

Meeting

Date: Thursday, 6 February 2020
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Location: Whitsome Ark Village Hall, Main Street, Whitsome, near Duns TD11 3NA

AGENDA

Doors open 6pm for tea and coffee – meeting starts at 6.30 pm

1.	Welcome
2.	Introductions
3.	Minute (Pages 3 - 14) Copy Minute from meeting on 5 September 2019. (Copy attached).
4.	Transport Update Update by Mr Timothy Stephenson, Passenger Transport Manager
5.	Jim Clark Rally 2020 Public Consultation Process (Pages 15 - 32) Consider report by the Executive Director & Service Director Assets & Infrastructure. (Copy attached).
6.	Community Empowerment Act (Pages 33 - 36) Participation Requests & Community Asset Transfer Annual Reports 2018/19. (Copies attached).
7.	Berwickshire Locality Plan & Action Plan Update (Pages 37 - 66) (Copies attached).
8.	Berwickshire Locality Plan - Health & Social Care Presentation on Extra Care Housing, Trust Housing Association & Berwickshire Locality Co-ordinators (Older Adults) - followed by table discussion.
9.	Berwickshire Community Fund
	(a) Community Fund Position - Information Sheets (Pages 67 - 70)

	(Copies attached).
	(b) Approved Fast Track Application Assessment - Keeping Duns Blooming Marvellous (Pages 71 - 74) (Copy attached).
	(c) Application Assessments - Chirnside United Football Club (Pages 75 - 78) (Copy attached).
10.	Open Forum - Questions for Elected Members
11.	Any Other Business
12.	Future Agenda Items
13.	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 7 May 2020 – venue to be confirmed

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE of Meeting of the BERWICKSHIRE
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Berwickshire
High School, Langtongate, Duns, TD11 3QG
on Thursday, 5 September 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors J. A. Fullarton (Chair), J. Greenwell, H. Laing, M. Rowley (from para.4) together with 16 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillors C. Hamilton and D. Moffat

In Attendance:- Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Locality Development Co-ordinators (J Pringle, G Jardine), Clerk to the Council, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

1. **WELCOME**

Councillor Fullarton welcomed everyone to the Berwickshire Area Partnership and thanked the Community Councils, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. He outlined the programme for the evening and introduced the speakers. The Chairman welcomed Paul Gilbert from Scottish Borders Council (SBC) and Changeworks Project Officer, Neil Robertson, who were the partners in the Home Energy Scotland project and were present to give an update to raise awareness on the energy efficiency measured for home owners and private landlords. Mr Gilbert explained that Home Energy Scotland was a free, impartial energy efficiency advice service funded by Scottish Government designed to help householders stay warm in their homes and save money on their energy bills. Home Energy Scotland would also provide information on funding, incentives and finance options for energy efficiency improvements. The funded energy efficiency programme which was run by the local authority was designed to help householders install internal wall insulation. He explained that insulating homes with internal wall insulation would make homes much warmer and was also better for the environment. This project would work alongside community groups and community councils in order to engage and promote the measures that could be taken. Contact could be made through the links on the SBC website or by contacting Home Energy Scotland for free and impartial advice and support or by contacting the Communities and Partnership Team at Scottish Borders Council (SBC). Leaflets were also available at the meeting which gave full information on the project.

2. **LOCALITIES BID FUND 1**

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Connect Berwickshire Youth Project (BYP) who gave a presentation on Summer 2018 at Connect BYP funded by the Localities Bid Fund. Stephan White and Amy Walker from the project advised that the Youth Project had been extremely grateful to have been chosen by the community to receive the funding for their Summer Programme which covered transport costs for young people throughout the Summer. They explained that access to transport was one of the biggest barriers for young people as was the cost of taking part in the activities for low income families. This funding helped to offer discount cards to young people and to lease a minibus so that young people could take part in holiday club sessions within different towns. They further explained that the summer programme of sessions had also themed trips which included: an animal week with a trip to 5 Sister's Zoo and the safari park; family week; enterprise week; challenge week and a trip to M&D's theme park. There had also been a one week sailing trip to Dorset with a voyage round the Channel Islands to various places which included RYA Competent Crew and Watch Leader training whilst on board. Mr White responded to the following questions:-

Questions/Comments

- (a) Question – how do you choose the people who go on the various voyages?
Response – we ask young people if they would like to attend, although the Dorset trip required experienced sailors.
- (b) Question – how do you tell people - do you market it through the schools?
Response – we have youth sessions in Duns and also promoted this through the Berwickshire schools, mainly Berwickshire and Eyemouth High Schools. We also use social media and after school clubs.
- (c) Question – could you explain about the Saltire Awards?
Response – all volunteers signed up to Saltire Awards working towards 100 and 200 hours then they get the Young Scot Award. They could also do youth achievement awards, bronze through to platinum.
- (d) Question – what were your objectives?
Response – mainly to get those families on low incomes to get new experiences and make more friends and to allow young groups to travel to and from different youth groups.
- (e) Question – how many young people do you have?
Response – we have 30 to 60 young people at the moment.

The Chairman thanked Stephan and Amy and recommended that everyone looked at the photographs on display to see what they had been doing throughout the summer.

3. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 6 JUNE 2019

The Minute of the Meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership held on 6 June 2019 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion attached as an Appendix to the Minute. The Chairman gave a brief outline of the previous discussion.

4. BERWICKSHIRE LOCALITY PLAN

- 4.1 There had been circulated copies of a presentation on Transport Planning by Timothy Stephenson, Passenger Transport Manager for Scottish Borders Council. The Chairman outlined the background around the problems with regard to transport, advising that this was an opportunity to raise any ideas and to think about various options. Mr Stephenson advised that engagement with communities to assess views was very important and group discussions would take place after the presentation. Mr Stephenson explained that the subsidised local bus services across the Borders currently cost £1.5m per annum. The local bus service was not a statutory requirement but was discretionary and it was school transport that was a statutory requirement. There was an obligation this year to make savings of £85k which had already been secured, without further cuts to bus services, and £165k saving was required for 2020. The plan for 2020 and beyond identified a number of under-performing bus routes with passenger numbers declining and the cost per passenger subsidy was very high. He also outlined the programme to meet with communities and Bus Users Scotland to form a transport plan. The local bus services in the area were highlighted in the presentation with information relating to the net subsidy per annum, total passengers per annum and average cost per passenger outlined for service number: 72 Berwick/Hutton/Paxton; 85/87 Kelso/Greenlaw/Berwick; 710 Kelso/Coldstream; and 902 Westruther/Stichill/Kelso routes, with the 85/87 route at £11 per passenger and £47,749 net subsidy being too high. The Borders bus network needed to be reviewed to potentially put something better in place. The average cost per passenger across the Borders bus network was £3.65. This did not mean that these routes would be withdrawn but as they could not be sustained, there was a need to find a way to still be able to provide a service. Some ideas and innovations suggested were: NEED of Alnwick, a Community Transport Scheme; West Linton taxi scheme; Bo'ness

Community Bus and non-bus related options – eg e-car, e-bike, trip share; and community transport/social car schemes.

- 4.2 This consultation was about hearing from communities who had any new suggestions and for them to play their part by bringing innovative ideas to take this project forward. There was a full discussion held and Mr Stephenson answered the following questions:

Questions/Comments

- (a) Question – why had Westruther never had a bus through it for years?
Response – there was a demand led bus service which had been in place since 2010 and could be run on the back of other routes or via the school bus service. A telephone call was required first to SBC to arrange to be picked up and be taken anywhere along the route.
- (b) Question – what percentage of cost was subsidy and who was using the route?
Response – in most cases where the subsidy was very high because passenger numbers were very low – ie on the Greenlaw route, the one-way fare was £3 but was costing £14 as SBC subsidy was £11. As an example, the gross cost of the 67 route Berwick/Galashiels was £890k bringing in revenue of £840k so the net cost was £50k.
- (c) Question – would there be an integrated transport system around Reston Station similar to the Galashiels interchange station and would services in Berwickshire east to west, for example to the BGH, be improved?
Response – as we did not have a railway in the Borders until 2015 there had been Scottish Government funding to allow some connections to continue but passengers were not using the services. Work would be carried out with communities in Reston to lobby the government for funding but people would need to continue to use the services otherwise they would not be sustainable. Transport Scotland would be attending a meeting in Reston Village Hall on 18 September which would be open to all for a full discussion on the points raised.
- (d) Question – there seemed to be a demand for responsive services that were not being publicised – how would this be revisited?
Response – if SBC were not advertising services this would need to happen as SBC received revenue. Leaflets would be available at Community Council meetings for distribution around villages and letters would be circulated to communities with information on where the services were. It was noted that the more people that used the service then the subsidy cost per passenger would reduce.
- (e) Question – one of the issues was the lack of confidence that communities generally had in public transport so there would be a decline until a more comprehensive system was put in place – ie feeder services into main routes although communities may not be in the best position to think through the design. How would you communicate wider with communities?
Response – we do not have all the answers to hand but one solution could be looking at the 85/87 route as it was not a well-used service and consider not having the service at all, but instead using a feeder bus service into the main route as an option.
- (f) Question – suppressed demand – there could be lots of people who were not using the bus service but would use it if they had confidence in it?
Response – there would be drop in sessions in the areas where people do not use the bus service and this would be an opportunity for people to attend and tell us why they did not use buses.
- (g) Question – what was SBC's contribution to the West Linton taxi scheme?

Response – our contribution to the bus route was £135k, the same amount for Dumfries & Galloway and Midlothian Councils. The tender came up after the fifth year and the subsidy was reduced to £35k so the route was still available 7 to 7. SBC had given initial funding to the taxi service from Penicuik to West Linton after 9pm which linked in to buses from Edinburgh. However, the application to the Council's Community Fund had been unsuccessful and the taxi service had stopped. It was noted that this project would always be on a knife edge if reliant on annual fund raising or people in the communities leaving the area so no longer requiring the service.

(h) Question – what was the breakdown of the large increase of operation costs +20%?
Response – Border Buses tendered a few years ago so it had not increased here yet. The 20% figure came from the national average and the number of operators in the Scottish Borders was now down to 5 from 12.

(i) Question – the main route from Berwick to Galashiels was using big buses with occasionally only one or two people on the bus, so why was a smaller bus not used?

Response – this had already been looked at. It would only be a small saving by reducing the size of the bus as the cost for the fuel and driver did not change. It was also noted that there had been a lot of issues with the 60 service which did not seem to have any regular users, with inconsistent numbers and there was no logic behind this.

4.3 Those present at the Area Partnership meeting then split into groups to discuss specific passenger transport related network and connection issues within the Berwickshire area and to highlight any options going forward.

MEMBER

Councillor Rowley joined the meeting during the above item.

5. BERWICKSHIRE INTERIM COMMUNITY FUND

(a) Interim Community Fund Overview Map

There had been circulated copies of the Interim Community Fund Overview Map which showed the current position as of September 2019. The total budget allocation for the interim community fund 2019/20 was £212,494, with an available balance remaining of £148,246. Ms Pringle outlined the details of the allocations which showed: the Community Council commitments total £13,680; Berwickshire Federation of Village Halls at £13,502 and the local festival grant commitments at £14,060.

(b) Internal & External Funding Maps for Berwickshire

There had been circulated copies of the internal investment in Berwickshire for the period April 2016 to March 2019 which totalled £916,049. Ms Pringle explained that the internal and external funding maps for Berwickshire were broken down and showed a snapshot of the funding secured. There had also been circulated copies of the external investment for the same period totalling £1,531,537 along with the breakdown of each category.

(c) Berwickshire Community Fund Application – Swinton & Ladykirk Community Council

With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting held on 6 June 2019, the Communities & Partnership Manager, Jan Pringle, explained that the Berwickshire Community Fund 2019/20 was now up and running. An application had been received for approval from Swinton & Ladykirk Community Council with a funding request of £2,241 to upgrade unsafe/non-compliance electrical supply and distribution system to Swinton Village Green, in turn supporting a wide variety of community events and activities. Any approval would be subject to an SBC

framework contractor being used for the electrical works so that all works would meet the appropriate electrical standards. The Chairman of Swinton & Ladykirk Community Council thanked Ms Pringle for her assistance and support in getting the application submitted within the required deadline. It was agreed to approve the grant of £2,241 to Swinton & Ladykirk Community Council to upgrade the unsafe/uncompliant electrical supply and distribution system to Swinton Village Green, subject to the work being undertaken by an SBC Framework contractor and that all work met the appropriate electrical standards.

- (d) **Eyemouth & District Community Council** – it was noted that this application was from Eyemouth & District Community Council and not Chamber of Trade. This had been fast tracked and the application for £930 had been approved.
- (e) **Honour our Troops** – this application had also been fast tracked and the application for £501 had been approved.

