

A letter to Associate Members of the Langholm Initiative

This is a letter to all of our newsletter readers who are Associate Members; i.e. those people who live outside the postcodes DG13 and DG14 (Langholm and Canonbie) but who support the aims of the Langholm Initiative, including the development of the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve.

We are most grateful for your interest.

We have recently updated the constitution of the Langholm Initiative to ensure we have a comprehensive statement of its responsibilities and powers.

We have also taken the opportunity to clarify the names of our two categories of formal supporters; those people who have applied for membership of the L.I. and have been accepted. Until now we have had a membership of people who lived in the two local postcodes DG13 and DG14, whom we call 'Full' and/or 'Local' members. These residents are going to be known simply as 'Members'. They have always had voting rights and this will continue. Only the name has changed.

We are also having a name change for our Associate Members. Historically we had very few associates, but the recent land buyouts created great interest among environmentally concerned people and suddenly hundreds joined us. Although we put them/you on the existing list called 'associate members' they/you have never had members' voting rights. We are now going to call you a 'Friend'. This will help clarify the difference between Members, who live here and have voting rights and people such as yourself, 'Friends', who are supportive and interested but don't live here or have the same rights as residents.

We hope you remain our Friend.

We'll continue to send you newsletters, and you are always welcome.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of The Langholm Initiative