involved in the community!

If you would like to discuss ideas or register your interest in holding an event then please contact the Silver Sunday team on 0207 6415294 or by email at info@silversunday.org.uk.

To find out more about Silver Sunday, visit the Silver Sunday website at: <http://silversunday.org.uk/>

FUNDING NEWS cont.

'see me' Local Fund

'see me's Local Fund will grant awards of up to £4,000 to local groups and organisations across Scotland who have innovative and effective ideas to challenge mental health stigma and discrimination in their work area. Your group should be a community, voluntary, health, or social enterprise organisation. Projects should be led by people with lived experience of mental health problems or those who provide care and support. We strongly encourage projects to promote social contact between people with and without experience of mental health problems.

We will fund projects that aim to:

- Change behaviours so that mental health stigma and discrimination is ended
- Enhance the ability of people to challenge stigma and discrimination.
- Ensure people with mental health problems and those who support them are leading and delivering increased activity in this area.
- Build capacity in communities towards developing an anti-stigma and discrimination change network.

The deadline for completed applications is 1st August 2014

The Local Fund Guidance notes and Application form can be found at: <http://www.seemescotland.org/getinvolved/cif-lf/local-fund>

We are looking forward to hearing from you and please note – we warmly welcome email enquiries at info@seemescotland.org and telephone enquiries on 0131 516 6819 or 0131 516 6817 about your application.

Community Food and Health (Scotland) - Annual Development Fund

This fund, (previously known as the annual small grants scheme) is open to groups and agencies in Scotland who would like to improve access to, and take up of, a healthy, varied and balanced diet. Funding from £500 to £3000 is available. The grant scheme is very popular; in 2013 around one in four applications were successful.

The development fund is open to groups and agencies working within Scotland's low-income communities to improve access to, and take-up of, a healthy balanced diet. Applicants must show how their planned funded activities will contribute to targets and outcomes within one or more of the three main food and health Scottish Government policies or strategies: Preventing Overweight and Obesity in Scotland: A Route Map for Action (2010) and Route Map Action Plan (2011), Maternal and Infant Nutrition: A Framework for Action (2011) or Recipe for Success – Scotland's National Food and Drink Policy (2009)

More information about these policies and other information about what we will fund are available in our guidance notes found at:

<http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/GuidanceNotes.pdf>

Or visit our home page at:

<http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/annual-development-fund/>

If you would like to discuss your application ideas please contact Kim Newstead by email: kim.newstead@nhs.net or phone 0141 414 2890.

Closing date for applications is Friday 8 August 2014 at 5pm

FUNDING NEWS cont.

ScotRail Foundation

The ScotRail Foundation is a national programme available to groups and organisations across Scotland. The fund is provided by ScotRail directly as part of their commitment to their social and corporate responsibilities and is managed by Foundation Scotland on ScotRail's behalf. Groups and organisations are encouraged to apply (individuals are excluded). Recommendations for grants and how the money will be distributed will be made by an advisory panel drawn from ScotRail staff.

ScotRail is looking to support and develop a wide range of projects which bring communities together, specifically:

- ◆ Support for children and young people
- ◆ Improvement of the local environment
- ◆ Improvements to local communities' general health and wellbeing.

ScotRail would prefer if you could link your project to some of their own corporate themes (below) or a local train station but this is not essential.

- ◆ Addressing vandalism, particularly at train stations
- ◆ Respecting the railway and preventing accidents
- ◆ Improving the local community's connections with/or awareness of a local train station
- ◆ Helping to build a community identity and pride for a local station area.
- ◆ Helping to promote alternatives to car journeys and/or park and ride
- ◆ Recycling
- ◆ Increased use of cycling and public transport
- ◆ Keeping your local area litter free.

Having even a limited connection to ScotRail's theme's or a local train station may improve your success rate.

The types of things you can apply for include: Putting on an event, activity or performance; Purchasing new equipment; Purchasing materials or equipment which bring improvements to communities; Paying expenses for volunteers, costs for sessional workers and professional fees; Costs to hire equipment; Communities trying new activities; Training for local communities.

