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## MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 27 February 2020  
**Time:** 5.30 pm – 8.00 pm  
**Location:** Earlston Primary School, High Street, Earlston. TD4 6JQ

## AGENDA

**Doors open 5.30 pm for tea and coffee – meeting starts at 6.00 pm**

1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
2.	<b>Feedback from meeting on 14 November 2019</b> (Pages 3 - 10)  Copy of Minute and discussion feedback attached.
3.	<b>Transport Update</b>  Verbal update by Passenger Transport Manager.
4.	<b>Jim Clark Rally 2020 Public Consultation Process</b> (Pages 11 - 28)  Consider report by the Executive Director and Service Director Assets & Infrastructure (copy of report and appendices attached).
5.	<b>Eildon Locality Action Plan update</b> (Pages 29 - 58)  Copies of Eildon Locality Plan and Action Plan attached.
6.	<b>Eildon Locality Plan: Environment and Place</b>  Presentation by:  (a) Greener Melrose; and (b) Weigh Greener  Followed by table discussion.
7.	<b>Eildon Community Fund update</b> (Pages 59 - 84)  Community Fund information sheets attached including funding maps and copy of approved report proposing 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Celebration Fund.  <b>Eildon applications</b> Copies attached of Community Fund assessments for:  (a) Nurture the Borders; (b) Energise Gala;

	(c) Macfie Hall; and (d) Maroon'd.
8.	<b>Open Forum</b>  Questions for Elected Members.
9.	<b>Community Empowerment Act update</b> (Pages 85 - 88)  Annual Participation and Asset Transfer Reports attached.
10.	<b>Future agenda items</b>  Suggestions/proposals for future items.
11.	<b>Date of next meeting</b>  Thursday, 30 April 2020 – venue to be agreed.

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## Eildon Area Partnership



MINUTE of Meeting of the EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP held in the Scottish Borders Campus, Galashiels. on Thursday, 14 November 2019 at 6.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors G. Edgar (Chairman), A. Anderson, K. Drum, E. Jardine, 23 Partner representatives, Community Councillors, officers and members of the public.

Apologies:- Councillor S. Aitchison, Councillor D. Parker, Councillor H. Scott and Councillor E. Thornton-Nicol.

### 1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership and thanked Community Councillors, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. Localities Development co-ordinator Kenny Harrow was introduced, who would be supporting Eildon Area Partnership in the future.

### 2. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Minute of the meeting of the Eildon Area Partnership held on 12 September 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion on 'Community Transport: solutions and actions' was attached as an appendix to the Minute.

### 3. **EILDON LOCALITY PLAN UPDATE**

Copies of the draft Eildon Locality Plan had been circulated with the agenda and paper copies supplied at the meeting. Mr Harrow explained that the plan had been updated and re-worded to reflect priorities identified in round table discussions at previous meetings of the Eildon Area Partnership. Included in the document was an action plan which would evolve over time. In response to a question from the representative from Ettrick & Yarrow Community Council about how the plan would tie into the Council's budget process the Chairman explained that Councillors would look at the themes from communities throughout the Borders and take these into account when looking at budget priorities. The public also had the opportunity to engage in the budget process through the on-line budget simulator.

### 4. **THEME: HEALTH, CARE AND WELL-BEING - SOCIAL ISOLATION AND REDUCING LONELINESS**

#### 4.1 **Health Care and Well-being – Social Isolation and reducing loneliness**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Sarah Horsman, SBC Occupational Therapist based in Galashiels and Harry Cotterill from the British Red Cross to talk about the community-led support programme 'What Matters Hubs'. There were several 'What Matters Hubs' across the Borders with the 'mother' hub being in Galashiels. Leaflets were provided at the meeting giving details of opening times of hubs and information about how the hub could provide information and assistance. The hubs offered drop-in sessions, a meeting point, networking and the facilitation of meetings with professionals, para professionals and people from community groups and voluntary organisations across the Borders. What Matters Hubs were supported on a regular basis by the British Red Cross, with other providers attending when possible. Mr Cotterill outlined some of the work taking place as part of this initiative. Assistance was given to clients to find support

needed, such as equipment, transport or additional help to enable them to remain in their own home. Advice and information was provided about support available and events happening in their local area. Health and Social Care staff could also signpost people to relevant services. Mr Cotterill went on to give more detailed examples of work carried out in connection with assisted discharge from hospitals and joint work in liaison with services such as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service and MacMillan Cancer Support. Although people of all ages may be eligible for assistance from What Matters Hubs the majority of clients were over 60 years of age. Eligibility was based around criteria which took into account each person's circumstances. Mr Cotterill spoke about the need to also reach out to outlying areas and assist with provision of access to community hubs. Transport was often provided through Borders Community Transport but more volunteer drivers were needed. Ms Horsman referred to the development of community hubs in smaller settlements within the Borders and gave examples. The community at Ettrick Bridge managed their own community hub which had originally started as a 'pop-up' facility. What Matters Hubs also worked closely with Telecare in making increasing use of technology in the care environment. Ms Horsman and Mr Cotterill answered questions about the expansion of the initiative to other areas and how what Matters Hubs should be best promoted. The presentation and contact details would be circulated following the meeting.

- 4.2 Following the presentation, the Chairman thanked Ms Horsman and Mr Cotterill for their attendance and invited those present to take part in a round table discussion about how to tackle social isolation and loneliness in the community. A summary of the output of the discussion is attached as an appendix to this Minute.

5. **EILDON COMMUNITY FUND**

Locality Development Co-ordinator, Gillian Jardine, referred to documents which had been circulated and which were available at the meeting giving an overview of the Interim Community Fund and internal and external funding sources in the Eildon area and the current balances available. Attention was drawn to fast-track applications which had been approved, from Burgh Primary School Parent Council (£1,500) and Earlston Paths Group (£1,360.80). Ms Jardine then asked for consideration of the application from the organisation Stable Life for a grant of £20,000 to part fund Stable Life's annual rental cost and additional estate overhead costs of £41,228 for 2019/20. On the assessment form, which had been circulated and which was available at the meeting, the organisation gave an explanation of other funding sources and funds which were ring-fenced. Stable Life supported annually around 100 disadvantaged young people aged 10 -18 years. Of the 104 young people referred last year 57 came from the Eildon area. The application went on to give detailed information about the benefits of the project, support of the wider community, efforts to source funding and income generation. Following assessment of the application the officer recommendation was to approve the application in full subject to a requirement for Stable Life to refresh their Business Plan and continue to explore income generation opportunities to reduce reliance on grant funding and to ensure core costs could be met. The Chairman allowed 10 minutes for those present to discuss the application and receive answers to their questions, following which the recommendation to approve the funding application was agreed.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to grant £20,000 from the Eildon Community Fund to Stable Life, subject to a requirement to refresh their Business Plan and continue to explore income generation opportunities to reduce reliance on grant funding and to ensure core costs could be met.**

6. **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT UPDATE - EASY READ PACK**

Mr Harrow directed those present to easy-read summaries which had been provided about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. The quick guides gave information on the most significant parts of the Act including national outcomes; community planning; participation requests; community right to buy; asset transfer requests; delegation of

Forestry Commissioner's function; Football Clubs; Common Good Property; Allotments; participation in public decision-making; and on non-domestic rates

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Chairman asked that suggestions for future agenda items for Eildon Area Partnership meetings to be forwarded to the Locality Development co-ordinator at [kenny.harrov@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:kenny.harrov@scotborders.gov.uk)

8. **OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions for Elected Members

9. **CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

*The meeting concluded at 8.10 pm*

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## Eildon Locality Plan – Health, Care and Well-being: Social Isolation and Loneliness

### Suggestions made:

- Improve communication and visibility of local groups and services
- Multi-use venues and facilities, including new school campuses
- Increase number of leisure activities, including dementia friendly walks
- Have more family events
- Have community champions
- Talk to your neighbours
- Have more informal volunteering
- Support people to develop their digital skills & offer better access to the internet
- Improve community transport so people can access groups
- Expand outreach services eg What Matters Hubs

Identify what the gap is (e.g. age group, geographical area)?	What can be done to address the identified gap?	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?	What would the benefits be to the community/individuals?
Young People can't access after school provision as there is either no busses or their free bus pass doesn't cover attending provision.	Provide a longer running bus service that connects with after school provision.  Allow free bus passes to be used outwith school hours for young people that would allow them to attend after school provision and youth clubs.	Transport (Tim) Education department	Capacity to think outside the box and look at alternate options  Volunteer drivers so that community transport can be accessed	Young people have the option to attend a variety of different groups and feel more connected in their community.  Have access to educational activities and the option to socialise with peers
Youth clubs not covering all areas in the locality thus making it difficult for young people to attend	Central point of information so that all young people and members of the community are aware of what's on and when.  Provide free travel for young people so that they can attend youth club sessions	Online Borders – The Bridge  Education department	Financial support to support free bus passes for young people.  Ability of staff to important date and make sure online borders system is up to date	Young people have access to youth clubs and feel part of their peer group.  Attendance at youth clubs will increase and could reduce perceptions of anti-social behaviour.

<p>Young (new) parents not being connected in their community</p>	<p>Engage with those parents that aren't attending parenting support.</p> <p>Provide information on all available opportunities</p>	<p>Community Learning and Development</p> <p>Health visitors identify vulnerable new parents</p> <p>Online borders and local early years network can provide information of all activities in the area</p>	<p>Staff time to undertake engagement and outreach</p>	<p>New parents feel supported in their community.</p>
<p>The working poor</p>	<p>Supported transport costs to those that are on a low income so that they are able to maximise their earning.</p> <p>Encourage and sign up all employers in the Eildon Locality to the living wage</p>	<p>SBC have signed up and will hopefully pressurise others to follow suit.</p>	<p>Finance to support organisations to sign up to the Living Wage.</p>	<p>Families will have more income to spend within their community</p>
<p>Very few home care staff available to support people at home</p>	<p>Recruit staff on flexible basis or pay travel</p>	<p>SB Cares</p>	<p>Investment in recruitment – come out locally to meet people</p>	<p>Fewer admissions to hospital/ Care homes</p>
<p>Improve Broadband speeds in rural areas</p>	<p>Better understanding how other communities are addressing this i.e. Is there a means to organise a community bulk buy, run our own Community broadband Clearer timescale for R100 programme and when/where it will cover</p>	<p>Economic Development Mobile Providers Community Development Trusts Scottish Government</p>	<p>Co-ordination support Infrastructure</p>	<p>Increase access to services i.e. Reduce isolation with greater opportunities for interaction</p>
<p>Better transport and well published</p>	<p>From upper yarrow (cappercleuch) + Upper Ettrick + Weekends (Sat)</p>	<p>Community Council Passenger Transport School Transport</p>	<p>Staff time to look at best means of communicating within rural communities – beyond digital given restrictions.</p>	<p>Greater access to services Enable individuals to stay in own homes longer Reduced Social Isolation</p>

Community Café in Earlston is well attended by older community members attend but not by those of a younger age	Younger aged residents used to attend which was really positive for everyone. Need to re-engage with this age group and find out why they don't attend / what would encourage them to re-attend	Organisers of the community cafe		
Older community members not always comfortable with IT and therefore miss out on local information	Consider different ways of recording & sharing information	What Matters Hub / Red Cross may can become a central point where people access information. Need to promote the Hub so people know to attend	Need the support of partner organisations to help promote the Hub and engage their service users. Partners can also supply what's on information to the Hub	People have the option to participate and therefore feel included and involved. Also helps them to access any required support
Age Groups (+ Veterans groups)	Set up new groups & identify those already Working	Legion, Firm base	Funding, Volunteers organizers	More intergenerational contact. Greater contact across generations Learn more local history
Transport	Make transport readily available in area not served by public transport	SBC, voluntary transport organisation taxi/public	Funding, volunteers vehicles	Greater connection between communities

<b>CASE STUDIES – EXAMPLES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY</b>		
'Community Connections' – Outside the Box	Community Connections is a new project that is based in two rural areas in Scotland: – Eaglesham and Waterfoot in East Renfrewshire – Brechin, Edzell and the Northern Glens in North Angus Community Workers will bring together groups, activities and services that are used by the whole community, particularly older people and people who may feel isolated or disconnected from their community. In North Angus, we are also working alongside groups and services that support people living with dementia.	
'Museums on Prescription' Canterbury Christ Church University and	Museums on Prescription is the first scheme of its kind in the UK to tackle health inequalities by directly linking up museums and referrers from health, social care and third sector organisations.	

