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## BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2016

A MEETING of the BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, NEWTOWN STREET, DUNS on THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2016 at 6.30 pm

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,  
24 November 2016.

**Note:** In advance of the main business meeting, Mr Iain Heard of the CAB will be available from 5.45 pm to 6.15 pm should anyone wish to discuss matters relating to Pension Wise services available.

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions.</b>	
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>	
3.	<b>Order of Business.</b>	
4.	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b>	
5.	<b>Minute.</b> (Pages 1 - 6)  Minute of the meeting of Berwickshire Area Forum of 1 September 2016. (Copy attached.)	
6.	<b>Berwickshire Flag - Matter Arising from Minute of 13 December 2015.</b>  Update by the Chairman.	5 mins
7.	<b>Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance on Housing.</b>  Presentation by Charles Johnston, Principal Officer, Plans & Research, SBC.	10 mins
8.	<b>Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.</b>  Presentation by the Communities & Partnerships Team, Strategic Policy Unit, Scottish Borders Council.	20 mins
9.	<b>Pension Wise.</b>  Presentation by Iain Heard, CAB.	20 mins
10.	<b>Disabled Persons Parking Places.</b> (Pages 7 - 12)  Consider report by Chief Officer Roads, SBC. (Copy attached.)	10 mins

11.	<b>Police Scotland.</b> Quarterly update report by Police Scotland. (To follow.)	10 mins
12.	<b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.</b> (Pages 13 - 18) Quarterly update report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
13.	<b>Open Questions.</b> Opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues not included on the agenda.	10 mins
14.	<b>Community Spotlight.</b> Consider matters of interest to local communities.	10 mins
15.	<b>Future Agenda Items.</b> Open discussion to consider future agenda items.	10 mins
16.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated.</b>	
17.	<b>Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.</b>	
18.	<b>Date of Future Meetings (Berwickshire Area Forum).</b> Meetings of the Berwickshire Area Forum are scheduled to take place on:- 2 March 2017 15 June 2017.	

#### NOTES

- 1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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**Membership of Committee:-** Councillors M. J. Cook (Chairman), D. Moffat (Vice-Chairman), J. Campbell, J. A. Fullarton, J. Greenwell and F. Renton.

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM**

MINUTES of Meeting of the  
BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM held in  
Council Offices, Newtown Street, Duns on  
Thursday, 1 September, 2016 at 6.30 pm

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- Present:- Councillors M. J. Cook (Chairman), J. Campbell, J. A. Fullarton, J. Greenwell, and F. Renton.  
Community Councils:- Cockburnspath and Cove – Pauline Hood; Coldingham – Rhona Goldie; Coldstream and District – Martin Brims; Duns – Keith Hall; Edrom, Allanton & Whitsome – Trixie Collin; Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton – Howard Doherty; Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth – Keith Dickinson; Grantshouse – Kym Bannerman; Hutton and Paxton – June McGregor; Lammermuir – Mark Rowley; Reston and Auchencrow – Logan Inglis; Swinton and Ladykirk – Bill Purvis.
- Apologies:- Councillor D. Moffat.  
Community Councils:- Burnmouth; Gordon & Westruther; Greenlaw & Hume. Inspector John Scott, Police Scotland.
- In Attendance:- Station Manager M Acton, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Democratic Services Officer (P Bolson).

Members of the Public:- 3

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chairman varied the order of business as shown on the Agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

3. **MINUTE**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of 2 June 2016.

**DECISION  
APPROVED the Minute for signature by the Chairman.**

4. **NOTE**

4.1 There had been circulated copies of the Note of the Special Informal Meeting of 28 June 2016.

**DECISION  
APPROVED the Note for signature by the Chairman.**

4.2 **MATTER ARISING**

The Chairman informed Members that Scottish Borders Council had written to the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity, Fergus Ewing MSP regarding provision of Broadband services and included specific reference to the Berwickshire experience to date. The letter would be circulated to Community Councils in due course.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**5. PUBLIC PAYPHONES.**

