**TWEEDSMUIR SNOW BLOWER**

Tweedsmuir Community Council has purchased a snow blower for use by residents, funded by the SSE Clyde Border Community Fund. The snow blower will be housed and maintained by resident Simon Goldfinch. All local residents will have access to the snow blower to clear side roads not currently ploughed by Scottish Borders Council, and to use in their own driveways.

To comply with our insurance, any resident using the snow blower must have attended an hour-long **training course** with Simon, who is a qualified engineering lecturer. We would encourage as many people as possible to undertake the training, as only residents who have successfully completed the training will be able to use the snow blower.

Simon intends to build a separate shed to house the snow blower which will be secured with a combination padlock. Residents who have completed the training will therefore be able to access the snow blower if Simon is away.

The Community Council will cover the cost of **fuel** used for clearing public roads. Residents using the snow blower for their own driveways will be expected to replace the fuel they have used or make a contribution towards fuel. We have also purchased thermal work gloves and safety glasses.

**Training:**

This will be in small groups (maximum 4 people) with Simon at Heatherlea, Kirk Road.

Simon is initially offering training on:

10am – 11am Saturday 23rd February

11am – 12pm Saturday 23rd February

10am – 11am Saturday 2nd March

11am – 12pm Saturday 2nd March

Other times by arrangement, including weekdays.

To book a place, please email Paul Greaves on pgreavesalex@gmail.com stating which Saturday slot you could attend or other times you would be available.