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**Cheviot  
Area Partnership**

**Our Scottish Borders**  
Your community

## Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 25 September 2019  
**Time:** 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.  
**Location:** Assembly Hall, Kelso High School, Angraflat Road, Kelso

### AGENDA

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

1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
2.	<b>Home Energy Efficiency Programme (HEEP) - Presentation</b> (Pages 3 - 10)  Presentation by Neil Robertson, Changeworks. (Copy attached.)
3.	<b>Feedback from Previous Meeting</b> (Pages 11 - 20)  (Copy attached.)
4.	<b>Cheviot Locality Plan</b> (Pages 21 - 32) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Economy, Skills &amp; Learning: transport networks and connections within Berwickshire update on Scottish Borders Transport Conference from Timothy Stephenson, Passenger Transport Manager, SBC, and options going forward (30 mins) (Copies attached.)</li><li>b. Discussion re potential options/solutions/actions (45 mins)</li><li>c. Cheviot Locality Plan</li></ul>
5.	<b>Cheviot Interim Community Fund</b>
	(a) <b>Overview Map and Internal/External Funding maps for Cheviot</b> (Pages 33 - 38) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Interim Community Fund Overview map</li><li>(ii) Internal &amp; external funding maps for Cheviot</li></ul> (Copies attached.)
	(b) <b>Cheviot Community Fund Application - Yetholm History Society</b> (Pages 39 - 42) (Copy attached.)
	(c) <b>Cheviot Community Fund Application - Jedburgh &amp; District News Group</b> (Pages 43 - 46) (Copy attached.)

6.	<b>Future Agenda Item suggestions/proposals</b>
7.	<b>Open Forum - questions for Elected Members</b>
8.	<b>Any Other Competent Business</b>
9.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Wednesday, 27 November 2019 in Jedburgh Grammar School.

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Delivering positive low carbon living



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# Newcastleton Case Study overview

**HEEPS:ABS 2018-19**

**Working with communities to utilise government funds for home insulation.**

Agenda Item 2

# What is HEEPS:ABS?



- Government funding designed to improve the energy efficiency of properties which are located in areas where statistics suggest there are high levels of fuel poverty. Also:
  - Low income households where there is risk of high heating bills;
  - Household where a member is vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home.
- We are looking to work with community councils and local organisations to help identify eligible areas or individuals, to drive initiatives to support delivery of insulation measures.
- We can work with you to support your community and enable access to home insulation and tailored energy saving advice and guidance:
  - Strategic letters and leaflet drops;
  - Resident awareness events, where householders can meet installers and ask questions.

# Developing the project



- <sup>09/09/2024</sup> SBBC were approached by Newcastleton & District Community Trust to discuss opportunities for home insulation. In partnership we developed a “right fit” approach.
- Analytics, local knowledge and on site scoping confirmed the area matched Fuel Poverty definitions, and housing stock and construction types were suitable for insulation.
- 349 properties identified; inc: Hard To Treat Cavity / Cavity and Internal Wall Insulation.
- We developed a proposal and next steps, passed to NDCT for review and feedback.

# Promoting the project



- Arranged an awareness event to be held locally for residents. Representation from SBC, Changeworks and the installer.
- Created a bespoke flyer. NDCT hand delivered the leaflets.
  - Having a local face deliver the leaflets increases trust and confidence.
- The event, and the insulation offer, was also promoted on social media on NDCT website and Facebook page.

**FUNDED BY THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT, HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND AND YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE FREE WALL INSULATION – AND THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT YOUR HOME IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT AREA**

## REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILLS

Improving your home with insulation will make it warmer and reduce your energy bills. Depending on your type of property, you could have internal or cavity wall insulation installed.

Your home can also be assessed for loft and underfloor insulation, secondary glazing and draught proofing.

To get advice on how you can save energy, money and stay warm in your home, come along to our information event.

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## COME AND SPEAK TO US

We're holding an information session so you can find out more about the project. Advisors from **Home Energy Scotland**, representatives from **Scottish Borders Council**, **Changeworks** and the contractor, **Everwarm**, will be there to answer your questions.