University College London	New programmes of museum-based, creative activities for lonely, older adults aged 65-94 years at risk of social isolation, have been designed to improve the mental and psychological wellbeing and social inclusion of older adults.	
Recovery Devon CIC	They were awarded £7,500 to create 'Happy to Share My Table' cards that people can use in cafés and other public spaces to let others know that they welcome the company of strangers. The project aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness by enabling people to connect and build positive relationships.	
'Good Neighbours' The Voluntary Organisations Development Agency (VODA) in North Tyneside	The Good Neighbours project recruits, trains and supports volunteers to carry out a variety of practical tasks commonly associated with those carried out by a 'good neighbour'. From small household tasks to helping run errands or assistance with shopping, no long-term commitment is needed from volunteers, just the desire to help local people who need it. Good Neighbours volunteers receive training, support and get together regularly to discuss their role and share experiences	
'The Voice That Makes a Difference' Northampton	They were awarded over £115,000 to bring over 1,000 young disabled people together to enjoy films by providing 24 screenings at local cinemas over three years that include British Sign Language, subtitles and audio description. This will make the cinema accessible to all. The funding will also provide workshops in drama, music and technology to support young people with disabilities to build their confidence and skills.	
'Vintage Vibes' Lifecare Edinburgh and The Broomhouse Centre and Enterprises	Started in 2015, Vintage Vibes tackles isolation and loneliness among over 60s (called VIPs) in Edinburgh by creating long lasting one to one friendships offering support, companionship and the opportunity for VIPs to be more socially connected and active in their local community	

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## **EILDON AREA PARTNERSHIP**

**Report by Executive Director & Service Director Assets & Infrastructure**

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### **JIM CLARK RALLY 2020 PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS**

**27 FEBRUARY 2020**

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#### **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**

**Rob Dickson**  
**Executive Director**

**Signature .....**

**Martin Joyce**  
**Service Director Assets & Infrastructure Signature .....**

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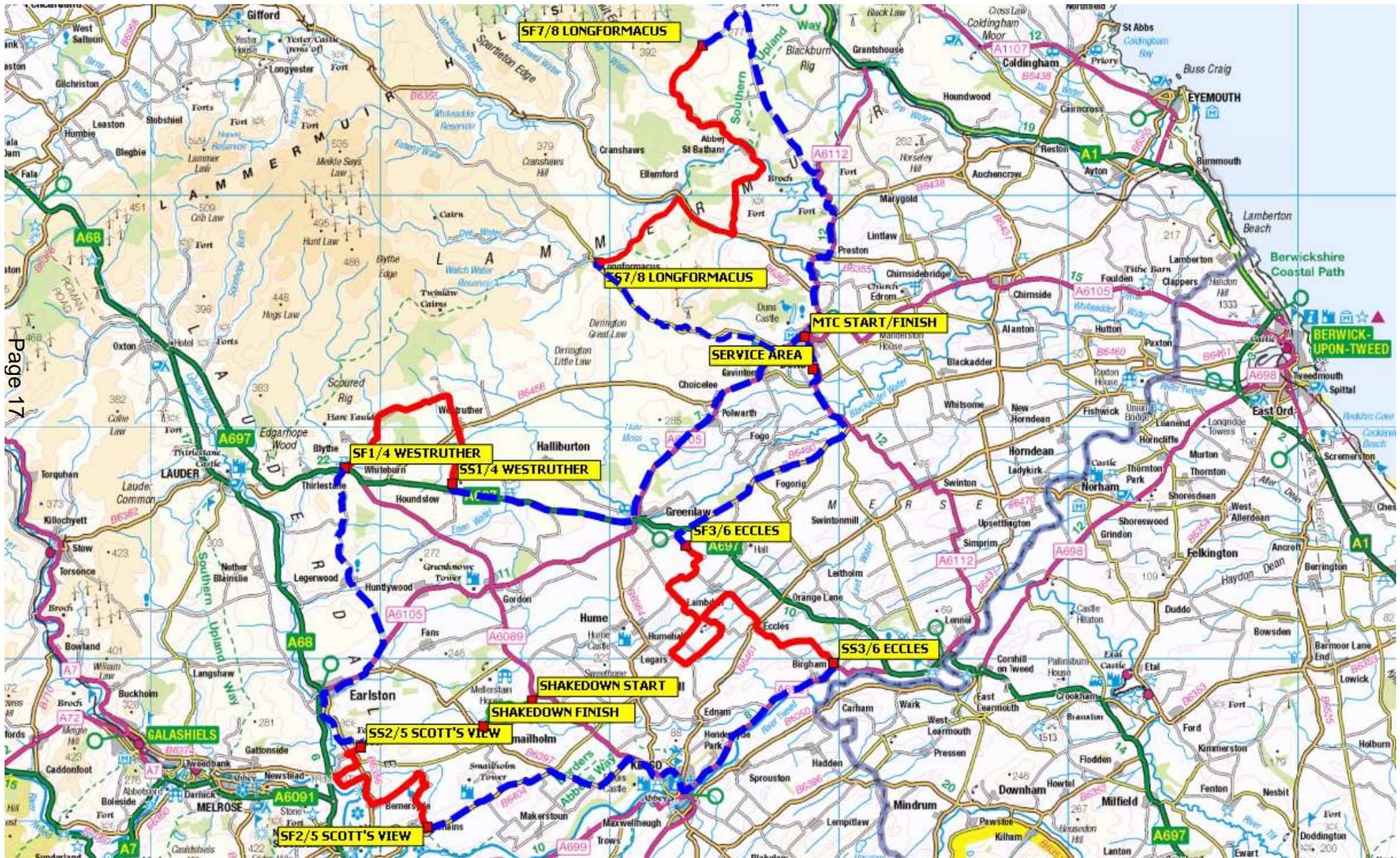
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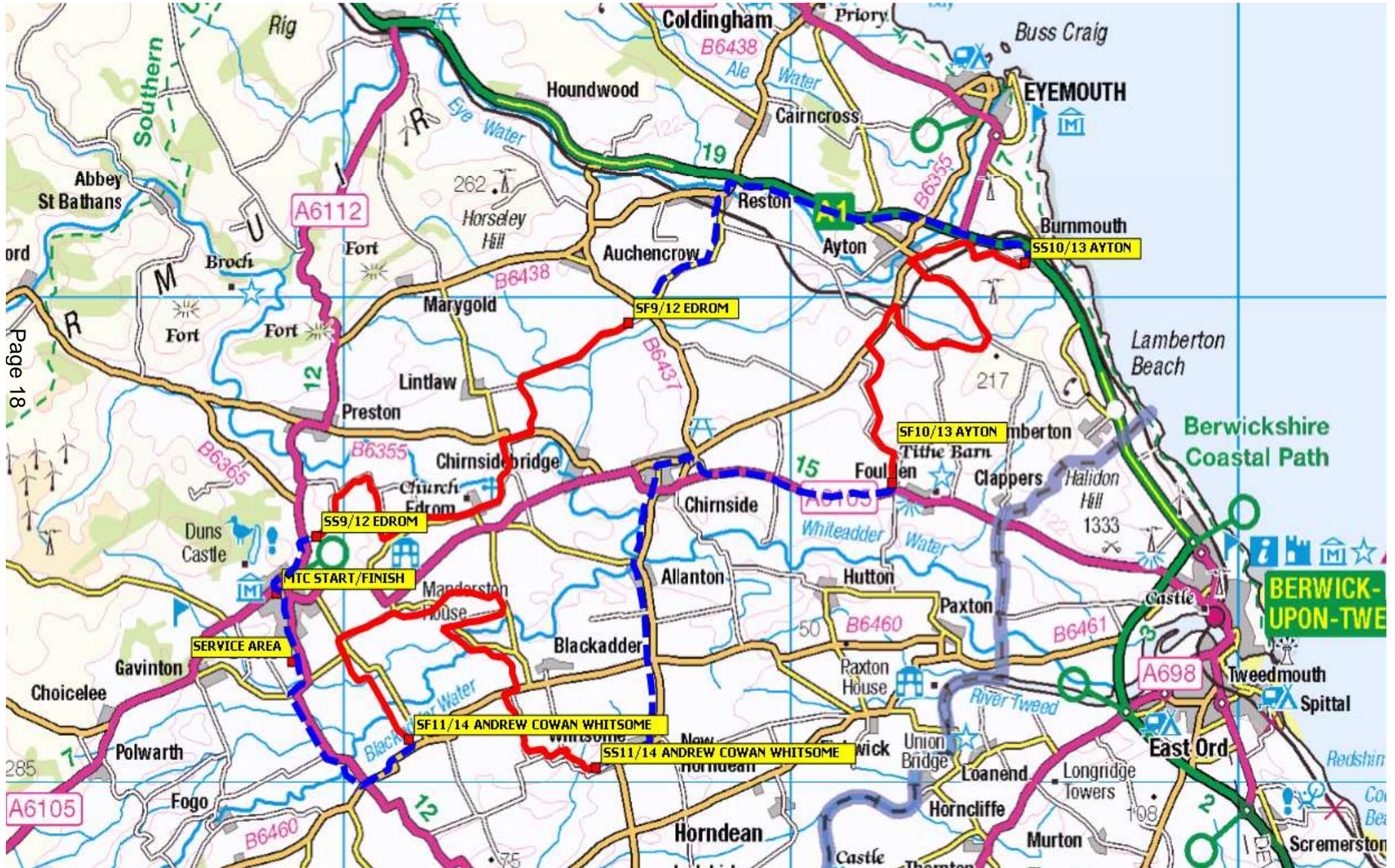
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Jim Clark Rally 2020  
Overall Route Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020