ScotRail has two categories of award: £250 - £1,000 and £1,001 - £5,000.

The Fund re-opened on the 1st July with closing dates of 1 September 2014 and 1 December 2014.

For more information including examples of types of projects go to: <http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotrail>

BIG Lottery Awards for All Scotland Fund

This fund offers a quick and easy way to get a small Lottery grant of between £500 and £10,000.



The application form to Awards for All Scotland will be available from noon on 4 August 2014.

For more information visit: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/awardsforallscotland>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY cont.

Gavinton Cinema Club

Saturday 16 August at 7.30pm Breakfast at Tiffany's
Saturday 6 September - Philomena (PG 13) at 7.30pm
Saturday 20 September - How to Train Your Dragon (PG) at 2.30pm

Saturday 4 October - Captain Phillips (PG13) at 7.30pm
Saturday 18 October - Moshy Monsters The Movie (U) at 2.30pm

Saturday 1 November - Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG13) at 7.30pm
Saturday 15 November - Frozen (PG) at 2.30pm

Check out the website for updates information or follow them on Facebook

<http://www.gavinton.net/cinema/programme.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/gavintoncinema>



Friday 22 August - The Butler (12a)

Sunday 24 August - The Dalgleish Berwickshire Open, this is a darts exhibition, the first event of its kind to be held in Berwickshire. Professionals are Gary Anderson (Eyemouth), Stephen Bunting, Michael Smith & Dean Winstanley. Ticket hotline 07745 218856

Wednesday 3 September - Food Market 5pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 6 September Berwickshire Youth Trust Ceilidh, 7pm - 10pm. Tickets: Family (2 adults, 2 children) £25; single adult £10; concessions (children & students) £5. Light eats included.

Wednesday 17 September - John Lamont MSP - Surgery 9am

Thursday 18 September - Scottish Independence Referendum

Coldingham Hall Theatre

16 August – Claude Bourbon returns to enthral us with his amazing Guitar Style and Song (7.30pm Tickets £8)

30 August – Magnetic North with a "Walk at the Edge of the World" (7.30pm Tickets £8)

24th October – North Sea Gas, over 30 years and stronger than ever! One of Scotland's most popular folk bands with great vocals and tremendous three part harmonies (7.30pm Tickets £8)

LAST THURSDAY MONTHLY – Coldingham Hall Big Screen – Watch the notice board and website for upcoming film information (membership £3 on the door)

For more information visit: www.coldingham.info/events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Borders Care Learning Network FREE training:

Thursday 28th August – 9.30 – 11.30am @ Langlee Community Centre, Galashiels - Understanding Self Directed Support (SDS)

- ◆ Awareness of SDS options
- ◆ SDS processes
- ◆ Creative thinking and outcomes

Monday 8th September – 9.30 – 4.30pm @ Borders College, Galashiels – Emergency First Aid at Work

- ◆ Health and safety (first aid regulations)
- ◆ The priorities of first aid
- ◆ Treatment of an unconscious casualty
- ◆ Resuscitation / shock / bleeding
- ◆ Common workplace injuries

Thursday 9th October – 9.30 – 12.30pm @ Borders College, Galashiels - Introduction to Food Hygiene

- ◆ Handling food
- ◆ Storing food
- ◆ Basic food hygiene

Tuesday 4th November – 9.30 – 4.30pm @ Borders College, Hawick – Emergency First Aid at Work

- ◆ Health and safety (first aid regulations)
- ◆ The priorities of first aid
- ◆ Treatment of an unconscious casualty
- ◆ Resuscitation / shock / bleeding
- ◆ Common workplace injuries

For more information on any of the above BCLN courses email training@borderscarevoice.org.uk or phone 01896 757290

Tuesday Social – First Tuesday of every month (10.30 – 11.30am) at **Coldstream Community Centre**. Some months we have speakers – see the programme below. Tea/coffee and cake – All for just £1. If you bring a friend, they get in free. All are welcome!