When: **Wednesday 19 June, 4 - 7pm**

Where: **Buccleuch House, 4 S Hermitage Street, Newcastleton, TD9 0QR**

# Realising the project



- A positive turnout at the residents event with a mixture of demographics and questions being asked. Surveyors were able to look at properties and answer questions.
- Surveyor stayed in the village for a week and working with NDCT and promoting on social media, households were encouraged to contact and arrange a survey.
- A typical penetration value for a standard mail out is 2% to 4%. Currently we are seeing a 10% uptake across the addresses lettered.
- There are 37 measures either installed or planned (currently).
- From initial discussions with SBC & NDCT, to planning, promotion and to first install took 10 weeks.

# Householder responses



We have received positive customer feedback already, through returned customer satisfaction questionnaires.

We will be looking to arrange a case study to further review and understand the benefits and to better explain and promote what HEEPS:ABS can provide.

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HTTC - *"It all went well, done when I told it would be done".*

IWI - *"Had no problem from start to finish. The guys were very efficient and cleaned up after themselves. Wish all workmen were as thorough"*

IWI - *"My flat now heats up quickly, and it keeps the heat in when I switch the heating off. I pay less money and have more warmth: it's great. I would recommend anyone to have the insulation installed: there is no downside."*

# Summary & contacts

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- Access government funding for insulation & energy advice
- Support low income households and vulnerable householders
- Working with community councils and local organisations
- Awareness events and support delivered locally
- Projects and support designed to work with you and your community

If you would like to find out more please contact:

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## Cheviot Area Partnership



MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT  
AREA PARTNERSHIP held in The  
Assembly Room, Jedburgh Grammar  
School on Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at  
6.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors S. Hamilton (Chairman), J. Brown, S. Mountford, E. Robson, S. Scott, T. Weatherston together with 16 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.

In attendance:- Communities and Partnership Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinators (Colin Banks and Gillian Jardine), Strategic Community Engagement Officer, Community Police Officer (Gina Dickson), Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

Members of the Public:- 1

### 1.0 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Cheviot Area Partnership and thanked the Community Councils, Partners and local organisations for their attendance, and for participating and putting forward ideas.

### 2.0 **INSPIRE LEARNING**

2.1 Senior Lead Education Officer, Catherine Thomson, was in attendance to give a presentation on the Inspire Learning Programme being implemented by Scottish Borders Council (SBC), which would transform teaching and learning in schools to the benefit of all pupils and teachers. A key part of the Digital Learning Strategy, the programme was a £16m investment in a world-class digital learning environment for all pupils. It included plans for Apple iPads to be provided to all P6-S6 pupils and shared devices at a ratio of one for every five P1-P5 pupils. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms Thomson emphasised that technology had changed how we communicate, live, work and how we learn. A mobile digital learning device was an effective tool in engaging students in reading to improve literacy, support them with creative ways of producing content and help deepen their understanding and research skills. An iPad would also provide students with access to web resources, raise attainment and support equity and inclusion for all children and young people. Ms Thomson advised that the deployment of iPads to teachers was taking place through the month of June. In terms of teacher support, introductory training would be provided to staff to provide information about how to use the iPads in a classroom setting. In addition to the Project team and Inspire Executive Board, the programme had 2 dedicated Apple trainers and Inspire Cluster Leaders and Inspire School Leaders to provide additional support. The roll-out of iPads to pupils would start with Secondary Schools in Selkirk, Kelso and Hawick from August to December 2019; Earlston, Peebles and Eyemouth from January to March 2020; and Galashiels, Jedburgh and Berwickshire from April to June 2020.

