

A brighter future for your community!

with an extended Borders Railway linking Hawick and Carlisle



GALASHIELS

An essential direct rail link with the South allowing the whole of the Borders to meet its full potential.

Faster, greener and safer journeys - e.g. Hawick to central Carlisle in 45 minutes!



HAWICK

Better access to employment and education for young people, and more inward investment creating new jobs.

For Carlisle - a boost to business with a bigger labour pool and customer base.



CARLISLE



MELROSE

A direct rail link to the hub of Borders tourism at Melrose + more visitors to other towns.

Direct connections to the North West of England, Manchester Airport and London.



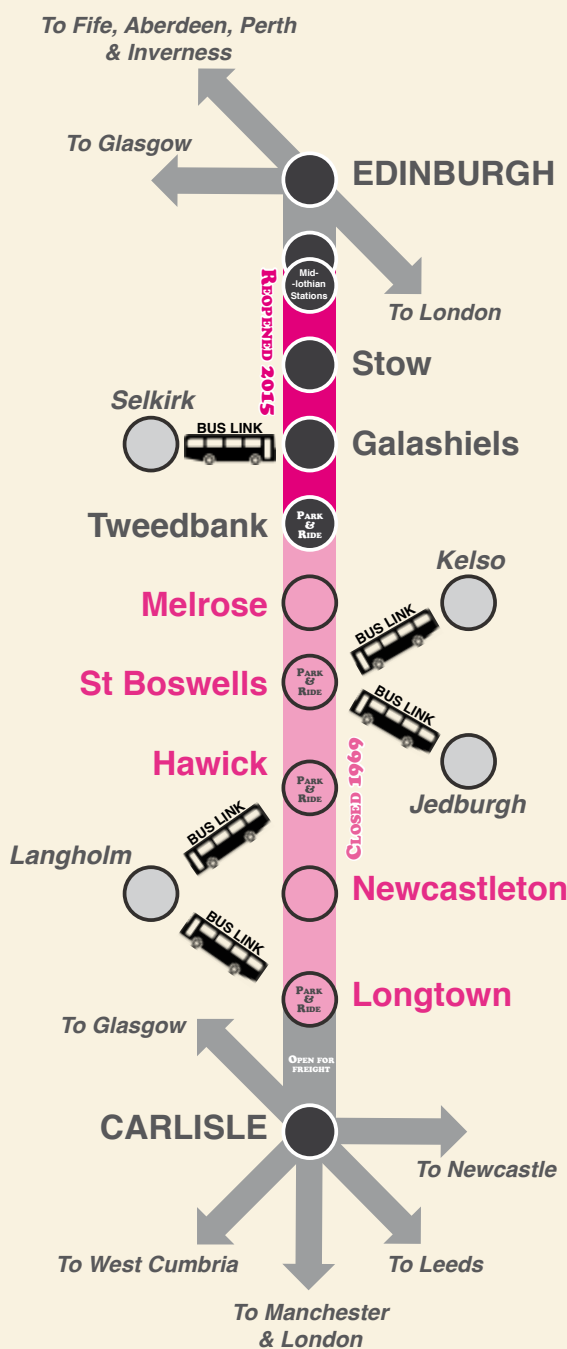
**NEWTOWN
ST BOSWELLS**

Better links to the Borders Railway for Jedburgh and Kelso from a hub at Newtown St Boswells.

Sustainable transport for timber from Kielder - getting log lorries off the roads.



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VIADUCT**



Between Hawick and Longtown the map shows the original Waverley Route through Newcastleton that closed in 1969. An official study is expected to recommend how best to serve Langholm.

We helped bring trains back to the Borders - now we need your support to finish the job by extending the line from Tweedbank southwards through Hawick to Carlisle - please join us today!

CBR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Madge's message to fellow Borderers:
"If folk want their railway back, it's up to them to fight for it!"

Madge Elliot MBE, veteran rail campaigner from Hawick



What is Campaign for Borders Rail?

Founded in 1999, the Campaign for Borders Rail (CBR) has been one of the most successful grassroots rail campaigns in Great Britain, a story of concerned citizens from all walks of life getting together to right the 1969 injustice of complete closure of the 98-mile Waverley Route through the Borders.

With our initial goal secured - services on the rebuilt 35-mile 'Borders Railway' from Edinburgh to Galashiels and Tweedbank began on 6th September 2015 - CBR is now focussed on extension through Melrose, Newtown St Boswells and Hawick to Carlisle.

CBR is an independent community-based association. We do not represent any political party or commercial interest but seek to work with all bona-fide individuals and organisations who share our aims.

LATEST: Momentum builds for rail extension

Buoyed by the popularity of the new Borders Railway service - 4 million passenger journeys in the first three years including many more than forecast at Borders stations - we believe that an extension of the line to Hawick and Carlisle would be viable.

Support for a new cross-border rail link comes from across the political spectrum and from both sides of the border. With a joint UK and Scottish Government growth package for the Borderlands in preparation, the stage is set for a transformative investment that will secure a bright future for the whole region.

Please join CBR today - from only £10! (2020 rate)

When you join us you will:

- receive our regular newsletters by post or email, as you choose.
- be able to participate in our projects and events, including our autumn AGM.
- add your voice to our growing 1400+ membership calling for the expansion of Borders rail services, boosting regional prosperity and social inclusion.

Complete the form below or email your details to: membershipCBR@uwclub.net

-----MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM-----

"I apply to become a member of Campaign for Borders Rail. I agree to support the aims of the Campaign and to uphold its good name. I agree that CBR may store the personal data I provide for the purposes of administering my membership." A copy of the Campaign constitution and data protection policy is available on request. Members' personal data held by CBR is never shared with any third party. Membership rates are subject to annual review.

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

***** PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY *****

Annual Membership: £10 - Newsletter by e-mail £15 - Newsletter by post

Life Membership: £150 - Newsletter by e-mail £225 - Newsletter by post

Postal rates quoted are for UK only. For overseas rates please contact the membership secretary.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Send this form with your cheque payable to 'Campaign for Borders Rail', c/o Future Hawick, 2 Kirkwynd, Hawick, TD9 0AL OR make a bank transfer to sort code 80-17-91, account no. 00119607 (giving your surname as a reference).

Dr Beeching's worst cut

First slated for the axe in 1963 by British Rail's infamous chairman, Richard Beeching, the Waverley Route ranks as the worst rail cut in British history, with Hawick and Galashiels left further from a station than anywhere else of their size. When closure was confirmed in 1968 it prompted anger - and a last-ditch campaign for a reprieve.

Led by Hawick resident, Madge Elliot, a petition of 11,678 signatures was collected and personally delivered to 10 Downing Street.



Then, on 5th January 1969, in a final act of defiance and after demonstrations at Galashiels and Hawick, protesters at Newcastleton obstructed the very last passenger train for over two hours.



We are proud to count many veterans of the 1968/9 protests among our members today. Their efforts ensured that this cut was not accepted like so many others, and serve as an inspiration to CBR today.

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For completion by CBR representative

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