

## Communication Update and Membership Renewal – 20 September 2023

Dear Member

We last wrote to you in April about the changes to The Bridge (registered name Scottish Borders Community Development Company).

As you know, on 1<sup>st</sup> April we transferred our community development staff and services to Borders Community Action (BCA). BCA also took over the Volunteer Resource Centre in Peebles, although they have since decided they do not wish to continue with it.

Since then, The Bridge and BAVS boards have been working together to develop a Borders-wide community transport service. Both Boards have now confirmed that (subject to members' approval) they wish to achieve this by transferring Berwickshire Wheels' staff and vehicles into The Bridge to sit alongside the Gala, Teviot & Tweed Wheels services and our two charity shops. The Bridge will be renamed Borders Wheels and membership will be free.

Now this has been confirmed we can go ahead with our Membership Renewal process and attach the usual form (though without the need to pay). Because The Bridge is now purely a community transport provider, we realise that members who do not use the Wheels services may not wish to renew. If this is the case for you or your organisation, we would encourage you to become a member of [Borders Community Action](#)

Members who renew will have a continued say in the future of The Bridge/Borders Wheels, including at our AGM in October/November when there will be a resolution to change the organisation's name and update its constitution.

If you wish to renew, please return your form as soon as possible to ensure you are included in the AGM invitation.

The Board have asked to me to delay my retirement until the transition process to Borders Wheels is complete, which I am happy to do.

Morag Walker  
Chief Officer, The Bridge