5.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr Douglas Scott, Senior Policy Adviser with Scottish Borders Council, to the meeting to provide background and additional information regarding BT's proposals to remove a number of public payphones from the area. Mr Scott explained that following on from recent correspondence from BT, information had now been received which detailed the proposals for the removal of 104 public payphones in the Scottish Borders. Mr Scott went on to advise that Local Authorities have been given the responsibility by the communications Regulator OFCOM to make the case to BT for any retention of payphones and as previously indicated, BT proposed that priority would be given to those payphones located in - a suicide hotspot; an accident blackspot; an area without any mobile coverage; or within 400 metres of the coast. In addition BT had indicated that payphones will not be removed where there was a reasonable need. Assessments would be made using set criteria and payphones would be retained where all three applied, namely that – it was the only payphone within 800 metres; there had been at least 12 calls of any type made from the payphone within a 12 month period; and that the local population was not fewer than 500 households within 1 km of the phone box. Any supportive information as to why particular payphones should be retained in a community should be forwarded to Douglas Scott ([dscott@scotborders.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:dscott@scotborders.gcsx.gov.uk)) by Friday 30 September 2016. In addition, the consultation gave communities the opportunity to adopt a traditional red 'heritage' phone box (with no pay phone service) to make them an asset for the local community at the cost of £1. Further information on this could be accessed at [http://btbusiness.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/30225/~how-do-i-apply-to-adopt-a-bt-kiosk%3F](http://btbusiness.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/30225/~how-do-i-apply-to-adopt-a-bt-kiosk%3F)

5.2 Discussion followed and it was emphasised how essential public payphones had been during severe weather conditions, eg the storms in late 2015/early 2016. Due to the insufficient mobile phone coverage that currently existed within the Scottish Borders, the sole method of communication in more rural communities to report issues such as uprooted trees and road blockages was the BT landline telephone infrastructure which offered the best resilience in any emergency. Questions were raised in relation to the criteria used by BT to determine which payphones would be removed and examples were given of non-use of a payphone because it was known locally that it had been out of order for years and in a number of communities, local volunteers maintained and cleaned kiosks. It was acknowledged that this was a savings exercise by BT and that in some cases, evidence might indicate that kiosks were redundant. However, it was also noted that public payphones had been saved following previous, similar consultations and Community Councils were encouraged to make the case for retention directly to Mr Scott. The Chairman thanked Mr Scott for his attendance at the meeting at very short notice.

**DECISION  
NOTED.**

**6. RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT ALCOHOL IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

6.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr Ian Tunnah, Licensing Standards and Enforcement Officer with SBC to the meeting to give a presentation on raising concerns about alcohol in the local community on behalf of the Scottish Borders Licensing Forum. The presentation supported publication of the Toolkit Resource for communities and explained that it had been designed to assist communities and individuals who wished to become involved in how alcohol impacted on their localities. Mr Tunnah explained how the licensing process worked in Scotland and advised that, due to the harm associated with the consumption of alcohol, it was considered a high risk product and was therefore subject to regulation in order to minimise that risk. Three types of alcohol license existed under the current system, namely: permanent (premises); temporary (occasional); and personal (for managers and supervisors who managed the sale of alcohol. Temporary licences included those issued for events such as local festivals and weddings and there were over 1,500

granted annually in the Scottish Borders. A number of bodies/agencies were involved in the process of deciding who could sell alcohol, namely the Local Licensing Board which was made up of 10 Elected Members; the Licensing Standards Officer; Police; Health Board; Community Councils; Local Licensing Forum and individual members of the Community. Mr Tunnah summarised the licensing application process, the part that Community Councils played in that process and how concerns about alcohol in the community could be raised. Issues could be reported to the Police and/or the Licensing Standards Officer and Community Councils could input to the planning process. They could also become involved with the Local Licensing Forum and comment on alcohol licence applications. In addition, the public were advised to discuss areas of concern with their local Councillor. Advice was also available as to what information to include when making an objection and how to prepare for attendance at a Hearing.

- 6.2 The presentation explained that under the Scottish Borders Licensing Policy Statement 2013-16, there were a number of licensing objectives. These included preventing crime and disorder; securing public safety; preventing public nuisance; protecting children from harm; and protecting and improving public health (applicable only in Scotland). Objectors to an application were invited to attend the Licensing Board hearing where the license would be considered. The presentation also referred to the Alcohol Profile 2014/15 which presented evidence of alcohol-related harm in the Scottish Borders and was based on local information supplied by Police Scotland, NHS Borders, Scottish Borders Council and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Mr Tunnah answered questions and provided clarification on a number of points raised. He confirmed that consideration was given to late comments/objections submitted during the application process where valid reasons were given for the delay. The Chairman thanked Mr Tunnah for attending the Forum.