2.2 Ms Thomson then introduced Inspire Learning Trainer, Ali Taylor, to give a practical demonstrate of how the iPads could be used in the classroom. Volunteers were invited to join in a mock classroom interactive exercise using the iPads provided on the tables. Ms Taylor explained how teachers could maintain control through the

facility to lock and unlock the iPads and demonstrated how they would be able to view any iPad in the class, project work onto a screen and provide instant feedback. The iPads allowed teachers and parents to view live examples of pupils work and provide useful and timely feedback. In response to questions, Ms Taylor advised that pupils would not have keyboards to accompany the iPads but that there would be peripheral equipment such as projectors and Apple TVs to support their use and there would also be network upgrade. She confirmed that there would be a team of teachers to work as digital leaders throughout the roll-out programme. In response to a question about the health and safety implications of pupils continually using Wifi, Ms Thomson advised that Bluetooth had been used for the demonstration so the equipment did not necessarily need Wifi.

### **3.0 PROVISION OF OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SPACES**

3.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Assets & Infrastructure setting out guidance and recommendations for the Cheviot Area for future investment in Public Play facilities and proposals for the removal of obsolete play areas. The proposals referred to were agreed as part of the Council's 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan and updated within the Capital Investment Plan of 2019/20. Neighbourhoods Operation Manager, Jason Hedley and Neighbourhood Senior Asst Manager, Fraser Dunlop, were in attendance at the meeting to present the report and to ask for feedback from communities on the proposals. Mr Hedley explained that the 2019/20 Capital Investment Plan had funding of £5.036m for investment within Outdoor Community Spaces over the next 10 years. This presented a tremendous asset for communities, but also brought a maintenance burden, for which no additional revenue resources were being provided. As part of the original investment within the 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan, it was simultaneously agreed by Council to review the distribution of play equipment provision across play parks in the Borders, which could:

- (1) inform decision making around future investment in communities; and
- (2) guide the rationalisation of obsolete play facilities which were deemed no longer fit for purpose, ensuring a cost neutral impact on established budgets with the service.

The removal of obsolete facilities was required to ensure there was a cost neutral impact on established budgets within the service.

3.2 Mr Hedley explained that the Scottish Borders currently had 243 play parks, including those located within schools, ranging from smaller local areas for play (LAPs) to strategic destination play parks. In comparison with other Local Authorities in Scotland who had similar characteristics, the Scottish Borders had significantly more play parks per head of population than the average; however, the average play value of the facilities (i.e. quality of provision) was significantly lower than the average. In recent years a more significant level of investment in play across the Scottish Borders had been delivered through the Council's capital programme supplemented by a range of different opportunities that have been realised by community led initiatives. These were shown in an appendix to the report and included, most recently, facilities in Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick and in the Public Park, Galashiels. The strategy was to now provide further additional high quality facilities in a range of other locations across the region. Alongside these strategic sites, the Council was committed to reviewing the wider network to ensure that local play provision continued to best serve communities. The review had considered Play Value (a standard assessment based on Fields in

Trust criteria); In-house inspection; and proximity to other similar or better facilities. As a result of the assessment, 74 play parks had been identified as meeting the criteria for being decommissioned, those within the Cheviot area being listed in a table within the report.

- 3.3 The officers responded to questions and noted feedback from those present at the meeting. It was confirmed that a community group could take over and develop a play park if it wished to do so (as had occurred at Selkirk and Stow). In fact community groups were at an advantage in that they had access to other sources of funding. This would be subject to the group accepting ongoing responsibility for maintenance. Mr Hedley confirmed that the Council would engage with any community group that met the criteria, with regard to a land/asset transfer. It was emphasised that no play park would be decommissioned until a reasonable alternative had been identified and investment completed. In further discussion, issues of social disadvantage were raised, it being pointed out that some of the recent investment into play facilities were at locations which required access by car. Local knowledge and the importance of communities providing feedback on the proposals was invaluable and feedback could be provided via the Council's website.

**DECISION**

**(a) AGREED:-**

- (i) to acknowledge the proposals contained in the report; and**
- (ii) that Officers request feedback on any specific aspects the Area Partnership wished to be considered prior to the implementation of the report as outlined;**

**(b) NOTED that no play park would be decommissioned until the investment in the new play park had been completed.**

**4.0 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 17 APRIL 2019**

- 4.1 The minute of the meeting of the Cheviot Area Partnership held on 17 April 2019 had been circulated. A summary of the discussion and review of the priorities identified in the draft Cheviot Locality Plan was attached as an appendix to the Minute.

