

INNERLEITHEN

Beauty comes in many forms, and Innerleithen is especially fortunate in having a truly beautiful High Street, both in form and concept. The street is unique in having a rich variety of truly local businesses with no chain stores or national trading concerns. All of the businesses on the High Street ranging from the award winning, Caldwell's ice Cream Shop to the newly re-established Post Office in the Allotment Fruit & Veg store are vibrant Community based businesses, established by local residents.



The variety of shopping opportunities is quite astounding for a small Scottish town with businesses specialising in high quality gifts and curios from the varied antique and book shops, craft shops and even a magical experience amongst the fairies in the Droopy Dandelion. The National Trust for Scotland's "Robert Smail's" Print shop also provides a welcome escape from the modern world into the realm of a Victorian printer, and is a fascinating living museum being the oldest working commercial letterpress printer in the UK.



Innerleithen is very much a living vibrant community, with many local organisations taking great civic pride in the town and its High Street which is very much the main artery of the surrounding area. The volunteers of the Innerleithen Community Trust raise funds from local businesses and organisations for the supply and maintenance of flower baskets erected along the High Street to give the street a horticultural beauty during the summer months. This is beautifully framed between the surrounding hills of the Tweed Valley which encircle the town and are visible from all parts of the High Street.



Civic pride is further enhanced at Christmas time when the Town's Christmas lights (Supplied and operated by volunteers) are the envy of the Borders with a spectacular display along the High Street and adjoining public spaces. In the Summer time the local festivities surrounding the St Ronan's Border Games encompass the High Street in a range of fancy dress parades, pipe bands and carnival floats proving yet again that the street forms the living heart of the community.