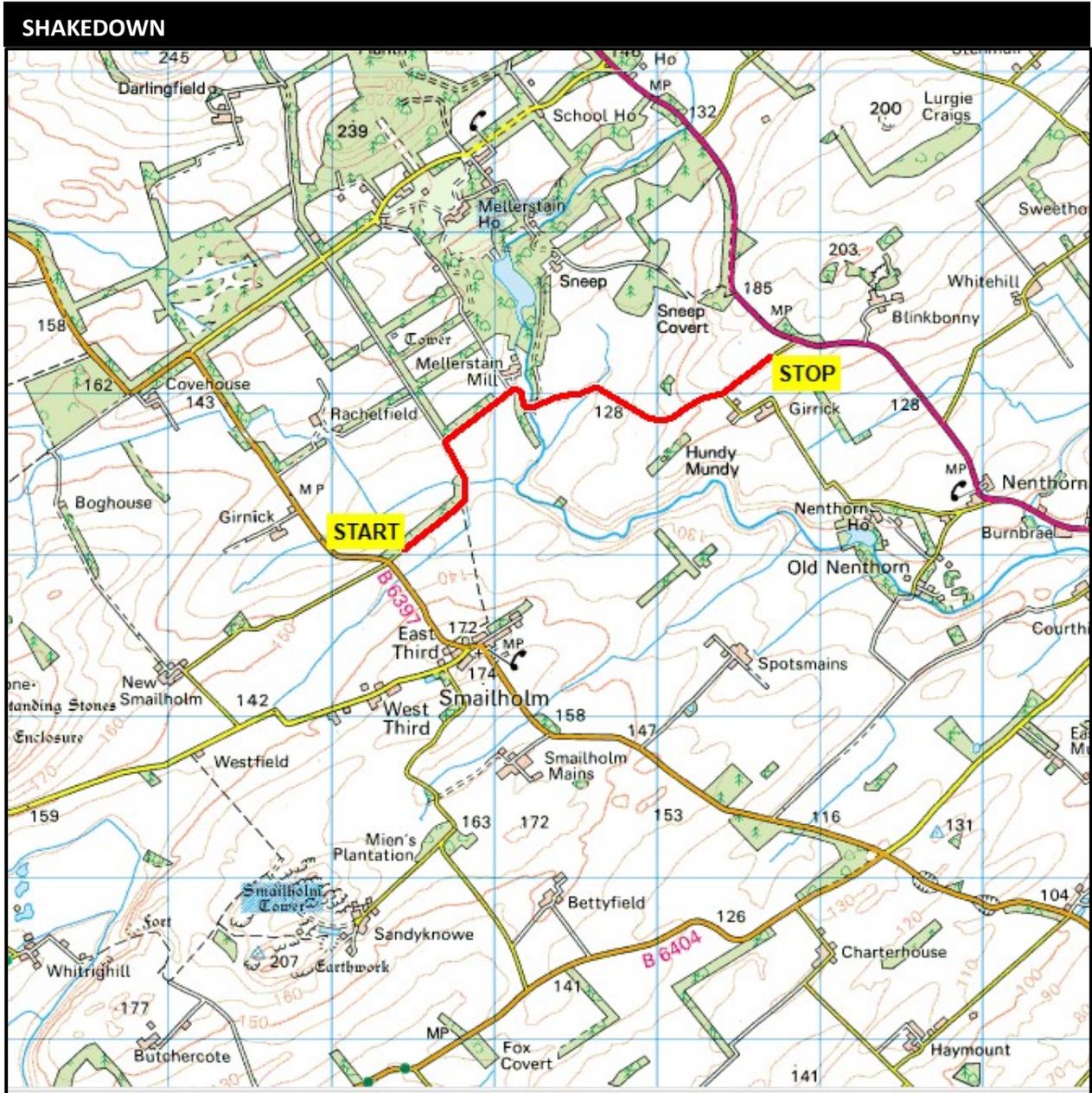


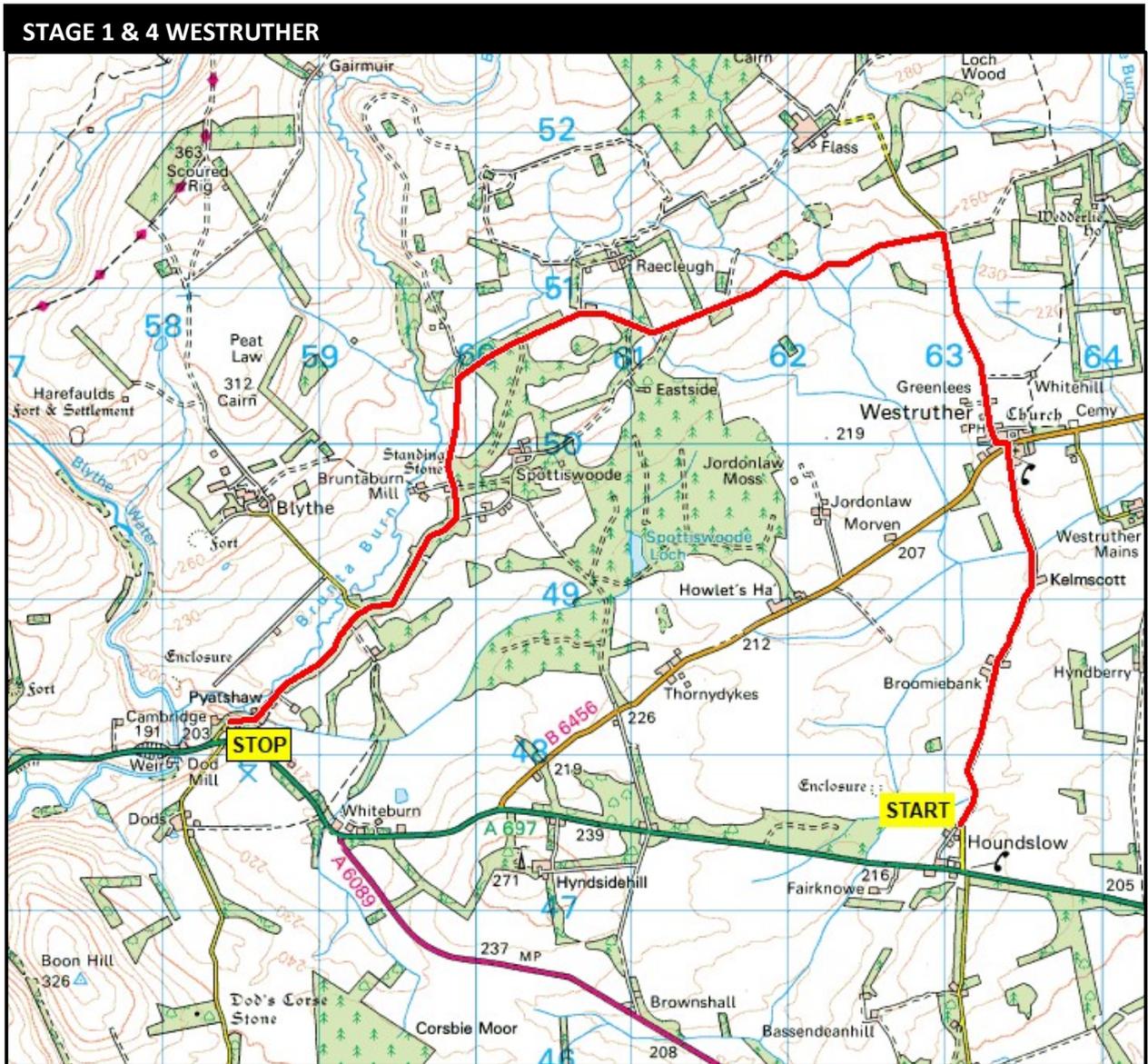
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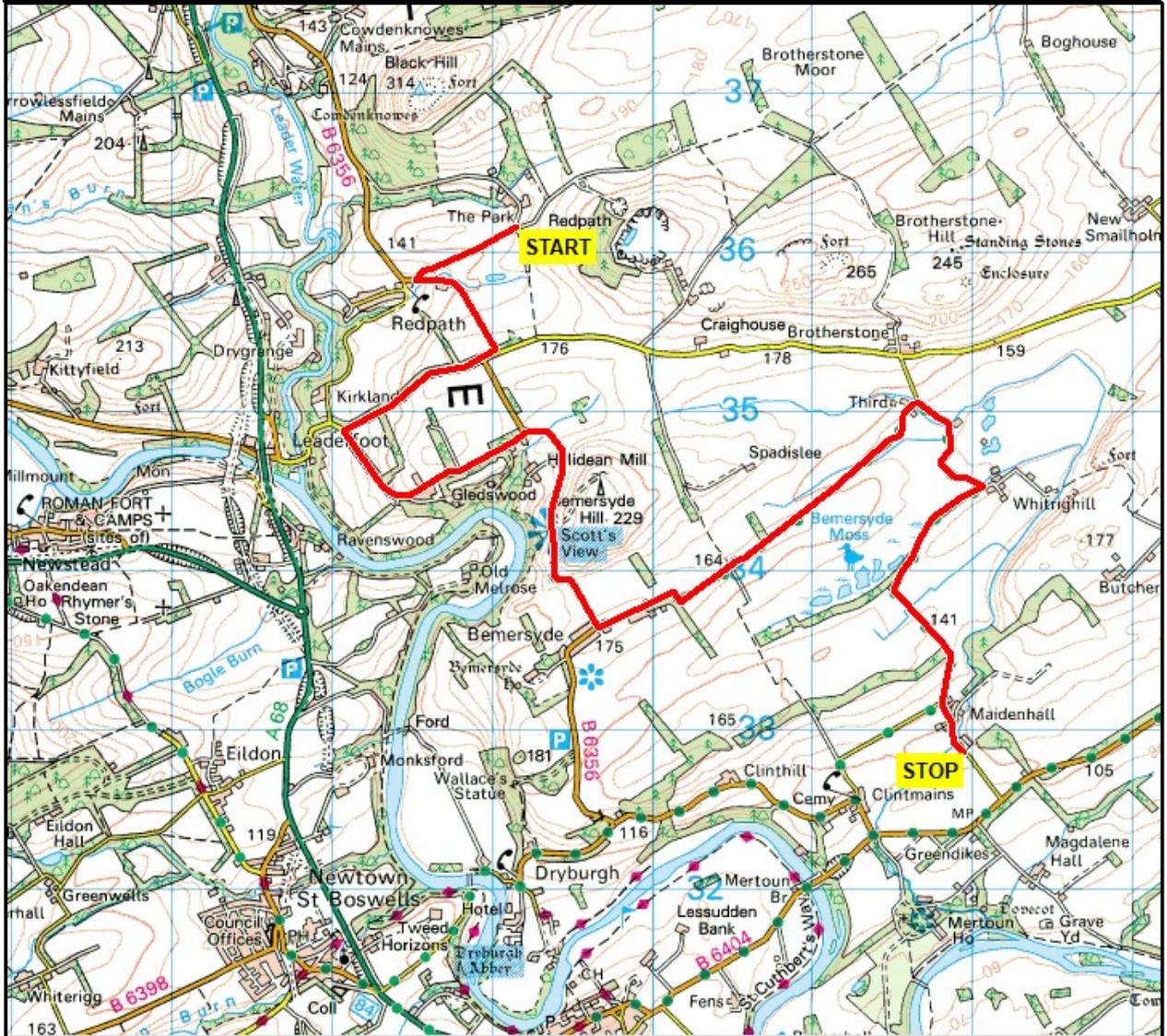
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		Road Closure	Timekeeper	Stage Set Up	Chief Marshal	Stewards	Spec Safety Officer	ESO / MSUK Safety Delegate (000)	Deputy Clerk (00)	Zero Car (0)	1st Competing Car	Sweeper	Clear Up	Latest Road Opening Time
MTC 0	START Podium (Duns Square)	08:00	08:05	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
MTC 1	End of Leg 1 (Service)						15:02	15:17	15:27	15:37	15:47	16:39	17:47	
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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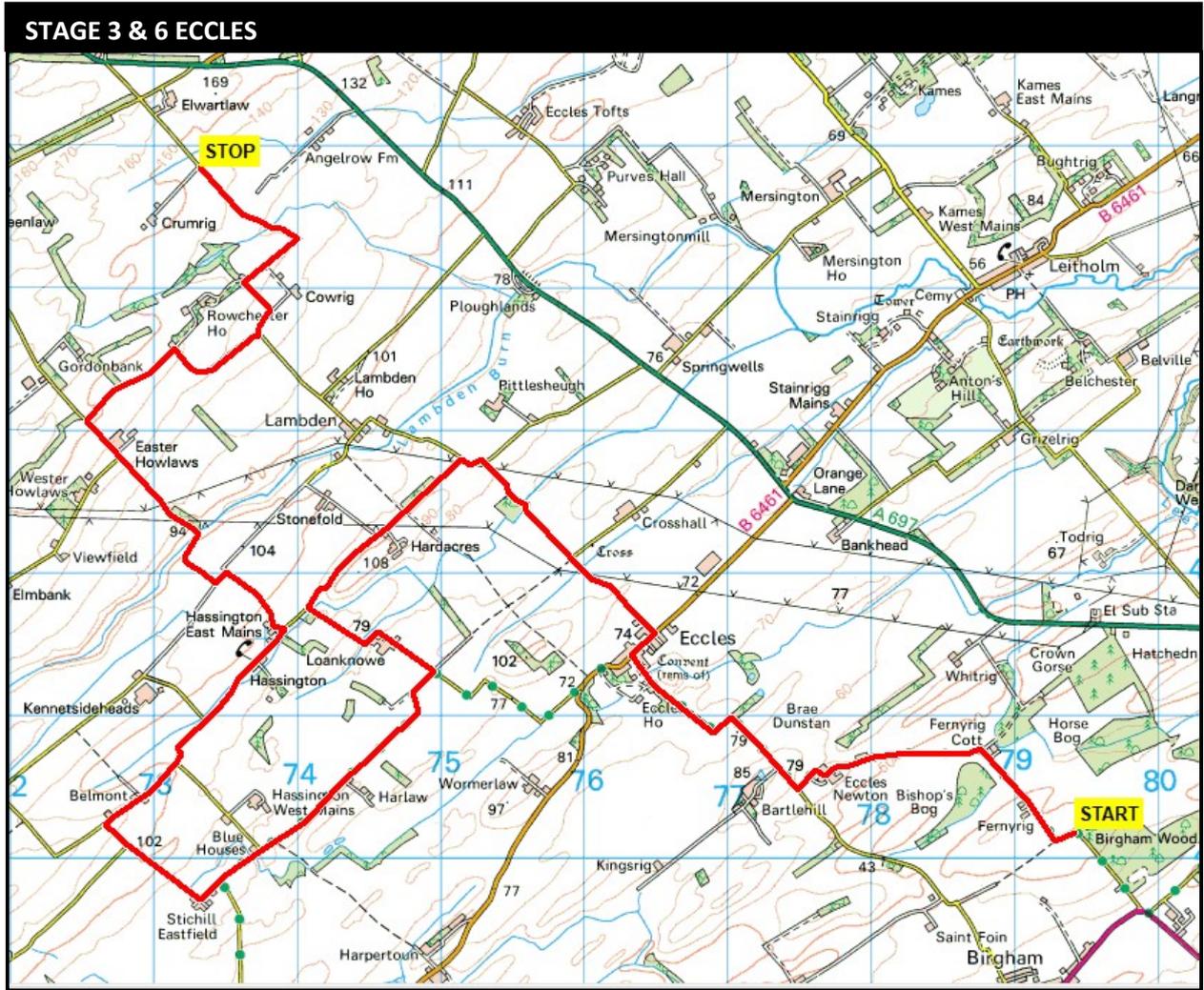
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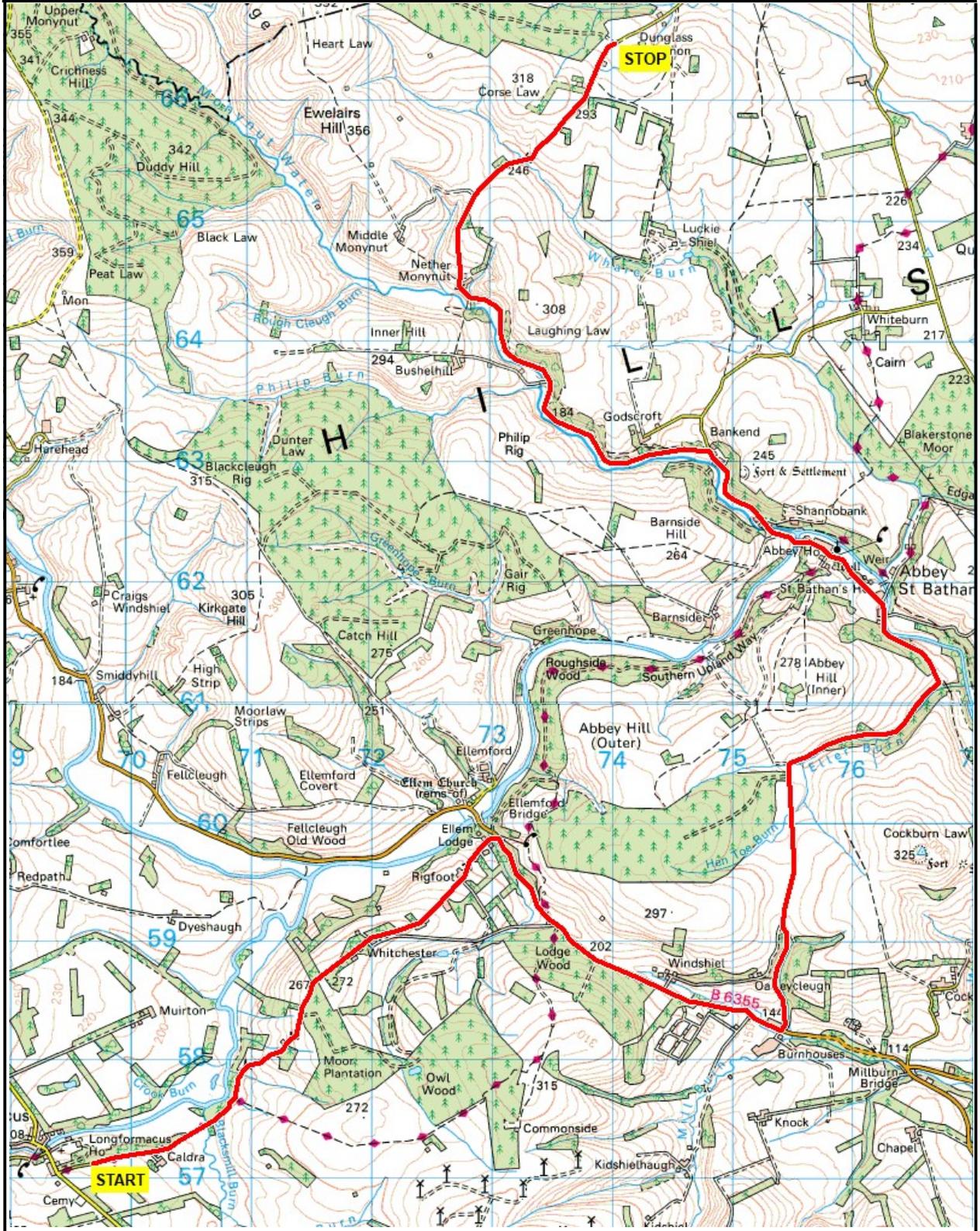