5th August – Civic Week activities (FREE)
2nd September – Knit and Natter Group
7th October – Cakes by Cathie
4th November – Perfect Harmony
2nd December – Christmas Crafts

If you would like to come along, but have transport issues, please contact Liz Brown at the centre who can explore solutions for you. Telephone: 01890 883332 or email Elizabeth.brown@coldstreamcommunitycentre.org

Ayton Community Hall – Friday Film Nights (starting 7.30pm)

8 August – Saving Mr Banks (12)
22 August – Mary Poppins (U)
5 September – The Butler (12)
19 September – Filth (18)
3 October – The Grand Budapest Hotel (classification to be announced)
17 October – Rush (15)
31 October – Dallas Buyers Club (18)

FUNDING NEWS cont.

BIG Lottery Young Start Fund

Young Start aims to create opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 to help realise their potential. Projects should meet one or more of the following programme outcomes:

- ◆ Connected – Younger and older generations are better connected and have more understanding and respect for each other
- ◆ Enterprising – Young people are better prepared for getting a job or starting a business.
- ◆ Confident – Children and young people have more confidence and skills
- ◆ Healthy – Children and young people have better physical, mental and emotional health

Third sector organisations can apply and grants can run between one to two years. They are interested in projects that have been designed to ensure that everyone can take part, as well as projects that focus on specific groups of children and young people.

Grants range from £10,000 – £50,000. Young Start can fund 100 per cent of project costs. However, they can also fund part of a larger project if additional funding is in place. If they are only funding part of a project, the total project cost should be no more than £100,000. The programme is rolling, so you can apply at any time.

For more information visit: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/youngstartfund> or telephone the free-phone number 03001237110.

GENERAL NEWS

Neighbourhood Links Project

Now in its 5th year, the project continues to promote and develop the capacity of locally based voluntary and community organisations to provide additional community support to those people who have low levels of social need, due to disabilities or impairments.

The project makes “Neighbourhood Links” in the Borders by connecting people and their communities, helping them to live independently at home

If you know someone who could say “yes” to any of the following questions, please get in touch:

- ◆ *Are you looking for help to allow you to stay independent at home?*
- ◆ *Are you unsure what help is available or how to access it?*
- ◆ *Do you want to get out and about and meet people in your local community but need help to do so?*
- ◆ *Do you want to know what groups and activities there are in your local community?*

Neighbourhood Links is here to help people access the services and support they need to live independently in their own homes and get involved in their local community.

To find out more telephone: 01890 883673 or 01896 751888

Fax: 0845 071 4672 or E-mail: neighbourhoodlinks@redcross.org.uk

Supporting Communities – National Support Package

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) is now into the second stage of their Supporting Communities programme which is an expanded package of support for community organisations across Scotland. The support package will run until March 2015 and aims to increase the capacity of community groups and organisations to effect change and contribute to the regeneration of their communities.

If you would like to find out more about the support package being offered by SCDC, or if you are aware of groups that may benefit, please contact Alex MacDonald 0141 248 1924 or email alex@scdc.org.uk and see <http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/supporting-communities/> for more details.

GENERAL NEWS cont.

Two SORPs on the horizon

The UK's financial reporting framework is changing. From 1 January 2015, there will be a change to current accounting rules which will affect the way that the accounts of some charities are prepared. Charities preparing fully accrued accounts must do so using UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP). UK GAAP consists of various standards which set out how accounts must be prepared. The standards are being updated and the new standards will be Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the updated Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE).

To support charities in their application of the new standards, OSCR and the Charity Commission for England and Wales – as the joint SORP-making body – have developed two SORPs (Statements of Recommended Practice). One supports the new FRS 102, and the other supports the FRSSE. This will allow charities to choose the SORP which fits with the accounting standard they use. It will also allow any future changes (which are anticipated with regard to the FRSSE) to be accommodated more readily.