**5.0 RURAL TRANSPORT: AREA PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**

- 5.1 The Chairman referred to the Rural Transport Conference being held on 28 June 2019 at Council Headquarters. There had been a huge amount of interest in the conference to the extent that it was over-subscribed. However he invited those present to take part in a round table discussion on rural transport and confirmed that views and any specific rural related issues and priorities identified would be raised at the conference on behalf of Cheviot Area Partnership. The Locality Development Co-ordinator provided a template to aid the discussion and on which points could be recorded. A summary of the output of the discussion was attached as an appendix to this Minute.

**6.0 NOMINATIONS FOR SBC ELECTED MEMBER FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

- 6.1 Nominations were invited for an Elected Member from the Cheviot Area Partnership to join the Community Council Scheme Working Group. Councillor Scott, seconded by

Councillor Brown, nominated Councillor Robson. There being no further nominations, Councillor Robson was duly appointed.

**DECISION**

**AGREED that Councillor Robson represent Cheviot Area Partnership on the Community Council Scheme Review Working Group.**

**7.0 NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEMES**

7.1 There were circulated at the meeting copies of a note by the Service Director – Asset and Infrastructure which sought approval from Members for delegated powers for future applications for Small Schemes. The report explained that to ensure applications for Small Schemes are dealt with timeously, Members were asked to delegate authority to the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure to approve future applications in 2019/20 subject to conditions.

**DECISION**

**AGREED that authority to approve future applications in 2019/20, be delegated to the Service Director – Assets & Infrastructure subject to the following:**

- (a) Application(s) for projects to be carried out from Small Schemes were received, assessed and costed by Council Officers;**
- (b) Officers would then send details of the project(s) to Elected Members along with a recommendation for their consideration;**
- (c) Elected Members would advise appropriate Council Officers of their support or otherwise for a particular project – support would be required from a majority of Elected Members for a project to proceed;**
- (d) Should support by the majority of Members not be given for a project, this application would be refused;**
- (e) Details of projects funded from the Small Schemes budget would be presented to the Cheviot Area Partnership as part of any future updates on Grants and Funding; and**
- (f) Any application for Community Fund funded projects be directed to the Communities and Partnership Team.**

**8.0 CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUND 2019-20 APPLICATIONS**

8.1 An explanation of the SBC's Community Fund application process was included in the information on the tables at the meeting. This was a fund available to community and voluntary groups to help support community activity. Grants of up to £5k for non constituted groups and £10k for constituted groups were available. In exceptional cases up to £30k was available for constituted groups. Applications submitted to SBC were assessed by the Communities and Partnership team and if they met the fund criteria, would go forward to Area Partnership meetings with an officer recommendation. Assessments would be included in agenda papers and those who attended the Area Partnership meetings would be asked if they agreed with the recommendation made by the SBC officer. Ms Smith referred to the Interim

Assessment forms, circulated at the meeting and summarised below, which gave details of an application for Cheviot Area Partnership to consider:-

**8.2 Kalewater Community Company**

Funding of £2,625 had been requested by the organisation Kalewater Community Company to fund archaeological work (planning condition) and associated wider community engagement of that work on an area of land which was now in the ownership of Morebattle community. The total cost of the project was £2,925 and £300 in-kind volunteer time (2-3 days @ £50 per day) to support the archaeological investigation and presentation to the Community. The recommendation to the Cheviot Area Partnership was to approve the funding request in full.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to grant £2,625 from the 2019/20 Community Fund to Kalewater Community Company to fund archaeological work (planning condition) and associated wider community engagement of that work on an area of land which was now in the ownership of Morebattle community.**

**9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9.1 The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2019 in Kelso at 6.30 p.m. The theme of the meeting would be confirmed in due course.

