

PRESS RELEASE



CHARITY WALK IN HONOUR OF THE LATE MAJOR JAMIE TWEEDIE

ST CUTHBERTS WAY - 15 TO 19 APRIL 2026

Local farmer and former soldier in the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB), Major James Tweedie sadly died on 9 May 2025 of a brain tumour when only 50 years old. He had been diagnosed with a grade 3 Anaplastic Astrocytoma in July 2023, but despite two operations and months of gruelling treatment, the tumour progressed with heartbreaking speed. A group of his university friends are walking 100km of the St Cuthberts Way from 15th to 19th April in aid of The Scottish Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence in memory of Jamie – they are called "Team Tweeds". The following link provides further information and details of how to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/walkfortweedie>.

The team is walking to Holy Island via Harestanes, Kirk Yetholm, Wooler and Beal. They will gather at the gates of Melrose Abbey at 0830 on 15th April, supported by family and friends including Maj (Retd) Archie Douglas, another former KOSB soldier who has also undergone significant treatment for a brain tumour. A piper will play until the team departs at 0900.

A pilgrimage along St Cuthbert's way is a fitting way to remember Major Jamie Tweedie and the hope is that in doing so, a significant sum can be raised to support this important charity.

ABOUT THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS (KOSB)

Raised on 18th March 1689 to defend the City of Edinburgh during the religious turmoil at the time the Regiment was known for many years as the 25th Edinburgh Regiment of Foot. Following Army reforms, the Regiment became The King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) in 1887 and served with distinction for over 300 years in conflicts around the world, earning a reputation for valour, discipline and loyalty. The KOSB is no longer a separate active infantry Regiment after it merged with the other Scottish infantry regiments to form The Royal Regiment of Scotland in 2006. The Regiment's proud traditions are, however, preserved by the KOSB Regimental Association and The King's Own Scottish Borderers Regimental Museum in Berwick-upon-Tweed, which continues to honour the courage and sacrifice of all Borderers who served.

