

Community Food Growers Newsletter



Scottish Borders Housing Association



At the beginning of April, SBHA team members met with colleagues from the Parks & Environment team from Scottish Borders Council and community garden and food growing expert charity Abundant Borders, at the proposed site for an exciting new project in Langlee.



Tenants have told SBHA that a community garden would be a welcome addition to the Langlee area, and the community will be involved in the design and creation of the garden. It's going to be a great space for people to go, enjoy and relax, to plant flowers or to grow food.

If you would like to get involved with the Love Langlee Community Garden project, please get in touch with **Kelly Mitchell** or **Louise McNeilage** on 01750 724444 or email communications@sbha.org.uk.

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Look out for more news and photos to see how the garden develops over the next few months.

For more info and to join the Love Langlee Group visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lovelanglee/>





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BECOME A GARDEN VOLUNTEER!



WEDNESDAYS | 3:30 - 5PM
STARTING 6 APRIL 2022

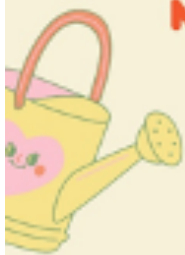
NEWLANDS CENTRE, ROMANNO BRIDGE



Open to all. No experience required.
We will be prepping beds for the season,
planting seeds & most importantly
having a cuppa together!

For info or to let Pippa know you're interested
pippa@newlandskids.org.uk or 07812993322

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NEWLANDS JUBILEE GROWING COMMUNITY

Newlands Community Development Trust has received funding to allow our community, especially young people, the opportunity to grow local food & enhance habitat.

To start the project we plan to:

- Celebrate & connect existing local organisations & individuals' growing projects. Discuss how we can share ideas, resources & skills to increase growing in the area.
- Facilitate & inspire young people in their growing ambitions
- Find out what the barriers are for young people & wider community to grow food. Aim to find solutions to these.

The project will kick off with a community meeting at the Newlands Centre in May 2022. Invited are keen local gardeners & organisations who work in community growing or with young people. We will pool all our ideas into a set of shared project aims.

Please come along to voice your thoughts, so we can make the best of this opportunity for our community!

**For more info or a chat
contact Pippa Lobban on 07812993322
or pippa@newlandskids.org.uk**



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Greener Gateway Community Awards launched to celebrate civic pride across the Borders

Scottish Borders Council has launched a refreshed awards programme celebrating the civic pride and huge amount of volunteer effort, time and talent that goes into keeping the towns and villages of the region looking so vibrant and cared for.

The Greener Gateway Community Awards aim to celebrate our communities and community-led projects that take pride in their local environment whilst also acknowledging their efforts to make the region more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

The new awards programme continues the tremendous legacy of the successful 'Floral Gateway Competition' which ran for nearly 20 years. Following a two year break due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the awards have been refreshed in light of the Climate Emergency declaration made in 2020.

The Awards are designed to celebrate achievements and promote collaboration within our communities. Similarly, we recognise that we are moving away from the era of focussing primarily on floral displays of annual bedding and,

instead, we are seeking to promote a more sustainable, holistic view of horticulture, civic pride and community participation in our communities.

Alongside the existing Border Biodiversity Award, we are also introducing two new award categories: the Cultivating Communities Award for community food growing and the Sustainability Award, providing special recognition for individual projects or initiatives.

This ties in with the Council's climate change ambitions, including achieving net zero by 2030, which were set out last year in the Climate Change Route Map.

Gold, silver and bronze certificates will replace the previous 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in previous years with a separate 'Best in Category' award for each.

For the first time ever entries can be submitted online or via hard copy, with no in-person judging taking place.

Full details of the awards, the individual categories, entry guidelines and details on how to submit your entry are available to view on the SBC website.

Entries are now open and can be submitted up until the entry deadline of Friday 5 August 2022.

Judging of the awards will take place during August and September by a panel of in-house judges, with an awards ceremony held in late September to celebrate all the community groups and projects who participated in the new programme of awards.

For more information please follow this link https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20032/parks_and_outdoors/664/greener_gateway_community_awards or email neighbourhoodservice@scotborders.gov.uk

Compost Deliveries

It's fair to say that we ran into some complications during the distribution of the compost donated by Forth Waste Management, but Greener Melrose did manage to get theirs which is super news.

Thanks for this brilliant photo, we are looking forward to sharing more photos in the June Newsletter when all groups should have received their deliveries. Thanks to all for your patience and understanding during the delays.