The SORPs will be available in both hard copy and online. The online version is laid out in a modular format which allows charities to select only those areas relevant to them in their accounts preparation.

Alongside the SORPs, the SORP-making body will issue help sheets to assist in choosing the correct SORP. These will also highlight the key differences and cross-reference the new SORPs to corresponding paragraphs within the old SORP. Both OSCR and the Charity Commission will also run training events which will be advertised on the SORP microsite.

Third Sector Internships Scotland

Third Sector Internships Scotland (TSIS) is delighted to announce that their internship programme will continue through 2014-15 thanks to further support from the Scottish Funding Council. The initiative, led by Queen Margaret University, The Open University in Scotland and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, helps students at Scottish universities gain meaningful, paid work experience in the third sector.

They are now seeking expressions of interest from third sector organisations to host a part-time internship commencing December 2014/January 2015. 100% salary costs are available to organisations hosting a TSIS intern for the first time. Previous TSIS intern hosts will be funded 50% for their second intern, 25% funding for their third intern.

To find out more about the TSIS project visit the website <http://www.3rdsectorintern.org.uk>.

Expressions of interest for must be submitted as soon as possible and no later than noon on Friday 1st August 2014 and you will find this at <http://www.3rdsectorintern.com/employers/expression-of-interest/>.

If you require any other information please do not hesitate to contact Irene Connelly irene.connelly@scvo.org.uk or Tel 0141 559 5027.

Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships

Fellowships to provide British citizens, of all ages and all backgrounds the chance to travel overseas and bring back inspiration, for the benefit of others in their communities and professions in the UK. No qualifications are required as every application is judged on the individual themselves and the merit of the project, although please check eligibility before applying. Applicants must be 18 years of age to be eligible for a fellowship.

This year's categories are: Arts & Older People/Creative Ageing, Crafts and Makers, Designers, Early Years Prevention & Intervention, Education, Environment & Sustainable Living, Medicine Health & Patient Care, Prison & Penal Reform, Science Technology & Innovation, Young People, Open.

For more information; Tel: 0207 799 1660 or email office@wcmt.org.uk or visit <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/>

The deadline date is 23 September 2014 for travel in 2015. The application to completion timeline is approximately one year long.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Janet O'Kane is our volunteer this edition. Janet has worked as a volunteer in our Duns Charity Shop now for nearly a year. Outside of the shop, she is a crime writer (her first novel "*No Stranger to Death*" is available now from Amazon – not that we are plugging it for her or anything!!)



First fulltime job?

When I was 18 I went to work in Harrods, the Knightsbridge department store. I sold underpants to Roger Moore and parcelled up Wedgwood plates costing more than I earned in a month for shipping abroad. I enjoyed living in London after being brought up in rural Dorset.

Did you choose the voluntary sector or did it choose you?

I've always enjoyed shopping in charity shops, and given my background in retailing, it was inevitable that when I decided to volunteer, I would end up working in one.

What's good about your job?

Rather than work on the shop floor, I'm usually out the back sorting and pricing donated goods. You literally never know what you're going to find next, so every day is different. I enjoy getting away from my computer, talking to real people for a change rather than creating imaginary ones.

What's bad about your job?

The temptation to buy, buy, buy!

Most important lesson learned?

The importance of 'local'. The reason why the BAVS shops do so well is that the communities they are in see them as 'their' shops and are keen to support them.

Is this a job for life?

I can't imagine stopping any time soon! As long as donations continue to pour in, I'm happy to be there, doing my bit.

Volunteers Wanted!

Do you have a few hours a week to spare? Would you like to meet lots of different people, make new friends, have fun and be part of an organisation that actively supports local communities?

If so, why not volunteer in one of our charity shops in Coldstream, Duns or Eyemouth where you can make a real difference and help BAVS to continue to provide a valuable service to the Berwickshire community. There's lots to do in our charity shops and something to suit most tastes and interests. For example; you may enjoy helping people to choose something for a special occasion; have a good eye for selecting items to go on sale in the shop; or you may like to try your hand at window displays; perhaps you would like to price goods or prepare them for display or you may even be a dab hand with backroom shop work.