## **DECISION**

**NOTED the presentation.**

## **7. ATTAINMENT IN SCHOOLS**

- 7.1 The Chairman welcomed Ms Donna Manson, SBC's Service Director Children and Young People and Ms Liz Wharton, Senior Lead Officer to the meeting. Ms Manson stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide updated and additional information to the Forum in relation to attainment in schools across Berwickshire. The documents which Ms Manson referred to in her presentation were circulated at the meeting. Ms Manson explained that the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) was the Scottish Government's official tool for identifying concentrations of deprivation in Scotland. SIMD16 was the Scottish Government's fifth edition since 2004 and was based on work conducted by Oxford University in 1999. The SIMD could be used for comparing overall deprivation of small areas or neighbourhoods which were measured in statistical units known as datazones, ie neighbourhoods of at least 500 people, and usually around 700-900 people and worked well for urban areas and self-contained settlements of over 500 people. The SIMD16 was built up of 38 indicators which covered 7 domains (topic areas). Ms Manson explained how the information was measured, scored and ranked against a single Overall Multiple Deprivation rank. The 7 domains were:- income deprivation and employment deprivation which attracted the highest weightings according to the Scottish Government's criteria; deprivation due to poor health and education and skills deprivation (medium weightings); geographic access deprivation to essential services (medium-low weighting); and deprivation due to inadequate housing and deprivation due to crime in the local area (lowest weightings). Further explanation was given into how the SIMD information was interpreted, how it related to the Scottish Borders and how it provided a basis from which questions could be asked. Ms Manson also advised that there were limitations in terms of what conclusions could be drawn from the data in the SIMD. She observed, and evidence from the schools made clear that assumptions based upon SIMD should not constrain the ambition students nor inhibit their performance.

- 7.2 The presentation identified the SBC profile within SMID16, the more detailed profiles relating to Berwickshire High School (BHS) and Eyemouth High School (EYHS) and showed comparisons with other High Schools across the SBC area. Primary School comparisons within Mid- and East Berwickshire were also included. Statistics relating to the three areas of reading, writing and numeracy within the National Improvement Framework were also detailed. Ms Manson explained how SBC applied the Quality Improvement Framework (QIF). Activities/actions such as visits to schools by senior officers from the Council's Children and Young People team; reviews and inspections; adherence to all the quality indicators, including leadership within schools; adopting a culture of continuous improvement; focussing on the learner journey; and in-depth analysis from each school contributed to continuous improvement.
- 7.3 Specific achievements during 2015/16 were highlighted, demonstrating where schools and individuals had attained improved and outstanding success and Ms Manson congratulated the schools in Berwickshire for their commitment to improving the education experience for young people. Ms Manson and Ms Wharton concluded by answering questions and providing clarification on a number of points relating to: access to after school activities; designing, with input from student and parents, a learning journey specific to each young person; and "cross-learning" with High Schools (specific to Berwickshire). The Chairman thanked Ms Manson and Ms Wharton for their attendance and presentation.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the presentation.**

#### **8. POLICE SCOTLAND**

The Chairman reported that due to unforeseen circumstances, Inspector Scott was unable to the meeting to present the Police Scotland report for Berwickshire for the period up to 1 September 2016. The report detailed the Ward Plan Priorities for East Berwickshire, namely Road Safety; Misuse of Drugs; Rural Thefts; and Antisocial Behaviour. For Mid Berwickshire the priorities were Road Safety; Inconsiderate Driver Behaviour; and Antisocial Behaviour. In terms of road safety and inconsiderate driver behaviour, there had been 3 instances of drink driving in the Berwickshire area during this reporting period. The Skills for Life programme, which had been reported to the Forum previously, continued to run and information could be accessed via the SBC website. It was also reported that there had been a fatal road traffic accident on the southbound carriageway of the A1 near Granshouse at around 3.40pm on Sunday 21 August 2016. The accident involved a Mercedes Vito van and a Scania articulated lorry and Police Scotland were appealing for any information relating to the incident. There had been 12 drugs-related offences detected in Berwickshire during the reporting, including one for cannabis cultivation. The report listed some of the signs that might indicate such activity and reiterated that all information provided to the police would be treated confidentially. Rural thefts from houses and farms continued to be of concern and the report noted that several such incidents had taken place recently in East Berwickshire. The report advised that during 2016, the public consultation by Police Scotland on identifying priorities for policing in local communities would be available online during and would be open for the whole year. The consultation could be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX)

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the report.**

#### **9. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

- 9.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) informing the Forum of SFRS activity since 2 June 2016. The report explained that there had been 4 occurrences of fires in houses/buildings which had resulted in 1 casualty; 4 open fire incidents with no casualties; 16 Special Service incidents giving rise to 19 casualties, one of which was fatal; and 20 non-deliberate unwanted fire alarm signals. Station Manager Matt Acton went on to inform Members of activity which had occurred and which was currently taking place in Berwickshire and the measures being taken to address

issues identified within the area. Other work being progressed in Berwickshire, as reported in the Minute of 2 June 2016, continued and further updates would be provided in due course. The summer Thematic Action Plan was now underway, the focus of which was wildfire; rubbish and refuse fires; and outdoor safety. Ward Plans for Berwickshire were available to the public on the SFRS website. The report also provided an update on the recruitment and retention of firefighters and it was noted that vacancies for Retained Duty Firefighters currently existed in Duns, Eyemouth and Coldstream. In response of a number of questions, Station Manager Acton confirmed that there was no cut off age for volunteers and that officers within a fire station would be able to advise on burning goods and any potential pollution resulting from such activity. It was also noted that there were By-Laws in place which SEPA could enforce.

- 9.2 There was concern within the local community in relation to road safety on A1 at Grantshouse, particularly following the fatal road traffic incident in August. Discussion followed in relation to the appropriateness of a 60mph speed restriction on that stretch of road and the distance between speed cameras. Comment was also made in respect of the diversions put in place following an accident and it was noted that the lack of local knowledge of the area sometimes resulted in large, heavy vehicles using narrow roads making negotiating bends etc extremely problematic. Reports had been received of timber transportation trucks using a private driveway to reverse. Ways in which the situation might be alleviated were suggested, including the implementation of average speed cameras; the use of ghost islands; and reporting any inappropriate use of private driveways to the sub-contractor. The Forum noted that it had been 12 months since Mr George Henry, Road Safety Manager at Transport Scotland gave a presentation on the A1 Junction Review and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact Mr Henry to ascertain what follow-up work was still required. It was further agreed that Inspector Scott be informed of local concerns in respect of road diversions from A1 following road traffic incidents. The Chairman thanked Station Manager Acton for his attendance.

#### **DECISION**

(a) **NOTED the report.**

(b) **AGREED that:-**

- (i) **following A1 Junction Review presented to the Berwickshire Area Forum in September 2015, the Chairman would contact Mr Henry to ascertain what follow-up work was still required; and**
- (ii) **the Chairman would contact Inspector Scott to appraise him of local concerns in relation to diversions from A1 following road traffic incidents.**

#### **10. OPEN QUESTIONS**

There were no open questions.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED.**

#### **11. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

##### Berwickshire Access Panel

On behalf of the Berwickshire Access Panel, Mrs Kym Bannerman asked that local communities consider access issues such as dropped kerbs and parking spaces for disabled people and forward information/concerns to her so that she can raise these matters at Panel meetings.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED.**

12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Items for inclusion on future Agendas were discussed and it was agreed that Road Safety Issues on A1 near Grantshouse be included.

**DECISION**

**AGREED that Road Safety Issues on A1 near Grantshouse be included.**

13. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS (BERWICKSHIRE AREA FORUM)**

Future meetings of the Berwickshire Area Forum were scheduled for:-

1 December 2016;

2 March 2017;

15 June 2017.

**DECISION**

**NOTED.**

*The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.*

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## **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

**Report by Chief Officer, Roads**

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### **BERWICKSHIRE FORUM**

**1 December 2016**

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#### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

**1.1 This report proposes to amend The Scottish Borders Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2015**

1.2 Since the original order in 2015 a number of additional request have been received, as well as bays which are no longer required and have been removed. This report details the amendments with the Berwickshire area as part of a region-wide Traffic Regulation Order (omitting those which are no longer required since the beginning of consultation).

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1 I recommend that the Berwickshire Area Forum approves the amendment of disabled parking places in the Berwickshire Area listed in Appendix A (as amended by removals) to The Scottish Borders Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) Order 2015.**

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 came into effect on 1st October 2009 and imposed a duty on Local Authorities to provide advisory on-street parking places for disabled persons.
- 3.2 Under the Councils Scheme of Administration, Area Forums approve the making temporary, permanent or experimental orders for the regulation of traffic.
- 3.3 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) covers the whole of the Scottish Borders Council Area and this Area Forum is asked only to approve disabled bays within its own area.
- 3.4 Since the TRO was prepared and advertised, a number of disabled bays are now not required and have been brought to our attention for removal. These bays will not be included in the final TRO and are shown as struck off in the draft schedule shown in Appendix A. This could have been for any number of reasons, such as death or failure to renew the blue badge.
- 3.5 Statutory Consultation on the proposals was carried out from 28/06/2016 to 26/07/2016. We received one comment from Duns Community Council, details of which are described in 3.7 and attached in Appendix B.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 15/08/2016 to 16/09/2016. No adverse comments or objections were received.
- 3.7 We received comments regarding the 2 disabled persons parking places in Glebe Park shown in Appendix B. They related to the fact that there are 2 bays in an area which has an ongoing problem with insufficient parking. As both the original applicants are still 'qualifying persons' under the Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009, we would recommend retaining both these spaces.

### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Financial**

The costs associated with signs and lines have already been incurred when the disabled bays were introduced as advisory bays under the Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. The only remaining costs are associated with advertising and making of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Advertising region-wide TRO £3,000

These costs would be borne by Network's Aids to Movement budget.

#### **4.2 Risk and Mitigations**

- (a) The risks of not proceeding with the recommendation are that the bays would not be enforceable.
- (b) There are no perceived risks of proceeding with the recommendation.

#### 4.3 **Equalities**

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

#### 4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

#### 4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant impacts on the carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

#### 4.6 **Rural Proofing**

It is anticipated that there are no adverse effect on the rural are from the proposals contained in this report.

#### 4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

### 5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

#### **Approved by**

**David Girdler**  
**Chief Officer, Roads**

**Signature .....**

#### **Author(s)**

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**Background Papers: none**

**Previous Minute Reference: none**

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## Appendix A

### Allanton

B051	Main Street (east side)	<b>REMOVE</b>
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### Ayton

B069	High Street (north side)	45m east of junction with The Crofts, east for 6.6m
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### Burnmouth

B098	Cowdrait (north east parking area)	most westerly bay
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### Chirnside

B086	East Croftsfield (south side)	25m east of junction with Park View
B025	Main St East End	<b>REMOVE</b>

### Cockburnspath

B071	Croftsacre (north side)	north westerly bay in turning head
B081	Croftsacre (north side)	east bay in parking area outside no25/27
B084	Crofts Road (south west leg)	south west parking bay

### Coldingham

B070	Priors Walk (north west leg)	3rd most northerly bay in parking area
B103	Hallbank (north side)	30m west of junction with St Abbs Road, west for 6.6m

### Coldstream

B080	Duns Road (east side)	16m south of The Lodge junction, south for 6.6m
B082	Cheviot Terrace (west side)	30.5m north of Home Place junction, north for 6.6m
B085	Hillview (north east parking area)	4th most westerly bay
B092	Duns Road (east side)	66m south of junction with Nursery Road, south for 6.6m
B093	Duke Street (north side)	98m east of junction with roads leading to Leet Street, east for 6.6m

## Duns

B079	Winterfield Gardens (west leg of west square)	30m south of north leg, south for 6.6m
B088	Earlsmeadow (north east parking area)	most south easterly bay
B094	Glebe Park (west leg parking area)	most easterly bay on south side
B095	Hawthorn Bank (east cul-de-sac)	most north easterly parking bay
B096	Winterfield Gardens (north leg of west square)	8m west of main drag of Winterfield Gardens, west for 6.6m
B097	Glebe Park (west leg parking area)	most easterly bay on north side
B042	Willis Wynd	<b>REMOVE</b>