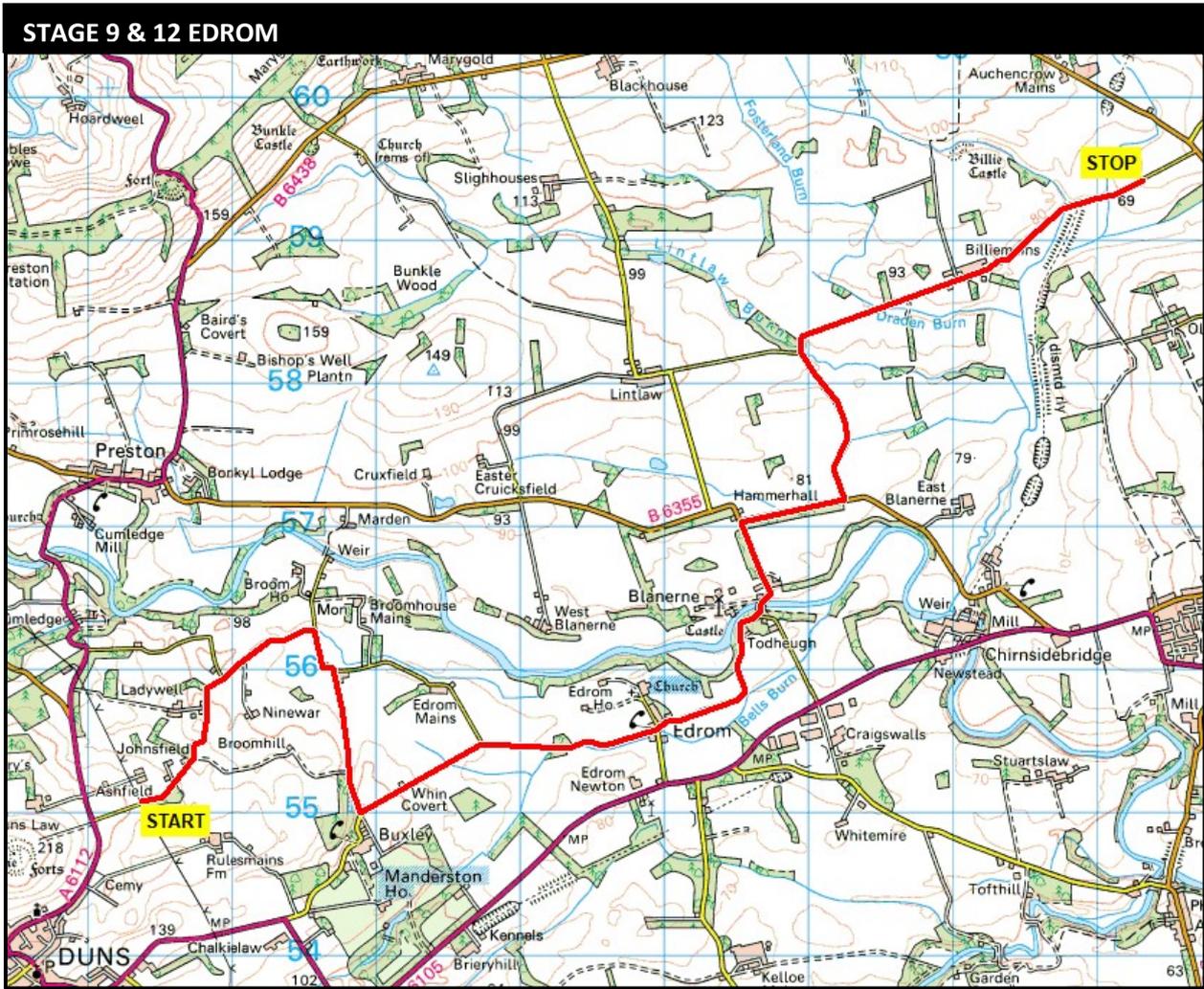
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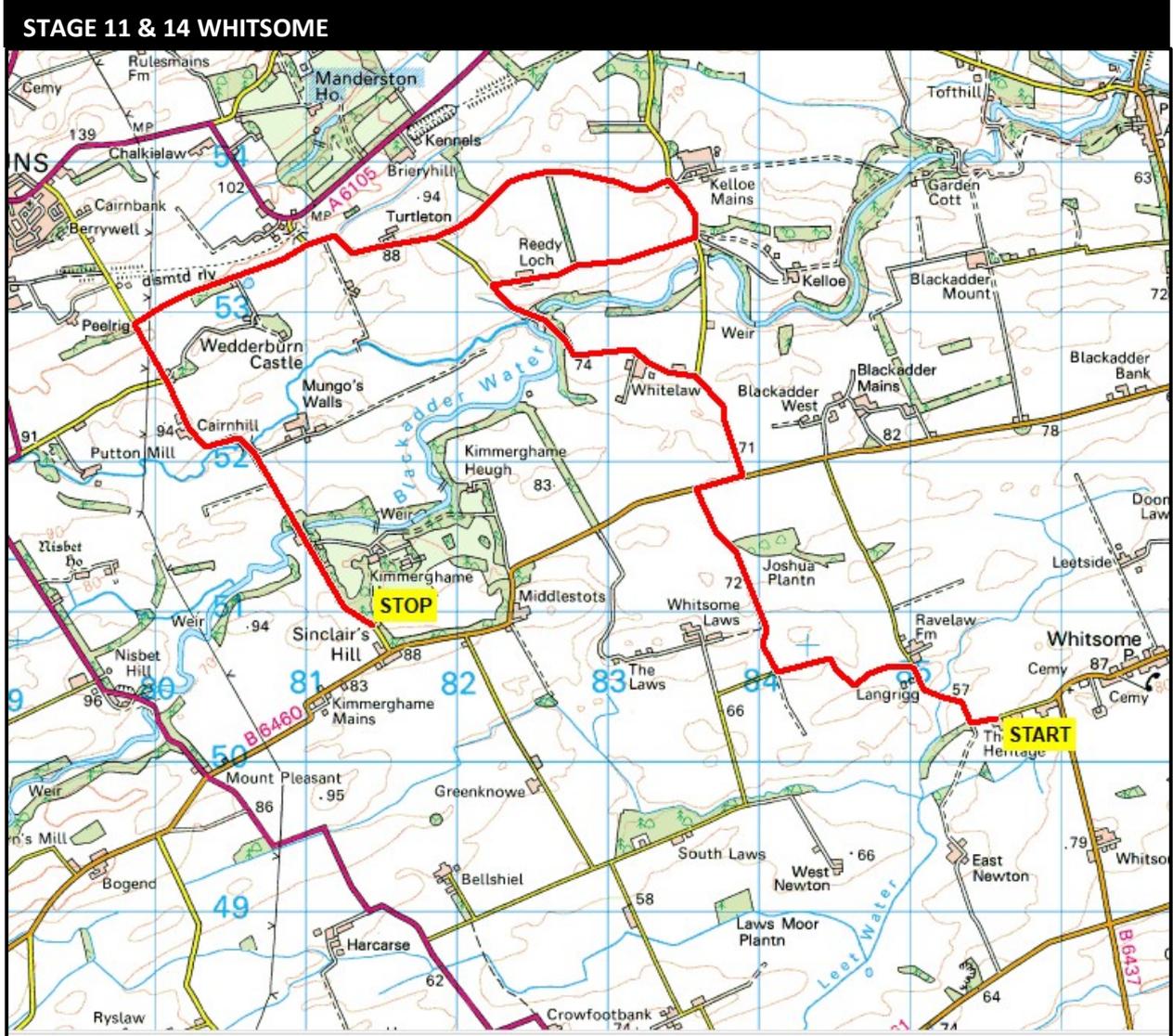