*The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.*

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# Cheviot Area Partnership

## Transport related discussion output (prior to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019)

### Issues:

- Public transport not great, no joined up thinking. Elderly people struggle to access transport for the Borders General Hospital
- Transport to Borders General Hospital an issue – could multiple appointments for one area be clustered?
- Rural area –distances to access health and social care are an issue in many cases.
- Scottish Ambulance Service have tightened criteria for patient transport – creating big demand for community transport – which isn't free, though far cheaper than taxi's but need more volunteer drivers.
- Better links to community transport from BGH
- Organise BGH clinics on a geographical client basis to simply transport and make it more economical, sustainable and greener.
- Under 16 free rail pass. Young people shouldn't have to pay the full price for tickets
- Free bus passes for young people
- Transport – School leavers access to work and further information, reliance on limited bus services, how to move between rural areas
- Transport free for young people
- Free buses for the young to encourage them to access jobs/education but stay in the Borders.
- Accessible transport – getting to college, work, health appointments and social events. Any good examples elsewhere? Rural transport needs improved and Kelso links to main routes
- Transport links to the Cheviot area
- Lack of public and community transport
- Unreliable buses
- Poor public transport
- Improve bus service
- Transport NB - bus stops in on Jed high street. Need to deal with car parking on street!
- Too expensive and not enough options e.g. £8 for gala return. Bus drivers not believing people are the right age to have a bus pass.
- Need to maintain and improve bus services - connection to Hawick ok but more problematic to central Borders and beyond - need to avoid rural isolation – links to jobs and opportunities.
- Infrastructure of the future - start planning now.

- More sustainable methods of transport.
- Cycle pathways need to be improved.
- More sustainable modes of transport, lost the bus services!

### **Solutions:**

- Transport links – better bus links, be creative to help people move around
- Access anywhere – Skype Doctor appointments – might be easier virtually for mental health, for young people?
- Skype facility to speak to a consultant? Access Anywhere in Highland and Lanark – digital upskilling?
- Community Transport
  - need to look at other projects in the Borders and Scotland
  - volunteer based and publicised - “how do you let people know” - think of audience mix of hard copy, digital, landline, notices and leaflets
- Transport - one stop shop to reduce number of journeys, co-ordination of appointments on a geographical basis
- Transport infrastructure required
- e-Car scheme minibuses would be available for community use
- Transport need amongst different age groups will have been mapped and timetables, availability etc. will have responded to this
- Different travel models will have been explored
- Needs to have a sustainable infrastructure
- Improved car parking provision
- Joined up thinking when planning transport and local services is evident
- Railway

