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WALKERBURN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

Elections for vacancies on the Community Council are held annually. Nominations are sought from anyone over the age of 16 who is a registered voter in Walkerburn and District.

This year the Election will be on Friday 14th June. Nomination forms must be lodged with the Returning Officer by midday 27th May 2024. Forms with instructions are available on www.walkerburn.com, from the Secretary by email at wccsecretary@walkerburn.com, or telephone 01896 870251.

The Community Council acts as a link between the community and public bodies such as the Council and the Scottish Government.

It is used as a sounding board on a wide range of issues. Meetings, open to the public, are held on the

third Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm in Walkerburn Public Hall and members are expected to attend most meetings. In addition, there are voluntary seminars and training opportunities.

Members must be willing to give time to read papers, to listen to comments from other residents, to think about issues and to carry out some basic research if necessary (home or work access to the internet and email is an advantage).

Above all, members must be willing to take decisions in the long-term community interest, without prejudice, and to adhere to a code of conduct.

Sheep Worrying

Walkerburn has already experienced a very serious incident in which an irresponsible owner was not in control of their dogs.

This resulted in several sheep being savaged and the loss of unborn lambs.

Lambing is now in the middle of its busiest period. Expectant ewes are very nervous as they are near to giving birth and new-born lambs are nervous and excitable at this time of year.

Dog owners and dog walkers need to take extra care to keep their dogs under tight control. However well

behaved a dog may be, the sheep will still panic at the sight of a dog and have a tendency to stampede.

Our local Police have issued a reminder that, under a new law in Scotland, owners of dogs that attack or worry livestock can be fined up to £40,000 or even sent to prison for up to 12 months

PLEASE keep all dogs under control and report instances of pets that are not being constrained.

Walkerburn Summer Festival Coffee Morning

The Annual Festival Coffee Morning to announce this year's Festival Lad/Lass and Essay Winner is on Saturday 4th May from 10am to 12 noon. Please let me know if you want a sales table costing £10 as there is limited availability. There will be a raffle, tombola and baking stall. All donations welcome

Dawn Rodger

WALKERBURN WALK IT GROUP

For our Easter Monday walk we were lucky enough to be invited by our Walk Leader, Alice Pringle, to visit her family farm and home at Torwoodlee near Galashiels.

We enjoyed an amazing view from the farm over this part of the Tweed Valley and were showed the various covered sheep pens. We saw ewes with very young lambs and Luing cows with calves, which we had to pass quietly and stealthily, as their mothers are extremely protective and can act aggressively when feeling threatened or disturbed. Luing cattle are constantly observed by Mr Pringle and his staff as they are a special breed and new on the farm.

The history of Torwoodlee is fascinating. It has belonged to the family since 1501 and the Coat of Arms is a Serpent. The "Old Tower", which can be seen from the main road to Galashiels, is now in ruins, but was once the old Homestead. There is also a haunted

cottage on the grounds.

Alice guided us along various fields, full of sheep and lambs. We saw the newly planted trees, where there had been storm damage and pointed out the difficulties in removing and clearing the fallen trees. We walked by the "Broch" (Celtic origin), passing the Swan Pond, -where last year's cygnets were sadly fought off by the older swans as soon as they were born!

To round off our visit, we enjoyed deliciously hot coffee and biscuits in a beautifully designed new wing of the Manor House. And enjoyed some excellent conversation!

A huge thanks must go to the Family Pringle (also Sue, Neil and family) for having us. We had a great time.

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WALKERBURN BOWLING & PETANQUE CLUB

A well-attended club AGM of the club was held in the clubhouse on Sunday 24th March.

Tom Hardie was in the chair as members were given a full review of the past year 's events. He was able to look back over a successful year for both the Bowls and the Petanque sections and to look forward to an even better new season. Both sections have gained new members and the fixture difficulties of the Covid years are now over. He thanked the many volunteers who have done so much to help the club.

The Committee were re-elected and agreed that the full-member annual subscriptions should remain at the exiting level of £30. New members will pay £20 for their first year and Juniors (U-18) will be free.

The Bowls Opening day for the new season will be on Saturday 20th April. The President will start the event at 2.00pm with the customary 'first bowl' of the new season.

The Petanque section will be engaged in a number of summer fixtures, including a new Borders League.