## Eyemouth

B073	Queens Road (north west side)	40m north of junction with Broad Street, north for 6.6m
B074	North Street (east side)	63m north of junction with Northburn Road, north for 6.6m
B075	Deanhead Road (south west parking area)	most northerly parking space
B076	Coldingham Road (north side)	23m west of junction with Hurkur Crescent, west for 6.6m
B077	Deanhead Drive (south west parking area)	3rd most easterly bay
B078	Queens Road (north west side)	129m north of junction with Broad Street, north for 6.6m
B083	Gunsgreen Circle (west parking bays)	3rd bay in from Johns Road
B089	The Avenue (between Lairds Hill junctions)	most northerly parking space for 6.6m
B090	Upper Houndlaw (west side)	3m south of junction with Beach Avenue, south for 6.6m
B101	Beach Avenue (south west side)	33m south east of junction with Hurkur Crescent, south east for 6.6m
B043	Hinkar Way	<b>REMOVE</b>

## Leitholm

B102	Cotter Lea (west to east running leg)	most northerly of 2 bays
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## Gordon

B100	Main Street (north side)	41m east of junction with Sunnybraes, east for 6.6m
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## Reston

B099	Main Street (south side)	73m west of junction with The Orchard, west for 6.6m
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## St Abbs

B072	Briery Law (east side)	layby area at north end
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## Appendix B

**From:** Duns Community Council [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 July 2016 14:55  
**To:** Webster, Jane  
**Cc:** Andrew Mitchell  
**Subject:** proposed traffic regulation order - Duns

Dear Jean,

Duns Community Council wish to comment on the proposed traffic regulation order - disabled persons' parking spaces.

While we understand the necessity of providing these spaces for disabled people we are concerned about the siting of 2 in Glebe Park as this street already has an on-going problem with insufficient parking spaces for residential use .

Anne Cummins (secretary)



"Keeping People Safe"



**Berwickshire Area Forum 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.**

**(Station Manager Matt Acton)**

**Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Berwickshire Area Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity since the last forum meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

Within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-2017 for the Scottish Borders, five priorities, and actions outcomes are identified;

1. Reduction of Dwelling Fires
2. Reduction of Fire Casualties and Fatalities
3. Reduction of Deliberate Fire Setting(Not including Dwellings)
4. Reduction of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
5. Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions.

**Response & Resilience activity in the Berwickshire Area**

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House/Building	8	House x 4 Supermarket x2 Chimney fire x1 Farm silo x1	0
Fire- Open	8	Car x 1 Shed x 1 Grass/woodland x6	0
Special Service	7	RTC x4 Effect entry x 3	0
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals	32	Non deliberate- mixture of residential and commercial	0

### **Partnership Working**

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Community Action Team (CAT) within the Scottish Borders core work centres on the on-going delivery of the SFRS Home Fire Safety Visit (HFSV) policy. The team continues to expand its partnership working with key agencies including Police Scotland, Health, Social care and Housing in order to focus on members of local communities at High Risk from fire and achieve outcomes in helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires.

Command Officers within the Scottish Borders continue to attend the Safety Advisory Group meetings to ensure SFRS assist in the production of appropriate operational plans for special events taking place in the Scottish Borders.

### **Prevention and Protection**

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

Activity which is ongoing now within the Berwickshire Ward area;

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. These free visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service.
- **Living Safely in the Home.**

As part of the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership Reducing Inequalities Strategy, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and the Scottish Borders Safer Communities Team will jointly lead on the “Keeping People Safe” theme. Within this theme, it has been identified that older people are more likely to suffer an accident in the home resulting in an A&E admission to Hospital.

To put this into context recent figures indicate that in the Scottish Borders 64% of emergency admissions for adults were because of falls in the home. Further analysis shows that over 75% of these falls involved persons over 75 years of age. With an ageing population, this trend will only continue without increased prevention activities.

The SFRS have a proven record of prevention and reducing the risk of fire within the communities of Scotland. Through the SFRS Service Transformation project it has been identified that there exists an opportunity to broaden the traditional preventative role of a firefighter and develop a holistic approach to safety in the home. By adopting a collaborative approach with Community Partners, SFRS staff can fulfil a generic role capable of assessing all aspects of risk within the home including fire, slips, trips and falls. Development of the holistic approach, which will initially be trialled in the Cheviot area, has the potential to include other risks such as fuel poverty.

