



TEVIOT WHEELS ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Visit to Teviot Wheels by the Prime Minister's "Taking Stock Review".



Three members of the Review Team (individuals from the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit) visited Teviot Wheels to discuss the operation of the project and issues relating to funding and accessible transport needs for the future. (Pictured here with RAVS Convener, Margaret Hindmarsh and John Chick, Teviot Wheels Development Worker)

GETTING OUT AND ABOUT IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS is a useful leaflet published by NHS Borders and Borders Community Transport Together. It will help you find the best way to get around the Borders if you do not have access to a car or other private transport.

Could you spare a few hours a month to become a volunteer driver for Teviot Wheels?

Telephone: 01835 863554 or Email: john.chick@ravs.org.uk . (Further information regarding Teviot Wheels can also be obtained from RAVS website www.ravs.org.uk under projects.)

WRVS

Scottish Borders Rural Community Transport Initiative is now located at 1 Veitch's Close, Jedburgh, TD8 6AY Telephone : 01835 864789. Hours :- 9am – 1:30pm Mon.- Friday

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES : Eligibility criteria

Scottish Borders Council last year agreed new 'eligibility criteria' for community care services. Eligibility criteria are the 'rules' set to decide what, if any, social work services people are offered after an assessment of their needs. A group has been set up to look at how people have been affected by the criteria. The group includes people from social work, health and voluntary organisations.

If you, or someone you know, has been affected by the criteria contact Scottish Borders Council, Social Work Dept on 01835 825080 or write or email : Gordon Forsyth, Social Work Manager : gforsyth@scotborders.gsx.gov.uk Stephen McIlroy, WRVS, 1 Veitch's Close, Jedburgh: Stephen.mcilroy@wrvs.org.uk Andrew Tweedie, BIAS, Edenside Workshops, Kelso: Andrew.bias@virgin.net.

RAVS Charity Shop (Canongate, Jedburgh)

Funds raised from the sale of donated clothes, bric-a-brac, books and toys provide additional income towards various RAVS projects.
DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you have a few hours to spare a week and would like to help please pop in for a coffee and a chat with Liz , our shop manager, who will be pleased to see you.

CALLING OUR READERS!

If you have news, details of a forthcoming event or an article you would like to share with RAVS members through this Newsletter please do not hesitate to contact us on 01835 863554.

The next Winter/Spring publication will be issued in February 2007.



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ONLINE BORDERS EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND'S EXCELLENCE AWARD



Microsites
Training
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Online Borders has won the European Social Fund's Excellence Award for community capacity building. The award ceremony was held in Glasgow on 7th November 2006.

Online Borders is the Scottish Borders Community Grid for Learning, which delivers information of interest to the Scottish Borders community through electronic means, particularly web sites known as Microsites. Online Borders gives community groups and local organisations an online presence, allowing them to promote their work locally, nationally and internationally.

At the heart of Online Borders is a directory of organisations and information that is actively updated by the organisations themselves, ensuring accurate, timely information is available to all. Many organisations also run their own sections within Online Borders where they can publish information and share ideas, either publicly, across partners or within their own organisations. If you would like a Microsite for your group/organisation contact RAVS on 01835 863554. Check out the website on www.onlineborders.org.uk

RAVS Executive and Staff would like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our office is closed for the Festive season from Monday 25th December to Wednesday 3rd January 2007.

WHO'S WHO AT RAVS?

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Hours: Mon-Thurs 9.30am - 1pm
Friday: 9.30am - 12 noon
*And by appointment
outside these hours.*

RAVS (Hawick)

Geraldine Strickland
Is based at Hawick Library on
Fridays. To make an
appointment please phone:
01835 863554.

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Scotland's voluntary sector MANIFESTO

This document is relevant to the 2007 local government and Scottish Parliament elections and contains key information concerning the enormous contribution that the sector makes, as well as key tasks for actions to enable the sector to work as effectively as possible for the people and communities of Scotland. We hope you will sign up to the Manifesto to give it your support on the SCVO website at: www.scvo.org.uk—under policy spotlights.



NEW FIRE SAFETY REGIME (are you aware of your responsibilities?)

