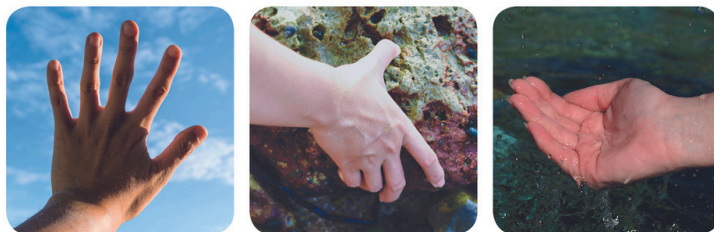


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Rockliffe and Heston ©Christine Dudgeon

Hello and welcome to our June newsletter!

We hope you are enjoying- or at least coping- with the heat. Whilst the sunshine is welcome, the extreme weather patterns we've been experiencing are a timely reminder of climate change.

We continue to tackle both the climate and nature crises through our work in the Southern Uplands, and this newsletter includes some great examples, as well as opportunities to get involved in taking positive action for people and nature. Read on for more!

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We are recruiting! Could you be our new Communications and Impact Lead?



Wildlife Recorders at Crawick Multiverse ©SWSEIC

Are you (or do you know) an experienced communication professional keen to help make a positive difference for people and nature in south Scotland? This important new post represents an exciting opportunity to lead and shape our approach to communicating our varied work; help us to reach more people; and better evidence our impact.

We are seeking an individual who can help us tell stories of transformation, as we work with people and place to address the major challenges of our time. This will be a dynamic and varied role, working with our culture, climate, community, land-use and biodiversity teams. The role will be integral to an exciting new chapter for the organisation as we work to launch a new identity for The Southern Uplands Partnership in the coming year.

Salary: £34,378 (FTE). Closing date Monday 20th July. The full job pack and information on how to apply can be found on our website [here](#).

Selkirk Nature Networks launch: Wednesday 1st July



Please join us at our launch event for Selkirk Nature Networks, taking place on 1st July at 1.30pm at The Haining.

Bright Green Nature and Selkirk Hill Group will share work that is ongoing across their two sites (Deer Park and Selkirk Hill)- before SUP's Scottish Borders Climate Action Network facilitate a conversation, over tea and cake, about the opportunities, challenges and potential for growing a nature network across Selkirk and the Valleys- and exploring climate impacts on these landscapes and habitats.

This event is aimed at people interested in or working on more connectivity between climate action, spaces for nature, spaces for people and improved biodiversity in the Borders, starting with Selkirk and the Valleys!

If you care for, volunteer on, or make use of areas of nature or green space in Selkirk and the Valleys- or are involved in nature conservation - then this is for you!

We'll also be sharing our upcoming programme of opportunities to take part in climate action at these sites over the Summer months, for young people and adults interested in citizen science, climate action and practical nature restoration.

The launch event will be followed by the first of our climate & water walks at the Deer Park (including a chance to meet the Exmoor ponies!) between 3-4.30pm. This is optional and you can select to stay on for the walk when booking your place.

If you can join us, please RSVP by reserving a space through this link: [Selkirk Nature Networks Forum Launch Tickets, Wednesday, July 1 • 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM | Eventbrite](https://naturenetworkslaunch.eventbrite.com)

If you can't make it, there will be further Nature Network meetings later this year - to be kept in the loop - please let us know if you'd like to be added to our growing Nature Network mailing list.

This is a project supported by Scottish Government's Climate Engagement Fund - and delivered by Bright Green Nature, Selkirk Hill Group and the Southern Uplands Partnership.

Dumfries and Galloway Local Biodiversity Action Plan Review - public consultation launching next month!



Flower-rich coastal grassland at Stairhaven ©Mark Pollitt

We are pleased to be supporting Dumfries & Galloway Council with its review of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan for the region. This key document will inform the next Local Development Plan and support the many great initiatives for protecting and restoring nature being taken forward by land managers, communities, NGOs and others.

We have already consulted with individual and organisation stakeholders (thank you), and the next step is to hear from the general public- including you!

The consultation will be conducted through Dumfries & Galloway Council channels and will include an opportunity to feed in online, as well as at in person events around the region (which we will staff). Come and visit us at:

- Sunday 12 July, 10.30am - 3pm - Stranraer Farmers Market
- Wednesday 15 July, 10am - 4pm - Buccleuch Centre, Langholm
- Wednesday 22 July, 9.30am-4pm – The Usual Place, Dumfries
- Saturday 1 August, 9am-5pm – Dumfries Agricultural Show
- Thursday 17 September – online (time tbc)

To get involved, keep an eye on the [consultation and engagement page](#) of the DGC website, DGC newsletters and social media from early July and please do help get the word out by re-sharing the Facebook posts.

July events with Connecting Threads in the upper Tweed



Image credit: St Ronan's Wells Garden

There are a couple of great events coming up from our Connecting Threads team next month, with St Ronan's Wells Garden Birthday Bash on 4th July and a Wild Heart Session with Jemima Thews at Borders Forest Trust's Corehead cabin near Moffat on 12th July. For more info and to book- go [here](#).

And finally, please do join us for Nature Connections in East Dumfriesshire!

We highlighted this exciting programme last month, so just a wee reminder that the programme is ongoing and more information, including booking details can be found [here](#).

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