All are welcome at these events. Please do your best to attend. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

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For more details, please see the Walkerburn Bowls 'Facebook' pages, or contact George Thornton on either 01896-870251 or e-mail geoles2@tiscali.co.uk

NEWSGROUP AGM

The Walkerburn News Group AGM was held in the Village Hall on 27th March.

The Chairman thanked all who have helped to produce and deliver 'Burning Issues' throughout the past year. As always, we are very indebted to our advertisers and those people and village organisations who have donated money to help us continue.

As a result, the Treasurer was able to inform the group that we had been able to cover all our production expenses. He urged members to continue with fundraising efforts in the coming year. He also asked that as many readers as possible opt to have their copy sent via our email delivery service. This saves us a considerable amount of time and money and these issues are

produced in full colour. Hand-delivered copies are in black and white.

We exist for the benefit of everyone in Walkerburn and welcome notices of any forthcoming events, reports of previous events and any letters, articles or opinions that may be of interest.

We look forward to another busy year, full of news and reports on village activities.

Fingers crossed for the continued good working of our trusty photocopier!

WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL: April/May

Anyone interested in booking the hall, please contact walkerburnpublichall@gmail.com

Mondays	Mindful Yoga For more info, please tel. Sue Cotterill on 07983 167075 or email reverendsusancotterill@gmail.com	1800-2100
Tuesdays (weekly)	Youth Club (except for last Tuesday every month) 23/4, 7/5, 14/5	1800-2000
Wednesdays	Walkerburn and District Community Council Meeting 15/5	1900
Thursdays	Cyrenians Community Pantry and Cook Club. Last one will be on 25/4 Citizens Advice Bureau in Ante Room (fortnightly) 2/5, 16/5	1530 - 1730 1530 - 1730
Saturdays	Borders Arts Collective Workshops (limited spaces available) 20/4, 18/5. For more info visit https://bordersartscollective.co.uk Vegetable Show Coffee Morning 11/5	1000-1230
Sundays	ITW Church Service 21/4 Table Tennis	1400-1500 1800-2100



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WALKERBURN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting held in Walkerburn Public Hall on Wednesday 20th March 2024

Present: Mr P Waller (Chairman), Mrs L Thornton (Secretary), Ms M Daykin, Mrs S Horsburgh, Ms G Jones, Mr C Kerr, Mrs P Purves (Co-opted), Mr G Thornton, Mr M Wilcox. Councillor Douglas, Councillor Pirone.

Apologies and Notices.

Apologies: Ms S Sedgwick, Councillor Tatler, P.C. Carswell.

Notices: i. Peebles Road Closures: Beltane Festival parade Friday 19th April, 8.30-9.30pm

Open Questions.

i. Images of Walkerburn Mills: Members were shown photographs taken in the 1920s of interior scenes in Walkerburn's old mills. These photos have been hugely enlarged and given a finish which protects them from the elements. They are very impressive and a vivid reminder of working conditions prior to the closure of the mills. It is hoped they will soon be in place on the exterior walls of the Public Hall. Members expressed thanks for the work that had been done in this matter.

ii. Problems with lorries: A resident expressed disappointment at the response WDCC has received from SBC regarding the movement of heavy vehicles in Caberston Road and through Glenbenna.

iii. A resident pointed out that in Peebles Road there was not only a problem of speeding traffic, but there was also an issue with vehicles being parked on the pavement causing problems for pedestrians pushing children's buggies and for users of invalid vehicles. Chairman said that an email had been received from Philippa Gilhooly of SBC and will be discussed during Matters Arising.

iv. Galashiels Road Yellow Lines: Residents voiced concerns over recent discussions suggesting that vehicles should not be allowed to park in the vicinity of the Galashiels Road and Caberston Road junction. Vehicles are regularly driven at dangerous speeds along this stretch of road. There have been a number of vehicle accidents in recent years. It is felt that any vehicles parking on that stretch of Galashiels Road act as a traffic calming measure and that suggestions for double yellow lines would result in more speed related accidents. It was pointed out that, because this is part of the A72 Trunk Road, before permission for yellow lines is granted there will have to be lengthy discussions involving residents, Police, Roads Department and other interested parties. This is a long process and it is likely that yellow lines will not be considered. However, motorists should be aware that it is illegal to park too close to road junctions.

Police Business.