6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Chairman asked for any suggestions/proposals for future agenda items or any items to be submitted to Ms Pringle for the next meeting. The following topics were submitted:-

- (a) Passenger transport discussion
- (b) Computer Mapping - Gavinton Community Council requested a 10 minute slot to highlight the successful use of the computer mapping system to highlight to other community councils and communities what use could be made available through the Ordnance Survey (OS) data which could be accessed through SBC.
- (c) Budget setting process – to have a more in-depth discussion with Finance colleagues on a realistic look at the budget setting process.
- (d) Overview on Homecare Services from SB Cares – to assess the direction of travel for Berwickshire.
- (e) Supporting Mental Health in Berwickshire – how services were provided and local needs made available.
- (f) Drug & Alcohol Support Services Provision.
- (g) Regeneration – how communities could get stronger and support regenerative activities - joint presentation from SBC Economic Development and SoSEP with groups involved.
- (h) Successful Projects/Programmes within the Berwickshire Area
- (i) Capacity in Communities to take on activities/volunteering – e.g. Cockburnspath Action Plan had just started to be developed, with a 2 pronged approach: people needed to realise what the options were and to think about what they would want and then to prioritise.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms Pringle gave an update on forthcoming events:

- (a) Lord Lieutenant's Volunteering Event on 25 September at Springwood Park, Kelso – to celebrate and develop the tremendous work carried out throughout our communities; the event was open to the public from 2.00pm – 4.00pm to find out what volunteering opportunities were available;

- (b) Eyemouth community drop-in centre event on 26 September at Eyemouth Primary School - 4.00pm - 7.30pm - to view plans for the new Eyemouth Community Campus;
- (c) Open Consultation on the SBC website to help develop the scheme on the Area Partnership and Community Fund;
- (d) Review of Polling District/Polling Stations; and
- (e) Grow your own Food.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Berwickshire Area Partnership was scheduled for Thursday 6 December – venue to be agreed. Councillor Fullarton thanked all those who had attended the meeting for their participation and input.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

Berwickshire Locality Plan – Community Transport: Solutions and Actions

Suggestions made:

- Electric solar information panels at key locations
- Border Integrated Transport App
- Expand volunteer driver schemes + social car share schemes
- E-bikes scheme (Energy Trust)
- SBC e-car scheme
- Extended Rail Connections/Accessibility
- Maximise the use of Borders College /SBC /NHS/Post Office/Third Sector minibuses
- Remove need for travel – extended outreach, use of skype for appointments, telecare
- Demand Responsive Transport i.e. community taxi, uber type scheme

Locality suggested transport solutions	Would this work in your community?	Who would take this forward – we need key champions/organisations	What support would be needed (financial, time, resources etc), and what would this look like?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinated town/village approach/Privacy issue – not everyone wants others to know they are attending the BGH • Post Bus – Need to identify who would use the bus if it was provided. • Investigation of transport options to transport people from small settlements to main routes – co-ordinated approach across the locality • Investigate areas of a similar size to see what 	<p>Replicate a successful model from elsewhere</p>	<p>SBC to help communities consider options</p>	

<p>works for them i.e. Highlands and Islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at continuing young people's discount past the age of 19 years old • Repurpose old railway line for cycle pathways to improve connectivity • Install a Driving theory app on school iPads to help young people past their theory tests and pass their driving tests quicker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyemouth E-Bikes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Car Scheme 	<p>Would help to connect people and places</p> <p>Would help increase people's confidence and ability to pass the test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would work well in our community as there is plenty of tourist trails to use. • This would be an excellent resource to invest in as there a clear need for more transport options in the Berwickshire area. • A terms and conditions review would be required to see if it is feasible 	<p>national</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Councils would take this forward. • Transport Services would take this forward. 	<p>We would need to look at how to get registered drivers insured (Need to learn from a model that works)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the E-Bikes to work, it would require a regional trail/demo for it to be viable. • For improved community transport to be a success it would require paid drivers. • Hybrid services cracking at seems – Hospital appointments?
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Solar information panels at key locations - this refers to the type of electronic signs seen at bus stops informing bus users of the next service due in X mins etc, or advises of any service changes • Borders Integrated Transport App - Would cover cross Border connections to Berwick-upon-Tweed (rail and onward bus services) and cover Reston station when operational • Expand volunteer driver schemes + social car share schemes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – there would be some benefit to our communities. • Yes – this would work for residents and visitors alike. • Expanding Volunteer Driving schemes = Yes (if recruitment and retention is sustainable) • Social Car Sharing Schemes – may need more information on how these work practically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would assume that the bus operator(s) would lead on this. • We would presume that this would need to be a joint venture between the key stakeholders, e.g. Bus operators, train operators, SBC, (SOSEP?) third sector providers. • In our area we would assume that the lead on expanding recruitment would be taken by Berwickshire Wheels in the first instance • In our area we would assume that the lead on expanding recruitment would be taken by Berwickshire Wheels in the first instance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance, time and resources to procure, install and maintain. • Technical dependency on digital connectivity (e.g. 4G/wifi) for each unit to receive real-time updates. • Some consideration to the cost/effort/reward of installing such technology – may be superseded by existing Aps e.g. Border Buses App. However the consideration of connectivity applies to both this and access to mobile apps in rural/isolated areas • Funding, effort and technical capability to create deploy and maintain. - There was some concern that this excludes those who are unable to use digital technologies
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Bikes Scheme (Energy Trust) • SBC E-Car scheme – Electric car “range anxiety” can be removed/reduced and That the network of charging points can be extended • Extend Rail Connections/accessibility • Maximise the use of Borders College/SBC/NHS/Post Office/Third Sector Minibuses – is there a way to co-ordinate the demand for transport to the transport provision? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsure as such schemes seem better suited to more urban areas or where the settlement density is higher than many areas of Berwickshire. • Yes • Yes • Yes – there has been some notable success with the community transport hub. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC initially • Once demand is established establish the feasibility of third sector/ community operation. • Transport Scotland, RAGES, SBC, Rail operator, Network Rail • Borders Community Transport Flow Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding/investment for an extended network of charging points • Funding for the procurement, deployment and maintenance of vehicles • There were some comments regarding the number of cars that may need to be made available at each location. • There was an untested assumption that there would need to be a fleet of vehicles • It is hoped that Berwickshire will benefit form services being run form Reston Station • TBC
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove need for Travel – extended outreach, use of skype for appointments, telecare Demand Responsive Transport i.e. community taxi, Uber Type scheme - Uber is largely the same as booking a conventional private hire taxi albeit the booking is done on-line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to time constraints this item wasn't discussed There was little time to get into the detail – but there was a feeling that such services could be used in addition to and complimentary to existing traditional services (buses) i.e. to get people from areas currently not served by a bus route so that they could meet a bus service for the remainder of their journey. If cost efficient they could also be used to plug gaps in traditional scheduled services that may not meet users' needs currently.
<p>Community Capacity - The issue of sustainability was highlighted a number of times – once schemes are off the ground there can be a reliance on a few individuals and when/if they are no longer able to steer the project then the ongoing viability of the scheme can be jeopardised.</p> <p>There wasn't a shared understanding of what is currently available in terms of traditional schedule transport and on-demand transport options. Unclear why that is.</p>			
<p>UBER type scheme</p>	<p>Taxi style approached, unlicensed but approved. Access via smart phone technology/apps. Drivers Screened – criminal checks Safety Features built-in, tracking customer reviews, driver profiles Vehicle safety inspections</p>		
<p>Bo'ness and Area Community Bus Association – reintroduction of bus links between Bo'ness and Edinburgh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruited 2 Full Time drivers and 1 Part time driver and 1 Volunteer driver Recruited an Operations Consultant Recruited an Administration Assistant Delivered 10235 passenger journeys since February 2018 Make 58 journeys a week to and from Edinburgh Covered over 120,000 miles 		

Killin & District Volunteer Car Scheme	<p>Volunteer based scheme that aim to assist people in our district who have real problems in accessing transport or coping with the long journeys. The service is provided by volunteer drivers who use their cars to provide transport to people who struggle to access other forms of transport, due to a variety of reasons and where there is a need to access services that are essential and/or in the interest of their general wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journeys are subsidised – 45p per mile for drivers and 20p per mile for a passenger • The driver's expenses cover fuel, maintenance and depreciation of their vehicle so that they are not out-of-pocket.
Badenoch & Strathspey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport model operating a set bus route, although providing door to door service • Operates 5 days per week, 9.30-4.30pm • Must be booked in advance •
NEED Ltd (Alnwick)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largely self-financing model • Range of services – car scheme / dial-a-ride / family vehicle / group transport • Contracts for Council and NHS • Entrepreneurial
Chariotts (Wrexham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branded fleet of accessible vehicles • Paid co-ordinator but all volunteer drivers <p>In 2015 provided 12,645 trips, of which 6,642 were for wheelchair users</p>
Transport Access People (Cornwall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer car scheme for non-emergency healthcare appointments • Journeys to and from the Hospitals in Truro and Plymouth • Door to door transport for people who find difficulty accessing transport

BERWICKSHIRE AREA PARTNERSHIP

Report by Executive Director & Service Director Assets & Infrastructure

JIM CLARK RALLY 2020 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

6 FEBRUARY 2020

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the Area Partnership and the local community an opportunity to consider and comment on the proposals submitted by event organisers of the Jim Clark Rally to hold a rally on closed roads in the Scottish Borders on 30 and 31 May 2020.**
- 1.2 Revised legislation was introduced in 2019 to allow motor sports events to take place on closed public roads. The new regulations build upon previous experience through the Jim Clark Rally and other events and are intended to introduce increased rigor to the procedure for organising and running such events.
- 1.3 The 2019 regulations introduce a two stage procedure where organisers must first successfully apply to an “authorised body” for a permit before applying to the local roads authority for a Motor Sports Order.
- 1.4 In determining whether to make a Motor Sports Order Scottish Borders Council, as local roads authority, must consider a number of factors that are laid out in the regulations. This report outlines those factors and provides an opportunity to, in particular, examine the proposals submitted by the rally organisers in respect of the routes and timings for the rally on 30 and 31 May 2020.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Area Partnership:-**
 - (a) Notes the application by organisers of the Jim Clark Rally to run an event on 30 and 31 May 2020.**
 - (b) Makes known any comments it has about the proposal to run an event and/or the proposed routes and timings for that event**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 From 1996 through to 2014 the Jim Clark Rally took place annually on closed roads in the Berwickshire area. The legislation that allowed this to happen was the Scottish Borders Council (Jim Clark Memorial Rally) Order Confirmation Act 1996.
- 3.2 Following the tragic events at the 2014 Jim Clark Rally a Motor Sport Event Safety Review Group was set up to determine how such events might be made safer in the future. This, along with the findings of the Fatal Accident Inquiry carried out into the 2014 event, has led to more robust procedures and new legislation being put in place for all motor sport events going forward.
- 3.3 The Motor Sport on Public Roads (Scotland) Regulations 2019 came into force on 17 April 2019 and revoked the previously used 1996 Act that is discussed in 3.1 above. The new regulations introduce increased rigor to the planning process and aims to reduce the likelihood of a repeat of the tragic events of 2014. They introduce a two stage procedure where organisers must first successfully apply to an "authorised body" for a permit before applying to the local roads authority for a Motor Sports Order. The latter procedure must be completed at least 6 months prior to an event taking place.
- 3.4 An important point to note is that the previous 1996 Act was specific to the Jim Clark Rally and restricted routes to the Berwickshire Area. The 2019 Regulations applies to the whole of Scotland and an application can be made by anyone who wishes to promote a race or trial of speed between motor vehicles on a public road in Scotland. Similar legislation is in place for the rest of the United Kingdom.
- 3.5 The 2019 Jim Clark Rally held in November was the first event in the Scottish Borders to be held under the new legislation.
- 3.6 In determining whether to make a Motor Sports Order roads authorities must consider:
 - the likely impact of the event on the local community;
 - potential local economic and other benefits
 - and any other matters that it considers relevant.
- 3.7 The new legislation also states that the roads authority may make the Motor Sports Order if it is satisfied that:
 - adequate arrangements have been made to allow the views of the local community to be taken into account
 - adequate arrangements have been made to involve local residents, the police and other emergency services in the planning and implementation of the event
 - adequate public safety arrangements have been or will be made for the event, and
 - adequate traffic management arrangements have been or will be made for the event.

4 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The organisers of the Jim Clark Rally, having successfully applied for a permit from "the authorised body", have lodged an application with Scottish Borders Council (within the specified 6 month period required to allow

consideration) seeking a Motor Sports Order to undertake an event on Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 May 2020. It should be noted, however, that the event organisers have, prior to submitting the application, been in consultation with representatives of Scottish Borders Council and Police Scotland through the established Safety Advisory Group (SAG) system that is in place at the Council.

- 4.2 The SAG process is separate from the operational management of an event. SAG meetings are a multi-agency forum normally made up of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services, Scottish Ambulance Services and Scottish Borders Council along with the event promoters and organisers. The main purpose of SAG is to assist event organisers in planning their events, with the specific aim of ensuring the safety of the public.
- 4.3 At this time the intention of the Jim Clark Rally organisers is to be based in Duns and to run a total of 8 rally stages (over 4 different routes) on the Saturday and 6 rally stages (over 3 different routes) on the Sunday. On the Saturday the four routes are Westruther, Scott's View, Eccles and Longformacus – Abbey St Bathans. This would see a single run, in an anti-clockwise direction of travel, over the first three routes followed by vehicle servicing and refuelling in Duns and then a repeat of that earlier sequence. Following a further re-group and service in Duns the day would then conclude with two runs over the Longformacus – Abbey St Bathans route. Sunday would see routes at Edrom, Ayton and Whitsome. The intention being to run a clockwise loop of these routes followed by servicing and refuelling in Duns before a repeat loop over the three routes and a podium finish in Duns.
- 4.4 As part of the process of satisfying itself on the first two bullet points of section 3.7 above, the Council has launched a public consultation; available online via <https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/>. The online consultation will run for 6 weeks. In addition to this Council officers, along with representatives of the Jim Clark Rally, will be in attendance at the Berwickshire, Cheviot and Eildon Area Partnership to discuss the event plan, including the proposed routes and timings.
- 4.5 A reserve route has been identified at Stichill, and it is also intended to run a "shakedown stage" on Friday afternoon on the road south of Mellerstain Mill.
- 4.6 As for previous events the organisers of the Jim Clark Rally will be contacting separately those residents who are directly impacted by the routes. This includes individual visits to all properties in addition to letter drops. Organisers have also indicated that they will consult with / inform the community councils affected by the rally through meeting with them face to face.
- 4.7 Properties on "open" road sections who will experience an increase in traffic due to the temporary road closures will receive written notification of this.
- 4.8 The Jim Clark Rally organisers will also provide pre-event ongoing information on the status of the rally and on-the-day information through their website and social media outlets. In addition an on-the-day helpline will be permanently manned during the live-event.
- 4.9 The Jim Clark Rally is a major sporting event that brings significant economic benefit to the Scottish Borders. It attracts a high number of spectators, supporters, staff and competitors to the area; many of whom

stay a number of nights. Previous studies have estimated that the event contributes over £2.5 Million to the local economy.

