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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Borders Wheels Expands Fleet with SOSE Grant Funding**

Borders Wheels is thrilled to announce that it has received grant funding from **South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE)** for the purchase of three new vehicles, strengthening its commitment to accessible and reliable community transport.

This funding will enable Borders Wheels to expand its minibus availability, ensuring more capacity to meet the growing demand for essential trips across the region.

The purchase is a vital interim step for the charity, ahead of its future Net Zero plans to move its entire 15-strong fleet to electric.

**Denise Carmichael, CEO of Borders Wheels**, expressed her enthusiasm:

*"We are delighted that SOSE has supported us in growing the Borders Wheels fleet. Some of our vehicles are ageing, and increasing our capacity will allow us to better serve our passengers, ensuring they get where they need to go safely and comfortably.*

*"This cannot be done without meeting our current and growing demand for our service and these vehicles will allow this to happen"*

**"Mike Rumbles, Chair of Borders Wheels**, added:

*"With these three new vehicles, our fleet now totals 15 across the Borders.*

*"This expansion is a significant step in improving our service, and we are incredibly grateful to SOSE for their support."*

The additional vehicles will help Borders Wheels continue its mission of providing accessible and affordable transport for communities across the Scottish Borders.

**Lena Scoular, Community Development Advisor, South of Scotland Enterprise** said:

*"Borders Wheels provide a vital service across the region, helping to reduce isolation through the provision of accessible and affordable transport.*

*"SOSE is delighted to have supported the charity to expand its service, which in turn allows them to prepare Border Wheels to move to a fully electric fleet."*

SOSE provided £54,954 towards the project.

Images are attached.

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