

MARCH 2024



southern uplands partnership  
*living land, living community*

## SUP NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

The snowdrops are in flower, the daffodils are in bud (actually in bloom in some places!), and the latest edition of the Southern Uplands Partnership newsletter is here.

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## South West Scotland Coastal Way

Work on the new long-distance path between Gretna and Stranraer is now underway. Over the last year or so there has been lots of route surveying, landowner conversations and funding bids submitted so we could start the improvements on the core paths at Gretna, Glencaple, Sandyhills and Rockcliffe. Thank you to the following funders: People's Project Dumfries, DECBG Ewe Hill 16, Dumfries and Galloway Coastal Benefit Fund, Dumfries and Galloway Regionwide Community Fund, FCC Scottish Communities Fund, South of Scotland Enterprise, Robin Rigg Community Fund. There's still a long way to go and as we look at new sections we will be liaising with landowners and having lots of community chats to weave in as many views as possible. To find out more about the plans for the coastal way contact Katrina at [katrina@sup.org.uk](mailto:katrina@sup.org.uk)



Your part: *Work happening on the Core path at Glencaple* graph text



# Connecting Threads: Tweed River Culture

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

**River Culture Curator:** Come and join the Connecting Threads team working along the River Tweed. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced project co-ordinator / curator, with a background in culture and the arts, to oversee delivery of a varied and innovative cultural programme.

p/t 0.8 (30 hrs per week)  
£35,000 (£28,000 pro rata)

Connecting Threads is the cultural strand of Destination Tweed, a multi-part landscape scale project that includes the development of a new River Tweed Trail from source to sea. Connecting Threads engages with communities of interest (cultural, heritage, environmental and educational organisations) and communities of place along the length of the proposed 113-mile River Tweed Trail within the Scottish Borders, north Northumberland and Dumfries and Galloway.

Connecting Threads is delivered in partnership with Tweed Forum, and is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and others. The programme is delivered by a team of five and is in the second year of a five-year delivery phase. The project is managed by the Southern Uplands Partnership (SUP), a charity with 25 years' experience of developing and delivering sustainable development projects across the south of Scotland.

Click here to download the River Culture Curator Job Pack - <https://sup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/River-Culture-Curator-Job-Pack.pdf>

For more information about Connecting Threads and to download the Connecting Threads Handbook visit <https://sup.org.uk/projects/connecting-threads-tweed-river-culture/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TweedRiverCulture/>



# Scottish Borders Climate Action Network

SUP is hosting the Scottish Borders Climate Action Network (SBCAN), part of the Scottish Government's Climate Hub initiative. Our ambition is to engage and enable many more communities to act on climate change, make it easier to share ideas and experience, and ensure resources get channelled to where it matters most. We hope you can join us at the Borders Green Summit to hear more and get involved!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MORE INFORMATION ON SPEAKERS,  
WORKSHOPS AND STALL HOLDERS ON THE  
EVENTBRITE TICKET LINK BELOW!**

**THURSDAY  
14TH MARCH  
10AM - 3PM**

**TWEED HORIZONS,  
NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS,  
TD6 0SG**

**FREE  
EVENT**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
BY CAFE RECHARGE**

**JOIN SCOTTISH BORDERS CLIMATE ACTION TEAM  
FOR THE SECOND EVER**

**TICKETS**

**GREEN  
SUMMIT**



Get in touch [sbcan@sup.org.uk](mailto:sbcan@sup.org.uk)

# Get involved...

## Scottish Adder Questionnaire

NatureScot are looking to reach farmers, landowners, crofters, land managers from across Scotland to provide information about adders (and other reptiles) that they may or may not have found on their land. The survey doesn't require you to go out and look for anything, only to report what you've seen (or not seen) historically.




*Image: Chris Gleed-Owen*

The online questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete. It is anonymous, and we just require location information for the analysis. Click the link to participate - <https://www.nature.scot/doc/scottish-adder-survey> and is open until 31st March 2024.

# Get involved...



## D&G Communities Climate Action Networker

Our friends over at the D&G Climate Hub are hosting a Communities Climate Action Networker in Moffat on the 8th March. Two of the Southern Uplands Partnership projects, the South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre and South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project, will also be part of the proceedings - scan the QR code for more information.

 **Networker**





Join us for a  
**Communities Climate Action Networker**

Friday, March 8th  
10am - 4pm  
Moffat House Hotel, Moffat

**Book Now!**  

Take part in fascinating Round-Table discussions, up close with leading figures from amazing DG climate action projects.

**Featuring...**

-  SOUTH OF SCOTLAND GOLDEN EAGLE PROJECT
-  ANNAN HARBOUR ACTION GROUP
-  Langholm Initiative  
Tarras Valley Nature Reserve
-  The Borders Forest TRUST

 South West Scotland Environmental Information Centre

Malcolm Hadow leads a citizen science/biological recording walk and talk.

**...And delicious food & refreshments**

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



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