

## FUNDING NEWS

### THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

has announced the launch of a brand new award scheme. It's Your community, aimed at providing funding for projects designed to improve local environments throughout the UK. All types of environmental projects as are welcome to apply, for example: ponds, paths, tree planting, water butts, village recycling facilities etc.

Awards of up to £1,000 are available to local groups and individuals for the hire of tools or equipment and to purchase plants, paint, signs, materials etc.

Further information from:  
[www.conservationfoundation.co.uk](http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk)  
**Telephone:** 020 7591 3111

### GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION

The Garfield Weston Foundation has helped a wide range of organisations with grants of varying sizes in Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Social, Religion, Youth and Environment.

For application form visit their website:  
[www.garfieldweston.org](http://www.garfieldweston.org)  
**Telephone:** 020 7399 6565

### 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.

## TEVIOT WHEELS ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Teviot Wheels provides wheelchair-accessible cars (maximum seven people) for affordable self-drive hire.

### What does it cost?

Teviot Wheels is registered with the Social Car Scheme, and the cost of any trips which fall into this category will qualify for subsidy.

### Who can drive the cars?

Anyone aged 25-75 with a clean driving licence and registered as a Teviot Wheels driver. If you don't have a driver of your own, RAVS may be able to arrange a volunteer driver for you (free of charge), as long as sufficient notice is given.

**Could you spare a few hours a month to become a volunteer driver for Teviot Wheels? Telephone: 01835 863554**



*Volunteer Driver Andy Turnbull (right) on his retirement is thanked by George Miller, RAVS Vice Convener*



### 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](mailto:sue.bennett@ravs.org.uk)

### CALLING OUR READERS!

If you have news, details of a forthcoming event or an article you would like to share with others through this Newsletter please contact us on 01835 863554.



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[www.ravs.org.uk](http://www.ravs.org.uk)

## FIVE YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENT

As our European-funded project comes to an end, we look back at all the great results that have come from it. The additional resources paid for extra staff time to support community and voluntary organisations across Roxburgh, including an office and worker in Hawick.

It is almost meaningless to quote figures for what that support has achieved, but they are given at the foot of this page. The real difference has been in the amount of work carried out by voluntary and community groups, both new and existing. Some have developed projects and were helped to apply for grants; some improved the way they managed their organisations; some undertook surveys to find out what people needed; some developed income-generation as social enterprises to help themselves grow. All gained in skill and confidence and this is the real legacy. We are proud to have helped you.

- 168 existing organisations supported
- 59 new groups helped to start up
- Over 1400 development support sessions
- 48 community facilities created/improved
- Total grants awarded to organisations supported by RAVS over past five years:

**£1,700,420**

However, continued funding for support organisations like ours is difficult to come by. With the end of our EU-funded project we have to say goodbye to our Hawick Development Worker, Geraldine Strickland. She has made a huge contribution to RAVS and our local community and we wish her well for the future. She will be sorely missed.

## THE BRIDGE

As well as providing additional resources, our EU-funded South of Scotland Network project encouraged us to work more closely with our fellow Councils for Voluntary Service (CVS) across the South of Scotland.

Here in the Borders, that has led to a proposal to join up, which RAVS members endorsed almost unanimously at an EGM in February 2007. As a result, RAVS, the CVS in Central Borders and Tweeddale, and our collective organisation Borders Forum of CVS, will unify at the end of March to become a single organisation, to be known as "The Bridge". We will be a Scottish Charity with a Management Board drawn from committees in each area, and local offices in Jedburgh, Galashiels and Peebles. We will continue to work closely with BAVS, (Berwickshire CVS).

We will shortly be issuing membership renewal forms in the name of "The Bridge" and hope you will continue your involvement with us as members.

We believe that the new structure will allow us to operate more effectively and efficiently as a CVS, joining up some of the management tasks as well as running Borders-wide projects. In turn this will allow the staff and committees in the local areas to concentrate on providing and developing services to meet the needs of their local communities. We will continue to serve you as

**The Bridge in Roxburgh**

## WHO'S WHO AT RAVS?

**Heather Batsch**  
Development Officer

**Sue Bennett**  
RAVS Community Accounts  
Officer

**John Chick**  
Teviot Wheels  
Development Worker

**Margaret Urquhart**  
RAVS Administrator

**Liz Calcroft**  
RAVS Charity Shop Manager

## CONTACTS

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**Email:** info@ravs.org.uk  
**Web:** www.ravs.org.uk

Visit our main office at

1 Veitch's Close,  
Jedburgh, TD8 6AY  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 9.30am - 1pm  
Friday: 9.30am - 12 noon  
*And by appointment  
outside these hours.*

Registered Scottish Charity:  
SC010110

**NB: From 1st April 2007** we will be known as "The Bridge" - but we will continue to operate from our Jedburgh office. Email addresses will change but any sent to the existing addresses will be forwarded automatically. More info shortly.