The monthly Tweeddale East Area Police Report had been distributed to members. No incidents were reported in respect of Walkerburn in the past month.

P.C. Carswell has contacted WDCC secretary. Unfortunately, she will be unable to attend the March meeting, but hopes to attend a future meeting. She asked that WDCC pass on details of any matters with which Police could deal.

Members noted that there has been an increased Police presence in the village recently. The Community Action Team (CAT) is active in the Tweeddale area. If needed, the CAT can also be directed to other areas locally.

Residents are asked to call '101' whenever possible to report incidents, especially concerning anti-social behaviour.

February Minutes.

Three suggested corrections were noted and agreed. The Minutes will be amended before being forwarded to SBC and other relevant recipients.

i. The Pump Track Lights Planning Application was submitted by SBC and not by the Walkerburn Community Development Trust.

ii. The item on suggested changes to Peebles Road correctly mentioned traffic speed-reduction measures. It was also important to note there was also a concern about how pedestrian access along the pavement was frequently obstructed by vehicles parked too far in from the main road.

iii. Incorrect spelling of Philippa Gilhooly's name.

Proposed: Mrs S Horsburgh *Seconded:* Mr P Waller

Matters Arising.

i. Problems with log lorries: Following last month's meeting, WDCC's secretary wrote to SBC's Chief Executive bringing to his attention the problems, both day and night, caused by the number of timber lorries travelling through Walkerburn and Glenbenna; i.e. disturbing residents overnight, causing damage (especially to the drains and surface of Caberston Road, and to Tweed Bridge), endangering children and adults walking or cycling to and from the school, as well as young children using scooters; in addition, endangering the pony trekkers who use Caberston Road and the back road. A reply has been received from Brian Young (*see below*).

Councillors acknowledged that this has been a problem for some while. However, members pointed out that a joint committee had been set up by Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway in previous years to find a solution to this matter. Unfortunately, after some initial success, it has failed to meet again since the newly formed 'Forestry and Land Scotland' was formed and there seems to have been very little progress. A detailed reply to a letter sent to the Chief Executive of SBC requesting clarification of the legal situation was received from Brian Young, manager of 'Infrastructure and Environment Management' at SBC.

Members will continue to urge Councillors to find out if the previously active Joint Committee could be urged to meet again and to lobby Forestry groups and Operators. Secretary will reply to the email sent by Mr Young.

ii. Peebles Road Traffic Calming: Philippa Gilhooly replied to a request from members for SBC Roads department to comment on the suggestion that had been put forward by a resident, together with outline drawings, as a possible way to deal with both speeding and parking problems which cause problems on the A72 as it becomes Peebles Road.

She acknowledged that there is a problem but road conditions along this stretch mean that the solution suggested was not feasible.

iii. 40 mph on Back Road: After questions were raised at the last meeting, Philippa Gilhooly was contacted at SBC to remind her that the Community Council disagreed with introducing a permanent 40mph speed limit on the back road. Since the temporary signs were introduced, checks have been made on different sections of the Walkerburn to Peel section and they have shown that traffic has noticeably speeded up since then. 40mph is too fast for that road. Motorists, particularly those who are not very familiar with that section, are lulled into a false sense of what is a safe speed to travel.

SBC Roads have replied to say that viability of 40mph along the whole section from Peebles to Peel is still being reviewed.

Chairman will email Philippa to remind her of WDCC's opposition to 40 mph signs being placed along the back road.

iv. Station Road Speed Limit Extension: Following the discussion about the Back Road, members also discussed problems concerning the southern stretch of Caberston Road/Station Road. It was suggested that the 20mph limit should be extended to just beyond Glendinnings yard. This would also extend that roadway that is gritted in bad weather.

SBC are reluctant to do this because it would mean extending the village boundary. There were also possible further planning issues that could then arise because the adjacent area might allow for a possible housing development. However, members disregarded that argument as it was pointed out that the area is on a flood plain.