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# Eildon Locality Plan 2020

Agenda Item 5

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## Eildon Area Partnership

The Eildon Area Partnership<sup>1</sup> 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 Eildon area with a focus on reducing inequalities to improve the area for those who live, work and visit the area.

<sup>1</sup> Area Partnership – brings together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

# Introduction

## Welcome to the Eildon Locality Plan



This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resources <sup>2</sup> in the most effective way to reduce inequality

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

<sup>2</sup> Resources – this could be funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan is structured around four themes:



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

Communities, community planning partners<sup>3</sup> and local service providers<sup>4</sup> 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 Eildon Area Partnership, the Eildon Locality Plan and associated Action Plan. We expect to continue to evolve these plans to reflect the developments within the area. The most up to date action plan is available on Scottish Borders Council's Website [www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships).

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.

“How do we build and improve our economy, skills and learning?”

“How do we promote and improve our health, care and wellbeing?”

“How do we protect and improve our quality of life?”

“How do we develop and improve our environment & place?”

<sup>3</sup> Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

<sup>4</sup> Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

# What we know about Eildon

## Key Facts and Figures

A selection of key facts and figures relating to the issues highlighted by our communities have been identified and detailed on this page. These present what data we have and what is known about the area, as well as a reflection against the Scottish Borders and national averages where possible.

A more comprehensive Eildon Area Profile is available detailing all the key information for the area. This is available to download from [www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships)



### POPULATION

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

**35,330** population  
(30.7% of the Scottish Borders (SB))

**16.5%** aged 0-15  
(SB = 16.3%; SCOT = 17.0%)

**61.2%** aged 16-64  
(SB = 59.2%; SCOT = 64.7%)

**22.3%** aged 65+  
(SB = 24.5%; SCOT = 18.3%)

(NRS 2017)



### TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016

down **4%** Galashiels

down **2%** Melrose

up **2%** Selkirk  
(SB = down 6%)

(SBC-PR)

### HEALTH

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

(ScotPHO)

### WELLBEING

**75%** of survey respondents say they take part in moderate physical 30-minute exercise at least twice a week.  
(Scottish Borders = 78%)

**73.8%** of Primary 7 pupils took part in "Active Schools" extra-curricular sports in 2017-18  
(SB = 79.5%)

(SBHS 2018/ScotPHO/ SEEMIS)



### NEIGHBOURHOOD

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

(SIMD 2016)



### BROADBAND

**2.8%** of premises were unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband in 2016  
(SB = 4.2%)

This ranged within Eildon from **0%** in the least-affected neighbourhood to **32.0%** in the most-affected.

(OfCom)

Eildon had lower than average levels of digital exclusion of the 5 localities in 2017, but higher in parts of Galashiels, Selkirk and Newtown St Boswells

(SBHS 2018/ Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017)

### UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

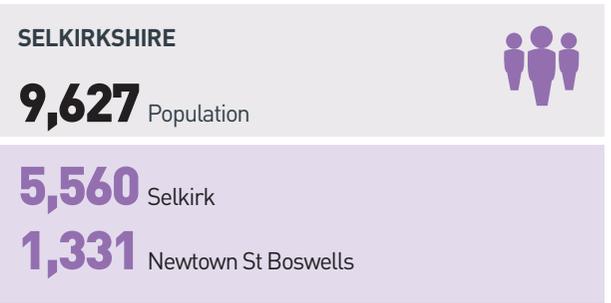
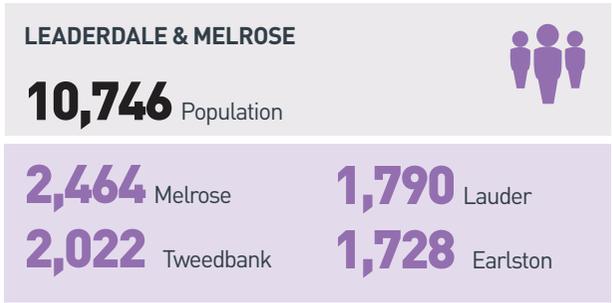
**2.3%** Galashiels and District

**0.9%** Leaderdale and Melrose

**1.4%** Selkirkshire  
(SB = 1.4%; SCOT = 1.8%)

(ONS - NOV 18)

# Eildon Wards



# 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 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.

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

To give us your views or to get involved with Area Partnerships please contact:

Communities and Partnerships Team  
Email: [communityplanning@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@scotborders.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 0300 100 1800

More information on Community Councils:

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communitycouncils)  
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.

More information on volunteering, community support or advice:

Volunteer Centre Borders  
[www.vcborders.org.uk](http://www.vcborders.org.uk)  
Telephone: 01896 754041  
Email: [enquiries@vcborders.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@vcborders.org.uk)

The Bridge (Central Office)  
[www.the-bridge.uk.net](http://www.the-bridge.uk.net)  
Telephone: 01896 755370  
Email: [central@the-bridge.uk.net](mailto:central@the-bridge.uk.net)

## Our Economy, Skills & Learning

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

- Improve rural digital connectivity, accessibility and use of technology
- Improve the accessibility and reliability of transport services

### Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Enhance career advice and career opportunities by promoting modern apprenticeships and vocational training
- Increase learning opportunities and skills development across a wide range of subjects and vocations and ages
- Invest in local, sustainable employment opportunities
- Develop a business / community hub model for tech start ups, small businesses etc and encourage new businesses to set up the Locality
- Encourage intergenerational activity and creation of learning hubs in schools, Borders College and community spaces
- Promote Eildon as a visitor destination, highlighting the heritage and unique selling points of the area networks/roads

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## Our Health, Care & Wellbeing

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

- Increase the range and accessibility of community activities to encourage a reduction in drug and alcohol use in the Eildon locality

### Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Increase the range of care and support options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs
- Reduce the number of people admitted to hospital with drug and alcohol related problems
- Reduce the number of people attending the Borders General Hospital on multiple occasions
- Support people to make informed health and lifestyle choices

## Our Quality of Life

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

- Create safe areas for young people within local communities and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable

Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Revise transport provision to improve connectivity and reduce rural isolation
- Strengthen partnership working between local services
- Improve communication of social and leisure opportunities to local residents
- Carry out more community mapping and consultations to identify what people want in their area
- Improve older people's quality of life by increasing their sense of safety within the community

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## Our Environment & Place

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

- Create appropriately placed, affordable & socially inclusive housing in the countryside
- Develop attractions within the countryside to encourage visitors to the area

Other priorities that are important to the Eildon community:

- Housing stock should reflect need in the local community, be affordable and be accessible for local services
- Reduce fuel poverty across the Locality. All housing developments to incorporate eco infrastructures into builds
- Development of town / village centres and housing must consider the environment and health and wellbeing of people who will live there

# How we will measure success

The priorities identified in this plan have been used as the basis for the Eildon Locality Action Plan. This action plan will help to track action and activities and to drive change in Eildon. As this will be an ever changing document the action plan is available to download from Scottish Borders Council's website, [www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnership](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnership) or in hard copy from the Community & Partnerships Team.

The Eildon 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.

## Other Local Plans for Eildon

- Earlston Community Action Plan
- Ettrick and Yarrow Community Development Plan
- Heriot Plan (draft)
- Earlston Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Galashiels Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Selkirk Learning Community Partnership Plan



You can get this document on audio CD, in large print, and various other formats by contacting us at the address below. In addition, contact the address below for information on language translations, additional copies, or to arrange for an officer to meet with you to explain any areas of the publication that you would like clarified.

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**Theme: Economy skills and learning**

Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
<b>To improve rural digital connectivity, accessibility and use of technology</b>	Continue to work with the UK and Scottish Government, Mobile Network Operators and local Partners to develop broadband coverage and wireless based internet services.	Through continuous lobbying with The Scottish and UK Governments and with Mobile Network Operators we have increased and improved 4G coverage over the last 4 years.			Scottish Borders Council has invested £8.4 M in the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Programme.
		Engage with the Scottish Governments R100 programme which aims to deliver superfast broadband to all occupied premises by the end of 2021.			We have increased the number of businesses and households who have access to superfast broadband.
Improve the accessibility and reliability of transport services	Public consultation on bus service provision in the Scottish Borders was completed in Autumn 2019	Subsidised bus services on routes;  Galashiels – Earlston (Sat, Sun AM) – 61		Passenger Transport SBC	Public consultation on bus service provision in the Scottish Borders was completed in Autumn 2019

		Galashiels – Earlston and St Boswells (Sat evening) – 61/67 Earlston – Stichill and Kelso – 66 Border Weaver - 964			(Bus Users Scotland)
	The viability and affordability of some bus routes is currently being reviewed				
Enhance career advice and career opportunities by promoting modern apprenticeships and vocational training	The creation by Borders College of a 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. It is intended that schools and potentially business premises are part of the digital hub network, ensuring a wide geographic spread of these facilities.	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.		Skills Development Scotland	
				Borders College	
				Developing the Young Workforce	

<p>Increase learning opportunities across a wide range of subjects</p>	<p>Weekly employability drop-in sessions delivered by Works+ for all ages at the Focus Centre in Galashiels</p>	<p>The redevelopment of Galashiels Academy and Earlston Primary School will provide opportunity for increased community use of the campus and lifelong learning opportunities</p>			<p>Lifelong learning and skills development opportunities across a wide range of subjects and vocations are available through Borders College. This includes a rural learning offer which can be accessed s digitally.</p>	
	<p>Family breakfast and activity club at Langlee Early Years Centre, provides healthy food, physical activity opportunities, family activities and family learning sessions.</p>					
	<p>Knowepark Primary School computer coding club open all P5-P7 pupils in the Eildon cluster with a view to open to a wider age range once the club is established</p>	<p>Borders College’s physical and digital hub network will provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills.</p>				<p>Digital IT suite created in TD1 youth hub to develop young people’s IT skills and gain qualifications.</p>
	<p>Learning Community Partnership subgroup are planning an information event for participants who graduate Job Centre Plus courses</p>					

Invest in local, sustainable employment opportunities	The Great Scottish Tapestry visitor centre will provide local employment opportunities	SBC will work with South of Scotland Enterprise to ensure that sites are serviced and available for private sector development and inward investment in future.			
		SBC will work with South of Scotland Enterprise to ensure that modern industrial and office premises are available for business growth and inward investment in future.			
Develop a business/ Community hub model for tech start-ups and small businesses	The Central Borders Innovation Park at Tweedbank will create employment opportunities through the creation of office and industrial space	Scottish Enterprise provides support to businesses			It is anticipated that the level of support and encouragement to businesses to start up, grow or invest in the Scottish

		SBC will provide support to businesses to help them start up and to grow through Business Gateway.			Borders will significantly increase when South of Scotland Enterprise becomes operational in April 2020.
Encourage intergenerational activity and creation of learning hubs in schools, Borders College and community spaces	Borders College's physical and digital hub network will provide better access to training in health and social care, renewable energy, engineering and construction skills.				
Promote Eildon as a visitor destination	There are a number of initiatives and projects being developed to increase tourism in Eildon including The Great Tapestry of Scotland, Galashiels Town Trail, Trimontium Museum, Stow Station House, Walks of Stow, the upgrade of Eildon Hills path and Bird Gardens Scotland	SBC has supported the Selkirk Business Improvement District initiative			The Melrose 7's event has been supported by SBC to grow and attract more visitors to the area.  Borders Book festival has grown nationally and internationally
		SBC working with Melrose RFC to expand the potential of Melrose 7's into a multi-day, international event.			