Rural Transport Discussion Points (19.06.19)	Comments	Suggestions
<p><b>Rural bus network</b> How could rural bus networks better meet the needs of users?</p> <p>What role could technology have in providing a better service?</p> <p>Examples of good rural networks?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who puts timetables together?</li> <li>• Lack of communication/consultation by bus operators</li> <li>• Better linkage/connection between different buses &amp; service operators</li> <li>• Bus competes with the rail network</li> <li>• No bus to/from Morebattle between Saturday night and Monday morning</li> <li>• Bus from Howdenburn misses the connection to the Edinburgh bus (different operators)</li> <li>• On-demand services</li> <li>• Jedburgh school children have to leave classes early to attend College and change in St Boswells</li> <li>• Joined up thinking needed!</li> <li>• Use taxi-buses – Demand Responsive Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It works, e.g. Smailholm works very well</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Online bookings</li> <li>• Use tokens (entitlement based on need) – can be ‘cashed in’ by taxi firm</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waited service?</li> <li>• Adjust timings?</li> <li>• More encouragement to use public transport</li> <li>• Better connection times and more appropriate wait times</li> <li>• Technology - to book in advance</li> <li>• Make sure timetables correspond</li> <li>• App on phones which shows bus times – Borders Buses &amp; Traveline already do this</li> <li>• Book a bus system / Community taxi services</li> <li>• Electronic/digital bus timetables in Kelso &amp; Jedburgh bus stations and on some bus stops</li> <li>• Need to make sure that services run by different companies will wait for a ‘connecting’ bus when it’s been delayed otherwise people are stranded!</li> <li>• Same applies at Tweedbank where a bus doesn’t wait for a train to come in!</li> <li>• Young Scot card for use on buses?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community transport</b> Examples or ideas of flexible and innovative community transport solutions?</p> <p>Could communities play more of a role in providing transport solutions / opportunities?</p> <p>Are there other transport schemes we could learn from?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheviot Wheels</li> <li>• TeleHealth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ in surgery building?</li> <li>○ rooms in schools?</li> <li>○ Village halls?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Border couriers, hospital supplies, other delivery people etc. could provide alternative solutions</li> <li>• Community wheels is small scale (Teviot Wheels)</li> <li>• Volunteers are taking people to hospital appointments but taking business away from Taxis</li> <li>• Other examples: Richmond &amp; District, Thirsk &amp; District</li> <li>• Wheels services &amp; RVS provided 31,000 passenger trips last year with volunteer drivers</li> <li>• Communities could commission a regular community transport service e.g. for shopping – but would have to be paid for.</li> <li>• Or car shares – care needed re. insurance</li> <li>• E-bike schemes – is there funding? Yes, Scottish Government funding now live</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More volunteer drivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Using their own car (mileage?)</li> <li>○ Similar idea to Uber</li> </ul> </li> <li>• West Linton taxi scheme</li> <li>• Fife model of booking transport – Ring &amp; Ride</li> <li>• After school taxis drop off, can they pick up for hospital runs?</li> <li>• Car share - is there an app?</li> <li>• Tokens could also be used for community transport?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other transport solutions</b> What role could the new SBC E-Car club scheme &amp; other car club schemes, and South of Scotland Economic Partnership, play in improving transport opportunities in the area?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could the eCar scheme be a solution for volunteer drivers?</li> <li>• Not many charging points in this area?</li> <li>• SBC car club is dual fuel</li> <li>• Loan out to local champions for trials</li> <li>• Evenings and weekends?</li> <li>• eCar scheme need to be placed in rural communities</li> <li>• Car share schemes need to be promoted</li> <li>• Taxi scheme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• App or Facebook page to share journey details so people can share</li> <li>• Have cars available 7 days a week</li> <li>• Electric charging points put into all new houses</li> <li>• Interchangeable batteries</li> <li>• More charging points</li> </ul>

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# Transport Planning

Timothy Stephenson  
Passenger Transport Manager  
Scottish Borders Council

# Background

- ▶ Subsidise local bus services (LBS) costs £1.5m per annum (move 1m travellers)
- ▶ Local bus services are not a statutory requirement - they are discretionary
- ▶ Like all Local authority budgets the LBS is always being reviewed
- ▶ £200k savings made in 2018
  - ▶ Based on data collected on-bus and passenger trends
  - ▶ Alternatives were put in place
  - ▶ Some innovative thinking
- ▶ £85k in 2019 which is already secured, without further cuts to bus services
- ▶ £165k budget saving needed for 2020

# The Plan for 2020 and Beyond

- ▶ Identified a number of under-performing bus routes
  - ▶ Passenger numbers are declining
  - ▶ Retender pricing across Scotland currently around +20%
  - ▶ The cost per passenger (subsidy) is very high, this situation is not sustainable
  - ▶ We have some tough decisions to make together as we need a workable plan to save £165k
  - ▶ Rather than just make service cuts - can we do things differently?
- ▶ Use 2019 to meet Communities and have a conversation
  - ▶ August/September - meet local area partnerships and talk about transport
  - ▶ September/October - Bus Users Scotland will hold a big conversation (public consultation) and we will work closely with communities to form a transport plan

