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Hello and welcome to our February newsletter. We hope you are enjoying the lengthening days and finding elf cups in the woods.

Read on for upcoming events and news from the Southern Uplands Partnership and our partners.

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Destination Tweed Connecting Threads: 2025 artist residencies open call



We are pleased to announce the Destination Tweed Connecting Threads 2025 residency programme, offering up to six paid and supported residency opportunities for creative practitioners based in the River Tweed catchment area.

These residencies form a key strand of the Connecting Threads programme for 2025, under the overall theme of Watery Commons. The residency begins with an initial Encounters week in June during which all selected residents will spend time together with the Connecting Threads programming team along the River Tweed. Thereafter, each resident has two months to undertake the remaining three weeks of the residency at their own pace. The deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 31 March, 9am.

For full information on how to apply visit:

[Open Call: Watery Commons Residencies 2025 | Connecting Threads](#)

Bookings now open for D&G Wildlife Recorders' Gathering: 15th March

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Dumfries & Galloway WILDLIFE RECORDERS' GATHERING

SWSEIC invites everyone with an interest in wildlife and wildlife recording in SW Scotland to our spring gathering in Dumfries. Join us for a range of talks and presentations about Badgers, Black Grouse, rare plants, recent local wildlife discoveries and much more.

For further details of talks and booking visit

 fienta.com/dumfries-galloway-wildlife-recorders-gathering-2025

£5

**Saturday
15 March
2025**

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Bookings are now open for our Dumfries and Galloway Wildlife Recorders' Gathering for anyone with an interest in wildlife and wildlife recording. Taking place on Saturday 15th March with talks on topics such as badgers, black grouse and rare plants plus an optional afternoon wildlife walk or moth group meeting. All for a bargain price of £5!

Book your place now using the link below:

<https://fienta.com/dumfries-galloway-wildlife-recorders-gathering-2025>

Scottish Borders Climate Action Network: Act for Change



February has been a busy one with SBCAN's Borders Act for Change project. This is the first year of this initiative and we have been so impressed with all the activity that has taken place. We had over 65 actions pledged by schools, community groups and volunteer organisations across the Scottish Borders. We estimate that 3500+ individuals got involved in taking positive action in their communities!

We got involved ourselves - pictured are team members from across SUP taking part in our own day of action with Bright Green Nature, surveying for invertebrates near Selkirk. The range of activities has also been incredible. We have had tree-planting days, community litter picks, circular economy art workshops, clothes swaps, garden re-vamps, hot composter installations, community garden open days, environmental film screenings and so much more! All of these commitments showcase the incredible creativity and determination within our network of community climate action.

But climate action doesn't stop with February. Let's keep the momentum going and build on these positive actions!

Check out SBCAN's website for more stories and the events calendar for upcoming opportunities to get involved and be inspired. You can add your activities to the calendar to share with the network too.

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



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