

TWEED VALLEY RAILWAY



Cheviot Area
Partnership

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Build a railway connection between the Borders Railway and Berwick-upon-Tweed



Our three point plan

- 1. Gauge Support**
- 2. Feasibility study**
- 3. Build it**

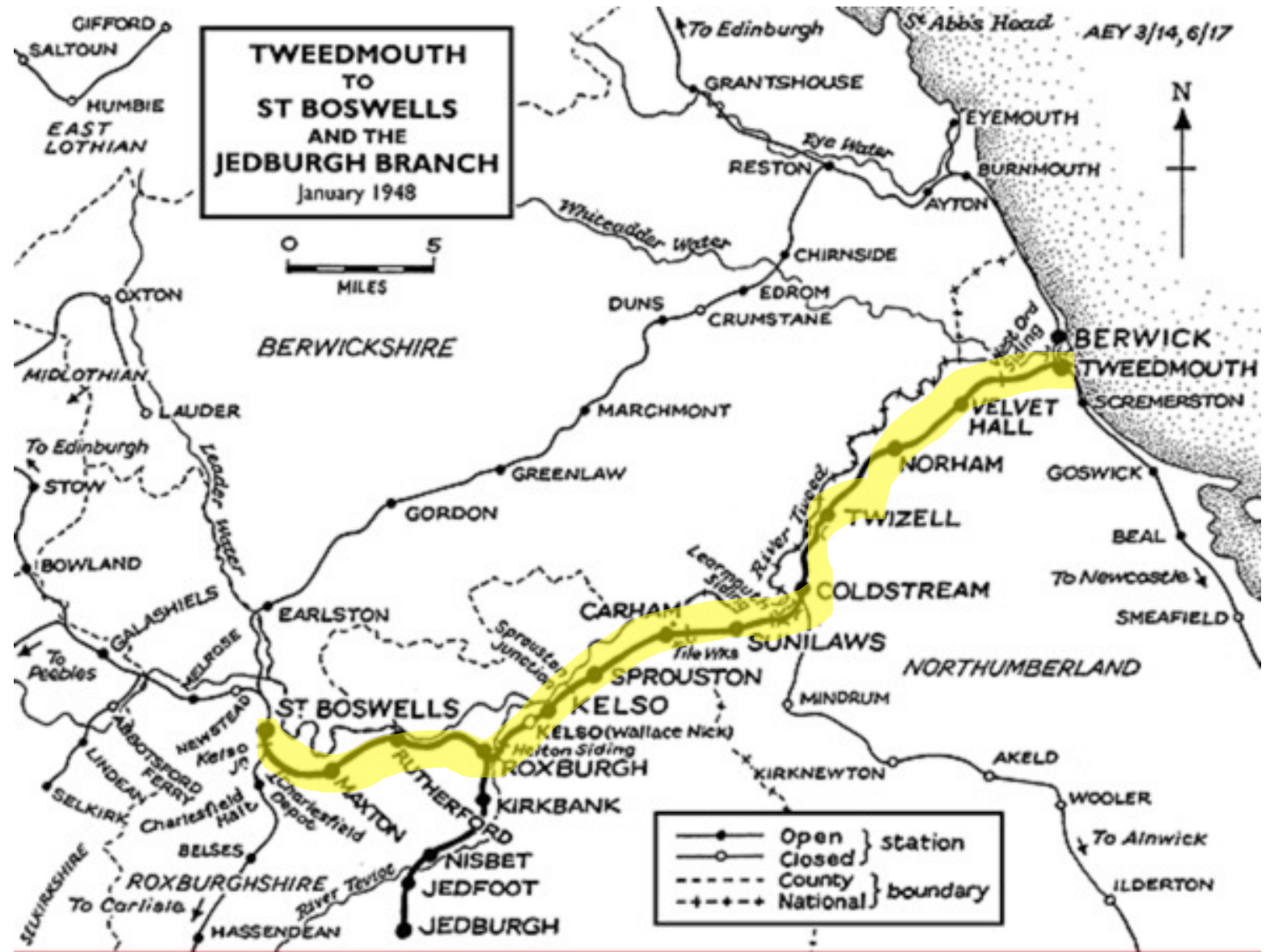


Campaign: to establish a railway between the Borders Railway and Berwick-upon-Tweed