From 1st October 2006 the new fire safety legislation came into force in Scotland. This will help improve public safety and protect those using non-domestic premises. The new fire safety regime is based on the principles of risk assessment and will apply to the majority of non-domestic premises in Scotland, including premises such as village halls, community owned centres, youth, arts, drama, music and sports venues. The new booklet "Are You Aware of Your Responsibilities" is available from RAVS or details can be viewed on the website developed by the Scottish Executive www.infoscotland.com/firelaw. If you have any queries about the availability of the booklet or information about the new legislation, please email FireScotlandAct@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or telephone : 0131 244 2784.

RAVS COMMUNITY ACCOUNTS

RAVS Community Accounts Officer is available to help your community group when you need it. Private & Confidential help from basic book-keeping to year end accounts and project budgeting. For more information or individual help contact: Sue Bennett on 01835 863554 or email: sue.bennett@ravs.org.uk



RAVS staff can support your organisation to grow - for more information on committee training, grant funds, help with developing your project or the funding application process, contact Heather Batsch or Geraldine Strickland (Hawick) on 01835 863554. www.ravs.org.uk

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COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME (SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL)

Funds are still available and the scheme remains open. Enquiries regarding funding to Linda Cornwall, Grants Co-ordinator.
Tel: 01835 824000 (Ext. 5496)
Email: lcornwall@scotborders.gov.uk

A NEW MOBILE FOR XMAS? Why not donate your old one to RAVS.



If you have an unwanted/old mobile phone please hand in to either RAVS Charity Shop at Canongate Jedburgh or RAVS office at 1 Veitch's Close, Jedburgh .

The Mobile Phone shop at High Street Hawick will also take your old mobile phone for RAVS charitable organisation. Old phones will be recycled or resold. **THANK YOU!**

SCOTTISH BORDERS AWARDS 2006-07

'A celebration of all that is Best in the Borders'

The 2006-7 Scottish Borders Awards aim to showcase the Best in the borders. It is both a celebration of the achievements of businesses, individuals and community groups and an opportunity to showcase how each of these has contributed to the success of the Scottish Borders as a whole.

Following the success of the previous New Ways Awards, the New Ways partnership is hosting the Scottish Borders Awards 2007 at a glittering ceremony on **2nd March 2007** and applications were sought from individuals and organisations of all shapes and sizes that have, over the last twelve months, been successful in their own line of work or activity and have had a positive impact on the Scottish Borders.

Applications closed on Friday 1st December. Further details on the Awards can be found on the News Ways website: www.scottishbordersnewways.com

CONGRATULATIONS

THE BIG LOTTERY

Stichill Village Hall - £68,191 to extend the hall, creating a new meeting room and facilities for the disabled.

AWARDS FOR ALL

11th Borders Festival of Jazz and Blues – Advertising, band hire, transport and accommodation for music workshops—£5,000.

Bedrule Village Hall— £10,000 towards village hall refurbishment.

Morebattle Village Hall—£5,000 towards display cabinets, tables and chairs etc.

Eckford Village Hall—£10,000 for upgrade
Cogsmill Hall—£4324 for new electrics

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE—CERS

Stichill Village Hall - £20,000 to re-roof the village hall.

HAWICK COMMON GOOD

Catholic Church Hawick Hall Users Group - £1,000—towards upgrade of nappy changing and disabled facilities.

COMIC RELIEF

Catholic Church Hawick Hall Users Group - £14,186—towards upgrade of nappy changing and disabled facilities.

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND

Catholic Church Hawick Hall Users Group—£5,280 towards toilet upgrade.

Bedrule Village Hall - £6,000 towards village hall refurbishment

SBC COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

Bedrule Village Hall —£2240 for purchase of upholstered chairs

Eckford Village Hall—£5000 for upgrade
Hawick Scout Fellowship Pipe Band—

£1,000 for support for running costs

Hawick Pipe Band—£889 for upgrade of band equipment

Hawick Highland Games & Pipe Band Championships—£2,500 event costs

Newcastleton Bowling Club—£2,500 towards disabled access upgrade

Newcastleton Club Community Trust—£500 towards a Disabled Access Unit