

# Community Food Growers Newsletter



## What's on in July

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### Greener Melrose

Our Work Days which are the **last Saturday of the month** run from **10am – 3pm**, please contact [greenermelrose@live.co.uk](mailto:greenermelrose@live.co.uk) for more details.

We are also looking for people to create beautiful micro gardens – for our Jubilee project, 'Jewels around the Eildons'. This could be a vegetable patch, pond, or a container. Just take a photo of yourself with your garden and send it to [greenermelrose@live.co.uk](mailto:greenermelrose@live.co.uk) We will add it to our online gallery and send you the details.

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### St Ronan's Wells

Our garden is thriving in the June sunshine. We have a great group of volunteers and always room for more! We can engage people in all levels of activity so don't be put off by lack of garden knowledge or physical stamina. **We meet on Thursdays between 10.30 and 2.30.** Feel free to just come for a visit, it's a very beautiful garden and at its very best just now. Look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Jan 07739031868 for more information



# Greener Gateway Community Awards

Don't forget, the brand new Cultivating Communities Award for community food growing is open and entries can be submitted up until the entry deadline of **Friday 5 August 2022**.

Greener Gateway Community Awards | Scottish Borders Council ([scotborders.gov.uk](http://scotborders.gov.uk))



## LUNCH PLUS

**THURSDAYS 12-2.00pm**  
Great food, good company and fun activities

- 9th June Heiton Village Hall
- 7th July Coldingham Village Hall
- 21st July Ednam Village Hall
- 4th August Cockburnspath Village Hall
- 18th August Hutton Village Hall
- 1st September Grantshouse Village Hall
- 15th September Stichill Village Hall
- 29th September Reston Village Hall

**ALL WELCOME**



**FREE**





# Greener Melrose

## Forest Garden Party a big success!



The very first event held by Greener Melrose at its community growing site at Drygrange was a big success. Around 80 people attended a Forest Garden Party on Saturday 4th June on a beautiful day. Delicious food and cordials were provided by Cafe Recharge, a social enterprise set up to reduce food waste and food poverty. Music was provided by local troubadour Rory McLeod. There were tours of the Drygrange site, activities for children, an exhibition, plant sale and willow weaving demonstration.

According to Team Leader, Donald McPhillimy 'It was the most beautiful day, lots of people came, the sun shone and everyone had a great time. It has opened our eyes as to how flexible a space our Forest Garden at Drygrange is. I hope we can have more events there in the future. It was a great team effort.'

Amongst the guests were residents at Drygrange and friends of Greener Melrose from other groups around the Borders. It was made possible by funding from the SBC Platinum Jubilee Fund.



# Scottish Borders Community Food Growers Network wins Bronze award

Last month some of the Parks & Environment team – Amy Alcorn, Carol Cooke and Jason Hedley - headed north to Aviemore to the APSE Scotland Fleet, Waste and Grounds Seminar 2022.

Scottish Borders Council were presented with a bronze award at the ASPE 'Striving for Excellence' Awards dinner in the 'Parks, Grounds and Street Scene Category', for our work in establishing the Scottish Borders Community Food Growers Network. This is part of the 5 Year Action Plan contained in 'Cultivating Communities', **Scottish Borders Community Food Growing Strategy** **Community Food Growing**

**Strategy 2021-26 | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk)** Thank you to everyone for your support in developing this network, which is shaped by and for its members. We hope the members find this a useful resource in helping to grow and strengthen community food growing across the Scottish Borders. We welcome new members and would love to have your input!







# The Edible Garden

The kids made some posters for us from St Ronan's Primary School for our Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June. We met some new people and had a lovely time in the sunshine.