For more information about volunteering please contact one of our Shop Managers on:

Coldstream:	Susan Taylor	Tel: 01890 882988
Duns:	Rene Richardson	Tel: 01361 882772
Eymouth:	May Robertson	Tel: 018907 50212

Or telephone our BAVS Office on 01361 883137

RECENT BERWICKSHIRE FUNDING SUCCESS STORIES

Chirnside Development Group (Secured £250,000 towards their £350,000 project from the BIG Lottery Community Spaces Programme.

Redevelopment of the Chirnside Community Centre Project - to achieve a 'fit for purpose' Community Centre, by almost doubling the usable capacity to be able to support larger functions / events ranging from small gatherings to celebratory parties, wedding receptions, cinema, theatre and music festivals. Upgrade to the centre will also include improvements to the current heating, lighting and acoustics.

Cockburnspath Village Hall (Secured £67,000 from the BIG Lottery Community Spaces Programme.

Revitalising our Community and Hall Project – upgrading and improving the hall facilities through purchasing of new equipment to develop the existing hall programme to include more amateur dramatic and cinema productions. In addition, the installation of solar panels to help reduce the hall's overall carbon footprint and energy costs.

Coldstream Football Club (Secured c. £67,000 towards Phase 1 of their Facilities Upgrade project. This being gained from a mixture of funds including; Scottish Football Partnership, Berwickshire Sports Council, Borders Landfill Tax).

Phase 1 Facilities Upgrade Project – this included installation of a perimeter and sports pitch fence, gate, rails and covered spectator area.

Phase 2 focuses on refurbishment of existing pavilion and replacement of boiler (c. £19K).

Duns Football Club (Secured c. £42,000 towards Phase 2 of their Facilities Redevelopment project. This being gained from a mixture of funds including; Blackhill Windfarm, Lammermuir Community Fund, BAVSAssist, SBC Community Grant Scheme, Berwickshire Sports Council, Sported Scotland and Scottish Football Partnership).

Phase 2 Facilities Redevelopment Project – this included external pitch groundwork's and perimeter fencing at the old Berwickshire High School site. Phase 1 being minor renovations to the changing rooms (c. £5K).

Phase 3 being development of an indoor 3G training facility (c. £220K).



Opening night at the New Hawthorn Park
Duns v Man City Academy X1



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Smaller charities offered a new way to bring in funds

A new means of allowing charities to raise cash has been announced by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). CAF Donate is a new platform that will help free up small and medium size charities from the administrative burden of processing donations on and offline and make it easy for them to accept regular donations by direct debit, as well as one-off gifts.

Previous research by the Payments Council has shown that a staggering 91% of charities in the UK still do not accept direct debit payments. CAF Donate has been launched to help charities accept direct debits on and offline and broaden the range of donation methods that are available for them. Unlike other platforms that process direct debits, there is no set up fee or regular monthly charge for charities choosing to use CAF Donate. Instead there is a small charge with every transaction.

With the continual growth in online giving, CAF Donate allows charities to take advantage of this trend by providing a facility to accept online donations and reporting of all transactions, taken online and through other fundraising channels. Charities will have the option of a basic CAF Donate profile or the full service.

The basic profile provides those charities without their own website with an online page to help with their fundraising efforts, while the full service gives charities the tools to fundraise through their own website and via mobile phones and Facebook. It also offers charities a widget to allow supporters to donate to them without leaving the charity's website. Charities can also process one-off donations and regular gifts that they receive via post and phone – giving them a single place to manage all their donations.

The full service automatically includes Gift Aid reclamation to make every donation go further.

Chris Allwood, senior product developer at CAF, said: "We are very excited to be launching CAF Donate, which we believe will be an invaluable tool for smaller charities. "Too often charities are put off setting up online giving because of the perceived cost, both in terms of processing fees and administrative costs. "We've set up CAF Donate to make it easier for these charities to accept donations and fundraise. "A number of charities have already adopted the platform and we hope that CAF Donate will help boost small charities' income by making it even easier for their donors to give to them."

