

# Berwickshire

## Alison Affleck

Alison's leadership in various projects at Splash, especially during challenging times like the pandemic, showcases her resilience and ability to positively impact her community while fostering a supportive and welcoming environment. She has successfully managed drop-in sessions that reduce food waste and provide essential resources to the community. She has also brought joy and festive spirit to numerous families during the holiday season, demonstrating the community's care and support for each other.



## Dianne Repsch

Dianne gives up a huge amount of her time in very demanding volunteering roles to support not only her own community but the wider community within Berwickshire and further afield. She has made a significant difference to the people she supports, often going above and beyond her roles to make sure that people get everything that they are entitled to. She excels in bringing the community together through her volunteering work.



## Georgina Purdie

Georgina is a main part of many volunteering groups in the community and beyond, she is relied on as a person to call on and trust. From running Italian classes at U3A to litter picking, she is ready for any challenge. She is an extremely caring person, supporting those around her and is the first to offer her assistance should it be needed.



# Cheviot



## Dylan MacKenzie

For over 5 years Sue has volunteered with the Men's Shed. She has helped in many ways from setting, generating income and keeping everyone in order - she goes above and beyond what anyone would expect. She welcomes everyone into the Men's Shed and manages to set people at ease. She is so much more than anyone could hope for.



## Marion Hobkirk

Marion has been volunteering with Alzheimer Scotland's walking group since October 2022. Each Monday she arrives with a smile and full of enthusiasm no matter the weather. Her involvement with the group has meant that carers are able to have a short break, chat amongst themselves whilst the person living with dementia is able to have a stroll, safely, with support at their pace. She continues to engage people in conversation, encourage them to take in the surrounding wildlife and nature and have a truly relaxing enjoyable walk.



## Sue Stather

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# Eildon

## Alison Finnie

Through her own hard work and dedication, Alison set up the Scottish Widows Community in August 2022. During this time 350 widowed people from across the Scottish Borders have been supported. In addition, Alison hosts monthly peer to peer support group meetings which provide a safe space for widowed people to be open and honest about their grief and receive help and support from others who are in the same situation



## Charles Barrett

Charles is a valuable volunteer at Trimontium, embracing every aspect of the role. Notably, he performs as a native celt at family activity days he engages with over 700 people in a day and teaches kids how to defend themselves from native attacks. He has inspired other young volunteers to dress up and engage at family days too, which has benefitted their confidence and outlook enormously- one of whom won an Inspire Award last year for their own Exceptional Achievement.



## Robert Puntun

At only 15 years old, Robert has accrued many Saltire hours for volunteering with the Champions Board and The Promise Implementation officer. He can continually adapt through his determination to succeed and find solutions. He has also become a member of the Young Advisors Group, working with the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland and her team to have his say on children's rights.



# Teviot and Liddesdale



## Alison Kimm

Alison has been an NSPCC Schools Service Volunteer for over 10 years. Alison is part of a small volunteer team delivering their National Speak Out Stay Safe Programme to primary school children over all the Borders primary schools. She has communicated really important safety messages to over 10,000 children across the Borders! She is so passionate about volunteering and helping the community and all surrounding areas.



## Drew McCrae

Drew has been a longtime volunteer with Reaching Out. He was instrumental in helping the Super Lunch Club to open again after having been closed for Covid. He continues to volunteer and support his local community no matter what life may throw at him. Hawick Congregational Community Church is so appreciative of his help as a volunteer.



## Susan Brown

Susan volunteers for many organisations across Hawick, dedicating a lot of her own time and energy to help these groups thrive. Often she goes under the radar with people not realising how much she actually does. She has achieved wonderful things including planning and running events, interacting with the public and helping with local issues. When Burnfoot Community Futures was at risk of closure, she worked tirelessly to keep the lights on and benefit the community.

# Tweeddale



## Clive Hamilton

Clive volunteers for several charities and has been a dedicated SSAFA for 20 years. His determination to meet the individual's every need in either financial terms, or providing goods, home improvements such as access or a combination of all three is unwavering until he is satisfied that all the client needs are fully met. He is a true example of what SSAFA strives to be – by helping those who have served us and our Country.



## Leo Murray

At 13 years old, Leo is our youngest finalist. He takes such pride in his volunteering and has become a respected, valued and reliable volunteer at the foodbank. He dates groceries, stacks shelves, packs food boxes, stocktakes and shops for items they are short of, he even entertains his fellow volunteers during their coffee breaks! He volunteered for a televised ITV interview where he represented the foodbank exceptionally well.



## Myriam Baete

Myriam has spearheaded the operation of the Re Use facility, which generates around £1000 per week for Peebles for Peebles Community Trust. She is the glue which bonds the Trust together and ensures its smooth operation. She will tackle anything from cleaning the toilets, working on the shop floor, to dealing with visiting tradesmen. Myriam stepped up when no one else did. She rolled her sleeves up and just got on with the task in hand to the best of her ability putting in countless hours of volunteering every week.