- 4.10 It is recommended that the Area Partnership notes the new legislation and the requirement for the Council to consult on the proposals submitted by the Rally Organisers. The committee should consider the routes and timings proposed by the Rally Organisers attached at Appendices A to C and provide any comments or questions on these for consideration as the Council assess whether or not to issue a Motor Sports Order.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no direct costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

The new legislation and other measures that are now in place go further than previous legislation in its attempt to mitigate the safety and associated risks of holding the Rally. As with all events of this type, there are inherent risks that can never be fully mitigated. However, SBC is working with partners and the event organisers to ensure that the new legislation is complied with; that risk assessments and other appropriate safety measures are in place, monitored and reviewed.

5.3 Equalities

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

5.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no economic, social or environmental effects directly linked to the recommendations within this report.

5.5 Carbon Management

The recommendations within this report will have no impact on the Council's carbon emissions.

5.6 Rural Proofing

This report is not linked to a new or amended policy or strategy.

5.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

The recommendations in this report do not require any change to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, Corporate Communications Manager and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and comments received are incorporated in the report.

Approved by

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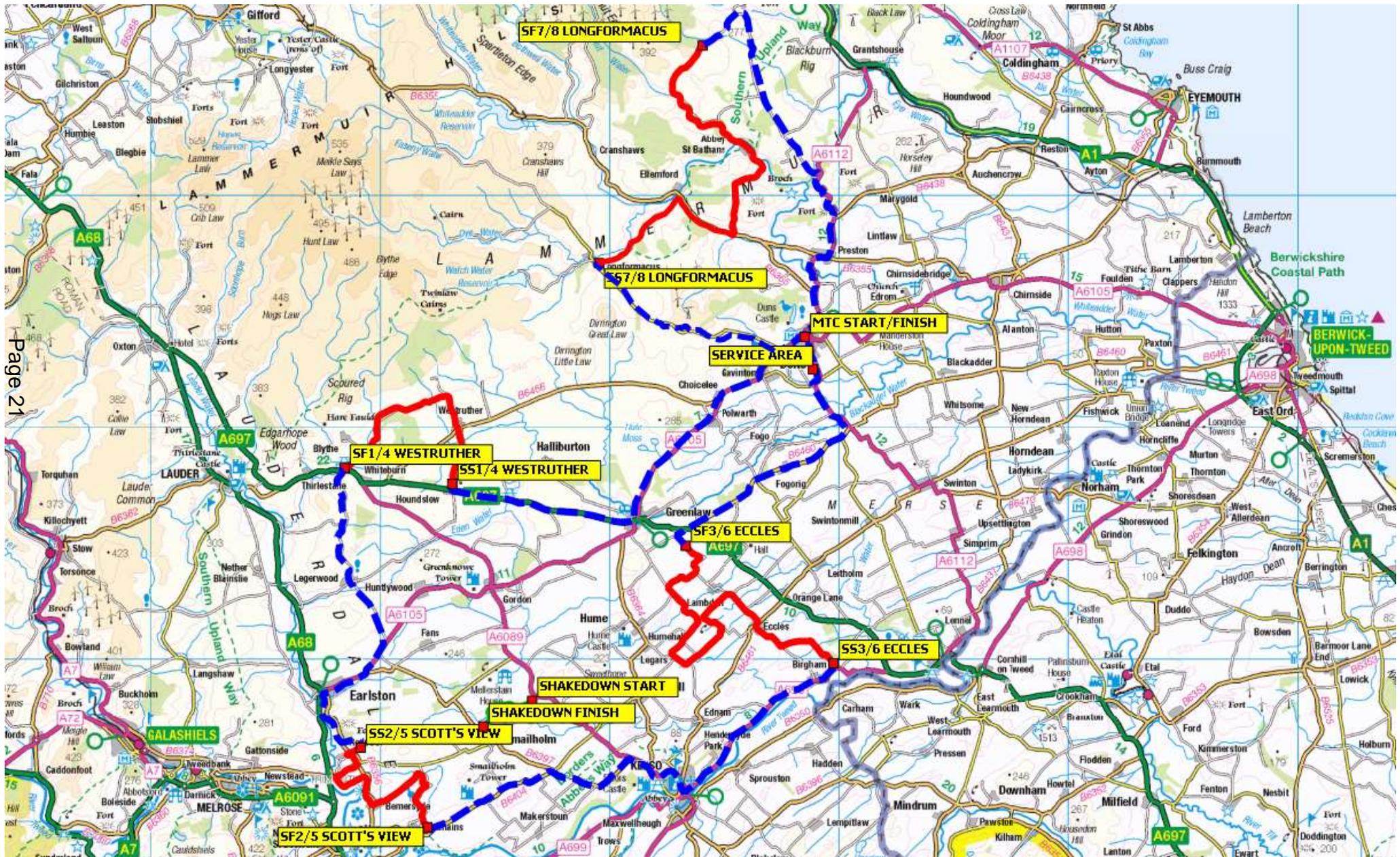
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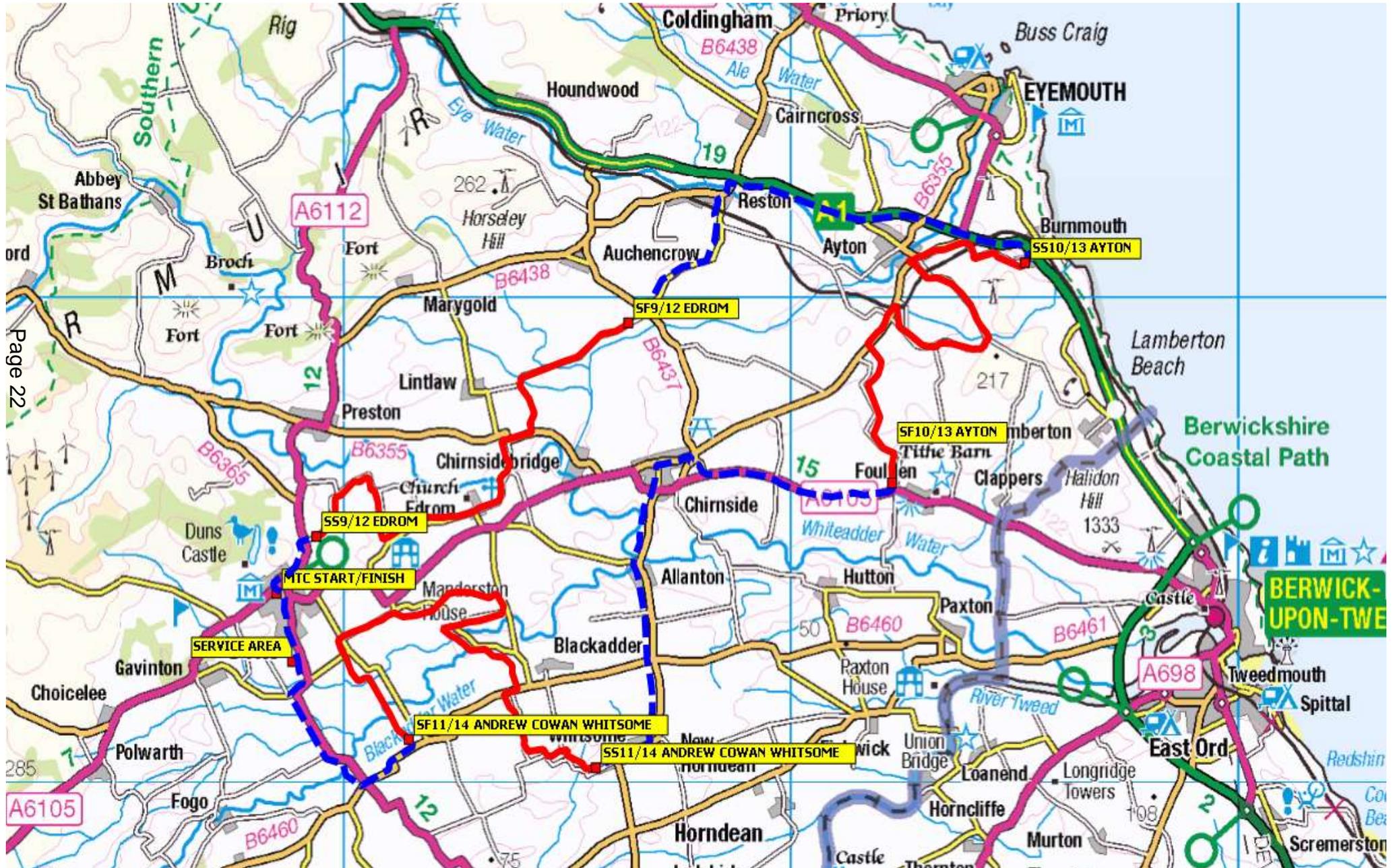
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Jim Clark Rally 2020
Overall Route Saturday 30th May 2020



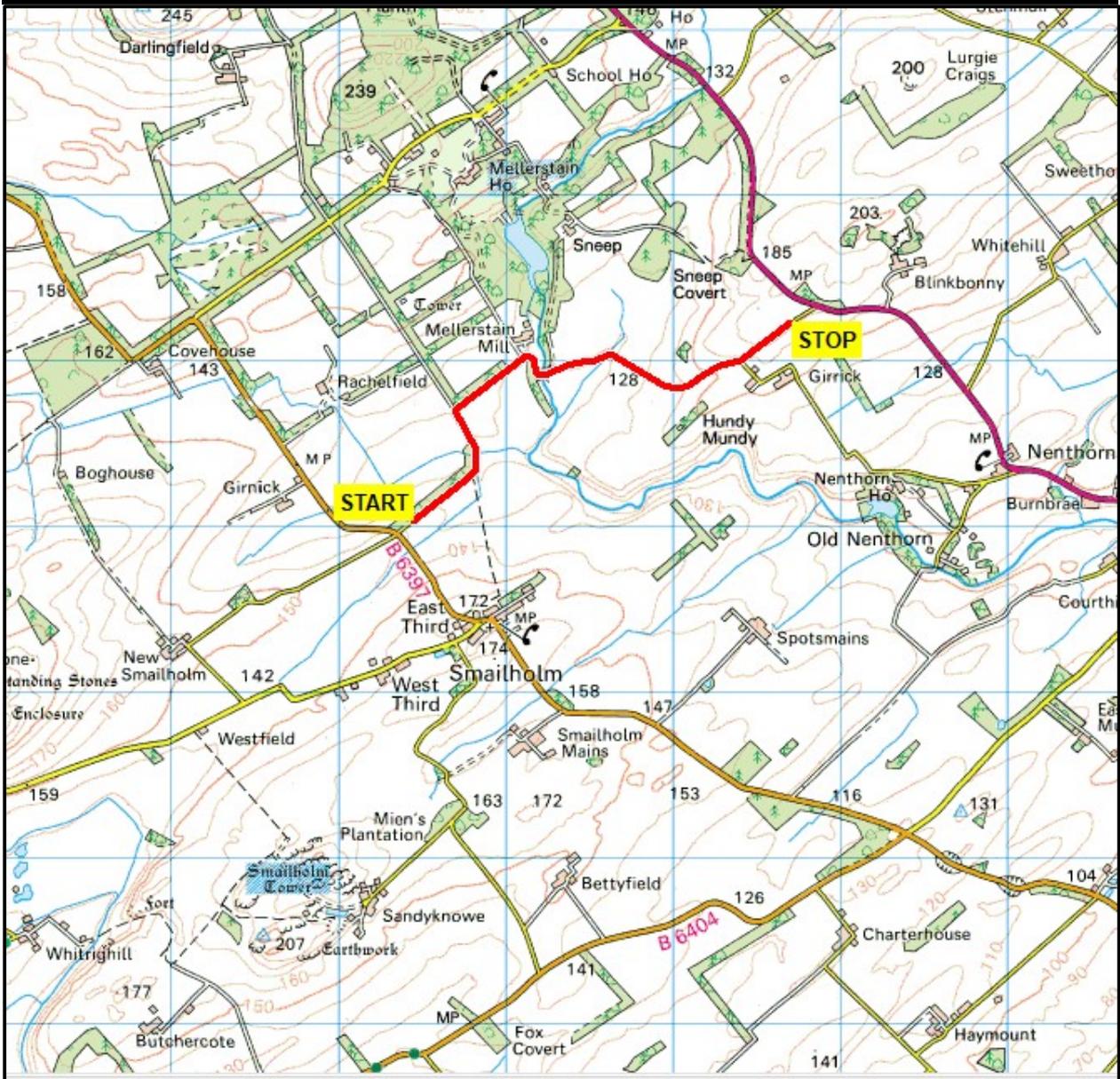
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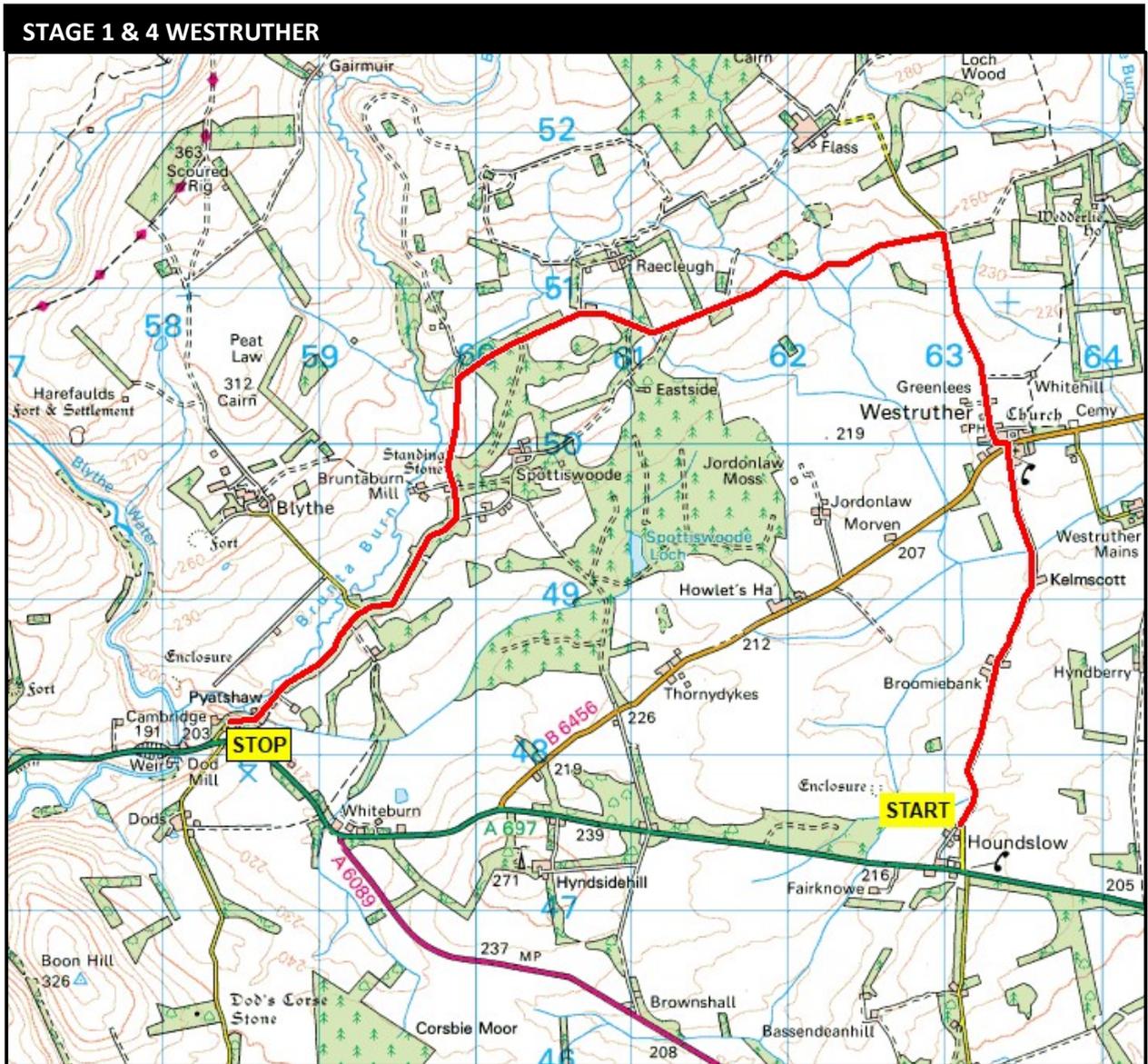


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MTC 0	START Podium (Duns Square)	08:00	08:05	08:10	08:30	09:00	09:15	09:30	09:40	09:50	10:00	10:52	12:00	
SS1	Westruther 1	08:30	08:35	08:40	09:00	09:30	09:45	10:00	10:10	10:20	10:30	11:22	12:30	
SS2	Scott's View 1	09:07	09:12	09:17	09:37	10:07	10:22	10:37	10:47	10:57	11:07	11:59	13:07	
SS3	Eccles 1	09:49	09:54	09:59	10:19	10:49	11:04	11:19	11:29	11:39	11:49	12:41	13:49	
TC3A	Regroup In - (Duns Square)		10:29	10:34	10:54	11:24	11:39	11:54	12:04	12:14	12:24	13:16	14:24	
TC3B	Regroup Out		10:39	10:44	11:04	11:34	11:49	12:04	12:14	12:24	12:34	13:26	14:34	
TC3C	Service In		10:45	10:50	11:10	11:40	11:55	12:10	12:20	12:30	12:40	13:32	14:40	
TC3D	Service out		11:30	11:35	11:55	12:25	12:40	12:55	13:05	13:15	13:25	14:17	15:25	
SS4	Westruther 2						13:10	13:25	13:35	13:45	13:55	14:47	15:55	16:30
SS5	Scott's View 2						13:47	14:02	14:12	14:22	14:32	15:24	16:32	17:07
SS6	Eccles 2						14:29	14:44	14:54	15:04	15:14	16:06	17:14	17:49
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MTC 2	Start of leg 2 (Duns Square)	16:00	16:05	16:10	16:30	17:00	17:15	17:30	17:40	17:50	18:00	18:52	20:00	
SS7	Longformacus 1	16:18	16:23	16:28	16:48	17:18	17:33	17:48	17:58	18:08	18:18	19:10	20:18	
SS8	Longformacus 2						18:29	18:44	18:54	19:04	19:14	20:06	21:14	23:18
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SS13	Ayton 2						12:59	13:14	13:24	13:34	13:44	14:36	15:44	15:37
SS14	Whitsome 2						13:40	13:55	14:05	14:15	14:25	15:17	16:25	16:21
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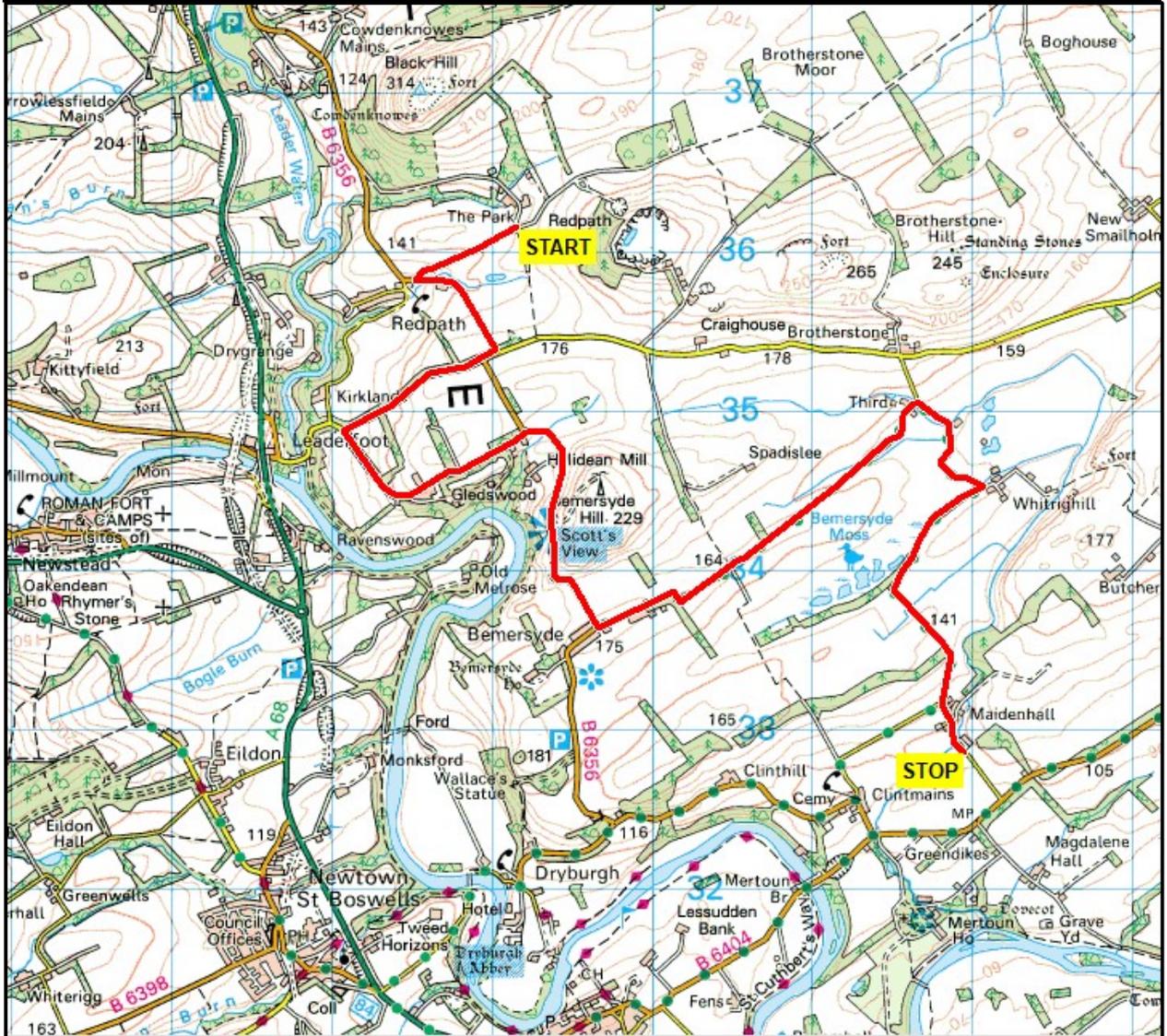
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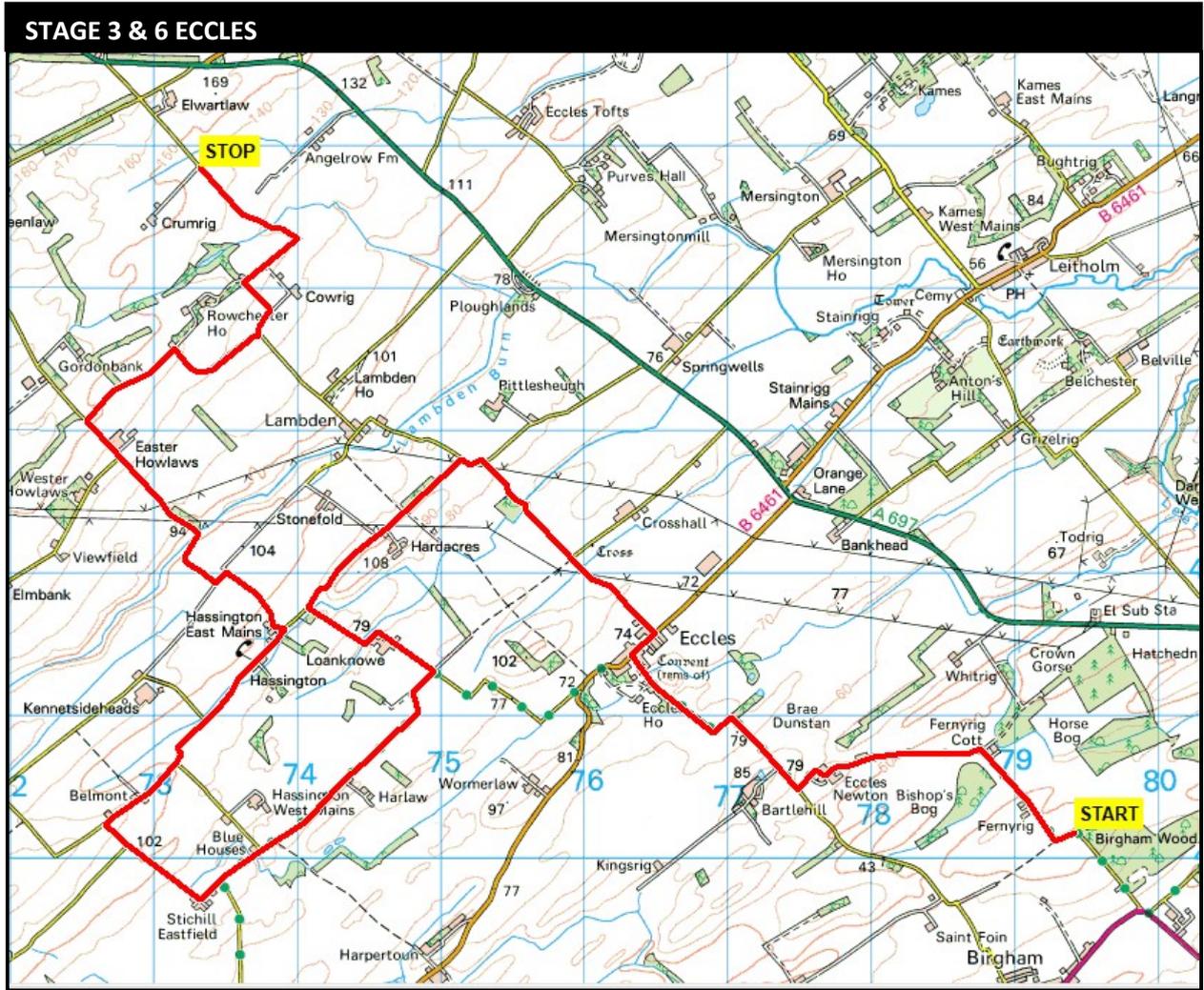
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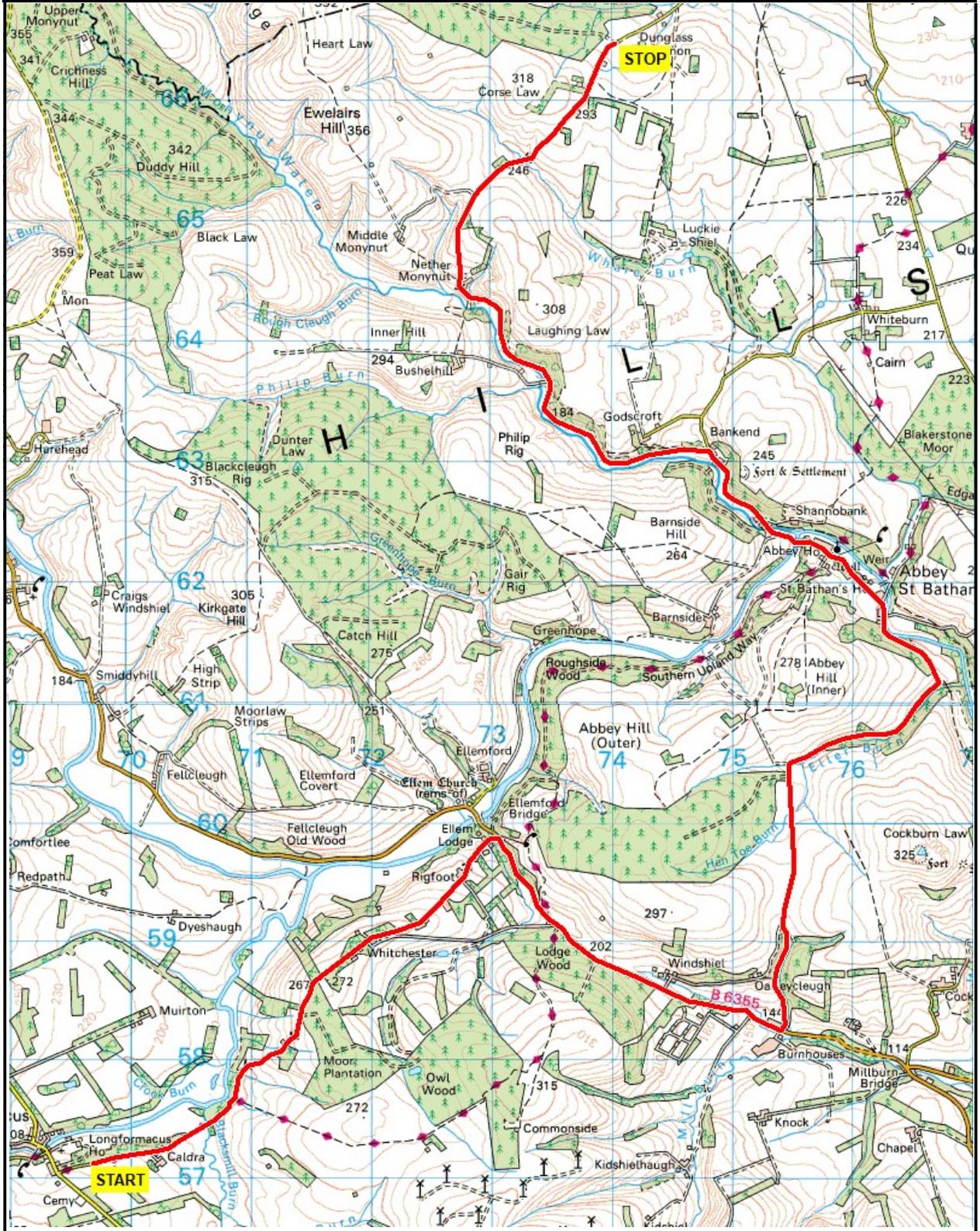


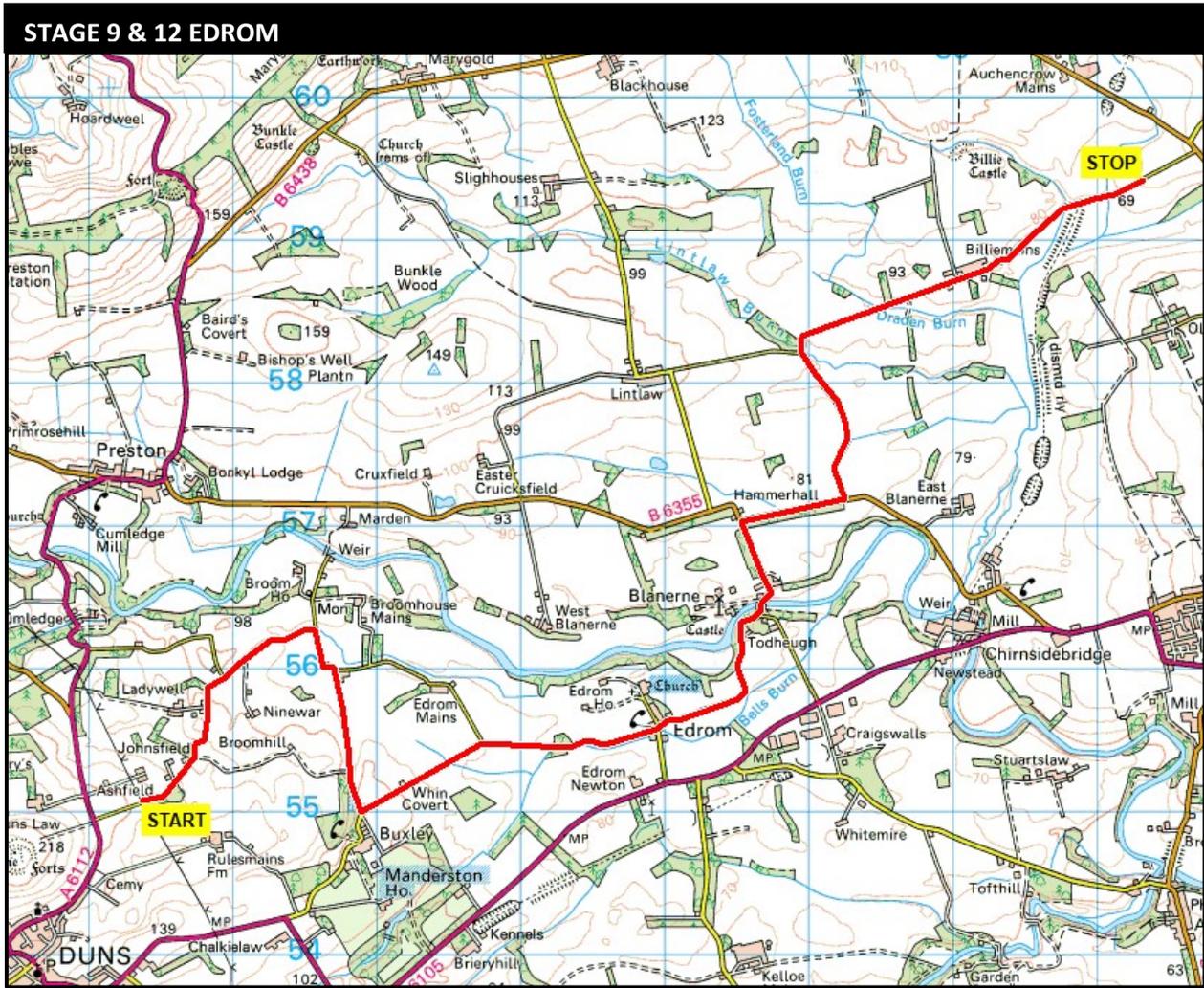
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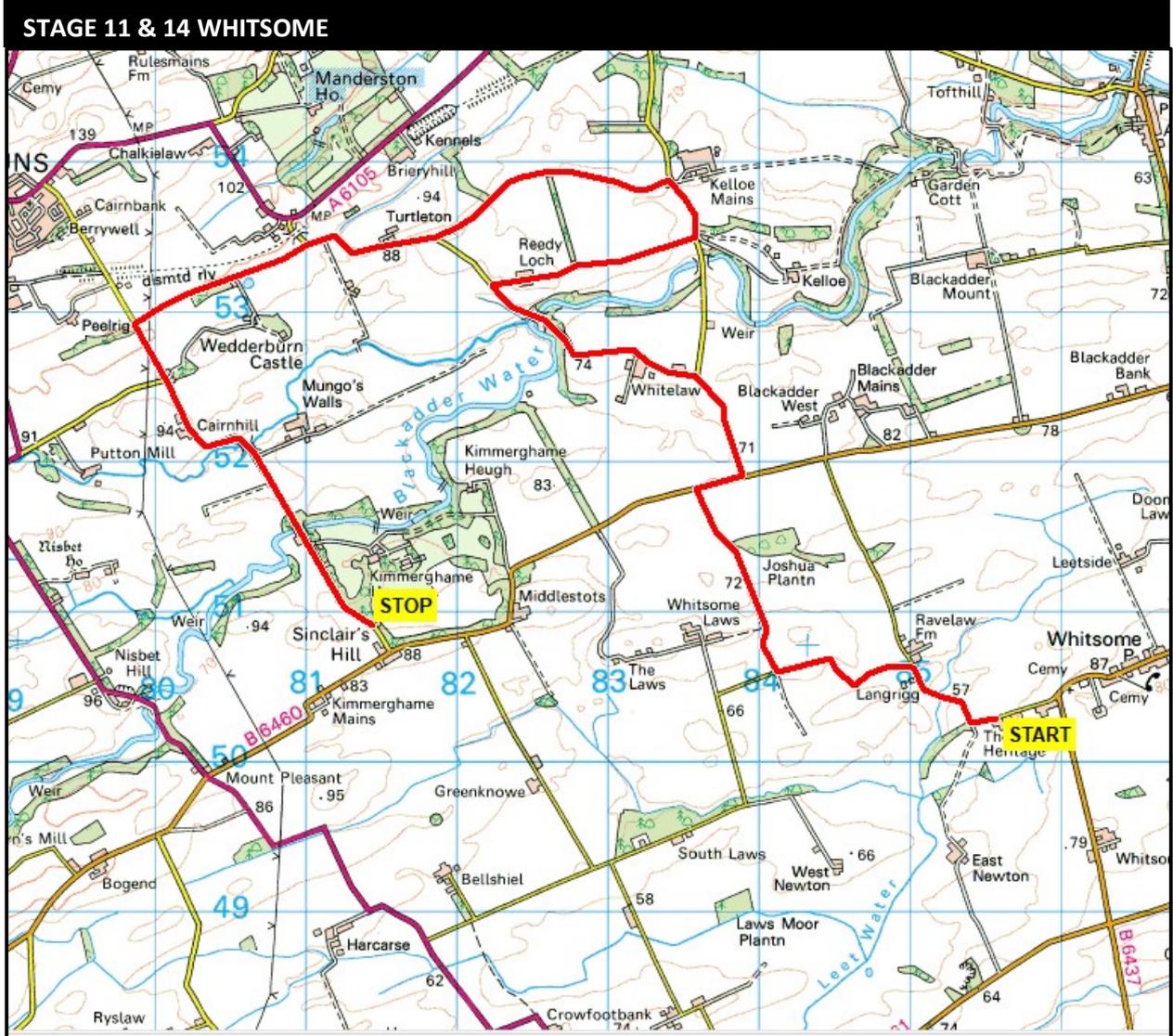


STAGE 7 & 8 LONGFORMACUS









Scottish Borders Council Participation Requests Annual Report 2018/19

Participation request – summary information						
Community participation body	Description of participation request	Validation date	Outcome	Date Outcome Improvement Process started	Was there a change to the public service	Summary of change to public service
Eyemouth & District Community Trust	Improve community participation in the economic regeneration of Eyemouth.	10/05/18	Agreed	15/08/18	Process ongoing	
Eyemouth Community Council	Improve community participation in the economic regeneration of Eyemouth.	03/08/18	Agreed	15/08/18	Process ongoing	
Eyemouth Community Council	Maintenance of grassed areas in Eyemouth	10/01/19	Agreed	25/02/19	Process ongoing	
Selkirk Regeneration Company	Improve administration of Selkirk Common Good Fund	21/02/19	Refused			
Scottish Borders Community Councils' Network	Improve the outcome of the Localities Bid Fund selection process, to ensure that all worthwhile applications are taken forward to the public vote and participation is embedded throughout the process	01/03/19	Refused			

Summary Information	
Reporting period – start	01/04/18
Reporting period - end	31/03/19
Total number of participation requests received	5
Number agreed	3
Number refused	2
Number of participation requests resulting in a change to the public service	Processes ongoing

Summary Information for Annual Report

Reporting period - start	01/04/2018
Reporting period - end	31/03/2019
Total number of asset transfer requests received	7
Number agreed	3
Number refused	0
Number resulting in:	
a transfer of ownership of land to a community transfer body	0
a lease of land to such a body	3
rights in respect of land being conferred on such a body	0
Number of appeals under section 85 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority:	
Allowed	0
Dismissed	0
Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed	0
In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 86 or 87, the number of such decisions that have been:	
Confirmed	0
Modified	0
Substituted by a different decision	0
Total Area Transferred (ha)	0

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Scottish Borders

Berwickshire Locality Plan

January 2020

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Introduction

The Berwickshire Area Partnership is about creating a space where the aspirations and ideas of the community can be heard and community planning can be strengthened through communities and public bodies working together. The Locality plan is part of this process. It outlines the priorities of the Berwickshire area with a focus on reducing inequalities to improve the area for those who live, work and visit the area.

This plan links to the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

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

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

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

This plan is structured around four themes:

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

ⁱ **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.)

Comments and feedback gathered at Area Partnershipⁱ meetings to date have been prioritised to reflect what actions need to be undertaken in the Locality to make a difference.