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### FORWARD SCOTLAND

Two funds from Scottish Executive, applications accepted to both, but projects can receive an award from only one of the funds. Call separate telephone nos to discuss first. Download application forms from: [www.forward-scotland.org.uk](http://www.forward-scotland.org.uk)  
**First DEADLINE: 25th April 2007. Last bids in June 07. Result in 8 weeks. Awards to be spent by March 08.**

### Environmental Justice Fund 2007-8

Grants of between £100,000 and £500,000 to improve quality of local environments in communities that suffer the effects of negative environmental impact eg past/present industry, pollution. Two themes for up to 100% grants: community facilities and amenities; landscape, access & biodiversity. Applications encouraged from Community Councils, local voluntary and community groups.  
**Tel:** 0870 974 2325 **Email:** [ejf@forward-scotland.org.uk](mailto:ejf@forward-scotland.org.uk)

### Community Environmental Renewal Scheme 07-08

Grants of up to £100,000 for communities that have suffered the effects of aggregates extraction. Projects must fit with provision, restoration, protection, or promotion of understanding of one or more of these themes: landscape, habitats and local biodiversity; the built or cultural environment (including historic, geological or architectural heritage); community recreational amenities.  
**Tel:** 0870 974 2324 **Email:** [cers@forward-scotland.org.uk](mailto:cers@forward-scotland.org.uk)

### THE CHANGE FOUNDATION

An innovative new charitable trust for the Borders was launched recently. The Borders telecommunications company, G.B. Telecom, are investing over £15,000 to kickstart their new Change Foundation. The Change Foundation will consider small grants in five categories: the arts, culture, health and wellbeing, music and sport. See their website for an application form. [www.gbtsotland.co.uk/web/about/changefoundation](http://www.gbtsotland.co.uk/web/about/changefoundation)  
**DEADLINE** for May 2007 grants is **30th April 2007.**

### COMMUNITY NETWORK Linking Groups by Phone

Community Network is the only UK registered charity providing telephone conference services. Don't let the weather, time or travel problems stop you getting to a meeting, you can take part from your office or home. Help save the planet: leave your car at home, use the phone. 0845 (local) call charges apply. To find out more call: 020 7923 5250.

**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 on 01835 863554.**

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### SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

For either of these grant funds, visit [www.scottishcf.org](http://www.scottishcf.org) to download forms and guidelines or  
**Tel:** 0141 225 6670 or 0131 524 0300  
**Email:** [grants@scottishcf.org](mailto:grants@scottishcf.org)

### WOMEN'S FUND for Scotland

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for a wide variety of costs and projects, subject to some exclusions. Grants must be spent within 12 months of being awarded and applications must be for between 25% and 100% of a project's or item's total cost. Projects must primarily benefit women aged 16 or over. Applications accepted until:  
**14th December 2007**

### NEW Community Investment Programme

50%-100% grants between £10,000-£25,000 per year for up to 2 years, relating to one of 3 investment areas:

- Building Enterprising Communities
- Connecting Generations
- Repositioning Organisations

Open to not-for profit groups and charities in Scotland with total income under £250,000.  
**Short first deadline for outline proposals: 30th April 07**

### PEOPLE'S MILLIONS LOTTERY CASH AVAILABLE FOR BORDERS GROUPS

Groups in the Scottish Borders will find out how they could share in a slice of Lottery funding from the People's Millions contest when the Big Lottery Fund comes to town on Wednesday 4th April. The Big Lottery Fund team will be at the SBC Chamber, Duns at 10 a.m. the Victoria Hall, Selkirk at 1 p.m. and the Burgh Hall Peebles at 4 p.m. The team will be on hand to encourage groups to enter, work up a project idea and fill in application forms for a chance to win a Lottery grant of up to £80,000 to improve their local environment.

Five Big Lottery Fund awards of up to £80,000 are ready to be won by community projects in the ITV Borders region. People across the Borders have until noon, 17th May 2007 to enter the contest. ITV viewers will be able to vote on which local community projects they want to win the Lottery good cause funding, when the on-air contest hits TV screens in November.

Apply online: [www.thepeoplesmillions.org.uk](http://www.thepeoplesmillions.org.uk) or application packs are available by calling the hotline: 08450 10 11 12. The deadline for applications is noon, Thursday 17th May 2007.

Deadlines:

- **17 May: Closing date for applications**
- **31 October: Final project shortlist announced to the media**
- **26-30 November: People's Millions competition televised on ITV.**

### 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](mailto:lcornwall@scotborders.gov.uk)

### COMMUNITY FOOD AND HEALTH (SCOTLAND)

#### Small Grants Scheme Funding from £500 to £3000

Community Food and Health (Scotland) has an annual small grants scheme available for groups and agencies who wish to improve access to, and take up of a healthy, varied and balanced diet. Grants from £500 to £3000 are available and grant recipients are expected to spend their grant money within one year.

The small grant scheme opens in the spring and closes in the early summer. Successful applicants usually receive their grants by the autumn.

**For further information**  
visit: [www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk](http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk)