

Scottish Borders

Cheviot Locality Plan

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Introduction

Welcome to the Cheviot Locality Plan. This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The actions that will be carried out
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resourcesⁱ in the most effective way to reduce inequality



Resources – this could be: funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan will help those who are in greatest need, and focuses on what action can be taken to improve the quality of life for those who live in Cheviot.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Cheviot what would make the area better.

This plan is structured around four themes:

- Economy, Skills & Learning
- Health, Care & Wellbeing
- Quality of Life
- Environment & Place



Area Partnership – bringing together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

From the Area Partnershipⁱ meetings to date we have gathered all the comments and feedback which you gave and prioritised what you told us is important to you and what will make a difference to the lives of people in the Cheviot area.

Communities, community planning partnersⁱ and local service providersⁱ will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership. The key actions are detailed at the end of this plan.

At a Locality level this is done through the Cheviot Locality Plan and the Cheviot Area Partnership.

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans, are referenced at the end of this plan.

Cheviot Locality Area Profile 2018

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Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Cheviot Area Partnership meetings over the past year. Going forward, our aim is to reach out to a wider range of people within the community as we recognise the importance of engaging with everyone in our community.

We will continue to build on this draft plan, and gain further understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities.

A vital part of this will be ongoing engagement and communication with the people of Cheviot, and to create further opportunities for people to talk to us in person, to take part in surveys or online. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

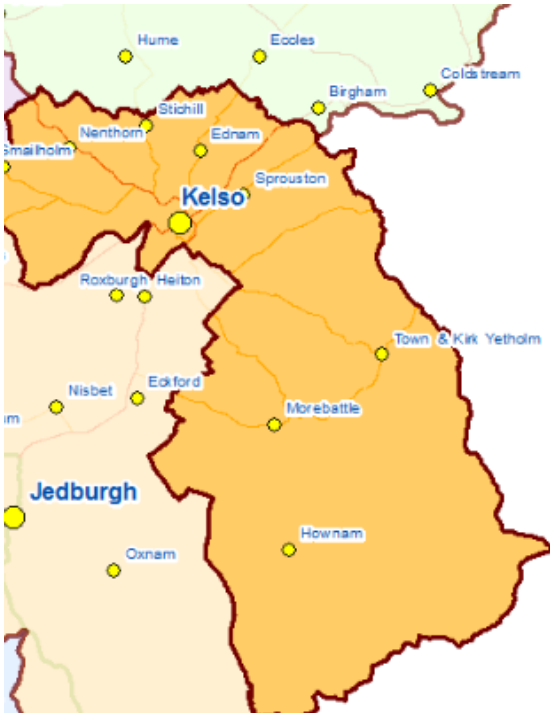
We have gathered the feedback that you gave us to help shape this plan, and it is really important that you continue to give us your views and thoughts as this plan will have an impact on the community that you live in.

We want the people in Cheviot to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

For information on how to get involved, join a local community group or community council, take part in local volunteering opportunities, please contact XXXXXX.

Cheviot Wards

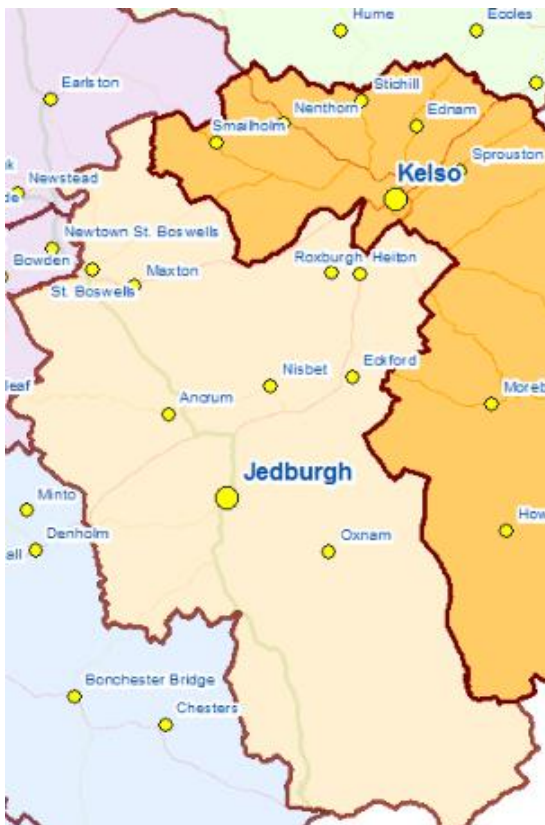


Kelso & District

Population - 10,321

Kelso - 6,903

Yetholm - 611



Jedburgh & District

Population - 9,156

Jedburgh - 3,882

St Boswells - 1,460

Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Seek additional investment to help regenerate our town centres

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Improve the existing tourism offer, for example
 - development of existing and new accommodation businesses
 - co-ordination of, and between, key tourist sites
 - adjusting business opening hours to meet the needs of visitors
 - creation of new events
- Understand and develop the opportunities alongside the Developing the Young Workforce Programme
- Build on the investment in the new school/community campus estate
- Invest in opportunities for inter-generational projects, including the development of life skills
- Improve the infrastructure, specifically mobile and broadband connectivity as well as transport networks/roads

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Help support (e.g. raise awareness, signpost, promote) and build the capacity (e.g. training, sharing best practice) of local community groups and organisations in delivering their activities

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Improve transport links across Cheviot, including the opportunities that could be provided by Community Transport groups/organisations
- Improve support for unpaid carers
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality to meet need and demand
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of existing co-located and integrated teams (e.g. Multidisciplinary Team, Community Healthcare Team)
- Enhance and promote the “contact” opportunities for individuals with their local communities (to reduce social isolation)

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Quality of Life

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Support the development of (multi-agency) approaches to tackle local community issues

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Encourage sports, leisure and youth clubs to provide year-round, affordable and accessible activities for all
- Improve local community space and activities for young people
- Improve communication across communities, including about specific projects and between public agencies
- Better understand the support on offer for, and within, the community (specifically from the Public and Third Sectors) across all themes of this Plan

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Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Cheviot is:

- Improve public transport services/delivery models, including accessibility to them, and explore offering free transport for young people

Other priorities that are important to the Cheviot community:

- Plan for future infrastructure requirements, including connectivity (i.e. broadband) and energy (i.e. renewable technology and sustainable heating systems)
- Provide appropriate and affordable housing for all ages and stages of life, including mixed tenure/age housing developments and explore the opportunities of the old/forthcoming secondary school sites
- Ensure the locality has the right provision of business and industrial premises and land availability, including high street premises and spaces for small businesses
- Reduce our impact on the local (and global) environment by raising awareness of what local communities can do in terms of their homes, their businesses, their schools, their travel etc.
- Address local flooding issues, specifically where it holds back local development

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How we will measure success

The Cheviot Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities.

Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

Local Plans for Cheviot

Local Community Action Plans

- Jedburgh Regeneration Action Plan

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Kelso Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Jedburgh Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Cheviot are:

- >list to be drafted<