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BRIEFING

NEWS

A look around at life in lockdown



WE ARE now in our seventh week of lockdown but Eskdale and Liddesdale are standing firm in the face of adversity with a community spirit.

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NEWS ON

Villagers make it a special day for Arthur



CELEBRATING a birthday during lockdown isn't easy but Newcastleton folk made sure one of their best-loved residents had a very special day.

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SPORT

"Bomber" makes it to Dream Team



ROBIN "Bomber" Hislop has been named in The Rugby Paper's Championship Dream XV.

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Moor crowdfunder kicks off with £100k

Community buy-out appeals to the public to help raise £3m



Abbie Laidlaw with her letter to the staff at Dalston Pharmacy

Letters of thanks

GRATITUDE during this time of crisis is taking many forms and for the children in P4 at Langholm their thanks came in the traditional art of letter writing.

The pupils wrote their messages to key workers in the town to show their appreciation. For the full story and more photos turn to page 2.



The Tarras Valley will become a nature reserve if the £6m community buy-out succeeds

Photo: Tom Hutton

A CROWDFUNDING campaign to buy part of Langholm Moor and transform it into a nature reserve is being launched today.

The £3m crowdfunder has got off to an excellent start with a donation of £100,000 from the John Muir Trust.

The new Tarras Valley Nature Reserve, if a deal is agreed with landowner Buccleuch, will, 10,500 acres, be southern Scotland's largest community land buy-out.

The ambitious plan by charity the Langholm Initiative to create the reserve by buying the wildlife-rich and culturally-important land has received

widespread support because of its positive goals of tackling climate change, boosting nature restoration and supporting community regeneration.

The crowdfunder is on Go Fund Me at www.gofundme.com/langholm-moor-buyout and will need to raise just over half of the £6m valuation on the land.

Significance

Kevin Cumming, the Initiative's project leader, said: "Our community plans here have international significance.

"At a time of climate emergency, we are committing to undertake direct climate action,

including restoring globally-precious peatlands and ancient woodlands, alongside the creation of new native woodlands.

"Langholm Moor is home to a host of iconic wildlife such as black grouse, short eared owls and merlin and is a stronghold for hen harriers, the most persecuted bird of prey in the UK.

"At this critical stage we are asking for the public's help. We know it's a big ask at a time like this but, if people can support us by donating to this project, we will be ensuring a more positive future for our children."

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