

WALKERBURN CALENDAR 2027 CALL FOR PHOTOS!

It's that time of year again! If you have any **photos in landscape format of at least 3MB** of local views around the village or within the local area that you think could be used in the calendar for next year please send them to ij4403@yahoo.co.uk.

The calendar is a useful source of funds for the village. Last year the money was donated to the Public Hall.

Hopefully, the calendar will again be on sale in October from the village shop. *Thank you.*

VILLAGE HALL INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 23rd August, 10.00am – 1.00pm. Raising Funds for our Village Hall.

drodger7@aol.com to book table-. £2 Entry (Includes Tea or Coffee).

ROTARY CLUB COFFEE MORNING

Walkerburn Bowling Club-Saturday 29th August, 10.00am to 12.00 noon

£3 entry for coffee + biscuits, scone or traybake.

Tombola etc. All Welcome!

WALKERBURN VEGETABLE ASSOCIATION VEGETABLE SHOW 2026

Our 141st Annual Show will take place on **Saturday 5th September** in the Public Hall.

The Vegetable Association is the oldest organisation in the village run by a small committee and we are always keen to welcome new members. We also have a group of volunteers who help us set up the hall on Friday for the show and dismantle the tables on the Saturday evening and we welcome any help we can get.

If you would like to help? (for more information, please contact Allin Hoggarth allin225@hotmail.co.uk or 07985319009).

Schedules will be available from the Post Office or from the Cafe. The show is open to any and all regardless of where you live; there is no need to pre-register, just join the association when you come to set out your exhibits.

Your membership allows you to enter as many classes as you like (although only one entry per person in a class).

A reminder:- all exhibits must be received in the Hall by 10am on the day of the show.

We are also open on Friday evening to receive exhibits.

Doors open to the public at 2pm on the day of the show where you can see who has won.



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VILLAGE COFFEE CLUB



Just to remind everybody, the fortnightly Coffee Club and Citizens' Advice sessions in the village hall have now resumed after the holidays.
We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at 10.00am each alternate Thursday.
The August dates are the 13th and 27th.

WHAT'S ON IN THE HALL: August/September 2026

Mondays	Walkerburn Baby and Toddler Group. For more info, please contact Jasmine Aquilina on 07922 613890	10.00am – 11.30am
Tuesdays	Youth Club on Holiday. Starts up again at the end of August	
Wednesdays	Walkerburn and District Community Council No August Monthly Meeting	
Thursdays	Citizens Advice Bureau and Peeblesshire Foodbank Coffee Club 13 th August, 27 th August, 10 th September	10.00am-12.00pm
Fridays		
Saturdays	Walkerburn Fruit & Veg Show – 5 th September	2.00pm
Sundays	ITW Church Services – 20 th September Village Hall Indoor Car Boot Sale – 23 rd August Table Tennis	2.00pm 1.00am 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Anyone interested in booking the hall, please note new contact:
enquiries@walkerburnvillagehall.co.uk

FOOD HUGS LUNCH CLUB

Food Hugs Lunch Club will be back in September 2026. We hope to see familiar faces as well as some new ones)



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WALKERBURN AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 17th JUNE 2026

Members Present:

Mr Kerr (Chair), Ms Aquilina, Ms Brodie, Ms Daykin, Ms Sedgwick, Mr Thornton, Mrs Thornton, and Mr J Ewart (A/Secretary)
Ex-Officio Member: Cllr Douglas, and Cllr Tatler

Apologies:

Apologies received from: Cllr J Pirone, Mr M Wilcox, Miss A Neville

Chairman's Introduction:

Chairman welcomed everyone.

Minutes of 2025 AGM:

Ms Daykin proposed acceptance, seconded by Ms Aquilina, and the Minutes were passed.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported as follows:

- a. It has been another very busy year for the Community Council.
- b. There have been recurring themes in complaints we have dealt with, reminding us that we cannot involve ourselves in neighbour disputes, and we do not have the resources to manage potholes or pavement repairs.
- c. We continue to make progress with working with partners regarding flooding within our area, and the new VHF radios have been a fantastic asset.
- d. We have developed good relationships with the Timber Transport Liaison Officer, Go Fibre, and PMK, through ongoing work in the local area.
- e. Issues with drainage on Caberston Road have been rectified, and we look forward to the re-surfacing works on Peebles Road this year.
- f. Work has continued on our objection to wind farms on Scawd law, on environmental grounds, due to this area being the greatest breeding place for Golden eagles in the entire south of Scotland.
- g. There is a SPEN plan to construct a large electricity sub station near Blanslie, and to run two heavy electric lines through the Borders in our area. This features pylons 60 metres tall.
- h. We continue to consult with Tweed Forum regarding the River Tweed path project, and have made submissions on behalf of households.

The Chair thanked Mr Wilcox for his continued hard work regarding SPEN, and feels that Walkerburn is going from strength to strength at the current moment.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr Thornton reported as follows:

- a. Activities have followed their normal pattern.
- b. Expenditure included Hall Bookings, secretarial expenses, Remembrance Day, The annual contribution to Walkerburn Newsgroup for publishing the monthly minutes, other relevant information in 'Burning Issues'. At present we also publish cleared minutes and other information on the Walkerburn website walkerburn.com for which we do not pay a charge, and we also use local Facebook groups as required.
- c. Our only income is the SBC operating grant of £630 plus payment for booking the Hall for meetings which is met by SBC on receipt of an invoice from the Hall. This has been actioned for FY 25/26. (Members must note that we do not get any payment from SBC for Hall bookings for community events. We have to meet such expenses ourselves after negotiations with the Hall Management Committee).
- d. WDCC Members are encouraged to claim travel expenses when attending Council-organized meetings.
- e. Some money must be set aside to pay expenses to a secretary – at present at least £400.
- f. The year-end accounts will be independently audited and submitted at the beginning of July in accordance with the SBC Grants procedure.
- g. Bank Account: In summary, all necessary payments have been made and WDCC Finances continue to maintain a small surplus. Opening balance was £41.71 Closing balance: £2008.95

The Chair thanked Mr Thornton for his work as Treasurer.