- v. Water Board works in Park Avenue: Following criticism of Scottish Water for leaving roadworks in Park Avenue unattended for a number of weeks, members complaints were addressed to John Henderson at SBC Roads and he was able to have this put right very shortly afterwards. Members thanked him for taking such prompt action.
- vi. Proposed Telephone Kiosk removal: It is becoming increasingly likely that the equipment will be removed. Currently, we are unable to find out who owns the land on which the kiosk stands. As a result, no one can adopt it and the whole kiosk is likely to be removed.
- vii. Memorial Bench in Alexandra Park: The Walkerburn Pensioners Group have ordered a park bench as a memorial to Mollie MacIntosh and SBC have agreed to prepare the base on which it will sit. This will be on a site, yet to be decided, in Alexandra Park.
- viii. Village Litter Pick: Chairman raised the matter of organizing a litter pick. He said that at our April meeting we should decide when this could happen (probably on a Sunday morning towards the end of May). We will be concentrating on Alexandra Park and other places where residents inform us of a problem.

In advance members thanked Campbell Johnstone of SBC Parks for his customary support.

Correspondence. *The correspondence list for 21st February to 20th March 2024 had been circulated to members.*

Items of note were:

i. Annual Community Council Insurance cover: WDCC has had to complete assessment forms in previous years. This year, SBC have arranged for automatic renewal, unless there are new or additional items to be added. Also, the Resilience shed and its contents are also covered in the new policy. No new additions were needed for the coming year.

ii. Area Partnership Meeting. Items included:

Area Partnerships - Clare Malster Participation Officer at SBC hosted round table discussions focusing on the future of area partnerships. The views of those in attendance will be collated by Clare and the results will be shared. Meanwhile, if anyone has further suggestions or comments she will be happy to hear from them at CMalster@scotborders.gov.uk

Peebles Youth Voice - Iain Gibson from Peebles Youth Voice gave an update on the activities of the group and future plans for youth provision across Peebles. Activities for the group will continue and there are several future youth events planned at the Eastgate Theatre.

Tweeddale Area Flood Group - Colin Kerr provided an update on the activity of the Flood Group for Tweeddale. A lot of positive relationships have been established with partners such as Scottish Water and SEPA. Also, the creation of a new 'WhatsApp' group has shown to be a valuable tool in linking communities and keeping communication open in the event of potential flooding. The group was piloted recently and Mr Kerr spoke of how well it had worked. Talks with partners will continue and ways to mitigate the impacts of future flooding will also be ongoing. Six Tweeddale communities are involved and stakeholders include SEPA, Scottish Water, Tweed Forum, and SBC Floods Department. A visit to look at the Eddleston Water flood scheme has also been planned.

Tweeddale Assessment Panel - Chris Lewin Chair of the Tweeddale Assessment Panel gave an update on the criteria of the NSF and the process of the panel is assessing applications. The criteria has worked well and remains mostly unchanged. The updated criteria is available for reference and will be piloted within the upcoming financial year. If anyone is interested in joining the Assessment Panel please contact Hannah.lacon@scotborders.gov.uk Anyone interested in applying for funding can find information at Tweeddale Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk) Applications are now open for the 2024/25 financial year - the closing date for the June TAP is the 9th May.

Open Forum - Cllr Tatler gave an update on the money received for the Chambers Institute and plans for using it. He will give ongoing updates on the progress of the building at future area partnerships.

There was also discussion around the 'Pingo Bus Service' and the possibility of this being trialled in Tweeddale. There have been discussions with SBC around the difficulties with the service in the Berwickshire area and what costs might prohibit this being an option in the future.

Next Meeting - will be online on **Tuesday 11th June 7-9pm**. *A link to join the meeting will be provided nearer the time.*

iii. Energy Development in Scottish Borders: A letter was received regarding future Energy Development in the Borders Region. There is a need for a collective response. Members agreed that this was a necessary development and Mr Wilcox will respond to the letter.

iv. Borders Festivals and Events letter: A letter was received concerning a proposed survey of Borders Events and Festivals by Marion Dodds asking organisers to reply by mid-May. Secretary forwarded this email to Dawn Rodgers and the Walkerburn Festival Committee.

Planning.

There were three items since the last meeting:

i. SBC Planning informed Community Council that a Retrospective Planning Application concerning a change of use at 'Tweedbank', Peebles Road had been received and had been approved. The Community Council does not need to be involved further.

ii. A Planning Application has been received in respect of the George Hotel for a proposed change of use to a private dwelling house. The plans show that this is clearly a change of use to a single-family dwelling and not a potential multi-occupation scheme.

