



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2022



The annual Remembrance Day was marked this year by a very moving service at the Walkerburn War Memorial.

It was conducted by the Rev. Andrew Taylor-Cook, and attended by a congregation of men, women and children from Walkerburn and elsewhere. Col. John Purves MBE and Colin Kerr read from the Memorial the 72 names of Walkerburn's fallen from the two World Wars.

The 'Last Post' and 'Reveille' was sounded by bugler Lynne Campbell. Piper Bruce Hamilton played the poignant 'Flowers of the Forest'. Robin Wilson provided music with his accordion to accompany the singing.

Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Community Council, Scottish Borders Council, the Lord Lieutenant, the Royal British Legion, Walkerburn ex-Service Men & Women, The Youth Organisations, Walkerburn Pensioners, Church of Scotland, and the Girl Guides Association.

Afterwards, everyone was invited to the Public Hall to enjoy soup, snacks teas and served up by a team of volunteers organised by Food Hugs. A very big 'thank-you' is due to all the helpers on this solemn occasion, not forgetting the Police and stewards and musician Robin Wilson.

The occasion was one of memories, good camaraderie and grateful remembrance, and was marked by an atmosphere of good-natured Walkerburn community spirit.

## FOOD HUGS AND THE SHARING SHED

**With soaring energy prices and cost of living crisis the Food HUGS team thought it would be worth reminding everybody that Food HUGS is doing its bit to support people who are juggling rising food and energy costs.**

Food HUGS does a *twice monthly lunch club at the public hall* to which everyone is welcome. The doors open at 12.00 noon with a freshly cooked meal being served at 1.00pm. This is followed by a craft session which finishes at 3 pm, all for a donation of £3, which goes towards the hiring of the hall.

Lunch club dates are 15th November, 29th November, and 13th December.

If you are unable to come to the lunch, the Food HUGS team make extra portions that are delivered to homes, and spare portions are put in the shed, and advertised on 'Facebook'. Food HUGS don't work on referrals from health visitors or social workers as that information is confidential, so the only way we can get meals to people who need it is by self-referrals.

If you would like to receive a meal on alternate Tuesdays, please email .

Food HUGS are delighted to have the help of a very generous couple in Innerleithen who transform food donated by the supermarkets, into delicious tasty meals that are put in the shed or put into the freezers to be called on if anyone needs them at short notice. Again, if anyone finds themselves worried about feeding

themselves or their families, please get in touch as Food HUGS is there for everyone.

Many of you have commented on how empty the shelves in the sharing shed are, and this is because demand has risen at the same time as donations from 'FareShare' and supermarkets have markedly decreased. 'FareShare' is having to limit the number of items that its charities collect, (Food HUGS being one of them) which has a knock-on effect on the amount of food available in the shed. For the first time, Food HUGS has had to buy soup, baked beans, uht milk, fruit etc. to supplement the shed. However, as there is usually plenty of bread donated, Food HUGS have been experimenting by making pizzas and croque monsieur from bread rolls!! *If anybody has any novel recipes using bread, please share them with us.*

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**So please if you have a spare can or jar of something that you can donate to the shed, we would be very grateful. Also, Food HUGS goes through a lot of plastic containers to put the meals in, so please put any spare ones, you may have in the shed so Food HUGS can recycle them.**

### WALKERBURN 2023 CALENDAR

Walkerburn 2023 calendar now on sale at Walkerburn Village shop and Caberston Farm Cafe.

Monthly views of Walkerburn and the surrounding area. Price £5.

All proceeds to Walkerburn Community Development Trust.

### ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The Community Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the village litter pick on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

October. 12 bags of litter were collected from roads in and around the village.

Thanks also to 'FoodHUGS' for providing welcome refreshments in the hall at the end.

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## WALKERBURN BOWLING & PETANQUE CLUB



Come along to the Bowls & Petanque Club (just across the Tweed bridge!) on 26th November - 11.00am until lunch - and join in a Petanque 'Melee' fun day. Entrance is only £2. It is easy for beginners and all equipment is supplied. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits available.

