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SUP NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



Wood anemones and dog violets: image credit C Gillespie

Hello and welcome to our April newsletter.

What a spring it's proving to be. We are full of the joys at SUP HQ, hearing our first cuckoos, enjoying the spring flowers and new growth on trees, smiling at the lambs in the fields. Yet reminders of climate change and the nature emergency are never far away- especially this week, as temperatures are set to soar and drought is a challenge for so many.

We hope, like us, you can continue to draw hope and optimism from the spring energy, whilst working in whatever way you can to ensure future generations in rural South Scotland get to enjoy the same spring sights, smells and sounds.

Read on for news from the Southern Uplands Partnership and our partners, working together for "Living Land, Living Community", now and in the future.

- [We are hiring! Freelance Communications and Events Officer](#)
- [Ayrshire and D&G Wildlife Recorders' Gatherings](#)
- [Green Health Week in Berwickshire Friday 9th May](#)

We are hiring! Freelance Communications and Events Officer

This role will provide communications and marketing support, as well as event production support, for our work in the Scottish Borders – primarily working with our Scottish Borders Climate Action Network team. During the period of work there may be opportunities for additional hours linked to other SUP teams' work in the Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway. The role is approx. 14 hours per week, 30 June 2025 – 28 February 2026 (9 months), at a rate of £175 per day.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#) where you can download the role description and find out further information.

Ayrshire and D&G Wildlife Recorders' Gatherings - May to August dates

If you want to get out and about in beautiful South West Scotland and learn about nature or share your knowledge in a friendly, informal way, why not join one of our wildlife recording groups?

From May to August, our South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre (SWSEIC) will be running a series of wildlife recording days throughout Ayrshire and Dumfries & Galloway.

The aim of these outings is to gather wildlife records for areas with few records or gaps in records. These events will often partner with local community projects and wildlife-friendly land managers to support them in their work. No prior experience is needed and all are welcome.

Ayrshire and D&G Wildlife Recorders' Gatherings - May to August dates contd.



The 2025 outings will be:

7th May (Wed) Glenmidge Burn

19th May (Mon) Moffat Community Nature Reserve and Dyke Farm Nature Reserve

4th Jun (Wed) Eastriggs MOD

12th Jun (Thu) Tardoes Farm, Muirkirk

29th Jun (Sun) High Slock & Auchneight Moor

Jul (date tbc) Loch Lig & Farden Farm, Pinwherry

15th Jul (Tue) Portencross

24th Jul (Thu) Craigengillan Estate

18th Aug (Mon) Brodoclea, Dalry (Woolly Pig Company)

To find out more, click here to [sign up to SWSEIC wildlife recorders mailing list](#) or email Mark via mpollitt@swseic.org.uk

Green Health Week in Berwickshire - kicking off Friday 9th May



If you are over in the sunny South East, why not join our Scottish Borders Climate Action Network (SBCAN) team, NHS Borders and Sea the Change to celebrate Green Health Week in Eyemouth, promoting inclusive access to nature and wellbeing for all. This event highlights how connecting with the outdoors can support mental and physical health while also fostering a deeper appreciation for our environment. Try an e-bike or e-trike in a taster session with Sea the Change from their Cycle Shack in Eyemouth and then head down to Gunsgreen House where we will learn from our NHS Borders colleagues on Ways to Be Well. There will then be the opportunity to hear about the Scottish Borders Climate Action Network and explore how small changes—active travel, time in green spaces, and community action—can benefit both personal health and the planet. Enjoy a cuppa, meet like-minded people, and discover new ways to embrace nature sustainably.

Free event – all welcome. Please sign up via the link below:

[Green Health Week "Nature is for everyone" Tickets, Fri, May 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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