History Group

The group organizes talks on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Parish Church Hall at 7.30pm, talks to do with the history and life of the people of Chirnside and the local area. All welcome to attend

This years topics to include, Berwickshire during the Ice Age, Medieval Food, The Farne Islands and much more.

Chirnside and District Horticultural Society Events August

Potato Challenge weigh-in Sunday 23rd August 2.00 - 3.30pm at the Crosshill Carpark.

Annual Flower Show

This year Chirnside Flower Show takes place on Saturday 29th August in the Community Centre. The Show is open to people in Chirnside, Edrom, Foulden, Mordington and Bonkyl – However the following classes are also open to anyone residing out with Chirnside district.

- Class 15 - Four French Marigolds
- Class 30 - Vase mixed Dahlias
- Class 31 - One vase Sweet peas 8 spikes/stems
- Class 36 - One Hydrangea Head in a vase
- Class 47 - Four Dessert Apples
- Class 59 - Three Onion set, quality white
- Class 64 - Four Kidney Potatoes, white
- Class 67 - Four Round Potatoes, coloured
- Class 106 - 3 squares of chocolate brownie
- Class 111 - Crochet or knitted toy in wool
- Class 129 - Vegetable or fruit animal
- Class 130 - Any vegetable grown by a child
- Class 132 - A decorated plant pot
- Class 133 - A lego model (not made from a kit)

Schedules and entry forms can be collected from and returned to Michael Low, Brierley, Main Street East End, Chirnside by Thursday 27th August ready for the show on the Saturday. The Community Centre will be open from 8am and all exhibits must be arranged and handed over to the committee no later than 10am on the day of the show when the doors will be closed. First time exhibitors will be made very welcome and we encourage anyone to have a go, there are classes for everyone. The public will be admitted by Silver Collection from 2pm till 3.30pm. Teas and coffees will be served from 2pm and prizes will be presented at 3.30pm after which exhibitors will be allowed to remove their entries. For further information please contact Sarah Stones s.stones418@btinternet.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Common Good Spaces

The Common Good look after a number of different spaces throughout the village. These include the Common Good Park (behind the bowling club), the Crosshill Carpark (outside the Beacon), the Quarry (the grass area near the speedbump on Crosshill) and the Tennis Court.

These areas are for everyone to use, we do ask that everyone does with care and thought for themselves and others.

We are trying to make the best use of the areas while allowing nature to have its space too and hope you are enjoying the wonderful display of flowers in the Quarry.

Whilst the Common Good maintains these areas the best they can they cannot accept any liability for loss, damage or injury at any of the sites.

Very sad note to inform of the passing of Mr Roy Garden earlier in the year.

Roy will be missed in and around the village by many, being a stalwart of the Common Good and the Community Council and many other things over the years. Our thoughts are with Jean and the family. Thank you for the donation to the Common Good from the funeral collection it will be put to good use.



August– October -26

Chirnside Village Flyer

Wishing for warmer weather back in April and we are now all melting.

Summer Solstice has past but the nights are still long to sit out in the relative comfort of warm but not scorching evenings.

School holidays are here so the village will be a bit noisier in the parks and streets, hopefully all behaving themselves.

August brings the Horticultural Society Flower Show at the end of the month, we hope that everyone's veggies, baking, artwork and flowers are being perfected, beginners and the well versed all welcome.

August and September we will see all schools Scottish and English back to the desks once again.

October the clocks go back once again on the 25th and then yet again as the kids will be saying it will not be long till the big C once again.

If anyone would like to deliver a few of the leaflets even to the few doors around their house please let us know it would be a huge help.

CHIRNSIDE COMMON GOOD ASSOCIATION

BLACKHILL WINDFARM COMMUNITY FUND

Entry of events is subject to space and we cannot guarantee to include all listing requests. Listings have been collated in good faith, we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information published but we cannot be held responsible for any consequences arising from errors or omissions. If you would like to get involved or have an idea of something to include, please don't hesitate to contact us at (info@chirnsidecommongood.org) This Flyer was Produced by: **Chirnside Common Good Association SCIO. Scottish Charity No.**

Chirnside Allotment Open day and Coffee Morning

Join us on 6th September at the Allotments for coffee & cake, tombola and a stroll around the gardens

Scotlands Garden Scheme

Till the 21st of August why not pop along to the Walled Garden at Marchmont House as part of Scotlands Garden Scheme to raise money for charity. There are plenty more local gardens to go and have a look around too. Check them out on www.Scotlandsgardens.org

Borders Greenway Update

It's been a while since we updated you but we have some exciting news!