Petanque continues throughout the Winter, whenever the weather is favourable, with regular friendly games at 2.00pm every Friday and a break for tea or coffee and a biscuit. If you would like a game, irrespective of any experience, just drop in and we can supply all you might need. Dress code is 'casual' – just wrap up warmly!

The club wants to encourage more community involvement, to include local organisations, adults or

children. Please come along and take a look at what we have to offer.

*The club continue to follow the Bowls Scotland and Scottish Petanque Covid advice and is particularly well set up for members to be safe, with electronic monitoring and adequate disinfectant available.*

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For more details please contact George Thornton on 01896-870251 or e-mail [geoles2@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:geoles2@tiscali.co.uk)

## WALKERBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The Development Trust are still working on getting the pump track built in Walkerburn.

There are a number of surveys needed to get it through planning. The National Lottery have stepped in to support the specialist costs needed to get us through planning. If all goes well, we hope to break ground in early Spring. The kids should be using it next year. Can't wait to see it becoming a part of the village! We are also talking with SBC about retaining the footie area and adding basketball hoops. Other ideas are welcomed!

As most of you know, we have 8 e-bikes for hire. The National Lottery have given us money to buy some brilliant Armadillo storage for the bikes so we can all access them more easily and they are kept safe. We are hoping to place these more centrally so they get more use.

*Hopefully we all get great use out of both and it's nice to see a plan come together. Well done Charlie Trousdell for being so persistent in getting us to this stage.*

## WALKERBURN VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION AGM

The AGM of the Walkerburn Vegetable Association will take place in the Public Hall on 6th December at 6pm.  
All welcome.

## WALKERBURN PUBLIC HALL

The Trustees and Management Committee invite all Walkerburn residents to the delayed 2022 A.G.M. at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14th December at the Walkerburn Public Hall. All welcome.

## WALKERBURN YOUTH CLUB NOTICE

Thursday 17th November – 6pm to 9.00pm

There will be an Open Session in the community hall to establish a new Youth Club.

If you, or anyone you know, is in P6-S2 we need YOU!!

Please come along & talk with the team or contact Mags Henderson for some more information.

## PLACEMAKING

'Placemaking' is now central to policy planning in Scottish Borders Council and Katrina Malone was invited to speak to the recent community council let everyone know more about this concept.

The main idea is that communities should be given the opportunity to plan the future shape of their places and the Development Trust has taken the lead because it became clear that all funding bodies would in future look for active community planning before being willing to fund projects. She stressed that the Trust was not trying to push any agenda but simply acting as a facilitator to help everyone put together a rolling and constantly developing vision of 'Future Walkerburn and District'.

Please take a look at the first part of the Community Council Minutes to learn much more about this.

## WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*Draft Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday 19th October 2022*

**Present:** Mr. P Waller (Chairman), Ms. M. Daykin (Vice-Chair), Mrs. L Thornton (Secretary), Mr. G Thornton (Treasurer and Minutes Secretary), Mrs. S Horsburgh, Ms. S. Sedgwick, Mrs. P. Purves (Co-opted), Councillor Douglas, Councillor Pirone, Councillor Tatler. **Apologies:** Mrs. H Maniam, Mr. C. Kerr (Co-opted), Mr. M. Wilcox (Co-opted)

**Presentation by Katrina Malone, Walkerburn Community Development Trust:** Katrina Malone was invited to speak to the community council about the concept of 'Placemaking'. She stressed that this was not a new concept but had become central to policy planning in Scottish Borders Council.

The main idea is that communities should be given the opportunity to plan the future shape of their places in other words that rather than the Council top-down planning for every aspect of community life that people living in communities should have a say in what happens before it becomes policy rather than having to complain afterwards. She went on to explain that the Development Trust had taken the lead because it became clear that all funding bodies would in future look for active community planning before being willing to fund projects.

She stressed that the Trust was not trying to push any agenda simply acting as a facilitator for everyone to help put together a rolling and constantly developing vision of 'Future Walkerburn and District'. Seven other communities in Tweeddale have volunteered to try out the idea of making a future plan and SBC will provide assistance to communities to do this.