A stunning 34-mile route

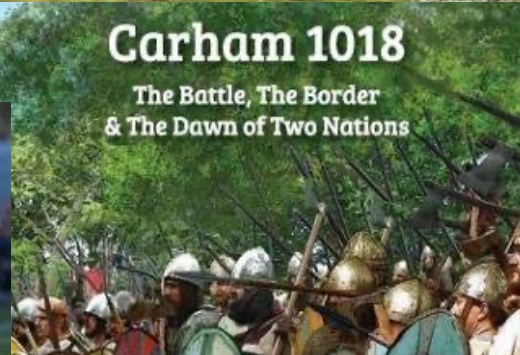
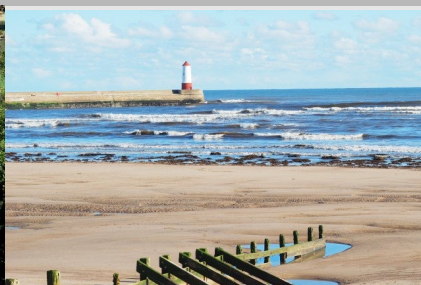
Half in Northumberland

Half in the Scottish Borders



NB The new railway's route would be depend on a feasibility study. This was the route in January 1948.

Tourism and leisure



SEE NORTHUMBERLAND
BY TRAIN

Active travel



JIM GIBSON

The plans hope to help boost the economy of communities along the length of the river

Plans for a "world-class long-distance" route along the path of the River Tweed have landed a grant of nearly £3m.



