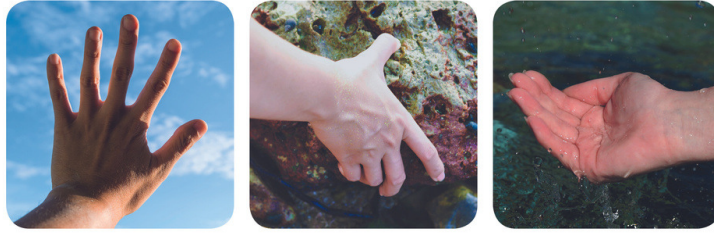


AUGUST 2026



southern uplands partnership
living land, living community

SUP NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026



Image credit: Iain Leach

Hello and welcome to our August newsletter!

We're featuring the Hummingbird Hawk Moth (pictured above) this month. If you see one- it's not a hummingbird! This amazing migratory moth makes its way to south Scotland from as far away as the southern Mediterranean and the Levant each year- a mini miracle, and they are having a record year here in the Southern Uplands. This has been a good year overall for moths and butterflies in south Scotland - an example of the complex picture of winners and losers around climate change and changing land use.

Read on for more about our work supporting nature, climate, culture and community resilience across the south of Scotland.



www.sup.org.uk



[southernuplandspartnership](https://twitter.com/southernuplandspartnership)



[southernupland1](https://www.instagram.com/southernupland1)

[southernuplandspartnership](https://www.instagram.com/southernuplandspartnership)

- [Join us for Borders Climate Week Green Get Together in Galashiels on 30th September](#)
- [SCAMP Landscape Connections: Have your say on coastal access!](#)
- [Join us in Norham on 12th September for a Tweed Concertina!](#)
- [And finally](#)

Join us for Borders Climate Week Green Get Together in Galashiels on 30th September

Our Scottish Borders Climate Action Network team is running a Green Get-Together on 30th September from 10am -2pm at Café Re-Charge in Galashiels.

This is a great opportunity for people involved in community climate action to come together, share what is happening across the Borders, make connections, exchange ideas and identify opportunities for collaboration.

You can find out more information and book your spot [here](#).

SCAMP Landscape Connections: Have your say on coastal access!

As part of the [SCAMP Landscape Connections Project](#), supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, we are helping Dumfries & Galloway Council to better understand local coastal access needs.

We're keen to hear from anyone with an interest in the Solway Coast, whether you live, work or play there, or are an occasional visitor. Please complete our short questionnaire [here](#).

Working with the SCAMP team, we are also facilitating a series of guided walks and drop-in indoor events through the autumn. The first will take place in Gretna on Thursday 17th September, led by Antoine Lemaire, SCAMP's new Coastal Infrastructure Coordinator. The walk is free, but booking is essential [here](#). The drop-in session (open to all, no booking required) is from 4-7pm at the Richard Greenhow Centre.

If you're not too far from Gretna, why not join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat about coastal access? Or watch this space for more dates and locations along the coast as they are confirmed!

SCAMP Landscape Connections: Have your say on coastal access!

SCAMP
Landscape Connections

Core Paths and more

GREटना

Thursday 17th September

FREE EVENTS



Join us to **explore** and celebrate the **Solway Coast** and local coastal access, share stories about **history**, **nature** and **landscape**, let us know about how and why you access the coast, and any barriers you face.



2pm: Walk and Talk

The SCAMP project's new Coastal Infrastructure Coordinator, **Antoine Lemaire**, will lead this circular walk on the core path network from Gretna to the coast. Learn more about Gretna's history and heritage, and enjoy spectacular views across the Solway Firth AONB.

Free event, but booking essential via eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1998538288821>

Drop in between 4 and 7pm at the Richard Greenhow Centre

Come along for a cup of tea or coffee and to learn more about the **SCAMP project**.

We are gathering tales of the Solway Coast, and would love to hear yours! Let us know what makes this fantastic environment important to you by decorating a postcard or recording a voice note.

Help us to understand how coastal access can be improved and where there are issues with the Core Path network.

Learn more about volunteering with **SCAMP** as a **Coastodian**.

Free event and no booking is required - come for 5 minutes or stay for an hour!

Solway Coast and Marine Project – Landscape Connections is an ambitious seascape scale nature restoration project covering 210 miles of the Solway coast and marine environment. With lead funding from the Heritage Fund and consisting of partners: The Solway Firth Partnership, Galloway Rivers Trust, D&G Woodlands, Crichton Carbon Centre, RSPB, Southern Upland Partnership and Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere.

www.solwaycoastmarine.co.uk



southern uplands partnership
living land, living community

Dumfries and Galloway
COUNCIL

Join us in Norham on 12th September for a Tweed Concertina!



If you are in the Scottish Borders, join us to learn how to make a spectacular 3D concertina sketchbook at this creative workshop led by illustrator [Jane Porter](#). You'll use folded paper to create your own fantasy version of the river Tweed, then embellish with ink, collage, rubber stamps, curled paper and ribbon.

The session is inspired by this years' Connecting Threads theme of '[Under, over, round and through](#)', playfully exploring how the river moves and what it sees on its journey from the source to the sea at Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Connecting Threads is part of the Destination Tweed project, led by Tweed Forum and funded by Heritage Lottery Fund and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

People of all ages from 6 up are welcome, and all the booking info is [here](#).

And finally

If you are interested in community tourism in Annandale, see below for a great event coming up on 4th September, delivered by our friends at Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere.

GROWING COMMUNITY TOURISM IN ANNANDALE



Made possible with

Heritage Fund

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM -12PM
DEVIL'S PORRIDGE MUSEUM



As part of the Solway Coast & Marine Project (SCAMP), the GSA Biosphere Partnership is working with communities to support community led tourism along the Dumfries and Galloway coast.

This workshop will bring together community groups, organisations and businesses to strengthen connections across Annandale. We'll explore what's already attracting people to the area, identify gaps and opportunities, and work together to develop practical actions that grow community led tourism.

For further information contact
Faith@gsabiosphere.org.uk





GALLOWAY AND
SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE
BIOSPHERE

If you would like to support the work that Southern Uplands Partnership does, you can donate at the button below:



Has someone forwarded this to you? Would you like to join us? It's free! Use the QR code below or go to:
[SUP mailing list sign-up form \(mailchi.mp\)](https://mailchi.mp/supmailinglist/sign-up-form).