		<p>The Council will work with community organisations to develop new signage and a refreshed town trail in Galashiels.</p>		Midlothian and Borders Tourism Action Group	
		<p>Continue to develop the “Scotland Starts Here” app.</p> <p>The Scotland Starts Here app connects visitors to Midlothian &amp; The Scottish Borders. Connecting people to places makes for a more memorable experience and helps people experience, not just observe – it is our culture</p>			

**Theme: Health, Care and Wellbeing**

Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
<p>Increase the range and accessibility of community activities to encourage a reduction in drug and alcohol use in the Eildon locality</p>	<p>Develop the Learning Community Partnership's understanding of referral routes to support people they work with</p>	<p>ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) is helping increase the availability of health and wellbeing information across the Scottish Borders.</p>		<p>Alcohol Drugs Partnership</p>	<p>The Learning Community Partnership subgroup hosted Scottish Families 'Power of Communities' conference</p>
	<p>The Learning Community Partnership subgroup plans to hold an alcohol free 'DryFest' event to celebrate the recovery community and develop reintegration approaches within the local community</p>			<p>Galashiels Learning Community Partnership sub group</p>	<p>Freedom to Change event delivered by Galashiels Learning Community Partnership &amp; Alcohol Drugs Partnership. Event looked at the lived-experience of family members and people in recovery.</p>

	Launch of resource pack on drugs, alcohol and tobacco intervention and prevention for Primary and Secondary Schools.				<p>online package of resources was launched on Thursday 7th November 2019 for teachers across Scottish Borders Schools (Primary and Secondary) on drugs, alcohol and tobacco education and prevention. The resources are available on the schools intranet system (Glow).</p> <p>A short term working group reviewed current resources and has developed and implemented a robust evidenced based programme which will be delivered across all Scottish borders school</p>
Increase the range of care and support options available	Establishment of an integrated Eildon Community Mental Health Team	What Matters Hubs established in Ettrick, Yarrow and Galashiels		Health and social care partnership	

	Implementation of the Scottish Borders Mental Health Strategy	Community and Day Hospitals review to improve patient care and support care closer to home.			
	Community Connection link workers to be introduced across all Localities	New centralised service matching requests for care at home provision with home care providers		Social work	

Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation service	Live Borders deliver 'Health and Fitness' Programmes in Eildon	Supporting the further development of transitional care beds within Waverly Care Home (Chief Social Work Officer)			
Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas	What Matters Hubs established in Etrick, Yarrow and Galashiels	Redesign Eildon Integrated Health and Social Care team			
	Identify possible transport solutions in Eildon				
Increase the range of housing options	Increase the availability of affordable housing throughout Eildon	Creation of timeframe for the delivery of Extra Care Housing Development within Eildon		SBC Economic Development	The Council and its partners are confident that they are on track to deliver 213 new homes over the Strategic Local Programme (SLP) for the period 2018-2019  89 of these are in the Eildon locality
		Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 to address housing, care and support needs of older people			

Reduce the number of people admitted to hospital with drug and alcohol related problems	produce a local alcohol profile	Strengthen local arrangements for early intervention across adult services		Alcohol and Drugs Partnership	
	Implement model for reducing drug related deaths			Galashiels Learning Community Partnership	
Reduce the number of people attending the Borders General Hospital on multiple occasions	Redesign Eildon Integrated Health and Social Care team	support a community based Out of Hospital Care model			
	Pilot of Anticipatory Care Plans at Currie Road Health Centre				
	Developing 'Step Up; transitional care beds within Waverly Care Home				

Support people to make informed health and lifestyle choices	Local Area Co-ordination Team are supporting Eildon residents to make connections with local groups and activities	What Matters Hubs established in Ettrick, Yarrow and Galashiels			
	Nurture the Borders are delivering a programme of activities to support new parents				

Theme: Quality of Life					
Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress
Create safe areas for young and provide leisure facilities that are accessible and affordable	Interest Link will develop 5 volunteer befriending groups for children, young people and adults with learning disabilities				

	Engagement with the Local Policing Teams will help to maintain safe areas and discourage anti-social behaviour and crime.	The Community Action Team (CAT) is operating in Eildon. Deployment of the CAT has already extended to Parks and other open space areas where young people frequent.			
	Children's outdoor equipment to be installed in Glendinning Primary School	Learning Community Partnership subgroup are developing a strategy for working with young people not in school			New multi-use ball wall installed in Newtown Primary School playground
					Children's outdoor equipment installed in Burgh Primary School playground
Revise transport provision to improve connectivity and reduce rural isolation		An E-car scheme will provide an opportunity for residents to hire an e-car for their journey			Passengers are now able to travel on Ettrick & Yarrow school buses

Strengthen partnership working	Learning Community Partnership subgroup to develop a Charter of Kindness	Public and third sector partners work together to deliver community learning		Galashiels Learning Community Partnership	
Improve communication of 'what's on'	A Galashiels Network for grassroots community groups is planned to start in 2020	ALISS (A Local Information System for Scotland) is helping increase the availability of health and wellbeing information.			Rural consultations have been completed to identify need in the local communities
		Locality Co-ordination team helping to connect people to local activities and groups (SBC)			
		Red Cross have mapped activities and groups and attend What Matters Hubs which is helping to connect people to local activities and groups			
Carry out more community mapping					Galashiels Learning Community Partnerships have completed this and identifies local need

Help older people to feel safe within their community	Engagement with the Local Policing Teams will help to maintain safe areas for older people and discourage anti-social behaviour and crime.	SBC social media is used to promote crime prevention			
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Theme: Environment and Place					
Priority	Planned Activity	How will the activity be delivered	Project timeline	Who will deliver the project	Progress

Develop attractions within the countryside to encourage visitors to the area	Upgrade of the Macfie Hall, Heriot to provide fit for purpose facilities which can be used for a wide range of activities	Public responses on the Main Issues Report have been gathered and have been used to inform the Local Development Plan				<b>Earlston Paths group have purchased new equipment to maintain the network of paths</b>
	Refurbishment of Stable Life's indoor school which will be used for staging competitions					<b>Stable life received Localities Bid Funding</b>
Reduce fuel poverty	Home Energy Efficiency Programmes are available in Eildon to help make homes warmer and more comfortable	Social landlords to achieve a set energy efficiency rating for households based on the housing type and fuel type used				
Development of town and village centres	The redevelopment of the historic Hammerman Hall in Selkirk will be in line with recent town centre improvement scheme					

	The redevelopment of a derelict property in Selkirk town centre in to a Selkirk Community Energy Centre which will also be available for community use.				
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## Eildon Interim Community Fund 2019-20. Opening Fund £288,073

## Outstanding amount available February 2020 £155,252

### Grant Applications awarded

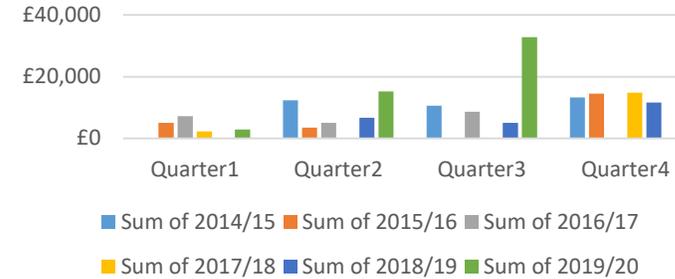
Group name	Amount	Locality Plan theme
Souter Stormers	£2,813	Quality of Life
Stow and Fountainhall CC	£5,000	Quality of Life
FAF Newtown PS	£4,438	Quality of Life
Eildon West Youth Hub	£4,500	Economy and Skills
Lauderdale Scout Group	£10,000	Environment and Place
Newtown in Bloom	£1,291	Environment and Place
Burgh PS Parent Council	£1,500	Quality of Life
Earlston Paths Group	£1,361	Environment and Place
Stable Life	£20,000	Health Care and Wellbeing
WE Celebration Fund share	£18,430	Quality of Life
<b>Total awarded</b>	<b>£69,333</b>	

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### To be decided at Area Partnership

Group name	Amount	Locality Plan theme
Energise Galashiels	£7,020	Quality of Life
Macfie Hall	£10,000	Quality of Life
Nurture the Borders	£9,800	Health Care and Wellbeing
Maroon'd	£10,000	Quality of Life
<b>Total to be decided</b>	<b>£36,820</b>	

### Eildon



	Quarter1	Quarter2	Quarter3	Quarter4	Totals
Sum of 2014/15	£0	£12,372	£10,570	£13,315	£36,257
Sum of 2015/16	£5,000	£3,482	£0	£14,452	£22,934
Sum of 2016/17	£7,232	£5,000	£8,662	£0	£20,894
Sum of 2017/18	£2,286	£0	£0	£14,795	£17,081
Sum of 2018/19	£0	£6,632	£4,988	£11,625	£23,245
Sum of 2019/20	£2,813	£15,230	£32,861	£0	£50,904

### Applications under assessment

	Amount	Locality Plan theme
MacArts	£10,000	Quality of Life
Earlston Thursday Club	£531	Health Care and Wellbeing
Earlston Wednesday Club	£1,170	Quality of Life
Auld Earlston	£1,201	Quality of Life
Weigh Greener	£14,405	Environment and Place
Oxton Tower Hotel buyout	£3,360	Economy and Skills
<b>Total</b>	<b>£30,667</b>	

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## Eildon Interim Community Fund 2019-20

Ring-fenced commitments

February 2020

### Community Council commitments

	Value (£)
Bowden	£540
Earlston	£990
Ettrick and Yarrow	£630
Galashiels	£1,780
Heriot	£540
Lauderdale	£630
Lilliesleaf, Ashkirk and Midlem	£630
Melrose and District	£990
Newtown and Eildon	£630
Selkirk and District	£1,365
Parish of Stow	£630
Tweedbank	£630
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,985</b>

### Local Festival Grants commitments

	Value	Awarded
Earlston	£2,750	£0
Galashiels	£9,300	£9,300
Lauder	£3,300	£3,300
Melrose	£3,300	£3,300
Selkirk	£6,500	£6,500
Stow	£500	£0
Tweedbank	£2,750	£2,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>£28,400</b>	<b>£25,150</b>

Central Federation of Village Halls, includes	Total
Ashkirk, Blainslie, Boston Memorial Bowden, **Caddonfoot, Currie Memorial Fifth Ward Comm Assoc, Fountainhall Gattonside, Kirkhope, Lindean Macfie Hall, *Maxton 21, Mellerstain Midlem, Newstead, Oxton War Memorial, Redpath, Smith Memorial, *St Boswells, St Mary's, Yarrowford	£14,470
* Part of Central Borders not Roxburgh	
** Part of Central Borders not Tweeddale	

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### Eildon- other sources of grant funding

