

SCDT Update (August 2025)

The August meeting of Skirling Community Development Trust was delighted to welcome Paul Barlow to the meeting as the newly appointed Community Coordinator for the Trust. Paul will start the part-time role from 1 September, and he is looking forward to getting to work on the different projects being taken forward by the Trust. His normal working days for the trust will be Monday and Tuesday most weeks, and he can be contacted at skirlingtrustcoordinator@gmail.com

In other news, two tender responses were received for the Skirling Land project, and one selected to progress with. The Trust Sub-Group leading this project will now apply for funding to take the work forward hopefully starting in the autumn, and with the priority to look at the opportunity to take on the orphaned land plots which have been offered back to the community, and other land opportunities which would enable some of the Trust projects to start to happen.

One project which is underway and being developed are the plans for Skirling 750 with a proposed exhibition and reception date of Saturday 25 October in Skirling Village Hall. An application for funding support for the exhibition has been made to the Scottish Borders Neighbourhood Support Fund, and you will probably have seen the leaflet which has been circulated asking for any material that would be of interest and will add to the exhibition such as objects and photos, and of course stories. Also, if you would like to get involved in helping to organise the event alongside Paul and Bob Hunter who is leading the project, then please get in touch with them.



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