



Presents a comprehensive, unified, professional, and current view of Upper Nithsdale. To promote all tourism related businesses and market attractions, events and local services within the area. To encourage growth and utilisation of existing businesses, publicise vacant / wanted premises and job opportunities.

Liaison with other groups, including;

- UNPARS
- UNPO
- Federation of Small Businesses
- D&G Council
- SEDG
- VisitScotland
- CLD
- D&G College
- Police
- Locally Elected Representatives
- MSP's

Some of our Meetings & Events

- Visit Scotland presentation on Dumfries & Galloway Tourism
- Joint FSB meetings including open forum to raise business issues
- Quiz night
- Free training through D&G College
- Presentation on Langholm

Public Relations & Lobbying

The committee has worked hard to ensure that the issues facing local businesses have been adequately reported and represented. A prime example of this in the past year has been raising awareness of the effects of the extended roadworks on the A76. With much support from FSB, local businesses and MSP Alex Fergusson, we succeeded in raising the issues of business losses to the national press,



BBC Radio, the Transport Minister, and the Chief Executives of Amey, Scottish Water and Phil Jones of the Council. Only after some 30 letters, meetings and application through the Freedom of Information Act, did we finally receive a copy of the works contract – which, it transpired, had NO PENALTY for the 20 plus week overrun. We suspect that this issue will arise again – we'll be ready!

EXPO 2007

NBF is pleased to have secured funding to represent local tourism businesses at Scotland's only flagship business to business event for the travel trade. VisitScotland expo – April 2007 provides a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase our tourism products and services to potential buyers from around the globe.



We are promoting our area to buyers from all sectors of the industry from worldwide markets including Europe, USA, Japan, Australia, and of course the United Kingdom.