With the support of A Greener Melrose, we have been successful in securing funding from SESTRAN (South East of Scotland Transport Partnership) to create a 2-3 minute video of the whole Borders Greenway existing road cycling route from Tweedbank Railway Station to Eyemouth, with a stop off at Reston Railway station. This is a route of 49 miles along mostly quiet Borders roads that many of you were involved in creating, connecting all the towns and villages along the way. We hope that the video will inspire many Borders residents and visitors to use their bikes rather than their cars for leisure, commuting and everyday journeys.



Work also continues on developing the mostly traffic free shared access path connecting the same communities, following the line of the former Berwickshire railway. Preliminary design work for the latest section from Reston to Eyemouth has just been completed, building on the Chirnside to Reston design work which was completed last year.

Finally, we hope to have a presence in Earlston on September 6th for the final stage of the Tour of Britain – we'll update you nearer the time if we are successful. https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/news/article/4968/final-stage-of-the-2026-lloyds-tour-of-britain-men-comes-to-the-scottish-borders

Thanks again for your ongoing support, and please get in touch if you have any thoughts about getting more involved.

Southfield Centre Duns.

Lots going on at the centre over the year, have a look at their website to see all they get up to. https://www.southfieldcentreduns.org/

Boogie Bounce, BorderLinks, Borders Youth Theatre, Chair Yoga, Bridge and Camera Clubs, Citizens Advice Bureau, Girl Guides, Repair Café, RNID clinic, U3A meetings and clubs amongst others.

Please support this wonderful community building and its resources or we might loose it.

Swift Box Success County Wide 325 Total in 3 Years

2026 has seen fantastic demand for swift nest boxes with total of 173 erected, Cornhill to Heiton, and Smailholm to Duns.

All originated only 2 years ago through a U3A Wildlife group, inspired by Simon Wright of Chirnside. We use his exclusive box design.

2024 saw 50 put up in Duns, with further 102 achieved in 2025, extending Chirnside & Coldstream. Swifts are 60% down in numbers in the last 10 years, with the blame put on modern building methods, closing off the top of walls under the eaves.

Also agricultural practices like spraying, reduces insect populations on which these birds rely.

Mens Shed are to be congratulated on high standard of workmanship, and rose to the challenge of increased numbers. The old High School Gym. has served as paint shop and Probus member Chris Cloy took the coveted title of star painter 2026.

Main sponsors Kelso Life gave us free coverage and Gavin Patterson, renowned Painter has supplied free Sadolin paint for last 3 years. Well Done!

Forward plans for next year are in progress and 200 boxes are to be constructed, building split across additional Mens Sheds wanting in on some of the action.

First erector Gary from Fife has trained new recruit Youcef, to spread the load of increased numbers to get installed, both volunteers and keen birders.

Stalwart Alix Gibbins was well received at the promotional stand at Garden Festival encouraging for next year.

Retired accountant Steve Richmond is helping with grant applications and ballooning paperwork.

It is easy to support this local initiative by contacting leader Gordon Stirrat at 2 Printonan TD11 3HX 01890 880208 07719 584820 to offer volunteer help, or by using 80-18-66 acct 00179571 to donate or sponsor/host at only £25/box.

Saturday 1st August,
Duns Show, all welcome to come and enjoy the day
Duns Show Field

Monday 3rd August, 7.30pm
Vivace Vocal Collective, Varied programme of music
Chirnside Parish Church, entry by donation for the Church Funds

11th July– 31st August, 10am-4pm
Paxton House Elf Detective Trail
Paxton House Gift Shop Entry

Tuesday 18th August 10-4
Tin Shed Artisan Pop Up Market
Paxton House Ballroom

Saturday 31st August,
Chirnside Horticultural Society Flower Show all welcome
Chirnside Community Centre

Sunday 6th September
Allotment Coffee Morning and Open day
Chirnside Allotments, Next to the Tennis Court

Friday 11th-13th September,
Remembering David Hume, events, please book online
Chirnside Community Centre

Friday 11th September, 6-11pm
Folk Friday, Duns Beer & Music Weekender
Heart for Duns, Tickets £10 for the day

Saturday 12th September, 2-6pm
Friends & Family at the Duns Beer & Music Weekender
Heart for Duns, Pay as You Feel, Suggestion £5

Saturday 12th September, 6-midnight
Party Night, Duns Beer and Music Weekender
A Heart For Duns, Tickets £15. All Weekend ticket £20.

Thursday 17th September, 7.15pm
SWI talk by Robert Drummond on Manderston House
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 26th September 10-1.30
Chirnside Community Centre Indoor Market
Chirnside Community Centre

Saturday 10th October, 7pm
Oasus; a Tribute to the Mighty Band Oasis.
Heart For Duns, tickets £15-18 online

Saturday 30th October
Halloween Party, More info to follow
Chirnside Community Centre

Chirnside Community Centre regulars.
IT Drop in help, twice monthly Mondays 1.30-3.30,
Indoor Market, last Saturday of each month 10am-2pm
Larder Open, Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 10-12