






# Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber



High Speed Broadband Event

What Social Enterprises Are and how they can help

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## What are Social Enterprises?

A social enterprise is a community business which does not distribute profits/surpluses to individuals and instead directs them to further their social aims. Communities can be geographical or of common interest, such as groups with learning disabilities, young people or older people.





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## Where do they get support?

-  The Social Enterprise Chamber was founded in 2005 to provide a collective voice and focal point for the development and growth of social enterprise in the Scottish Borders.
-  The Social Enterprise Chamber is a partner in the Borders Third Sector Partnership, between, The Bridge, BAVS, VCB and The Chamber

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What structure do they take?

-  Company Limited by guarantee
-  Community Interest Companies
-  Charity Trading Arms
-  The Consortium Co-operative Model

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## Partnership working and why it is necessary

- 🌐 Businesses have a vital role in securing improved broadband services...
- 🌐 A business can seek to have a bespoke high-speed broadband connection. This route of “going it alone” can often be incredibly costly. A better alternative would be for your business to support a local Community Broadband Project. This would have benefits for your business AND the community in terms of improved services and reduced costs by consolidating resources.

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## **How can we help if you choose to go the Social Enterprise Route?**

- We provide specialist advice to businesses from all sectors to support the successful creation of new consortia or partnership that will help achieve high speed Broadband service.
- Our advisers can work with you to:
  - Explore and assess opportunities
  - Develop shared objectives
  - Establish memorandum and members' agreements
  - Assist your ongoing development
  - Structure the company
  - Finance the business
  - Develop member participation