She had already met with Kenny Harrow of SBC to start discussions on how best to start engaging all sections of the Walkerburn community in the process. She stressed that this was not a case of making 'wish lists' of projects but looking at community well being in the round. The first step will be to engage with groups then to run a community wide publicity campaign to explain the concept followed by a consultation exercise to start the planning process. The end result will be an evolving plan which will include ideas for projects which can be funded from various sources but which will enhance the village and add value to the whole community.

Members of the public and WDCC asked a few questions and Councillor Douglas agreed with what had been said and pointed out that this was an instance of an old concept being set out in new packaging. He stressed that the Area Partnerships are always willing to assist with the development of a Placemaking Plan. He pointed out that the village needed to have a proper plan, albeit with flexible ideas, to be sure of gaining proper funding for projects.

In answer to a question from the secretary, he mentioned that there is no time deadline for plans to be submitted.

Chairman thanked Katrina for a helpful and informative talk and all members agreed that WDCC should support and assist with this initiative.

### **Notices: Road Closures:**

- i. Bonnington Road closure. Scottish Power works. 31st Oct - 9th Nov.
- ii. Peebles Fireworks 5th Nov Glensax to Kingsmeadows Road.
- iii. Peebles Xmas lights 27th November. Eastgate to Tweed Bridge roundabout

**Open Questions:** Members of the public asked if W.D.C.C. knew whether anything was being done to refurbish the Public Hall ante-room, using money donated as a memorial to Mollie McIntosh by residents and others, including the House of Bruar.

The Chairman replied that this was a solely a matter for the Hall Trustees. However, he agreed to write to Jade Turner to find out more and would pass on any information.

A member of the public asked whether anything was happening about renovations and repairs to the ceiling of the village hall as the Walkerburn Pensioners would like to make a contribution towards any costs.

Again, the Chairman pointed out that this was not something on which the community council could comment.

Questions were then raised about who were the members of the Hall Trust and concerns were expressed about the management, finances and governance of the hall.

Chairman said he understood that Jade Turner was chairperson of the Hall Management Committee and that he would write to make her aware of all the concerns expressed.

*The Chairman went on to say that he had heard unofficially that there was a plan to hold an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Trust (whichever is appropriate) later in the year but would stress that a public meeting should be held quickly to answer residents' questions and allay their concerns.*

Chairman thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and raising these concerns.

**Police Business:** An apology was received from Community Sergeant Corrinne Bird as she was unable to attend this month's meeting. There have not been any reports of incidents in Walkerburn.

She reported that Police currently have a larger than usual presence in Peebles to deal with a spate of vandalism. A Police report for the current month will be sent out soon.

Mr. Thornton reported that he had circulated a request for the public to take part in "Your Police Survey22/23". This was shown in Burning Issues and local Facebook pages. It can be found at:

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/>

Members of the public can contact Police by dialling '101' or by anonymously calling 'CRIMESTOPPERS' on 0800-555111

**September Minutes:** Proposed: Mr. P Waller - Seconded: Mrs. S Horsburgh

### **Matters Arising**

- i. Request to Neil Pringle at S.B.C. to remove dangerous fallen Silver Birch tree in Alexandra Park. This was dealt with the same day and chairman passed on thanks from local residents and on behalf of W.D.C.C.
- ii. Request to S.B.C. to carry out repairs to an unsafe part of the wooden pathway and a supporting post on Alexandra Park boardwalk. Neil Pringle notified secretary that a local joiner has been asked to carry out the work.
- iii. The fallen tree and other debris lodged under the Tweed River bridge has now been removed.

iv. The village litter pick on Sunday 16th October was carried out by volunteers and several bags of rubbish were collected and disposed of. Chairman thanked all those who helped, as well as the Hall Committee for use of the village hall and Denise Hanks for providing refreshments afterwards.

