

# Support for People Bereaved by Suicide

## Scottish Borders



*The Cloutie Tree is a place where people can tie a ribbon in memory of someone who has died by suicide and is a quiet place for reflection. The tree is located in the grounds of the Haining in Selkirk. A map is provided on the back page of this leaflet.*



Time



Space



Compassion

When someone dies by suicide it can turn your world upside down and the feelings you have can be powerful, deeply painful and overwhelming.

You might feel shock, disbelief, anger, guilt. You may be wondering why they have taken their own life and it can be hard to accept that you might never know. Whatever feelings you have, it's okay to feel that way. It's a normal part of the grieving process to have strong emotions and there is no one 'right' way to feel or act. People grieve in their own way so let yourself do that.

Sometimes people might experience thoughts of suicide themselves - not wanting to go on without the person they've lost or perhaps that person's death has intensified their own thoughts of suicide. If you are having thoughts of suicide, it's important to talk to someone. Details of support for suicidal thoughts are listed on the back page.

## Support for people bereaved by suicide

<b>Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide helpline</b>	0300 111 5056 (Monday & Tuesday 9am -5pm) <a href="https://uksobs.org/">https://uksobs.org/</a>
<b>Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide local support group</b>	Group of people locally who are bereaved by suicide. Meets monthly. Contact the local Co-ordinator on 0770 4691 111 or email <a href="mailto:scottishborders@uksobs.org">scottishborders@uksobs.org</a>
<b>Facing the Future - online suicide bereavement support group</b>	The Facing the Future service has been developed by Samaritans and Cruse Bereavement Support to help support people who have been bereaved by suicide. Facing the Future support groups are run on Zoom and give people the opportunity to meet others who have lost someone to suicide and receive support. <a href="https://www.facingthefuturegroups.org/">https://www.facingthefuturegroups.org/</a>

<b>PETAL: People Experiencing Trauma and Loss</b>	Offer therapy and counselling services for people who are experiencing bereavement grief and loss as a direct result of suicide. PETAL currently also provide a service for children and young people age aged between 12 and 24. People can self-refer or be referred in by another support agency. 01698 324502 <a href="mailto:Info@petalsupport.com">Info@petalsupport.com</a> <a href="http://www.petalsupport.com/">http://www.petalsupport.com/</a>
<b>CRUSE Scotland</b>	Provides professional support for bereaved adults, children and families across Scotland. Also provides support to workplaces where there has been a suicide. <a href="https://www.crusescotland.org.uk/">https://www.crusescotland.org.uk/</a> 0808 802 6161 Open weekdays 9am-8pm and weekends 10am - 2pm <a href="mailto:support@crusescotland.org.uk">support@crusescotland.org.uk</a>
<b>Touched by Suicide Scotland</b>	Aim to provide a safe, confidential environment where bereaved people can share their experiences. They offer emotional and practical support in the form of a telephone helpline, help by e-mail and online one to one support. <a href="https://touchedbysuicidescotland.wordpress.com/">https://touchedbysuicidescotland.wordpress.com/</a> Telephone Helpline: Linda 01294 274273
<b>After a Suicide booklet (SAMH)</b>	Provides further information about the practical issues that might need to be faced after a suicide and discusses some of the emotions you might be experiencing. <a href="https://www.samh.org.uk/documents/After_A_Suicide.pdf">https://www.samh.org.uk/documents/After A Suicide.pdf</a>

## Looking after your wellbeing

If you have been affected by suicide it's important to take steps to look after your mental health and wellbeing. The Six Ways to Be Well helps you to think about ways you can do this. For more information visit NHS Borders Wellbeing Point  
[www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint](http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint)



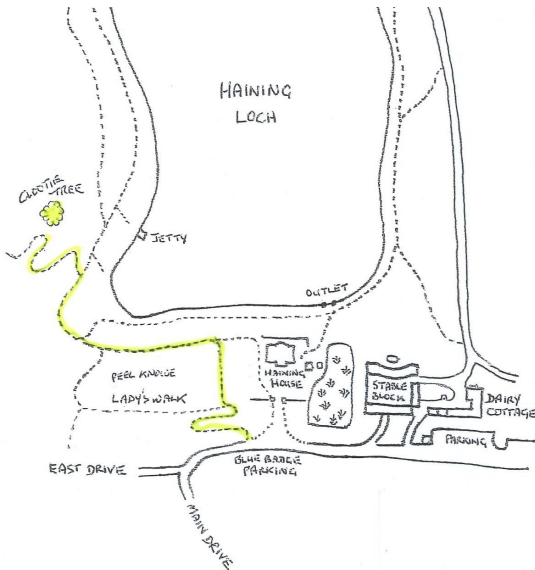
# Supports for anyone having thoughts of suicide



Samaritans	116 123
Breathing Space	0800 83 85 87
NHS 24 Mental Health Hub	111
Papyrus HOPELINE 247 (Prevention of Young Suicide)	0800 068 4141
SHOUT text service	Text SHOUT to 85258
Stay Alive App	Download on Apple or Android
Childline (up to age 19)	0800 1111

**If someone is at immediate risk of suicide call 999 and don't leave them alone.**

## Map to the Cloutie Tree



**Ribbons to tie on the Cloutie Tree can be collected from the Chaplaincy Centre, Borders General Hospital**

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