Members welcomed the fact that the George would not be lying unused and unanimously approved the plans.

iii. Mr Thornton attended a meeting at SBC Planning department St Boswells to which all community councils had been invited.

A wide-ranging talk covered topics under the headings:

'Overview of Planning Process'; 'Service Overview'; 'Local Development Plan update'; 'Planning Decisions'; 'Role of CCs'; 'Using the Online System'; and 'CC Training Requirements'.

Members have been sent more comprehensive details.

Scawd Law Wind Farm Application Update.

Chairman pointed out that, although the proposed windfarm developments at Cloich, Bowbeat and Leithen Water will have less impact on Walkerburn after construction, they will have a considerable impact during this time and Walkerburn will be trying to get a share of 'Community Gain'.

The delayed response on Scawd Law by the SBC is most concerning. Mr Wilcox has kept the Walkerburn Community Council updated about what is happening with this proposed scheme.

Given the importance of two recent planning developments, an interim report will be prepared before the next meeting whilst awaiting the SBC minutes on both the Petition decision and the Planning Committee decision on Greystone Knowe. Agreement is also being sought out-of-committee that details should be sent to both our MP and our MSP to bring them up-to-date on Scawd Law/Greystone Knowe and the S36 Petition.

Reports by Members.

i. Primary School Garden: The Primary School garden shed and the small greenhouse are being updated and built up. There has been excellent local support, and there has been a generous response from the Rotary Club, Glenmorangie, the HBMI Club and the Walkerburn Community Development Trust to a request for grant support. The Community Council strongly supports this project and members expressed thanks to sponsors for their generosity.

A request has been made for volunteers to help to assemble the base and structure.

ii. Residents are still hoping to get some sort of bus shelter erected on the north side of Galashiels Road. Walkerburn Pensioners Association may be able to make a contribution to the cost. When this was previously mentioned at a WDCC meeting, there were doubts that it would be permitted because of the narrowness of the footpath. However, efforts will be made to see if this can now be achieved.

Reports by SBC Councillors.

a.) Councillor Pirone mentioned three issues:

i. She mentioned that talks were being held to get an extension to the X62 bus service hours and it is hoped that there might be a resolution quite soon.

ii. She also said that the 'Pop-up-Bob' policeman would be loaned to the village again

iii. She also mentioned that there is an on-going Borders Property Survey.

b.) Councillor Douglas mentioned five issues

i. He thanked everyone who had taken part in the recent Tweeddale Area Partnership and reminded members that the next meeting would be on 9th June.

(See 'Correspondence' for a more detailed report)

ii. He mentioned that SBC has been actively promoting events to help non-English speakers and adults with English language difficulties.

iii. The Scottish Government is keen to promote the use of electric bikes. A number of cycles provided by a grant from 'Sustrans' are available for hire in Walkerburn and there will be an 'Open-Day' for residents to see what is available and to make use of them.

iv. He mentioned that discussions about the SBC budget for the next year were now completed. The Council Tax freeze has been agreed. Also, the working group on the Community Councils' Review will soon be finalised after receiving submissions. There will be a further presentation after their report is done.

iv. Lastly, he mentioned that there will be a Petitions Committee meeting to discuss matters relating to planners and the S.36 Application Process. Members welcomed the news that this was being looked into.

Any Other Business.

i. 2024 WDCC Election:

This will be co-ordinated by Secretary and Mrs Purves.

There will be at least 2 vacancies to the Community Council this year. Both are eligible to stand for re-election. Alternatively, either one may wish to consent to being co-opted for their long experience and specialist skills.

The Chairman has indicated that he intends to stand down from WDCC following the AGM in June. If anyone else is considering standing down, please inform Mrs Purves as soon as possible. (Final decisions from those standing down must be made by 3rd June.)

Dr Jan Henderson has agreed to act as Returning Officer. She is officially in charge of the whole election process and instructs the secretary and assistant secretary to act for her.

An election notice will go into the 'Burning Issues' April issue. Cllr Pirone has suggested that we use Democratic Services to help with the administration and an email has been sent to them with an outline of our usual procedure. Mrs Purves will report back regarding this. If someone is interested in standing but not quite sure they can be co-opted for a year after the election so that they can gain some experience.