v. Secretary reported that she has now been contacted by Roddy Martin of S.B.C. who is in charge of 'Unpaid Work' teams in the Borders area to look at two areas that needed attention: Firstly, the damaged and eroded steps to the east of the boardwalk. Secondly, vegetation growing onto and over parts of the multi-use pathway. She and Mr. Thornton have arranged an appointment later in the week to show him these areas.

vi. Secretary has written to thank Alison Mackenzie and Rathburn Ltd. Directors regarding permission to install a cycle repair area. She has also sent a follow-up letter to SB.C. to enquire about a commencement date for installation.

vii. After being notified about a proposed Leithenwater windfarm, secretary has written to secretaries of Innerleithen C.C. and Peebles C.C. to obtain more information. Mr. Wilcox will also ask the developers to notify Walkerburn about any developments. Although the site does not fall directly within the Walkerburn boundary, some turbines will be visible from EH43 area and could impact the village. Susan Meikle, Vice-Chairperson of Innerleithen forwarded a copy of the details known to Innerleithen C.C. Secretary thanked her for that information.

viii. Hannah Lacon, S.B.C. Community Engagement officer for Tweeddale, asked secretary to distribute some 'Where to get help with Food in the Scottish Borders' leaflets which give guidance about that and also includes contact details for advice about other problems. Secretary has distributed these leaflets in the village and included details in 'Burning Issues', Facebook pages and the Walkerburn website.

ix. Police Scotland asked that W.D.C.C. publicise the "Your Police Survey22/23".and "Police Recruitment" websites. These were included in 'Burning Issues', Facebook pages and the Walkerburn website.

### **Correspondence**

*(Items of Correspondence had been circulated to members throughout the month.)*

**Scawd Law Update:** Mr. Wilcox is continuing to monitor the Scawd Law situation. Both he and Mrs. Purves have continued to speak to the developers and will be part of a liaison committee at a Zoom meeting on 31st October.

It is expected that more news about a planning application for the Scawd Law project will then be forthcoming.

Also, it has been noted that there is a proposed new development in the Leithenwater area. Mr. Wilcox has asked the Energy Consents Unit to add W.D.C.C. to the list of consultees on the grounds that the windfarm will be visible from parts of the WDC area and local roads will be affected.

Secretary has written to Peebles C.C. and Innerleithen C.C. to ask for more information and said that we would be happy to liaise with both those Community Councils on this matter. Information has now become available and this has been circulated to members.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Mrs. Purves reported that all necessary arrangements had been made for the Remembrance Day memorial ceremony at the War memorial.

There will be a community lunch afterwards in the village hall for all residents. Treasurer has made a donation of £50 on behalf of the Community Council.

Mrs. Purves thanked Colin Kerr for preparing the metalwork in front of the War Memorial for painting.

### **Reports by Members:**

*Mr. Waller (Chairman):* Mr. Waller thanked SBC for cutting the hedges in Alexandra Park.

*Mrs. Thornton (Secretary):* Mrs. Thornton raised three issues:

She reported that a resident had complained that, on a recent bus journey from Galashiels, the bus driver had declined to stop beside the 'stile' at the top of Jubilee Park. This has previously been a request stop and drivers have always allowed passengers to disembark there. Members all agreed that has always been a recognized stop.

The community council were asked to clarify this situation and Councillor Pirone mentioned that Lee Young of Border Buses is the manager for the X62 route. It seems that the bus driver could have been new to the route and unfamiliar with this area. She advised that the community council contact Lee Young to explain the difficulties in Walkerburn and to ask that the drivers are made aware of this stop.

Secondly, she mentioned that she and Mr. Thornton had come across an incident in Peebles a few days previously, at about 9.30pm. Motorists had been forced to stop their vehicles and Mr. Thornton had spoken to a pedestrian who was also involved.

During the course of a conversation, the pedestrian had complained about how poor the bus service to Galashiels was. He had just missed a bus shortly after 9.00pm and now had to wait until nearly midnight for the next bus. He had begun to walk. Because the weather was so bad, Mr. Thornton gave him a lift to Galashiels and agreed to raise the matter with Border Buses.