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- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- SFRS Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for Protection of Children and Adults at Risk of Harm was implemented to link into adult and child protection. The introduction of this policy has created closer ties with Social Services within Scottish Borders and ensures those people and families that fire crews identify as at risk are brought to the attention of Social Services. This has resulted in joint visits to homes to reduce risk to those occupiers.
- We are developing a strong partnership with the local Domestic Abuse Advocacy Service and involvement in MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference). The Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO) and Scottish Borders Station Manager for Prevention and Protection are fully involved in all local MARAC processes, attending the monthly conferences and all steering group meetings.
- Road Safety Scottish Borders Community Action Team (CAT) have been delivering road safety awareness to secondary schools throughout the Scottish Borders with the support of the local Whole time personnel from Galashiels and Hawick.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number.
- In a pioneering partnership between the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and British Heart Foundation (BHF), all 356 of SFRS's fire stations are equipped with BHF donated 'Call Push Rescue' training kit and each station will now act as a base for local people to learn vital cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills and potentially save someone's life if they go into cardiac arrest.

It takes just 30 minutes to learn CPR using the Call Push Rescue kit and community groups are able to contact their local fire station to arrange a time to go to a station, watch the training DVD, and practice with the kit.

- **Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest trial.**

A national trial and a first for Scotland involving Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) to increase survival rate of patients who suffer out of hospital cardiac arrest went live on 29th October 2015.

The trial will run at seven fire stations across Scotland, with three of these being in the Scottish Borders: Hawick, Lauder and Coldstream.

Firefighters at these stations have received enhanced training in life-support, through a joint partnership approach with the Scottish Ambulance Service as part of

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a range of measures that it has in place across the country to target the condition and create a nation of life savers.

If a fire service resource with a crew who are trained to provide high quality CPR and have a defibrillator is nearer to a potential cardiac arrest than a local Community First Responder team, then Ambulance Control will dispatch them at the same time as the ambulance crew, so that they can provide these life saving interventions while the ambulance is on it's way.

The trials are part of SFRS's commitment to supporting the Scottish Government's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Strategy, which aims to dramatically increase patients' survival chances and save as many as 1,000 lives by 2020.

### **Thematic Action Plan**

Crews are actively involved in the Winter Thematic Action Plan which is currently underway and focusses on the following areas of fire safety;

- Festive fire safety
- Electric blankets
- Portable heaters
- Candles

We work closely with all our partners in the Scottish Borders Council Safer Communities Team, as well as local partnerships, to promote preventative work.

The LALO is in post within Scottish Borders Council HQ in order to improve partnership working, with a particular focus on the elderly and more vulnerable members of society. The primary aims of this partnership activity are to help ensure the safety and welfare of vulnerable persons throughout the community, and to seek to reduce the overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires, fire casualties and fire fatalities in homes.

### **Retained Duty system (RDS)**

The new RDS recruitment campaign was launched on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. There are Firefighter vacancies at Duns (3), Eyemouth (4) and Coldstream (3).

Fire stations in Berwickshire are opening their doors to the public to provide advice to anyone wishing to become a Firefighter. Further details on station open days will be advertised locally and on social media.

In addition to station open days, anyone interested in joining are welcome to meet the local crews during their weekly training nights, which take place as follows:

<b>Duns Fire Station:</b>	Monday, 1900-2100hrs
<b>Eymouth Fire Station:</b>	Monday, 1830-2030hrs
<b>Coldstream Fire Station:</b>	Thursday, 1900-2100hrs

Further details on vacancies are available on the My Job Scotland website:

[www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/emergency-services](http://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/emergency-services)

**Local Fire and Rescue Plan**

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Scottish Borders 2014-2017 have been approved following its consultation period. The local plan sets out the priorities for the Fire and Rescue Service, and we will continue to work with our community planning partners and local communities to make the most efficient use of resources and contribute towards the shared priorities and actions within the community planning partnership and community safety arrangements. The subsequent Ward plan for Berwickshire is now complete and available to elected members and is available within the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Web page.

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