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.

At an area level this is done through the Berwickshire Locality Plan and the Berwickshire Area Partnership.

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

Berwickshire Locality Area Profile 2018

BERWICKSHIRE AREA PROFILE 2019



TOP 5 ISSUES FOR THE PEOPLE OF BERWICKSHIRE ARE:

- Growing the economy of the Borders, and supporting retailers and businesses
- Providing high quality care for older people
- Raising education and achievement and helping people of all ages obtain the skills they need
- Providing activities and facilities for younger people
- Maintaining and improving the quality of our town centres and civic spaces

(SBHS2018)

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

National Records of Scotland (NRS) estimates the population of **Berwickshire** to be

20,945 population
(18.2% of the Scottish Borders (SB))

16.0% aged 0-15
(SB = 15.9%; SCOT = 16.9%)

58.0% aged 16-64
(SB = 59.0%; SCOT = 64.4%)

26.0% aged 65+
(SB = 25.1%; SCOT = 18.7%)

(NRS 2017)



82.9% of people live in a settlement of under 500 people
(Scottish Borders = 28.5)

Larger settlements in Berwickshire:

3,557 Eyemouth	1,444 Chirnside	514 Coldingham
2,756 Duns	629 Greenlaw	
1,871 Coldstream	607 Ayton	

(NRS 2017)



The Population of **Berwickshire** is projected to be **19,691** people by 2036

Of these:

14.2% will be aged 0-15
(fewer than present)

47.0% will be aged 16-64
(fewer than present)

38.5% will be aged 65+
(more than present)

(NRS 2014 based)

EDUCATION - CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (CFE)

% of pupils achieving expected standards of numeracy by end of education stage (2017/18)

STAGE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	77%	80% / 85%
P4 (Level 1)	82%	79% / 76%
P7 (Level 2)	70%	74% / 75%
S3 (Level 3+)	90%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	50%	65% / 56%

(Seemis)

% of pupils achieving expected standards of reading by end of education stage (2017-18)

STAGE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	79%	81% / 81%
P4 (Level 1)	76%	80% / 77%
P7 (Level 2)	76%	80% / 79%
S3 (Level 3+)	93%	94% / 90%
S3 (level 4)	57%	64% / 53%

(Seemis)

% of pupils achieving expected standards of writing by end of education stage (2017/18)

STAGE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	76%	77% / 78%
P4 (Level 1)	71%	75% / 72%
P7 (Level 2)	70%	76% / 73%
S3 (Level 3+)	91%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	53%	59% / 51%

(Seemis)

INCOME AND POVERTY¹

An average of **11%** of Berwickshire's children lived in **Low Income Families** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 13%; Scotland = 17%)
This ranged from **2%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **25%** in the **most-deprived**.

(HMRC)

12% of Berwickshire's school roll received **Free School Meals** on grounds of low income in 2017-18
(Scottish Borders = 11%)
At school level within Berwickshire, this ranged from **7%** to **40%**

(Seemis)

16% of Berwickshire's school roll received **Clothing Grant** in 2016.

At **school level within Berwickshire**, this ranged from **0%** to **33%**

(Seemis)

16% of Berwickshire's households were living in relatively low income in 2014¹
(Scottish Average = 15%)
This ranged from **12.1%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **24.3%** in the **most-deprived**.

10.1% of Berwickshire's population was considered to be **income-deprived** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 9.7%; Scotland = 12.5%)
This ranged within Berwickshire from **3%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhoods** to **22%** in the **most-deprived**

(SG-SHM)

¹Relative low income (HBAI): % of households earning under 60% of the UK median gross income

The **Average Weekly Gross Household Income** in 2014 was

£629
(Scottish Average £684)

This ranged **within Berwickshire** from **£498** in the **lowest-earning neighbourhood** to **£749** in the **highest-earning**.

5.7% of people aged 60+ claimed **pension credit** in May 2018
(SB = 5.7%; SCOT = 7.2)

(DWP May 2018)



ECONOMY AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

RETAIL VACANCY RATE 2016

30% Chirside **8%** Duns
17% Coldstream **7%** Eyemouth
 (SB = 11%)

(SBC-PR)



TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016

up **2%** Duns down **5%** Eyemouth
 (SB = down 6%)

(SBC-PR)

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE¹ ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

1.1% East Berwickshire
1.0% Mid Berwickshire
 (SB = 1.4%; SCOT = 1.8%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE¹ ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

2.3% East Berwickshire
2.3% Mid Berwickshire
 (SB = 3.4%; SCOT = 3.2%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

BROADBAND

6.0% of premises were unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband in 2016
 (SB = 4.2%)

This ranged within Berwickshire from 0% in the least-affected neighbourhood to 30.2% in the most-affected.

(OfCom)

Berwickshire had around average levels of digital exclusion out of the 5 localities in 2017; but higher in parts of Chirside, Eyemouth, Coldstream and Duns

(SBHS 2018/ Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

18% of pregnant women admitted to being current smokers in 2015-17
 (SB = 16.7%; SCOT = 15.9%)

An annual average of **24.3%** of 27-30 month olds had "one or more developmental concerns" between 2014 and 2017
 (SB = 17%; SCOT = 18.3%)

An annual average of **36.8%** of babies were still being exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks, 2015-2018
 (SB = 36.1%; SCOT = 29.7%)

75.1% of P1 pupils had "no obvious dental decay" in 2017-18
 (SB = 75.1%; SCOT = 70.4%)

78% of P1 children had a "healthy weight" in 2017-18
 (SB = 77.8%; SCOT = 76.5%)

(ScotPHO/ Statistics.gov.scot)

HEALTH²

329 per 100,000 people were discharged from hospital with Coronary Heart Disease, 2015-18
 (SB = 343; SCOT = 381)

134 per 100,000 people aged under 75 died from cancer in 2015-17
 (SB = 136; SCOT = 160)

5,500 per 100,000 people aged 65+ had 2 or more emergency hospital admissions in 2015-17
 (SB = 5,443; SCOT = 5,422)

260 per 100,000 people were hospitalised due to alcohol misuse in 2017-18
 (SB = 412; SCOT = 675)

(ScotPHO)



WELLBEING

30% of survey respondents in Berwickshire say they sometimes or often feel lonely or isolated.
 (Scottish Borders = 33%)

81% of survey respondents say they take part in moderate physical 30-minute exercise at least twice a week.
 (Scottish Borders = 78%)

66.7% of Primary 7 pupils took part in "Active Schools" extra-curricular sports in 2017-18
 (SB = 79.5%)

By 54 this was down to **27.8%**
 (SB = 36.7%)

(SBHS 2018/ScotPHO/ SEEMIS)



NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY

The SIMD Crime Rate in 2016 was **148** per 10,000 people³
 (SB = 180; SCOT = 312)

This ranged from 0 in the safest neighbourhood to 824 in the least safe neighbourhood.

(SIMD 2016)

An average rate² of **69.8** per year died or were hospitalised due to a road traffic accident between 2015 and 2017
 (SB = 72.6; SCOT = 59.2)

(ScotPHO)

23% of survey respondents said that they feel "a bit" or "very" unsafe walking alone at night
 (SB = 24%)

(SBHS 2018)



"Rubbish and litter lying around", "Anti-social driving including speeding" and "unwanted callers at the door" are the top three most-common neighbourhood problems that are more complained-about by survey respondents in Berwickshire than average for Scottish Borders.

(SBHS 2018)



62% of survey respondents are involved in voluntary work, such as supporting Parent Councils, committees or helping a neighbour with shopping
 (SB = 59%)

(SBHS 2018)

41% of the people in Berwickshire live within the 10% most access deprived in all of Scotland
 (SB = 27%)

(SIMD 2016)

36% of survey respondents said they have problems accessing public transport due to where they live
 (SB = 28%)

(SBHS 2018)

22% of survey respondents said they have difficulty accessing leisure facilities because of where they live
 (SB = 18%)

(SBHS 2018)



KEY: ■ Better than SB and SCOT; ■ In between SB and SCOT; ■ Worse than SB and SCOT

¹ Unemployment Claimant Rate = Claimant Count of JSA and unemployment-related Universal Credit, as a rate of the eligible population

² Rates per 100,000, age-sex standardised, so the differences in the figures are not due to the older population balance

³ Selected recorded crimes per 10,000 people for the 2016 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

Engaging with our communities

It is the intention of the Area Partnership to involve as wide a group of people as possible. This helps to make sure our plans reflect the needs of our communities. We will create more opportunities for people to attend the Area Partnership and to talk to us in person, take part in surveys or contact us online. As further information and understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities is gathered the Area Partnership will continue to build on this plan.

We welcome your views and suggestions.

To give us your views or to get involved with Area Partnerships, please contact the Communities and Partnerships Team by emailing communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk or telephone: 01835 824000

There are many other ways of being involved in your local community, key contacts are provided below:

Community Councils – www.scotborders.gov.uk/communitycouncils or Telephone: 01835 825005. Many Community Council's now have their own website and social media pages and will also be contactable directly through these means.

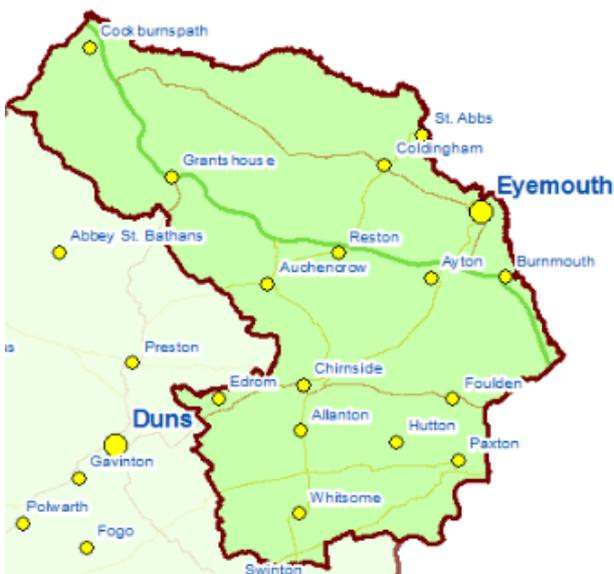
General Volunteering opportunities - www.vcborders.org.uk, Telephone: 01896 754041 or by post.

Riverside House
Ladhope Vale
Galashiels
TD1 1BT

Berwickshire Wards



Mid Berwickshire
 Population - 10,387
 Duns - 2,756
 Coldstream - 1,871
 Greenlaw - 629



East Berwickshire
 Population - 10,558
 Eyemouth - 3,557
 Chirside - 1,444
 Ayton - 607
 Coldingham - 514

Economy, Skills & Learning

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

- **Improve the connectivity within and out with Berwickshire, including**
 - **Transport (infrastructure and service provision (see p10))**
 - **Digital (mobile and broadband coverage)**

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Support and make the most of existing Tourism opportunities, for example
 - Coastline, including marine reserve and harbour
 - Heritage
- Widen the opportunity and availability of modern apprenticeships and vocational training
- Improve the access to further and higher education and the opportunity for lifelong learning
- Protect and retain traditional skills unique to Berwickshire (e.g. sea skills)
- Encourage business start-ups & investment in the area, for example with the availability of suitable (and flexible) business spaces
- Encourage further partnership working to support the area in managing the economic and social impact of current and future demographic changes (i.e. increasing older population, young people moving away)

Health, Care & Wellbeing

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

- **Co-location of specialist services and better service planning, acknowledging the complexities of delivering services, leading to improved outcomes**

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas and town across Berwickshire
- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality
- Improve support for unpaid carers
- Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Focus on rural isolation and social inclusion and the impacts on mental health
- Understand the future care requirements for the area and how best to incentivise people to work in the sector

Quality of Life

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

- **Continue to support (multi-agency) partnership working opportunities, promoting referrals/pathways to those local initiatives and sharing good practice**

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Invest in and create community facilities/spaces (for all ages/intergenerational)
- Support local community capacity building, in particular local volunteers (utilising their skills and expertise)
- Encourage leisure/cultural facilities to be as accessible as possible (convenient, affordable, time of day)
- Improve communication across communities and between public agencies, including promotion / marketing of specific activities (e.g. men's shed, walking football)

Environment & Place

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

- **Investment in transport infrastructure and service provision, including**
 - **Reston Station / A1**
 - **Cross-border, North-South services**
 - **Community Transport**
 - **Enabling people to be where they need to be (for work, education, health appointments etc.), i.e. more flexible provision**

Other priorities that are important to the Berwickshire community:

- Work with local communities on regenerating and reimagining their local places (town centres, village halls, play areas etc.)
- Understand the housing needs of the area and ensure the right developments are being considered to meet those needs, including affordable housing and housing for all stages and ages of life
- Promote environmentally friendly home energy solutions to local residents

How we will measure success

The Berwickshire 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 Berwickshire

Local Community Action Plans

- Coldstream Community Action Plan
- Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston Community Action Plan

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Berwickshire Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Eyemouth Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

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

- East Berwickshire and Eyemouth Economic Regeneration Action Plan
- Joint Public Property Development Framework
- Child Poverty Action Plan
- Local Development Plan
- Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2017-2022
- SESplan Housing Need and Demand Assessment

ECONOMY SKILLS & LEARNING

Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
Improve the connectivity within and out with Berwickshire, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport (infrastructure and service provision) Digital (mobile and broadband coverage)	Develop alternative transport models appropriate to local circumstances – locally controlled, flexible, meets needs	Public consultation on bus service provision in the Scottish Borders	Autumn 2019	Bus Users Scotland	Subsidised bus services delivered to main settlements: Berwick – Hutton - Paxton – 32 Kelso – Greenlaw - Berwick – 85/87 Kelso – Coldstream (Weds) – 710 Westruther – Stichill – Kelso - 902
	Deliver superfast broadband to all premises by end of 2021	The Scottish Government has commenced a new initiative, the R100 programme to deliver. The council is promoting a 4g infill programme alongside partners in the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.	Contracts to be awarded end of 2019 and delivery expected to commence later in 2020	Scottish Government	SBC has invested £8.4m in the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Programme. R100 programme procurement has commenced SBC regularly lobbied Governments and the Mobile Network Operators to improve the coverage of mobile phone services and reduce the number of ‘not-spots’ in the Scottish Borders. It has also lobbied for improved 4G services coverage; these have improved over the last 2 years.
Support and make the most of existing Tourism opportunities	Coastline, including marine reserve and harbour	Visit Berwickshire will continue to promote the area and are seeking VisitScotland Growth Funding to expand their range of activity.	Ongoing	Visit Berwickshire	The Visit Berwickshire initiative has used Coastal Communities Fund monies to deliver new marketing and promotion of Berwickshire’s visitor attractions and facilities. It is led by Eyemouth Harbour Trust and brings together businesses from across Berwickshire.

