

FORMING A WORKING GROUP FOR COLDINGHAM BEACH AND COASTAL PATHS CARE

Scottish Borders Council have a draft plan called *The Berwickshire Coastal Change Adaption Plan* (BCCAP). It reports on what is needed to protect the coastline it is responsible for. The Berwickshire Coastline has been split up into Coastal Management Units of which Coldingham is called CMU5 and St Abbs is CMU6. There are sections of the beach and the coastal path that these two communities share although in the report Coldingham Beach sits only within CMU5.

The £370k given to Scottish Borders Council from the Scottish Government is intended to protect and improve the Berwickshire Coastline. In this plan, it will only be used for residences, businesses and roads that are under threat.

Coldingham Beach, the car park, toilets, the RNLI Hut, the coastal paths and the beach huts will not receive funding.

So, we want to **form a WORKING GROUP** of residents and wider stakeholders who, along with other interested organisations, are willing to work with the council to improve the beach both in the short and long term. We want to have a plan for the beach and coastal paths, raise funds, and seek/obtain grants to 'get the job done' in maintaining and improving this area that we all love.

This Working Group will work towards **3 main aims**:

- **ENGAGING** with the community to ensure their input and keep them informed
- **DEVELOPING** a short- and long-term plan for the repair, restoration, and maintenance of Coldingham beach and the surrounding area
- **SEEKING** and **SECURING** funds to support this work

Members of this Working Group will commit to:

- **LISTENING** to what the community wants when making plans and using local knowledge and expertise
- Making sure that all residents know what is happening by **SHARING** an easy-to-follow plan
- **PUBLISHING** a regular newsletter that tells residents about the plan, what funding has been secured, updates on what will happen next and asks for their views and concerns

Because the Working Group will be made up of volunteers who are not paid for their work, there will not be any costs for salaries or wages (overheads). Any funds (money) the group receives will be used directly for the purpose of maintaining and improving this beautiful place.

If you support this idea, please fill in the form on the back of this letter

WORKING GROUP SUPPORT FORM

NB/ You can also **fill this form in electronically**. To do this please go to https://www.coldingham.info/sp_homenew.html

We are looking for your **support for the idea of forming a Working Group** that 'gets stuck into the job in hand' and plays an active role in maintaining and developing Coldingham Bay Beach and the infrastructure that serves this area, including the coastal paths, beach road, toilets and car park. St Abbs shares the beach area and coastal paths in the area, so working together across our communities is important.

We need a Working Group with a wide range of skills and expertise, common sense and a strong commitment to community consultation. Your active involvement would be welcomed! However, even if you prefer not to participate directly at this stage, your support through **signature(s)** and **address** or **postcode** is important in highlighting support for the Working Group, and so helping get this up and running.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A WORKING GROUP

Please can all adults in your household (aged 16 and above) put their name and signature in the box below if they support the idea of a Working Group to help look after Coldingham Beach and the footpaths.

You can drop off your form at [Luckenbooth](#), [SPAR Coldingham](#) or [St Abbs Post Office](#) or request a household form pickup by contacting Nigel Williams using the details provided at the end of this form.

Please **TICK THE BOX** if anyone in your household is interested in joining the group

Name Adult Example: Nigel Williams	Signature Signature Example: <i>Nigel Williams</i>
Adult 1	Adult 1
Adult 2	Adult 2
Adult 3	Adult 3
Adult 4	Adult 4

PLEASE FILL IN THIS BOX WITH YOUR ADDRESS AND/OR YOUR POST CODE

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