For more information visit:

<https://www.cafonline.org/charity-finance--fundraising/fundraising-services/multichannel-fundraising.aspx>

Have your say in consultation on guidelines for community benefit from offshore renewables

Community Energy Scotland are urging people with an interest in community development around the country's coasts to take part in a Scottish Government consultation on guidelines for community benefit payments from offshore renewables. The closing date for responses is **21st August**. You can get more information and have your say on the the consultation document by visiting the Community Energy Scotland website at: <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/news/30-jun-2014-offshore-community-benefit-a-act-now.asp>

New OSCR website

This Summer will see the launch of a completely new OSCR website. The current site was created over three years ago and it's served us well - but we feel it's time for a major overhaul to more closely reflect the needs of users and incorporate new opportunities for future development. The look and feel of the site will be very different, with a new style and layout. Currently under construction, the site will be ready for user testing later this month and we'll keep you updated on progress.

OSCR Update on the Success of the SCIO

Of the applications coming to OSCR for charitable status, we now see more SCIOs than any other legal form, with a notable drop in companies limited by guarantee. The SCIO is clearly here to stay, and it's good to see that funders and banks increasingly recognise this.

The SCIO continues to prove a popular legal form since its first availability in April 2011. SCIOs account for a third of all new applications for charitable status and some 4% of all charities in the Register. Since April 2011, 766 new organisations have registered as SCIOs and a further 234 existing charities have changed to become SCIOs.

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New guidance available about volunteers and insurance.

Volunteers and trustees want to avoid being sued if something goes wrong. A joint working group of the insurance industry and the voluntary sector has tackled fundamental concerns about protecting individuals and organisations in the voluntary sector and produced new guidance on how volunteers are – and aren't – covered by insurance.

For more information visit:

<http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2014/06/06/is-insurance-the-right-way-to-protect-volunteers/>

Scottish Communities Climate Action Network

Any community group taking action on climate change can become a member of Scottish Communities CAN – membership is free.

It offers updates from Members across the country, details of events and training that are relevant to community projects, and highlights consultations that are relevant.

Members have been involved in developing a shared Vision for Low Carbon Scotland which will be published on the website soon. Sign up to receive blog updates, and if you've a story about your experience or a question you think another group might have an answer to, contact Scottish Communities CAN.

For more information visit: www.scottishcommunitiescan.org.uk

New SNH map of wild land areas published

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has produced a new map to identify the most extensive areas of the highest wildness in Scotland that are considered nationally important. The map of wild land areas was prepared after a seven-week public consultation at the end of last year. It shows 42 wild land areas covering a total of 19.5 percent of Scotland.

Find out more by going to: <http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A1323225.pdf>

Organisation Details

Please can you keep us up to date with any contact details changes within your organisation so we can update our database accordingly. Please email Penny or Sharon or telephone 01361 883137 (penny.dryburgh@bavs.org.uk sharon.o'brien@bavs.org.uk). Many Thanks

Examination of End of Year Accounts – BAVS can help!

BAVS provides an Independent Examination of accounts service for voluntary and community groups who are registered charities, with an income less than £250,000. For more information contact Sharon at sharon.o'brien@bavs.org.uk

Just Cycle

Scottish Borders Council is seeking cycle and environmental enthusiasts to support a new project.

Ever wondered what happens to all the bikes your children outgrow and which are then left in recycling centres all over the Borders? What about that bike you bought and never used or didn't take to it? What goes on in your garage/shed?

Currently, the metal parts of most bikes taken to community recycling centres are recycled, though non metal parts such as tyres can and do end up in landfill.

What if we were able to recycle bikes? Give them new lives and make them available at low cost?

Recycled bike schemes reduce waste and make the best use of materials which previously would have been discarded, making cycling more affordable and therefore accessible to greater numbers of people.