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	Heritage	Continued development of “Scotland Starts here” App The Jim Clark Rally is returning to Berwickshire The Council and other local partners are in discussion with James Hutton Institute about potential visitor opportunities at Siccar Point on the coast. Duns Tourism Partnership to be develop to maximise tourism opportunities	Ongoing November 2019 & May 2020	MBTAG	The Council and Live Borders have worked with the Jim Clark Trust to deliver the Jim Clark Museum in Duns, a major new visitor attraction opened in May 2019.
Widen the opportunity and availability of modern apprenticeships and vocational training	Borders College physical and digital hub network to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills will improve access for some types of training.	Development of spoke sites to include provision at Eyemouth and Berwickshire.	October 2019	Borders College – E-learning Manager.	Digital spoke sites now live in Eyemouth and Berwickshire High Schools . The Council is working with Skills Development Scotland and Borders College to ensure a suitable range of Modern Apprenticeship qualifications are available in the Scottish Borders. Work to establish Foundation Apprenticeship courses is also being taken forward by the CPP partners.
Improve the access to further and higher education and the opportunity for lifelong learning	The redevelopment of Eyemouth Primary School will provide opportunities for increased community	Community Consultation – Fit for 2024	2020/2021	Scottish Borders Council	Older person’s digital skills session in Eyemouth.

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	<p>use & lifelong learning opportunities.</p> <p>Borders College digital hub creation.</p>				<p>Food Hygiene (REHIS) Training offered to volunteers to support Eyemouth Street Food Event</p> <p>Digital spoke sites now live in Eyemouth and Berwickshire High Schools .</p>
	<p>Develop IT skills to enable them to access important services and save money online.</p>	<p>Identify areas where digital skills café can be delivered in wider Berwickshire, develop delivery capacity and roll-out.</p> <p>Project Model to be developed and applied to other communities across Berwickshire</p>	<p>Spring 2020</p>	<p>SBC Community Capacity Building Team</p>	<p>Four partnership sessions delivered to aid understanding of the diverse range of needs in order to support older people in the community to encourage and develop confidence using technology in their daily lives.</p> <p>Partners have come together to form a steering group to enable delivery of community sessions. Community sessions delivered March to May 2019.</p>
	<p>Borders College physical and digital hub network to provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills will improve access for some types of training.</p>	<p>Development of spoke sites to include provision at Eyemouth and Berwickshire.</p>	<p>October 2019</p>	<p>E-Learning Manager</p>	<p>Digital spoke sites now live in Eyemouth and Berwickshire High Schools .</p>
<p>Protect and retain traditional skills unique to Berwickshire (e.g. sea skills)</p>	<p>Berwickshire/Duns Skills Development Partnership to be established with a range of local 3rd sector partners taking the lead.</p>		<p>2020</p>	<p>A Heart for Duns</p>	<p>A project to encourage young people to be involved in traditional boat building has been run in Eyemouth in recent years by local experts. This is provided on a voluntary basis.</p>
<p>Encourage business start-ups & investment in the area, for example with the availability of suitable (and flexible) business</p>	<p>A Heart for Duns are conducting a feasibility study on the Volunteer Hall site, with the view to</p>		<p>January 2020</p>	<p>A Heart for Duns</p>	<p>Public responses on the Main Issues Report have been gathered and are being used to inform the Local Development Plan (LDP2).</p>

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spaces	provide further mixed use appropriate to local market requirements.				The Council has provided serviced sites for businesses to develop their own premises on. There are serviced plots available in Eyemouth, Duns and Coldstream. SBC has secured funding from SOSEP which will provide dedicated Community Enterprise support for Eyemouth & East Berwickshire.
	The Council will work with South of Scotland Enterprise to ensure that sites are serviced and available for private sector development and inward investment in future.				
Encourage further partnership working to support the area in managing the economic and social impact of current and future demographic changes (i.e. increasing older population, young people moving away)	Continue work in Eyemouth to deliver a range of actions identified in the Vision 4 Eyemouth documents.		2019-2023	Scottish Borders Council/Eyemouth & East Berwickshire partnership	The Council has worked with Berwickshire Housing Association and other local partners to help support the Vision 4 Eyemouth initiative and action plan.
	Work with Coldstream Community Council and Community Trust to address the challenges set out in their community action plan.		2018-2022	Coldstream Community Trust/Coldstream Community Council	Action plan published.

HEALTH CARE & WELLBEING

Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
Co-location of specialist services and better service planning, acknowledging the complexities of delivering services, leading to improved outcomes	Develop two integrated team covering all areas across the locality		September 2017	Health & Social Care Partnership /AHP	Update Required
	Implement joint staff meetings and training for Health, Social Care and Third Sector staff				
Improve the availability and accessibility of <i>Health & Social Care</i> services for people living in rural areas and towns across Berwickshire, <i>in particular (vulnerable) Young People and an aging population</i>	Develop a link with the transport hub to establish rural needs and potential solutions.		September 2017	TSI/Locality Working Group	Update Required
	Work with community led steering group to establish appropriate 'What Matters Hubs' across Berwickshire locality.		2017-2018	SBC Community Led Support.	What Matters Hubs established in Duns, Eyemouth and pop-up provision in Cockburnspath.
Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services <i>and specialist services</i>	Scope out the gaps in community rehabilitation services across the partnership and devise and implement a structure to address these.		September 2017	Integrated Joint Board – Locality Working Group/Allied Health Professionals Lead	Day Services Review Engagement Event Hosted 27/6/2017 Health in Mind, Re:discover Borders funded to provide 12 week outdoor skills programme to assist those people living with challenging mental health. (LBF2)
	Increase access to Allied Health Professionals and support staff to manage people's rehabilitation needs within the community		March 2018		Update Required

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	Raise Awareness of Live Borders 'Active Ageing' programme within the local community		March 2017	Locality Working Group/Live Borders	Update Required
Increase the range of <i>affordable and accessible</i> housing options available across the locality	Delivery of Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2018-2023	Work with Berwickshire Housing Association to support the development of appropriate extra care housing	2023	Berwickshire Housing Association/SBC Housing Strategy Team Borders Housing Alliance	SES Housing Needs assessment has been produced and forms the basis for future planning.
	Work with Registered Social Landlords to develop alternative accommodation across all areas of the locality	Deliver Housing Strategy	2017-2022	Registered Social Landlords/Housing Strategy Team	
Improve support for unpaid carers	Consult on and respond to the Scottish Government's Consultation on draft regulations			Integrated Joint Board SBC Social Work	In conjunction with Borders Carers Centre a new draft Carers support plan has been tested. What Matters Hubs have relevant information available eg Carers Act & Self Directed Support
Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities	Support the independent sector to implement My Home Life - <i>Locality Working Group</i>			Integrated Joint Board – Locality Working Group	What Matters Hubs have relevant information available eg Carers Act & Self Directed Support – <i>Community led support Steering Group</i> 'What Matters' hubs established in Duns, Eyemouth and pop-up provision in Cockburnspath What Matters Hubs and Hospital to home teams now have a Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Goody bag or small

					pieces of equipment that can be used to show clients or be loaned to clients for a period.
	Work with providers in the development of available support service.	Further roll-out of Florence Home Mobile Monitoring for hypertension in early 2020.	Throughout 2020	Integrated Joint Board	<p>Florence Home Mobile Health Monitoring for Hypertension is being rolled out across the Borders and is now live Duns, Chirnside and Greenlaw.</p> <p>AskSARA launched mid December. This is an online self-help guide that provides expert advice and information on products and equipment that can potentially help older and disabled adults with everyday living.</p> <p>Border Ability Equipment Service redesign to include locality stores.</p>
	Support the implementation of new ways of working through the frailty redesign pathways				
	Support the further development of reablement services within the Third sector		March 2018	Red Cross/Locality Working Group	

	Develop partnership activities and interventions	Link with Healthy Living Network to further develop activities and locality specific action plans. Work to support further development within Support development of Community Capacity Building initiatives		Joint Health Improvement Team Eyemouth Practice/Locality Working Group Community Capacity Building Team	
Focus on rural isolation and social inclusion and the impacts on mental health on people living across the locality	Young Persons mental health referral protocol training delivered to frontline staff in the locality			SBC Community Learning & Development (Young People)	Young People’s Emotional Health, Well-being and Resilience steering meeting held – CLD Youth Learning/Eyemouth High School
	Annual health & well-being day held at Eyemouth High School			Eyemouth High School	New integrated summer activities provided by Connect Berwickshire Youth Project covering Duns, Eyemouth and Coldstream and outlying areas (LBF1)
	Initiate signposting of young people to support service and information through SPOC digital portal				Funding provided to Eat, Sleep & Ride CIC to develop their horse therapy service (LBF2)
	Conduct further research with young people regarding emotional health and well being –			CLS Youth Learning/Eyemouth High School	

Understand the future care requirements for the area and how best to incentivise people to work in the sector					
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QUALITY OF LIFE

	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
Continue to support multi-agency partnership working opportunities, promoting referrals/pathways to those local initiatives and sharing good practice.	Additional resources identified to extend Community Action Team (CAT) capacity	Recruitment and deployment of second CAT.	2019/20	Police Scotland	Jedburgh Grammar School JAAT (Joint Agency Action Team) – meets 4 times per annum.
	Domestic abuse services to be embedded within new Public Protection Service and whole family approach.	Relocation of staff	Early 2020	SBC Safer Communities Team	The Safer Communities Team currently coordinate the activity of the Council funded Community Action Team (CAT). A member/Officer Oversight Group meet to task based on data and local intelligence/knowledge.
	Increase early interventions conducted to address Anti-social behaviour.				Domestic Abuse Multi-agency Risk Assessment meetings held monthly aimed at protecting victims.
	Expand and develop Eyemouth Street Food Event working group with wider engagement of partners and volunteers.		Summer 2020	Splash/NHS Health Promotion	HLN/CLD focus on food industry and healthy diet as part of LCP Plan, event delivered on priority to encourage further partnership working.
	Source funding to enable trial of Beat the Street Initiative		2019/2020	NHS Health Promotion	Production of Eyemouth Good Food Partnership Newsletter. Partial funding secured, project

Invest in and create community facilities and spaces.	Feasibility Study to be conducted on the redevelopment of the Volunteer Hall, Duns		October 19 to January 2020	A Heart for Duns	Contractor appointed and feasibility study now commenced.
	Intergenerational Community Campus Consultation and Development		2020		Initial community workshop held in Eyemouth
	Support community groups/organisations through delivery of the Community Fund		Ongoing	Area Partnerships/SBC Communities and Partnerships	Delivery of Locality Bid Fund 1&2 to with following projects supported: Funding support provided to extend use of Duns Primary School outside of school hours for public performances. Also, wider community use of new playground equipment and enhancements. (LBF 1) Provide start up funding for insurance and equipment to support the creation of Duns & District Men’s Shed (LBF1) Funding provided to Friends of Ayton Primary to support the installation of AV equipment to enable wider community and functional use of the facility. (LBF2)
Support local community capacity building, in particular local volunteers (utilising their skills and expertise)	Roll-out of Digital Skills training across Berwickshire	Scope out the demand and feasibility. Commence wider delivery plan Evaluate effectiveness	Spring 2020	Community Capacity Building Team	Pilot Digital Skills Programme delivered in Eyemouth Community Fridge initiated by local volunteers Volunteer Conference Held, Springwood Park, Kelso – Lord Lieutenants.

