

Introduction:

The aim of this Guide is to provide you with information about the services which are available to support you in setting up and running your social enterprise.

Social Enterprises are businesses with primarily social objects whose surpluses are principally re-invested for that purpose in the business, or in the community, rather than being profit for shareholders or owners.

To be a Social Enterprise: (from DTI 2002)

- > There needs to be trading income of at least 50% of overall income.
- > New social enterprises may trade to 25% of their income.

Local support services

The following organisations are based in the Scottish Borders and provide support for social enterprises.

Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber

The Bridge—Councils for Voluntary Service

Business Gateway

Eildon Enterprise

Scottish Borders Childcare Partnership

The support services work together and will share information with each other with your permission

Inside is more information on what they can do for you!

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The Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Partnership working in partnership with Scottish Borders support services

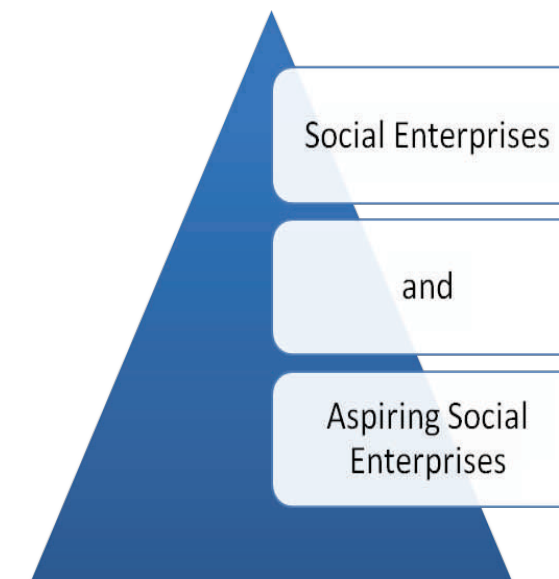
Regular members of the Local Social Enterprise Partnership

Borders Forum of CVS	01890 870336
Borders Housing Network	01896 824055
Communities Scotland	0131 479 8867
Scottish Borders Council	01835 826528
Scottish Borders Childcare Partnership	01835 824000
Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber	01835 822099
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Our Scottish Borders
Your opportunity

**Starting a Social Enterprise in the Scottish Borders?
Our support services want to help You**

To meet other social enterprises and find local specialist support	To receive business information and advice	To develop a community or voluntary organisation with the potential to become a trading business
<p>GO TO The Social Enterprise Chamber</p>	<p>GO TO Business Gateway</p>	<p>GO TO The Bridge/BAVS Councils for Voluntary Service (CVS)</p>
<p>Membership of the Social Enterprise Chamber is open to social enterprises and potential social enterprises. It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Influence policy and practice at a national and local level. * Provide newsletters and information about what's happening and with social enterprise developments * Hold events to meet your needs, e.g. funding, procurement, marketing and legal surgeries * Provide networking opportunities to meet other social enterprises and share information and resources * Monitor the effectiveness of support services. <p>The Social Enterprise Chamber will signpost you to appropriate and additional services or sources of information</p>	<p>The Business Gateway information service supports business and start-up with e.g. business structure, statutory requirements, market research. It runs workshops on business topics. Business advisors can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Look at your Business Plan and advise on viability * Check that you are aware of key issues in running a business * Provide business advice as your operations grow <p>Business Gateway will signpost you to appropriate additional services or sources of information.</p>	<p>Staff at the Bridge/BAVS will work with you to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Support through the various stages of development * Information about charity law eligibility/compliance and financial regulations * Model documents on legal structure, policies and procedures * Information about charity law eligibility, compliance and financial regulations * Funding information and support with grant applications * Workshops on developing your organisation <p>The Bridge/BAVS will signpost you to appropriate additional services or sources of information</p>

Support for Childcare Social Enterprises contact: **Childcare Partnership**

Support for enquiries about property development: **Eildon Enterprise**

Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber (SBSEC)

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web: www.sbsec.org.uk

Business Gateway

tel: 0845-609-6611 (Selkirk)
e-mail: enquiries.bgborders@scotent.co.uk
web: www.bgateway.com

Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service (BAVS)

tel: 01361-883137 (Duns)
e-mail: info@bavs.org.uk
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The Bridge : Central Borders (was CBAVS)

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The Bridge: Roxburgh (was RAVS)

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The Bridge: Tweeddale (was TAVO)

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Eildon Enterprise

tel: 01896 824055 (Melrose)
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Scottish Borders Childcare Partnership

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