SBC's Community Capacity Building Co-ordinator, Lynne Marshall said "recycled bike schemes are good news for the environment, our communities and our health" in all areas where these projects exist, the take up of cycling has increased.

"From the technical mountain bike trails of Glentress, Innerleithen and Newcastleton to our beautiful scenery

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and miles of quiet lanes, the Borders is already well-known amongst cycling enthusiasts. The arrival of the Borders Railway next summer brings with it new and exciting opportunities for cycling and bike hire which we would like to explore further."

The new rail link due in the Borders next year could offer new and exciting opportunities for bike hire at stations in order to build upon the image of the Borders as a top cycling destination.

There are many potential benefits to recycling bikes. The first one is that we will be making cycling more affordable and therefore more accessible.

The "just cycle" initiative will allow for training and skills sharing opportunities and will also encourage and support volunteering. We will be reducing waste and making the best use of resources which previously would have been discarded.

For more information, contact Lynne Marshall lynne.marshall@scotborders.gov.uk



BORDER BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BIG LOTTERY AWARDS FOR ALL FUNDING STORY

"Putting Buzz back into The Borders"

Our Beekeeping Association has a history traceable to 1896. Over the last 7 years we have seen an increasing awareness of the importance of honey bees as pollinators and the realisation that beekeeping is an enjoyable and rewarding hobby. Our membership numbers were expanding and we were attending an increasing amount of outside events and school and club visits. We decided that we would aim to provide better training and educational sessions and to help new beekeepers to get started and so began our quest for Lottery Funding.

I attended a meeting at BAVS in Duns on 31st October 2012 where a presentation was being given to advise local clubs and associations on grants that were available. Also included was an exercise on the basics of submitting grant applications. The Lottery, in particular the Awards for All (A4A) Scotland Fund, seemed to fulfil our needs. Philippa was our BAVS point of contact and would guide me through the many aspects of Lottery grant applications. It was agreed that the title of our project would be "Putting Buzz back into The Borders".

The 16 page A4A Application Form seemed rather daunting but it soon became clear that it had to contain a strong and concise case before funding would be considered. The Application Guide was consulted throughout the process and every attempt at completing the Application was forwarded to Philippa for comment and invariably several suggested relevant changes would come flying back. Many emails later, just as I thought that I was nearing completion, Philippa asked if she could forward my Application to one of her colleagues and there followed just a few 'fine-tuning' comments. This overview by Philippa was a vital part in ensuring that the finished Application was as positive and meaningful as possible and this attention to detail was reflected in the fact that the Awards Committee asked for no clarification of our Application.

The Application was submitted on 18th Feb 2013 and a Conditional Grant Offer was made on 22nd March. We then had to submit our Associations Constitution together with Bank details. Without further question of our Application we received Grant Confirmation on 18th April and the funds were in our bank account on 26th April.

Thus started a year of purchasing all the equipment that we had listed within the Application and immediately putting it to good use. From educational, training, beehives, honey extraction equipment, microscopes and money to assist new beekeepers to get established the spending was controlled and monitored throughout. As we found better sources for some of the equipment or wanted to transfer some of the Grant money towards a different purchase the A4A Committee always supported our new requests. We have seen many positive results already from the grant, 15 people have attended Beekeepers Beginners classes, assistance is being provided for 16 new beekeepers to purchase their first bees, and we are committed to attending many local events, clubs and schools.

Having spent the grant of nearly £5,000, an End of Grant Report was submitted on the 20th March 2014. This was fully approved by the A4A Committee and the project was signed as complete on 10th April.

Many thanks to BAVS, particularly Philippa, for her valuable inputs to our Application. From the start we have received guidance at every step and her perseverance in correcting my sometimes, wayward ramblings was reflected in the fact that all submissions by our Association to A4A were accepted without the need for clarification. BAVS are obviously a valuable resource to the local community and should we need further support or advice we know where we will receive a warm and knowledgeable welcome.

Kev Howell, Border Beekeepers Association www.borderbeekeepers.com