Encourage leisure/cultural facilities to be as accessible as possible (convenient, affordable, time of day)	Live Borders Strategy 2018-2023	Expand levels of participation, including having universal membership card and developing services where there is significant need.	2018-2023	Live Borders	Community activity funded through Locality Bid Fund 1 & 2: Sea the Change beach wheelchairs improving access to beach environs and Installation of power hoist at Duns Pool to enable independent access.
Improve communication across communities and between public agencies, including promotion / marketing of specific activities (e.g. men's shed, walking football)	Area Partnership will enable further opportunities for joint working on key priorities.	Promotion of opportunities available to communities through the Community Empowerment Act – Participation requests, Community Asset Transfers.			Red Cross Activities Calendar produced and updated regularly. ALISS (a Local Information System for Scotland) is a web based information portal is live can be used to share information on activities. Learning Community Partnership Monthly Bulletin established providing information and training opportunities for partners. SBC Production of funding profiles for localities to enable identification of funding and new developments. Berwickshire Area Partnership established and

					will facilitate increased joint working,
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ENVIRONMENT & PLACE

Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
Investment in sustainable transport infrastructure and service provision	SBC Passenger Transport Community Consultation/Planning being undertaken for services 2020/21		Ongoing	SBC Passenger Transport	Transport Conference held in June 2019 – conference output then considered by the Area Partnership. Youth Scot discount available to young people on single fares
Work with local communities on regenerating and reimagining their local places (town centres, village halls, play areas etc.)	Local Development Plan 2 will provide a local framework for development guided by the overarching South East Scotland Strategic Development Plans (SESplan).		March 2020	SBC Regulatory Services	SESplan Strategic Development Plan sets the key policy areas for Economic Growth (employment land, town centres, retail and minerals) • Housing (housing land requirements, flexibility and affordable housing) • Infrastructure (transportation, infrastructure)
Understand the housing needs of the area and ensure the right developments are being considered to meet those needs, including affordable housing and housing for all stages and ages of life	The Delivery of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan:		2019-2023	SBC/Registered Social Landlords/Developers	The Local Housing Strategy 2017-22 sets out a vision for the supply, quality and availability of housing in the local area. The LHS is the key planning document, providing a framework of action, investment and partnership-working to deliver these local priorities.

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Promote environmentally friendly home energy solutions to local residents	Bio-diversity Strategy Low Carbon Economic Strategy 2023 SBC Affordable Warmth & Home Energy Strategy 2019-2023 Actions	Continued roll-out and promotion of Home Energy Efficiency Programme (HEEP). Development of Community Food Growing Strategy		Borders Housing Alliance	ECO Schools Programme Community Food Growing Strategy
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Berwickshire Interim Community Fund 2019-20. Opening Fund £172,692

Grant Applications awarded

Group name	Amount	Locality Plan theme
Eyemouth and District C of T	£930	Economy and Skills
Connect Berwickshire	£6,099	Quality of Life
A Heart for Duns	£1,925	Environment and Place
Swinton and Ladykirk CC	£2,241	Environment and Place
Honour our Troops	£501	Quality of Life
Eyemouth Enhancement Group	£1,170	Environment and Place
Keeping Duns Blooming Marvellous	£1,500	Environment and Place
Coldstream Playpark opening	£5,000	Quality of Life
Totals	£19,366	

To be decided at Area Partnership

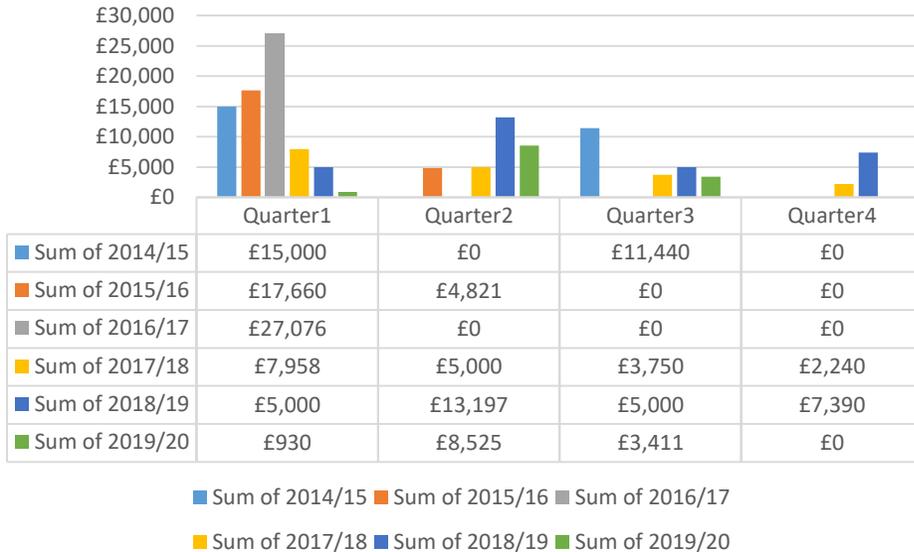
Group name	Amount	Locality Plan theme
Coldstream Football Club	£2,329	Quality of Life
Total to be decided	£2,329	

Applications under assessment

Group name	Amount	Locality Plan theme
Eat, Sleep, Ride	£2,000	Health Care and Wellbeing
Busy Bees Playgroup	£3,600	Health Care and Wellbeing
Eyemouth Community Council	£1,080	Quality of Life
Duns Players	£4,000	Quality of Life
Lennel Lawn Tennis Club	£8,000	Quality of Life
Chirnside CGA	£12,529	Quality of Life
Total to be assessed	£31,209	

Outstanding amount available January 2020 £119,788

Berwickshire Annual Community Grant spend by Quarter



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Community Council commitments	Value (£)
Abbey St Bathans, Bonkyl and Preston	£540
Ayton	£630
Burnmouth	£540
Chirnside	£630
Cockburnspath and Cove	£630
Coldingham	£630
Coldstream and District	£990
Lammermuir	£540
Duns	£990
Allanton, Whitsome and Edrom	£630
Eyemouth	£990
Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton	£540
Gavinton, Fogo and Polwarth	£630
Gordon and Westruther	£630
Grantshouse	£540
Greenlaw and Hume	£630
Leitholm, Eccles and Birgham	£630
Hutton and Paxton	£540
Reston and Auchencrow	£630
St Abbs	£540
Swinton and Ladykirk	£630
Total	£13,680

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Ring-fenced commitments

January 2020

Berwickshire Federation of Village Halls	Total
Abbey St Bathans, Allanton, Ayton, Birgham, Burnmouth, Chirnside, Cockburnspath, Coldingham, Cranshaws, Eccles, Foulden, Gavinton, Gordon, Grantshouse, Greenlaw, Lamberton, Leitholm, Longformacus, Paxton, Preston, Reston, St Abbs, Westruther, Whitsome Associate: A Heart for Duns, Coldstream	£13,502

Local Festival Grants

	Value	Awarded
Burnmouth	£210	£210
Chirnside	£2,750	£2,750
Cockburnspath	£375	£0
Coldstream	£3,300	£3,300
Coldingham	£500	£500
Duns	£3,300	£3,300
Eyemouth	£2,750	£2,750
Gordon	£375	£0
Greenlaw	£500	£0
Total	£14,060	£12,810

Berwickshire- other sources of grant funding

Grant type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
SBC Small Schemes	£34,700.00	£0.00	£0.00
SBC Enhancement Grant	£2,670.00	£0.00	£0.00
SBC Welfare Grant	£13,165.00	£0.00	£0.00

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2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Berwickshire

Ref. No.: CF1920/BER/14

Organisation Name: Keeping Duns Blooming Marvellous

Funding Requested: £1,500

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Unconstituted Group		
Annual Accounts Balance	N/A		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>The group have identified five planting areas around Duns, these being Langtongate, Willis Wynd, Barn End, Industrial Estate wild flowers and large square by the memorials in the park. They aspire to improve these spaces through the use of sustainable planting. The group are seeking financial support to enable the purchase of sustainable shrubs, perennials and wild flowers.</p> <p>The group are working closely with SBC Neighbourhood Services/Parks Team and wish to supplement the current proposed planting to ensure an attractive and complementary scheme. The works which will be undertaken by the volunteers include clearing, improving soil structure, planting, watering and ongoing maintenance.</p>

		<p>The joint working arrangement and planting plans have been developed in partnership and agreed with Neighbourhood Services/Parks Team.</p> <p>The group aim to improve the attractiveness of Duns for visitors and local residents. Through this work they wish to achieve a level of economic impact as well as instilling greater levels of civic pride.</p>	
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY		January 2019	
Total Expenditure (£)		£1,750	
Community Fund Request (£)		£1,500	
10% Match-funding		£250.00 equates to 14%	
Any Other Contribution?			
Other Funding Sources		Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty		

ASSESSMENT	
<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>A review of open space bedding plant provision was undertaken by Scottish Borders Council. As a result of this engagement the KDBM group have been involved in agreeing key sites within the town where planting should be encouraged and maintained in order to sustain and enhance the local environment of Duns.</p> <p>The Plans for the town have included input and support from Duns Community Council as a representative local community body.</p>
<p>What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>The KDBM group is a great means of keeping active and fit, as well as facilitating a great opportunity for community engagement consequently having an impact on reducing social isolation within the community. The work of maintaining the beds and planters is conducted through work parties, on average 5-6 volunteers will meet for an afternoon and undertake any work required. At the end of each session the volunteers will relax with tea, coffee and biscuits, and have the opportunity to build relationships between themselves.</p> <p>The wider benefits to the town are distinct improvements in the look and feel of the town centre. This enhancement in the town encourages visitors to stop and explore and to spend, therefore having a long lasting effect on the local economy.</p>

What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	<p>There are over 40 gardening volunteers involved in maintaining the towns planters, baskets with a mix of interests, abilities and availability. The number of volunteers have grown steadily from 2-3 individuals, this being a direct result of the difference the planting has made to the local areas.</p> <p>The group are formally supported by a Heart of Duns and Duns Community Council who have previously contributed their time and funding.</p> <p>Previous planting activities have been achieved with financial support from local businesses and group such as the Duns Probus and Rotary. The group will continue to forge relationships with other organisations and individuals.</p>
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	The group undertake an annual bedding plant sale to raise funds for the town's planters and baskets.
What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	The application is to support one-off costs related to the establishment of the planting areas. The ongoing maintenance will be undertaken by the group. The group will continue to host fundraising activities to support any minor ongoing costs.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT

This application meets the criteria of the Scottish Borders Council Community Fund.

SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to approve to the value of £ 1,500.

DELEGATED POWERS (up to £1,500)

Approved by:

Date: Dec 2019

Jenni Craig

Service Director, Customer & Communities

Scottish Borders Council

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2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: *Berwickshire*

Ref. No.: *CF1920/BER/16*

Organisation Name: *Chirside United Football Club*

Funding Requested: *£2,328.65*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
Organisation Structure	Constituted Group		
Annual Accounts Balance	£12,208.54 – Bank Balance		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £10,027.18 – Reserve Account, this is ring fenced for the development of a new clubroom, changing facility and has been accumulated over the past 10 years. These funds have been allocated to paying for the architect’s fees for the proposed development for which work has already been commissioned.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>Chirside United Football club are a community club seeking funding to support the installation of floodlights at their new training area to the North of their existing pitch based in Chirside. The proposal is to erect three, 8m Galvanised Steel Lighting Columns evenly spaced at 80m intervals – the funding is sought to support the purchase of the lights and the electrical installation works by a select registered installer.</p>
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	<p>Page 75</p>

	March 2020	
Total Expenditure (£)	5,174.79	
Community Fund Request (£)	2,328.65	
10% Match-funding	258.74	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	2,766.50	Confirmed
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality advice and information <input type="checkbox"/> More local groups or services are better supported to recover from financial difficulty	

ASSESSMENT	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	<p>The Football Club have been required to relocate their training pitch following the expiry of the training pitch lease. A new training pitch has been established, with a long term lease of 10 years, with the area of land where the floodlights will be sited having a lease of 99 years. To enable sports training to continue throughout the year the group are seeking support to install floodlights. There are no floodlights on the club's main pitch. Year round training is important to maintain momentum and engagement with the club. Extended periods where training is unavailable has a clear detrimental impact on physical activity and club engagement levels more widely.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>The Football club has been at the heart of the Chirnside Community for 130 years. It provides a safe place for both children and adults to participate in sport. The football club is the only location in the village that can be used for an activity which requires changing facilities and a large open space. In having such facilities available to the community there are clear opportunities for enhancing the health and well-being of the local community.</p> <p>The nearest 3G facilities are over 20 miles away and not easily accessed via public transport. They are also cost prohibitive taking into account hire and travel costs.</p> <p>The football club supports a wide membership base from outlying villages, therefore providing important social activities for people who may otherwise be socially isolated.</p>

<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The club have a community ethos and support open community use of the training pitch. Currently the pitches are also used by the athletics group Chirnside Chasers youth section and Chirnside Juniors Youth Football Team. The later utilise the grounds 2-3 nights per week providing after school football for primary 1-7 pupils. Both the Chirnside chasers youth section and Youth Football team train indoors over the winter months.</p> <p>Membership numbers of the main club and juniors are as follows:</p> <p>Under 16's – 57 Male 20 female – Total 77 with an increasing membership.</p> <p>Over 16's - 29 Male</p> <p>Non Playing member (club volunteers) – 23 Male 12 Female – Total 35</p> <p>The training pitches are used 3 nights per week in the winter and 5 nights per week in the summer time.</p> <p>There is no payment or fee required to play football at Chirnside, training is open to all regardless of the desire to play competitively.</p> <p>The Chirnside Juniors have a suggest £1.50 weekly fee, the club will help families where there is a financial difficulty which may be a barrier to participation. Team strips are provided and boot swaps are encouraged.</p> <p>Live Borders Sport Development Team have previously considered a request for lighting support but were unable to support the group with a relocation of mobile lights due to their placement within the Edinburgh leagues.</p> <p>The grounds have, and where required, will continue to be used for the Chirnside Civic Week celebrations.</p> <p>The club have a long term plan which includes the redevelopment of the changing and club facilities to include a social space, the floodlight development is phase 1 of their longer term development plans. The development plan is yet to be consulted on with the community.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The applicant considered Club Sport Berwickshire for assistance, however due to a previous grant they were ineligible for further support.</p> <p>The applicant has applied for the Scottish Football Partnership funding and have secured 50% match funding through this approach.</p>
<p>What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>Minimal ongoing costs, LED lighting which should have a significant lifespan and also minimal maintenance costs. Running costs will be met by the football club and its ongoing fundraising.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>Planning permission granted 17th January 2020</p>

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The application meets the criteria of the community fund.