Grant type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Common Good, Galashiels	1100	0	0
Common Good, Lauder	15000	11635	3365
Common Good, Selkirk	19725	9902	9823
Common Good, William Hill	3500	0	0
SBC Enhancement Grant	534	0	0
SBC Welfare Grant	12209	0	0

*SBC Small Schemes	48200	18070	30130
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\* Local actions organised by SBC Neighbourhood Services

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## **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY VE CELEBRATION FUND**

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### **Report by Service Director Customer & Communities**

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## **Executive**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report proposes the creation of a VE Celebration Fund to be launched on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, to enable non-profit making community/voluntary groups, schools and churches to apply for funding to undertake special celebratory projects to mark VE Day.**
- 1.2 Awards up to a maximum of £2,500 will be available and to enable these to be processed quickly and efficiently on a fast track basis, it is proposed that decision-making should be agreed at Officer level, with final approval and sign off by the Director of Customer and Communities.
- 1.3 It is proposed that each Area Partnership will contribute from their Community Fund on a per-head of population basis to enable a fund of £60,000 to be created.
- 1.4 The VE Celebration Fund will close on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

### **2 I recommend that**

- 2.1 Approval is given to the creation of a VE Celebration Fund of £60,000 which is funded on a per head of population basis from each Area Partnership's Community Fund.**
- 2.2 Approval is given for decision-making for the Council's VE Celebration Fund to be agreed at Officer level, with final approval and sign-off by the Director of Customer and Communities**
- 2.3 That a report detailing the evaluation and outcomes of the VE Celebration Fund is brought back to Executive in late 2020.**

### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Victory in Europe Day, generally known as VE Day in Great Britain, is a day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on May 8, 1945
- 3.2 To commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day, it is proposed that a VE Celebration Fund is created to enable communities within the Borders to apply for grant funding to take part in special celebratory events/community projects.
- 3.2 The fund will be open to community councils, schools, community/voluntary organisations based in the Borders and Churches based in the Borders whose project/activity is for the benefit of the wider community (see attached Guidance Notes and Application Form). Projects will be required to meet a minimum of one of the following criteria:
- Communities have more opportunities to come together to celebrate VE Day (for example, through events, concerts, open days, street parties etc.)
  - Communities have more opportunities to create a lasting legacy of VE Day (for example, improving public spaces, playparks, community gardens etc.)
- 3.3 Typical grants (based on the analysis of the previous Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fund) are expected to be in the region of £1,000, but grants up to a maximum of £2,500 will be considered for larger projects or for projects that create a lasting legacy of VE Day.

### 4 IMPLICATIONS

#### 4.1 Financial

- (a) The VE Celebration Fund of £60,000 will be created by each Area Partnership contributing on a per-head of population basis from their Community Fund.
- (b) The per head of population contribution has been calculated as follows:

Locality	Contribution (£)
Berwickshire	10,925.93
Cheviot	10,160.15
Eildon	18,429.84
Teviot & Liddesdale	9,359.67
Tweeddale	11,124.67
<b>Scottish Borders Total</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>

#### 4.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The fund is open for a relatively short period of time and therefore a robust communications strategy and plan will be required.
- (b) Checks are in place to ensure that fraudulent/improper awards are not granted.

### 4.3 Equalities

- (a) An Integrated Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal. It is anticipated that the Fund will have a positive impact on all communities. The Fairer Scotland Duty is not applicable in this instance.

### 4.4 Acting Sustainably

- (a) The creation of a VE Celebration Fund is anticipated to have a positive effect in involving the community in developing and implementing projects, encouraging volunteering, improving community quality of life and improving community capacity.

### 4.5 Carbon Management

- (a) N/A

### 4.6 Rural Proofing

- (a) N/A

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

- (a) N/A

## 5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR, the Clerk to the Council, Corporate Communications, Corporate Equalities & Diversity Officer and Procurement Officer have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

### Approved by

**Name Jenni Craig** **Signature**  
**Title Service Director – Customer & Communities**

#### Author(s)

Name	Designation and Contact Number
Shona Smith	Communities and Partnership Manager

**Background Papers:** n/a

**Previous Minute Reference:** n/a

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## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF1920-EIL-11

Organisation Name: Nurture the Borders

Funding Requested: £9,800

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Community Interest Company		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£24,057 (2018/19)		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? £24,000 ring-fenced for project delivery			
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>Nurture the Borders are seeking support for the continued delivery of 'The Village'. The Village is a dedicated space in Dunsdale Road, Selkirk supporting mums and families during the Perinatal period (pregnancy, birth and postnatal). The Village provides a safe space with access to support, education and therapies as well as a range of activities.</p> <p>If successful, the fund would be used to cover rental costs of £7,488 for 2020/21 as a well as £2,512 towards utility costs which are estimated at £3,444 for the year. This support will give Nurture the Borders the opportunity to develop the business model and increase referrals to increase sustainability. The group have a three year lease.</p> <p>April 2020</p>
Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	Page 67

Total Expenditure (£)		£10,888 (rent and utilities)	
Community Fund Request (£)		£9,800	
10% Match-funding		£1,088	
Any Other Contribution?			
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?	
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input checked="" 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>Currently one in five women will experience a mental illness during pregnancy or within the first two years of their infant's life. In the Scottish Borders this equates to approximately 220 mums being affected. Suicide remains the leading cause of death during the perinatal period. Anxiety and depression in pregnancy are associated with adverse outcomes for mums and babies including low birth weight and attachment issues.</p> <p>Child poverty data for the Scottish borders shows that in some areas of the Scottish Borders, the poverty rate is 33.6%. Families with the youngest child under 1, single mothers and mothers aged below 25 are highlighted as being at risk of child poverty.</p> <p>In addition, maternal and well-being indicators show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smoking in pregnancy is higher in the Scottish borders than the Scottish average (ISD)</li> <li>• The proportion of first time mothers that fall into the 19 and under and 35 and older age ranges has increased in the Scottish borders and is higher than Scottish Level (SNS)</li> <li>• Within the five main areas of deprivation in the Borders, fewer than 20% of the babies have been exclusively breastfed at 6 to 8 weeks</li> </ul>

	<p>Nurture the Borders has supported over 400 local women and their families during the past three years and it is through this work the need for The Village has been identified.</p> <p>While there are effective parenting projects being run in the Selkirk community, there is a lack of provision that specifically supports the parent and looks to help with their mental well-being. The Village will help address this need.</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 Village will provide a much needed base to allow Nurture the Borders to provide a range of services to support women, their infants and families including:</p> <p>Two free facilitated drop-ins per week where women can access support from perinatal mental health support officers and trained volunteers.</p> <p>Two monthly Swap-Shops which are a free and eco-friendly way of accessing baby clothes, nappies, maternity wear and baby accessories,</p> <p>Weekly antenatal sessions which include pregnancy yoga, antenatal education, self-management techniques, relaxation and peer support.</p> <p>2 monthly workshops providing free and affordable education on topics including Infant and Family First Aid, Infant &amp; Maternal Sleep for Wellbeing, Infant Feeding, Bonding through massage, movement and play sessions, Birth Preparation, mindfulness, yoga and Postnatal Wellbeing.</p> <p>Birth Trauma Recovery sessions.</p> <p>In addition, there is a users group whose goal it is to run their own business. The aim is to run 'Mumpreneur Workshops' allowing these mums the use of the space to get their businesses off the ground in a way that complements Nurture the Borders services, for example, fitness classes aimed at postnatal recovery.</p> <p>Parents and families can be referred into the project from a variety of partners including health visitors or Early Years Centre's as well as via self-referral. The aim is to reach those parents that are hard to reach and not engaging in other activities but are struggling with their mental health. The project will aim to engage with those parents that are Anti-Natal.</p> <p>The village is focused on providing a safe space for parents and families which encourages peer support so that parents can share and learn from personal experiences in a comfortable and non-threatening environment.</p> <p>Although the project is based in Selkirk, it is accessible for everyone across the Eildon area. Currently parents from</p>

	<p>Galashiels and Tweedbank access the service along with parents from Selkirk.</p> <p>A range of outcomes for both the individual, community and organisation have been identified and will focus the work of Nurture the Borders.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>There are currently 30 volunteers that help to support the running of the project. They have been involved in the design of The Village. Third sector and statutory agencies have helped identify gaps in provision that The Village could help address. Local councilors, MSPs and MPs have also been consulted as have national third sector groups to discuss Perinatal service provision and best practice.</p> <p>The project aims to work closely with the Early Years Centre and this can be seen as a progression route for some of the parents that attend. These parents can be supported to attend programmes that are run by the Early Years Centre thanks to a buddy system. A buddy will attend provision or activities along with a parent until they feel comfortable to attend themselves.</p> <p>Nurture the Borders attend Early Years Network meetings which are attended by partners such as SBC, NHS Borders and Live Borders and also presented to the broader Children and Young People’s Network.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>They currently receive room rental from other organisations using rooms within their building.</p> <p>For some provision there is a charge to those parents that have not been referred on to the project and that income is reinvested in the delivery costs of the project.</p>
<p>What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>Nurture the Borders have an application pending with a national funder to help cover the costs of project delivery for two years which includes staffing costs, admin costs and resources. They will continue to hire room space to generate income and plan to increase the number of classes and workshops that can generate income. On average, a workshop can generate £80 in income, charged classes raise £50, hire of studio is £15 per hour and hire of the therapy room is £10 per hour.</p> <p>If unsuccessful with this application, Nurture the Borders would have to scale down their project and use reserves to fund running costs. They estimate the project could continue for three months.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

## SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

### *Additional Terms and Conditions:*

If successful, Nurture the Borders will be requested to evaluate the impact of their project either on conclusion of their project or a year after receipt of their grant funding, whichever comes first. We recommend Nurture the Borders consider using the following measures to help them evaluate impact:

- How many mums and families engage with services provided in The Village
- How many volunteers are active with Nurture the Borders
- How many programmes/ sessions have been delivered at The Village
- Feedback from service users, volunteers and partners
- Participation in partner networks/events
- Whether there has been any increase or expansion to the services on offer
- Use of the SBC logo in promotional materials

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Total Expenditure (£)	£7,800	
Community Fund Request (£)	£7,020	
10% Match-funding	£780	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
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	
<p>What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Energise Galashiels has pro-actively approached 3 local care homes in Galashiels. All were enthusiastic to be involved in the project as they had seen the scheme successfully operating in other towns in the Borders. It is anticipated that there will be a high demand after discussions with care homes. Comments from the professionals consulted with included ideas for routes and confirmation that residents would benefit from the fresh air and company.</p> <p>6 people have committed to volunteering on this project while another 7 have expressed an interest. CWA will provide training for the initial group of volunteers to pilot the trishaws. Thereafter training will be delivered to new volunteers by those individuals that attended the initial training.</p> <p>A pre-determined cycle route has been scoped out in Galashiels and this will be on a route that is cycle accessible and will take in various nature points. There is also the opportunity to follow shorter routes in and around Galashiels along the town trail.</p> <p>Feedback from Hawick and Peebles describes the positive effect the project has had on those involved in the project, from the <del>passengers</del> <b>Page 74</b> the passengers.</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 trishaw would be used in Galashiels town centre as well as on a pre-determined route along Boleside and the River Tweed. There is the potential to add additional routes if requested by passengers providing it is safe to do so.</p> <p>The plan is to run two trips per day with 2 passengers on each trip. During summer the intention is to run 7 days per week. There would be no intention to commence a trip if the weather is inclement. During the autumn and early spring it will be possible to have one trip per day</p> <p>The project is primarily aimed at older people, who are unable to get out on their own, some of whom are living with dementia. The project will allow those who are otherwise confined to their home an opportunity to maintain a connection to their town by accessing different parts of the town. CWA has demonstrated that trishaw projects have a positive effect on emotional well-being and improved mental health. The volunteer pilots will range from school age up to those in retirement helping to increase intergenerational links and creating a shared interest in the community.</p> <p>The Trishaw can be physically accessed from various aids including walking frames and hoists. Pilots will be trained so that they are able to support all abilities to use the Trishaw. Aids to help passengers get on and off the Trishaw are not supplied but training in using them will be provided.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>Local care homes are supportive of the project and volunteers have been recruited to pilot the trishaws.</p> <p>The Trust has visited other projects both locally in Peebles and Hawick and Scotland wide where Trishaw projects are in place and have noted the positive outcomes and feedback from participants.</p> <p>There are a number of options for free storage available including use of one of the care homes or a vacant shop on the high street.</p> <p>The Trust has also identified the possibility of using the Trishaw for tourists who are visiting the town and taking them to the Tapestry and following the town trail. Opportunities will be explored once the Trishaw project is set up and established. The Trust has said they would consider the purchase of an additional trishaw if there was enough demand.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Energise Galashiels Trust will fundraise to cover ongoing costs which are expected to be around £300 and will include maintenance of the trishaw as well as the annual membership to CWA.</p>