We particularly need to find someone with good secretarial skills to take-over as Secretary. The key dates to note are as follows:

a. Nomination forms lodged with the Returning Officer by midday 27th May 2024.

b. Nominations may be withdrawn up to midday on 3rd June 2024.

c. The Returning Officer checks nominations against vacancies on 4th June 2024 and informs candidates and secretary WDCC of the result.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the Returning Officer calls for a contested election. Polling Day is Friday 14th June from 2pm to 8pm in the Public Hall anteroom. Counting will take place when the poll closes and candidates may attend the count. Candidates will be given the results by the Returning Officer.

d. Results of a contested election will be displayed on the WDCC and Post Office noticeboards and posted on the website on Saturday 15th June 2024.

e. Elected candidates take up their posts on WDCC on 19th June 2024 (AGM)

ii. Cyrenians Support: The SBC Neighbourhood Fund support for the regular Thursday afternoon Cyrenians support group meeting in the village hall will end at the end of April. Enquiries will be made to find out whether the 'Pantry' activities can be extended with assistance from 'Fare Share'.

If financial support for the hall rental can be accessed, the 'Cook Club' should be able to continue to the end of May, after which there is a quiet summer period. Bosco Santana will also be asked for help.

25 people attend the 'Pantry' each week and this is a big help for people who are needing it most.

A detailed report of how the Neighbourhood Fund grant money has been spent will be forwarded before the end of the Financial Year.

Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.00pm.

Members of the Public are welcome to attend and to raise any issues they want to discuss with Councillors or the Community Council.

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All Welcome! (Follow us on 'Facebook' – fb/hbclubwalkernburn)

APRIL WILDSIDE

Having had terrible outbreaks amongst our wild bird particularly sea bird populations in recent years and the subsequent restrictions on keeping poultry, new rules mean all poultry keepers must register their birds.

All poultry keepers will be required to log their flocks on the national register this autumn – even if they own just a few birds in a backyard flock, even if you've one hen or pet duck, it will need registering.

Currently, only those who keep 50 birds or more are required to submit their details. But as part of a GB-wide move to tighten up on disease control in the wake of recent avian influenza outbreaks, this is being extended to all poultry keepers.

By registering their birds, keepers will ensure they receive important updates relevant to them, such as local avian disease outbreaks and information on biosecurity rules to help protect their flocks.

The register will also be used to identify all bird keepers in disease control zones, allowing for more effective surveillance.

In Scotland, keepers should register from 1 September 2024, when there will be a new Scottish Kept Bird Register in place. The requirements will be set out in legislation shortly and keepers will also be legally required to update their information on an annual basis.

Before all that happens, Earth will experience a total solar eclipse on Monday 8th April. A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon completely blocks the Sun, revealing the Sun's beautiful outer atmosphere known as the corona. This eclipse coincides with a new moon.

The North American continent will be in the totality path of the eclipse, but you might also be able to catch a partial solar eclipse in the flesh on the same day, according to TimeandDate.com, in the following UK cities: Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester, so we might catch some of it here in the Borders. The start of the partial eclipse will be at 7.52pm (BST) and end at 8.51pm, according to the site "TimeandDate.com". The Lyrids meteor shower occurs annually from April 16th-26th, peaking this year from

22nd into 23rd. Unfortunately the glare of the full moon will block out all but the brightest meteors this year. But if you are patient, you may still be able to catch a few good ones. The Lyrids is an average shower, usually producing about 20 meteors per hour at its peak. The Aquarids are about 30 per hour and peak May 6-7. The nearly new moon means the dark skies should mean goo

Hedgehog Awareness Week

It's time to spread the word about Hedgehog Awareness Week – the most important week of the year for hedgehogs! If you're 17 or under, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society want you to design a poster promoting Hedgehog Awareness Week – happening 5th to 11th May 2024 this year.

Create something bold and striking that could be pinned up on a wall, noticeboard or in a classroom to remind people what it's all about!

It could be drawn, painted, made of collage, designed on a computer, or something else – but it must include the below information:



· Hedgehog Awareness Week: 5 -11 May 2024

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Send in your designs by 22 April 2024 and they will share their favourites! You can email a scan of your poster to info@britishhedgehogs.org.uk or post it in at: *Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 3PL*

Entrants must be aged between 0-17 years.

A hedgehog-themed prize will be awarded to the winner, announced in time for Hedgehog Awareness Week 2024!

Good luck!