Councillors agreed that this has been an ongoing problem that had been exacerbated by the Covid lockdown and staff. There has been a problem recruiting bus drivers, but Border Buses are planning to have a much-improved service in place before the Christmas period. It is hoped that will also result in the half-hour service being re-introduced.

Lastly, she reported that she had received a complaint about drivers parking vehicles outside the entrance to the Bowls & Petanque club. Often, these drivers, including van drivers, are visitors to the area and have parked there to fish and are not aware of the difficulties they are causing for disabled members. This has regularly meant that a disabled driver could not park close to the club.

Councillor Tatler said that he had discussed this with Mr. Thornton, who had also asked if a drop-kerb could be installed adjoining the disabled walkway entrance to the club. Councillors agreed that these were sensible suggestions and will refer the matter to S.B.C.

*Mr. Kerr:* Mr. Kerr was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an email to secretary to express his gratitude that the Tweed Bridge debris had been removed.

He also thanked all the volunteers who had taken part in the village clean up.

**Mrs. P. Purves:** Mrs. Purves has asked SBC to examine the big Lime trees in Alexandra Park at the Tweed Bridge end of the path connecting Alexandra Park for safety and pollard if necessary.

This has been done with the two standing in the Bydand garden after they had been examined by a tree surgeon because of the danger that branches could break off and land on Tweed Bridge cottage or Bydand.

**Mrs. Horsburgh:** She pointed out that vegetation was growing in between parts of the Tweed Bridge concrete edgings along the length of the roadway. This is preventing water from running off. As a result, pools of water are lying on the road and will be a hazard if they freeze this Winter.

### Reports by SBC Councillors

*Councillor Pirone mentioned 4 items of information:*

i. Work on the Peebles swimming pool is scheduled to start in November and is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

ii. The '20 mph' consultation has now finished.

iii. The council is consulting with Police regarding a roll out of a 'Speed Watch'. Police will train volunteers and will be advised by officers from Fife, who have been successful in introducing a similar scheme. They are appealing for local helpers to come forward.

iv. Concerns have been raised about anti-social behaviour, especially in Peebles. Robust action is being taken and the Community Action Team is also involved. They can also look at other specific issues if asked.

*Councillor Douglas also mentioned 4 items of information:*

i. The next Tweeddale Area Partnership will be at 7.00pm on 1st November and can be accessed by 'Microsoft Teams'.

ii. The forthcoming S.B.C. annual budget will be completed shortly. It has been a cross-party consultation this year. All three local councillors have been involved.

iii. From 1st October, short-term property lets will be subject to new regulations. Landlords must register before 1st April to obtain a 3-years licence.

iv. Haughhead bridge over the Tweed at Innerleithen is in need of repairs and S.B.C. are dealing with this matter.

*Councillor Tatler reported on 4 items of information:*

i. He gave an update on what is happening at the Chambers Institute in Peebles.

A 'Beneficiaries Group' has held three meetings and a Consultation group will now advise Trustees. A consultation process was agreed at a recent meeting. There has been good progress towards a mutually agreed proposal.

A set of plans has been prepared and will be available for viewing. Members of the public can make an appointment to get a tour of the building to see what is proposed. Also, there will be 'drop-in' arranged for the night of 27th November at the Burgh Hall, to coincide with the Christmas lights switch-on.

ii. The problem of river erosion adjoining the pathway towards Innerleithen is now being dealt with. Keith Robson, chief ranger, has confirmed that money has been allocated for this to be done.

iii. Peebles Road, Walkerburn is scheduled for much needed re-surfacing and this has now been included in the council roads budget at the start of the next financial year (April 2023)

iv. Lastly, he was pleased to announce that Peebles-Eddleston multi-use path will be opening shortly.

**Any Other Business:** Mention was made of plans to set up 'warm hubs' in Walkerburn and that there would be consultation with Resilience co-ordinator and other groups members to make adequate provision. This will be reported on at the next meeting, when more details will be known.

**Chairman's Closing Remarks:** Mr. Waller thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting and again thanked all Councillors and members who had attended.

**Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7.00pm in Village Hall**

*(Residents are welcome to attend and to raise any questions concerning village matters)*

## WHATS ON IN THE HALL

Mondays	'Walk In' Coffee Morning Mindful Yoga	9.30 – 11.30am 7.00 – 9.00pm
Tuesdays (fortnightly)	FoodHUGS Lunch and Craft on 15th/29th Nov, 13th Dec - Xmas Lunch featuring Walkerburn Primary School with festive songs (returning 10th Jan) Youth Club on 22nd, 29th Nov, 6th, 13th, 20th Dec	12.30 – 3.00pm 12.00 – 2.30pm 6.00 – 9.00pm
Wednesday 16th Nov	Walkerburn & District Community Council Meeting Table Tennis ( <i>not on 16th Nov</i> )	7.00pm 6.00 -9.00pm
Thursdays	Youth Club on 17/11 Roller skating/Fitness Group on 24th Nov, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd Dec Kid's Skate Session (£2) Circuit Session (£3) Adult Skate Session (£3) Contact kel.archibalc47@gmail.com for more info	6.00 – 9.00pm 5.00 – 6.00pm 6.00 – 7.00pm 7.00 – 8.00pm
Friday 18th Nov	Curry Banquet "Stu Waterstone"	7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 19th Nov	Books and Bake Sale	11.00-2.00pm
Sundays	20th Nov and 11th Dec - ITW Church Service Table Tennis	1.30 – 3.00pm 6.00 – 9.00pm
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## NOVEMBER WILDSIDE

### Hallowe'en and bonfire Night are history this year and now the countdown to Christmas is on!

Many of the shops are stocked with the start of their Christmas goods so there's no getting away from it! We've had a few frosts now – enough to hurry leaf drop but not harsh enough to really finish off the leafy canopy. Because we've had a mild year, some trees are looking very green still but most deciduous trees are at least looking 'tired'. In past years we've had a snow shower by this time of year.

There have been a lot of geese flocks flying over but we haven't heard any of the thrush flocks coming in yet although fieldfares have been reported in the Borders. Many winter visitors are indistinguishable from our resident birds. One robin looks pretty much like any other, but some have travelled from the continent to be here - especially if food is currently scarce in their homeland. Large waxwing flocks are expected from Scandinavia because they don't have a huge berry crop on their trees, whereas we do. There are still lots of haws, hips and berries on trees and bushes so we'll have to keep a lookout.

In the garden, the coal tits are not yet back in numbers and there doesn't seem to be as many blackbirds around as usual even though the berries on our rowan would hardly have reddened up before the tree was cleared of them! On my walks in Alexandra Park lately I haven't seen or heard many going about. I always look for the dippers working the river and am rarely disappointed. They are busy birds and can be rather noisy but as our only aquatic songbirds, I'm always pleased to see and hear them.

They often hang about near the bridge often standing on a tall stone in the Tweed, bobbing up and down getting different views of what's under the water that looks edible. Then in they go and walk along the bottom, hunting out insect larvae to eat.

Now is the time to supplement feed our garden birds with suet and fat ball treats which are available relatively cheaply in the shops. Don't put out stale, leftover, human food for the birds as you'll just attract rats and mice and you don't want them near your house. Outside is definitely the place for them for damage limitation reasons if for nothing else.

Another mammal I have never seen in the flesh but have recently found out there is a healthy Borders' population and would love to see (again not in the house as they'll destroy your loft insulation, if nothing else) is the pine marten. The largest of the weasel/stoat family, it is a formidable predator particularly of voles and grey squirrels. So, more good news for the native red squirrels which are also increasing in the local area. In Galloway Forest, FLS (Forest and Land Scotland) are surveying pine marten nest boxes using thermal imaging to avoid disturbance, with a view to rolling out the programme across Scotland. It shows this was a good year with lots of kits born.

So, while it's mild still, get out and explore if you can, you never know what you might come across.

PS Less than fifty days to Christmas!



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Non-residents can hire the bikes for £20/day and £10/day per additional bike.

## Burning Issues Contributors

*Please submit any articles, letters or other material for the December 2022/January 2023 issue by the end of November.*