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Perennial Flax, Brighthouse Bay © Mark Pollitt

Hello and welcome to our June newsletter!

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Opportunity to Join the Southern Uplands Partnership's Board!

Are you passionate about sustainable development in the South of Scotland? Do you have experience in strategic roles? We are seeking to appoint new Directors to our Board, at an exciting time for SUP, as we celebrate our 25th anniversary year and refresh our vision and mission for the next 25.

We invite enquiries from interested people with relevant skills, experience and knowledge, who support our aims, and can offer up to 4 days per year of voluntary time. In order to balance the current Board, we are particularly keen to hear from people in Dumfries and Galloway, people with a finance background, women and younger people.

To note your interest, please send a short supporting statement outlining your background, skills and interest to recruitment@sup.org.uk by Monday 14th July. We'll arrange for an informal chat in follow up, to answer any questions you may have.

SCAMP Landscape Connections Launched



SUP is delighted to be a partner on this exciting new project, led by Dumfries and Galloway Council, which launched earlier this month. The project is the first to be funded under the National Lottery Heritage Fund's new Landscape Connection programme. Solway Coast and Marine Project (SCAMP) Landscape Connections will be delivered over 10 years, starting with a two-year development phase.

Alongside protecting and developing the seascape, the project will engage young people and communities with the coast, providing green job opportunities and training for nature and habitat restoration. More people will be able to access and understand the landscape through 120 miles of new coastal trail.

For more information, do check out the new project website here:

[SCAMP Landscape Connections](#)

SBCAN Youth Climate Action Fund Success



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The Scottish Borders Climate Action Network (SBCAN) is delighted to share the success of our Youth Climate Action Fund, which is supporting 33 projects led by or for young people across the region. We were blown away by the number of applications and the incredibly high standard of ideas submitted. It was a very competitive process, reflecting the passion, creativity, and commitment of young people to climate action in their communities.

We're really excited to see these projects come to life throughout 2025 and look forward to sharing their progress and achievements as they develop. We will be updating our website with good news stories as the projects get going, so you will be able to read more about them there. [SBCAN News — SBCAN](#)

Our next funding opportunity is likely to open in November 2025 – keep an eye on the project website for updates, and you can also sign up to the SBCAN newsletter to stay in the loop: www.sbcan.co.uk. Thank you to the Scottish Government for enabling this!

Wildlife Recording in full flow for SWSEIC



Dingy Skipper, Eastriggs MOD © SWSEIC

A busy summer of wildlife recording activities and events is already in full swing for South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre (SWSEIC). The recording group has completed four surveys so far, gathering over 1,000 records covering several hundred different species. Visits to Glenmidge, Moffat Community Nature Reserves, Tardoes Farm (Muirkirk) and Eastriggs MOD site have added valuable information about the diversity of species present on each site. It allows us to point out important biodiversity-rich habitats to landowners and adds to our regional knowledge of the species we find. Working with our friends at Kilsture Forest Community Group and their Kilsture 1000 project (<https://www.kilstureforest.org/get-involved-2/kilsture1000>), we have been teaching volunteers to identify amphibians and reptiles and will be helping them to map all of their wildlife sightings later this summer.

More detailed write ups from many of the events can be found on the blog section of the SWSEIC website (<https://swseic.org.uk/news-events/blog/>).

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Join us at Merlindale Nature Festival - Saturday 2nd August 2025

We're looking forward to this great annual event at Drumelzier near Broughton. Do come and join us for a guaranteed great day out! The flier is below and more information is available on the website [here](http://www.bordersmeadowstrust.org.uk)



The poster for the Merlindale Nature Festival 2025 features a light green background with a subtle floral pattern at the bottom. The title 'Merlindale Nature Festival 2025' is written in a large, green, cursive font. Below it, 'Saturday 2nd August' is in a bold, brown, serif font. The event details 'FREE 12PM TO 5PM - PARK AT DRUMELZIER' and '*DROP OFF AT MERLINDALE' are in a smaller, bold, black font. A central circular image shows two brown horses harnessed together, pulling a red wooden plow. To the right of the horses, the text 'Star of the show!' is written in a brown, cursive font. Below the horses, a list of activities is provided in bold, black, sans-serif font: 'TEAMWORK HORSE LOGGING HORSE AND MOWER DEMO', 'SCYTHING INSTRUCTION AND WORKSHOP', 'BIOBLITZ, BIRD RINGING, AND BODGER', 'RED SQUIRREL AND STORYTELLING GUIDED TOURS', and 'POLLINATORS WALK AND MORE...'. To the right of the activities, a vertical column of logos for partner organizations is displayed, including The Tweed Foundation, Tweed Forum, RSPB, Northumberland Wildlife Trust, Connecting Threads, southern uplands partnership, Butterfly Conservation, Tweeddale Red Squirrel Network, Scottish Wildlife Trust, and BORDERS ORGANIC GARDENERS (BOG). At the bottom left, a note states '*Only available for individuals with disabilities'. At the bottom center, it says 'For more information see: www.bordersmeadowstrust.org.uk'. At the bottom right, it mentions 'Catering by Broughton Village Store'.

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