

ScotRail announce improvements at Tweedbank

✘ Tweedbank Station will soon have a shop and a public convenience, no doubt making passengers lives a little more pleasant when using the station.

The shop will sell hot and cold drinks, snacks, sweets and newspaper and there will be an accessible public toilet alongside.

This has been funded by Transport Scotland, ScotRail and the Scottish Government through the Borders Railway Blueprint Partnership.

The lease for the shop has been secured by local company Born in the Borders.

Cathy Craig, Commercial Director at ScotRail said: “The Borders Railway has been an extraordinary success in forging closer links between communities in the Borders and Midlothian, and the rest of Scotland.

“The new customer hub reinforces our commitment to the route and I’m sure will be most welcome by people who are travelling for business or leisure.”

John Henderson, Owner of Born in the Borders said: “After the success of our café in Galashiels, we are delighted to be continuing our exciting adventure along the Borders Railway.

“We have some extremely innovative plans for Tweedbank, including a pre-order coffee App so people can order on the way to the station and just grab and go when they get there.

“As always, local food and drink will be at the heart of our offering.”

Councillor David Parker, Leader of Scottish Borders Council added: "I am delighted that ScotRail and the Borders Railway Blueprint Partnership are providing toilet and kiosk facilities at Tweedbank Railway station.

"It is very welcome news that Born in the Borders, a growing local business, has been chosen as the operator of the new kiosk and their commitment to quality products and excellent customer service will be welcomed by visitors and regular railway passengers alike.

"The provision of toilet facilities will greatly enhance Tweedbank station and with other improvements planned for the Borders Railway in 2017, it is clear there will continue to be many future positive developments to come."