What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	CWA plan to work with Heriot Watt University to evaluate the various trishaw projects across Scotland. They will consider the mental and physical health and wellbeing benefits of the project and the impact on active travel behaviour, satisfaction with cycling infrastructure and effects on mood, anxiety, social engagement and loneliness and isolation. This evaluation will inform how local groups, including Energise Galashiels Trust can develop their project.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	N/a

**SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

If successful,

1. A risk assessment must be completed by Energise Galashiels Trust for all planned cycle routes with regular review of the impact of using the trishaw on these routes.
2. No charge can be made by Energise Galashiels Trust for use of the trishaw
3. Energise Galashiels Trust will be requested to evaluate the impact of their project either on conclusion of their project or a year after receipt of their grant funding, whichever comes first. We recommend Energise Galashiels Trust consider using the following measures to help them evaluate impact:
  - How many volunteers are trained as pilots
  - How many people have used the trishaws
  - How many Trishaw journeys have been made
  - Feedback from project users and volunteers
  - Whether there has been any increase or expansion to the routes on offer
  - Use of the SBC logo in promotional materials

## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Eildon*

*Ref. No.:CF1920-EIL-9*

*Organisation Name: Macfie Hall Committee Ltd*

*Funding Requested: £10,000*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Company Limited by Guaranteed		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£29,649.00		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much? Reserve funds of £6-8,000 are held by MacFie Hall Committee to maintain upkeep of the hall. Current reserves of £16,658 include £10,000 for this renovation project.			
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	
<b>Project Brief</b>	The Macfie Hall refurbishment project aims to improve the lives of residents in Heriot by improving the Hall to provide flexible, fit for purpose community facilities that meet modern standards and expectations.
<b>Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY</b>	The Community Fund award would be used to improve the external terracing for outdoor events.
<b>Total Expenditure (£)</b>	300,000
<b>Community Fund Request (£)</b>	10,000
<b>10% Match-funding</b>	£1,000
<b>Any Other Contribution?</b>	Page 77

Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	100,000	Dun Law Windfarm Trust Confirmed
	100,000	Toddleburn & Carcant Windfarm Fund Confirmed
	10,000	Own funds
	8,000	Community Council Energy Saving Grant Confirmed
	20,000	Robertson Trust Confirmed
	25,000	Garfield Weston Confirmed
	10,000	National Lottery Confirmed
	12,000	Fundraising
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X 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 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 current state of the hall is showing signs of age and disrepair. The group have secured a long term lease from Scottish Borders Council but are responsible for the maintenance and improvements of the building.</p> <p>The project has demonstrated that a refurbished hall will enhance communities' access to a better quality environment. Current activities and groups that access the hall include; ceilidhs and dances, karate, pensioners groups and fitness classes.</p> <p>A local community survey completed in 2018 highlighted the need for further activity to take place in the community, utilizing the Macfie Hall. 188 adults responded to the community survey along with 29 young people. Activities that were highlighted in the consultation that the community would like to see in the hall included; film/theatre nights, social events and environmental projects. The community survey identified that there was a lot of interest in a number of ideas for extra community use.</p> <p>Improvements in the hall will make the space more accessible to a wider demographic of the community.</p>
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the	<p>A wider range of activities in Hall for all ages and abilities will help to improve and foster positive community relationships.</p>

<p>project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?</p>	<p>Improvements in the hall will increase accessibility of services for people with physical disabilities. It will create reduced sense of isolation for some local residents as the refurbished Hall currently hosts many activities and will attract new more social, cultural and additional events. The current toilets in the building are not at an acceptable level of use and there are no toilet facilities for those with a disability. There are no adequate kitchen facilities for catering purposes and this has made attracting lunch groups to use the hall difficult.</p> <p>The Hall is very cold through the autumn, winter and spring seasons and it takes a long time to get it up to a comfortable temperature, This has been identified as a reason why people do not currently access the hall during these months.</p> <p>The hall acts as a catalyst for activities, relationships and new ideas and is a focal point within the community. Through the community consultation it found that the community felt that public transport was a major issue. Feedback was that the bus service was too infrequent and older people identified poor public transport as a reason for increasing their sense of isolation. In order to reach the most disadvantaged people in the community, there is a desire to offer them a comfortable experience. The ability to offer residents a lunch club would be a priority allowing residents to regularly socialize and reduce their feeling of isolation. The group would also like the opportunity to offer activities which will help keep older residents active, both physically and mentally. Improved outdoor terracing will allow for activities to be held outdoors in better weather, making the most of the scenic setting of the hall and providing a space for those who are not always comfortable attending indoor events.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>A volunteer group has been established as part of the project this has allowed the group to consult with existing users of the hall as well as being able to listen to points of views/opinion from the wider community.</p> <p>There are currently 16 various community groups accessing the hall, covering a large demographic of ages and abilities.</p> <p>It will not be possible for activities to held in the hall whilst improvement works are undertaken but the community agree this temporary restriction will be worthwhile.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>The applicant has secured enough funding to complete the renovations of the hall providing a Community Fund grant is awarded. The group has a sound contingency plan in place in the event that funding is not secured with the development of the outside terrace to take place at a later stage.</p> <p>The group are looking to fundraise a total of £12,000 towards renovations. They appreciate that this is an ambitious target and have appropriate plans in place if they don't successfully raise this amount or if they raise a reduced amount. Funding applications for small grants will be made at a later date to help furnish the inside of the hall.</p>

<p>What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>The committee will bear responsibility for the halls ongoing maintenance and upkeep. Regular overhead costs are met through income from letting the caretaker's cottage and from hall lets. The group also receive an annual contribution from the Dun Law community benefit fund which is used by the group to cover significant works and improvements. Other services have indicated that they will access the hall once renovations are complete which will increase earnings, alongside existing rentals.</p> <p>A commercial café was in operation last year from summer up until November. The café will continue this year once renovations are complete.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

### SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The application meets the criteria of the community fund.

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

If successful, Macfie Hall Committee Ltd will be requested to evaluate the impact of their project either on conclusion of their project or a year after receipt of their grant funding, whichever comes first. We recommend Macfie Hall consider using the following measures to help them evaluate impact:

- Number of events and activities held in the hall including the number of new activities
- Number of people using the hall including the number of new users if possible
- Feedback on what difference the hall improvements have made to the community
- Future plans for the hall and activities in Heriot
- Use of the SBC logo in promotional materials

## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

Locality: Eildon

Ref. No.: CF1920-EIL-13

Organisation Name: Gala Rugby

Funding Requested: £10,000

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	(Deficit) (£29,300)		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much?</p> <p>Annual income is front end loaded with income from subscriptions, sponsors and Scottish Rugby Union coming in the early part of the season (July/August) which maintains cash flow for the remainder of the year. There is little income after April.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>Maroon'd@Gala is a multi-generational, free, sporting and community event to be held at Netherdale, Galashiels on April 18th 2020.</p> <p>Working together with all the primary, junior, semi-junior, girls, senior rugby clubs, Gala Fairydean FC and the Galavanters running club this will be a free to access all day sporting and entertainment event utilising all available recreational space at Netherdale.</p> <p>Costs associated with this event include additional changing rooms and shower facilities, sound system hire, hire of</p>

Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	buses, security and entertainment. The Community Fund would be used to help cover the cost of equipment and associated resources.	
	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	
Total Expenditure (£)	£24,682	
Community Fund Request (£)	£10,000	
10% Match-funding	£2,468	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
	£5,000	Secured
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>Currently all the rugby tournaments in Galashiels take place over different weekends and tend to be only supported by the parents or members of the organising clubs.</p> <p>The project will bring the community together through involvement of all rugby age groups, introduction of a football tournament and Lowland League match as well as the involvement of the Galavanters running club. The Minis will start the event mid-morning and the culmination of the adult tournament will be early evening. Live music and food and refreshments will be sourced locally and fun areas will be available for youngsters.</p> <p>The planned activity coincides with the Galashiels Leg of the Borders Triathlon series. This offers the opportunity to make Galashiels a place for sport over one weekend. The intention is to encourage community involvement in a variety of sports and increase participation in the sports.</p> <p>There is a need to improve partnership working across sporting teams in Galashiels, primarily; Gala Rugby and Gala Fairground. This event provides an opportunity</p>

	<p>to jointly plan and co-ordinate a range of sporting offers for the benefit of the whole community.</p> <p>The facilities at Netherdale and the proximity of the College lends itself to an inclusive tournament which will help foster support for sport amongst all ages and show a pathway for younger players to progress in to adult teams. An all age tournament should also increase spectator numbers from the number who tend to go to the rugby sevens tournament.</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>To ensure this is a community event open to all, there will be no charge for entry but donations will be accepted to help cover costs.</p> <p>The event recognises that there is a geographical distance between the town and Netherdale. A free shuttle bus will be running from the town centre from about midday until early evening. This will be of particular benefit to those with low mobility or those who do not have access to their own transport. Strategic parking areas have been identified to cater for visitors who choose not to use the bus or train. Improvements are also being made for disabled access at Netherdale which will leave a positive legacy.</p> <p>There is also the opportunity to link in with the regeneration of Galashiels town centre. Gala Rugby are exploring possible evening entertainment options in the town centre to encourage visitors to the area and increase local spend.</p> <p>Gala Fairydean has agreed free entry to those who wish to attend their Lowland League fixture on this day.</p> <p>Litter picking equipment would be purchased for the club and supporters to undertake cleaning of Netherdale before the event and for future home games.</p>
<p>What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?</p>	<p>The group have met with local Councilors, Live Borders, Energise Gala and Volunteer Centre Borders, Gala Fairydean Rovers and Jog Scotland (Galavanters) in the planning of this event.</p> <p>The Maroon'd at Gala Facebook page has 564 likes. Their Facebook posts are regularly shared by community members.</p>
<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Club sponsorship has been received to help cover costs of the event. Requests have been made to other local organisations to help fund this event but so far no additional funding has been secured. If Community Funding is granted, the estimated shortfall in funding for this event will be £7,214. Gala Rugby would be responsible for adapting the project to fit what funds are available or covering the shortfall themselves.</p>

What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	The intention is to work towards making this a sustainable event by building interest which hopefully encourages people to attend the event the following year and impose a small charge or donation. Information will be gathered at the event which can be used to inform planning and development of future events. Permanent improvements to access at Netherdale will reduce costs in future years.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Received
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Yes

<b>SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b>	
<p>The application meets the criteria of the community fund.</p> <p><i>Additional Terms and Conditions:</i></p> <p>If successful, Gala Rugby will be responsible for adapting the project to fit what funds are available from either funding received or from Gala Rugby's own funds.</p> <p>Gala Rugby will also be requested to evaluate the impact of their project either on conclusion of their project or a year after receipt of their grant funding, whichever comes first. We recommend Gala Rugby consider using the following measures to help them evaluate impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of teams / players participating in the event and the age range involved</li> <li>• Number of spectators</li> <li>• Feedback from players, spectators, partners and volunteers</li> <li>• Future plans for the event</li> <li>• Use of the SBC logo in promotional materials</li> </ul>	

## 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			

<b>Summary Information</b>	
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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