WDCC Election 2026 Report:

The Chair noted that there had been 3 vacancies for this year's election.

The Returning Officer, Dr J Henderson, had received 3 valid applications for the vacancies.

At the closing date, Dr Henderson declared that all 3 candidates had been elected unopposed to WDCC for a period of 3 years from June 2026.

The newly elected members are: Mr Kerr, Mr Wilcox and Miss Neville.

Election of Office Bearers:

The Chair asked the secretary to run through the proposal for the election of office bearers. The secretary reminded members that they had all been asked to approve a list of office bearers and all, including the newly elected members present, had agreed to the list. He asked everyone to confirm that they were content with the following:

Chair: Mr Colin Kerr

Vice Chair: Ms Daykin

Treasurer: Mr Thornton

Lead on Windfarms and SPEN: Mr Wilcox

Lead on Place Making: Ms Brodie

Lead on Tour de France 2027: Ms Daykin

All present agreed.

Formal Incorporation of New Community Council:

The Chair declared the formal incorporation of the new Community Council of 9 members, plus 3 Councillors ex officio:

Chair: Mr C Kerr

Vice Chair: Ms M Daykin

Treasurer: Mr G Thornton

Secretary: Vacancy (Mr J Ewart A/Secretary)

Members: Ms J Aquilina, Ms S Brodie, Miss A Neville, Ms S Sedgwick, Mrs L Thornton, Mr M Wilcox

Ex Officio Members: Cllr M Douglas, Cllr J Pirone, Cllr R Tatler

Date of next AGM:

Wednesday 16th June 2027.

Chairman's Closing Remarks:

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that there would be a busy year ahead. He then closed the meeting, before starting the monthly meeting.

Formal Acceptance of the Code of Conduct: Members present signed a declaration of formal acceptance of the Code of Conduct. The Chair will ensure that Miss Neville and Mr Wilcox also sign the declaration.



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WILD SIDE

And so July draws to a close and we welcome August, still warm and mainly dry forecasts at least to start the month.

The day of the eclipse 12th August we have a bit of rain forecast but we should still be able to at least see a partial eclipse from the 'burn. It's very close to a total eclipse at 92%. Special viewing glasses that protect your eyes are available from Amazon and no doubt other sellers and it is essential eyes are protected because even a short exposure can damage the retina or even cause blindness.

Sunglasses are not enough! You'll certainly notice a drop in temperature and an eerie quiet. Enjoy the experience!

12 Aug 2026, 19:06 Max View in Walkerburn, Scotland

Global Event: Total Solar Eclipse

Local Type: Partial Solar Eclipse in Walkerburn, Scotland

Begins: Wed, 12 Aug 2026, 18:09

Maximum: Wed, 12 Aug 2026, 19:06 0.920 Magnitude

Ends: Wed, 12 Aug 2026, 20:00

Duration: 1 hour, 51 minutes

Lots of bird, bat and bug activity still round about. As we enter late summer, bug activity reaches a peak. This is the time to look out for Hummingbird Hawk moths which can hover just like a hummingbird although smaller than even the tiniest hummingbirds. Keep your eyes peeled for them darting between flowers and using their long proboscis to slurp up the energy-rich nectar inside. Their wings beat at an incredible 70 to 80 beats per second, which allows them to hover in the same way real hummingbirds do. Despite their size, and correspondingly tiny brain, Hummingbird Hawk-moths are thought to be able to remember their favourite flowers, so if you spot one flitting around your flowerbed, or poking its proboscis into your patio plants, the chances are you'll see it again. If you have a pond this is the prime time to see dragon flies and there are still lots of bees and butterflies too, Keep a look out for painted lady butterflies.



Hummingbird hawkmoth



Painted Lady Butterfly

One of the main things at this time of year is the availability of wild fruit. Lots of blackberries and brambles, sloes and nuts. August is the time to pick your fruit, be it for eating or making jams and

jellies. Get in quick before the birds. They've already started on the rowan tree in the garden but that's why I have one, I do like to at least see it heavy with berries which, to be fair, I have this year plus seeing the cock blackbird enjoying an early feast. I think he's had most of the redcurrants already!

Swifts are gathering ready to make the long-haul flight back to Africa. Next month most of our other summer visitors will be making a return journey to where they came from for early summer. Happy jam making... Remember to enter the Vegetable Association annual show in early September- lots of jam classes. None for sloe gin, so you'll just have to drink it!



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WALKERBURN BOWLING & PETANQUE CLUB

Bowls

Come along and enjoy a friendly game, as well as some pleasant conversation over tea and biscuits at **2.00pm on Mondays and Saturdays** and at **6.00pm every Wednesday**.

Petanque

Petanque continues each Friday afternoon, with tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards.

The club has Bowls and Petanque equipment free for anyone to use if needed.

Members also have access to the club every day to practice or to play with friends.

(For more details, please see the Walkerburn Bowls 'Facebook' pages, or just come along and introduce yourself any time there is a game being played. Alternatively contact George Thornton on either 01896-870251, on e-mail geoles2@tiscali.co.uk), or ask any member.

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