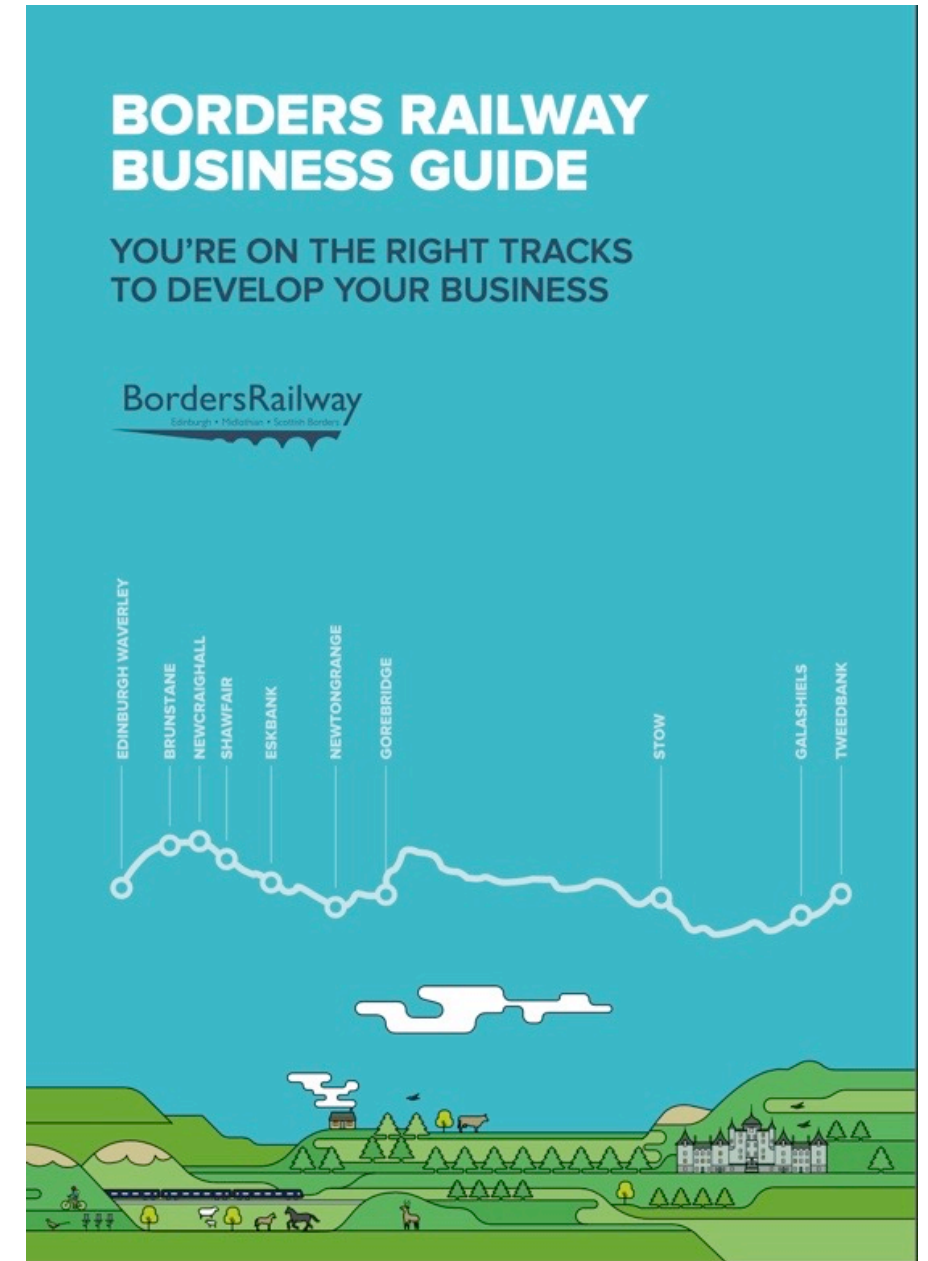
Access to Work, Education & Healthcare



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Attracting investment

- Borders Railway guide to encourage investment made possible by the new railway line
- Rail access opens up the region for investment

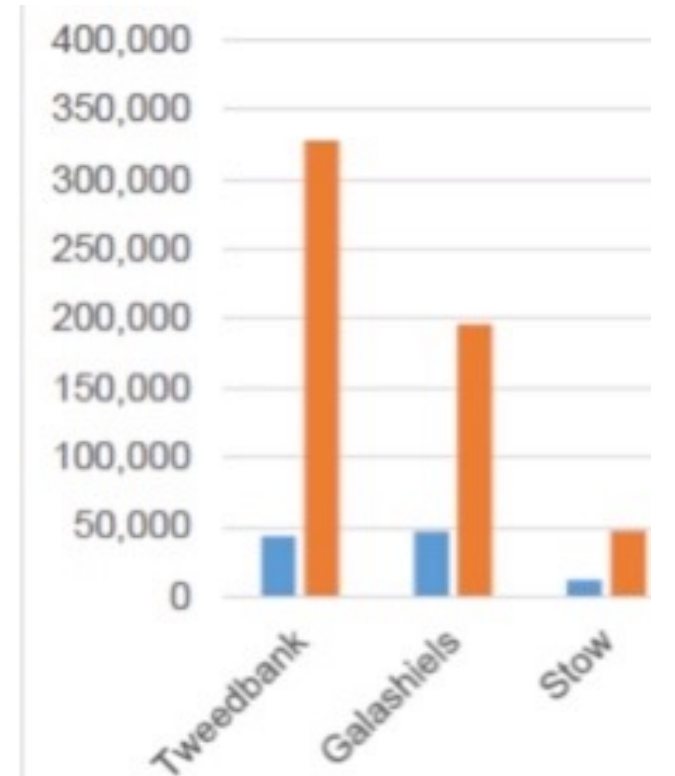


Attracting investment

Thinking Outside the Box

Artistically, Architecturally, Actively

- A 21st Century railway will attract investment
- Borders Railway – 2 million journeys p.a. smashes expectation
- Housing – more young people and families stay in the region
- ‘Railway Effect’ expected at restored stations e.g. Okehampton (Devon), Reston (Scottish Borders), Levenmouth (Fife)



- Feasibility study predictions
- Year one Actual



Attracting investment



- 21st Century Reston station opened on 23 May 2022
- Hundreds of new houses expected
- Plans for re-opening of the pub
- Parking for 70 – 200 cars and 20 EV chargers
- 11 cycle spaces
- A gateway to St Abbs, Eyemouth and Coldingham
- Linked to PINGO on-demand buses and re-routed 'normal' buses



21st Century Engineering



Unlocking regional potential

Sustainable transport

- Trains part of the shift away from fossil fuels
- Reduces dependency on cars
- Increases use of trains for freight – one freight train takes 76 lorries of the road



Resilience



Alternative route if ECML closed between Berwick – Edinburgh

Full East-West mainline connectivity once extension of Borders Railway to Carlisle completed

What have we achieved so far?



- Funding secured from Cheviot Neighbourhood Support Fund for a second year – **THANK YOU!**
- Over 300 members/supporters signed up in person and online
- Management Committee members from Northumberland and the Scottish Borders
- Website and social media presence growing
- Secured support from Plexus and Schloss Roxburghe
- Building our stakeholder network
- Met with local MPs and MSP
- Member of Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Sustainable Transport
- Secured local Councillor support north and south of the Border



Extension of Borders Railway unlocks additional benefits from Tweed Valley Railway

- Feasibility study on the extension of Borders Railway to Hawick and Carlisle set to proceed
- Reaching St Boswells would unlock the ability to extend eastwards to Berwick-upon-Tweed
- **Need to ensure upcoming feasibility study also factors in the potential benefits of restoring the Tweed Valley Railway**



Your questions