# Local Bus Services being reviewed in this area

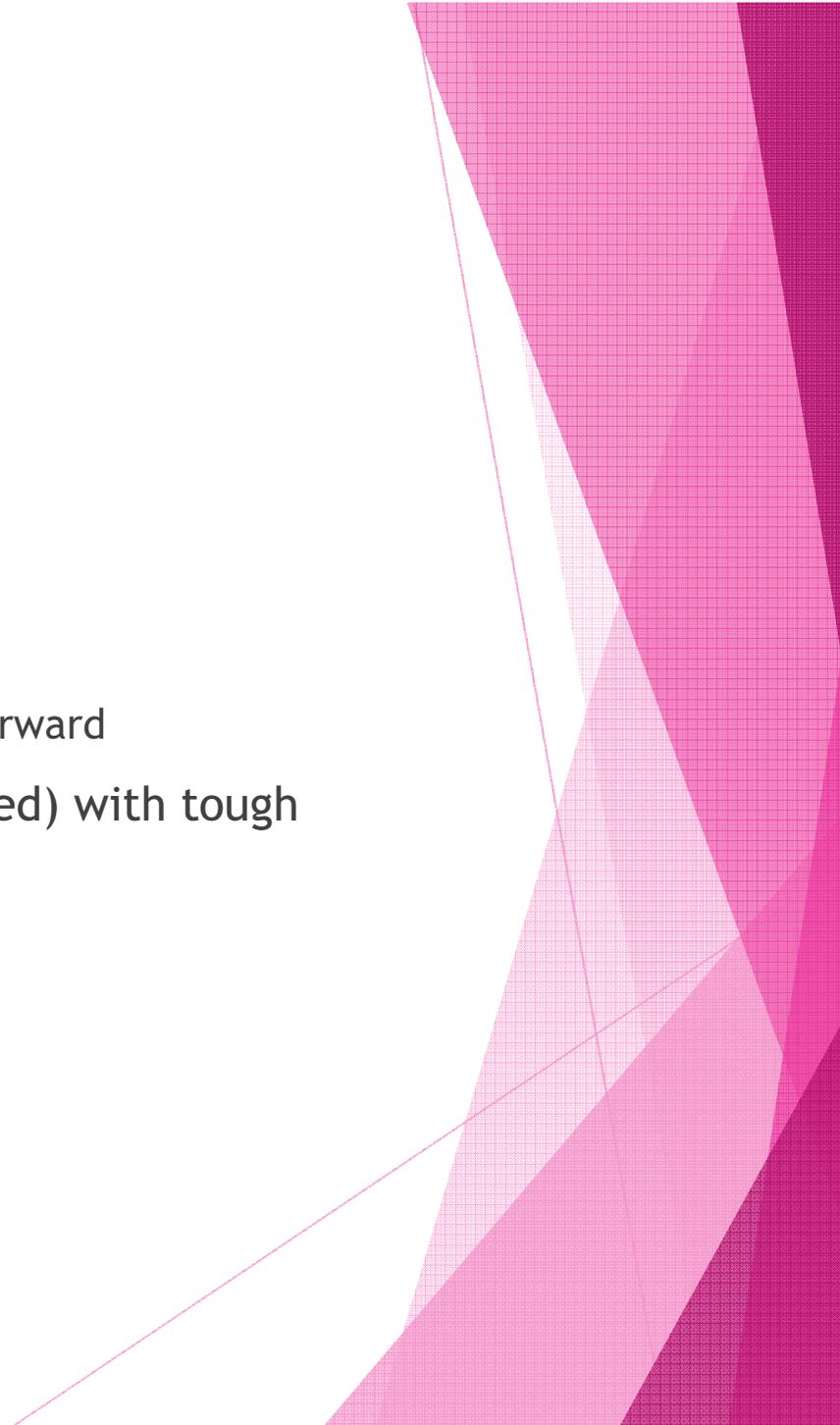
Service Number	Route	Net subsidy per annum	Total passenger per annum	Average cost per passenger
66	Earlston - Stichill and Kelso	£34,634	5222	£6.72
85/87	Kelso-Greenlaw-Berwick	£47,749	4686	£11.02
710	Kelso-Coldstream (Weds)	£693	118	£6.20
902	Westruther-Stichill- Kelso	£2934	358	£8.19

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- ▶ The average cost per passenger across the whole of the Borders bus network is £3.65

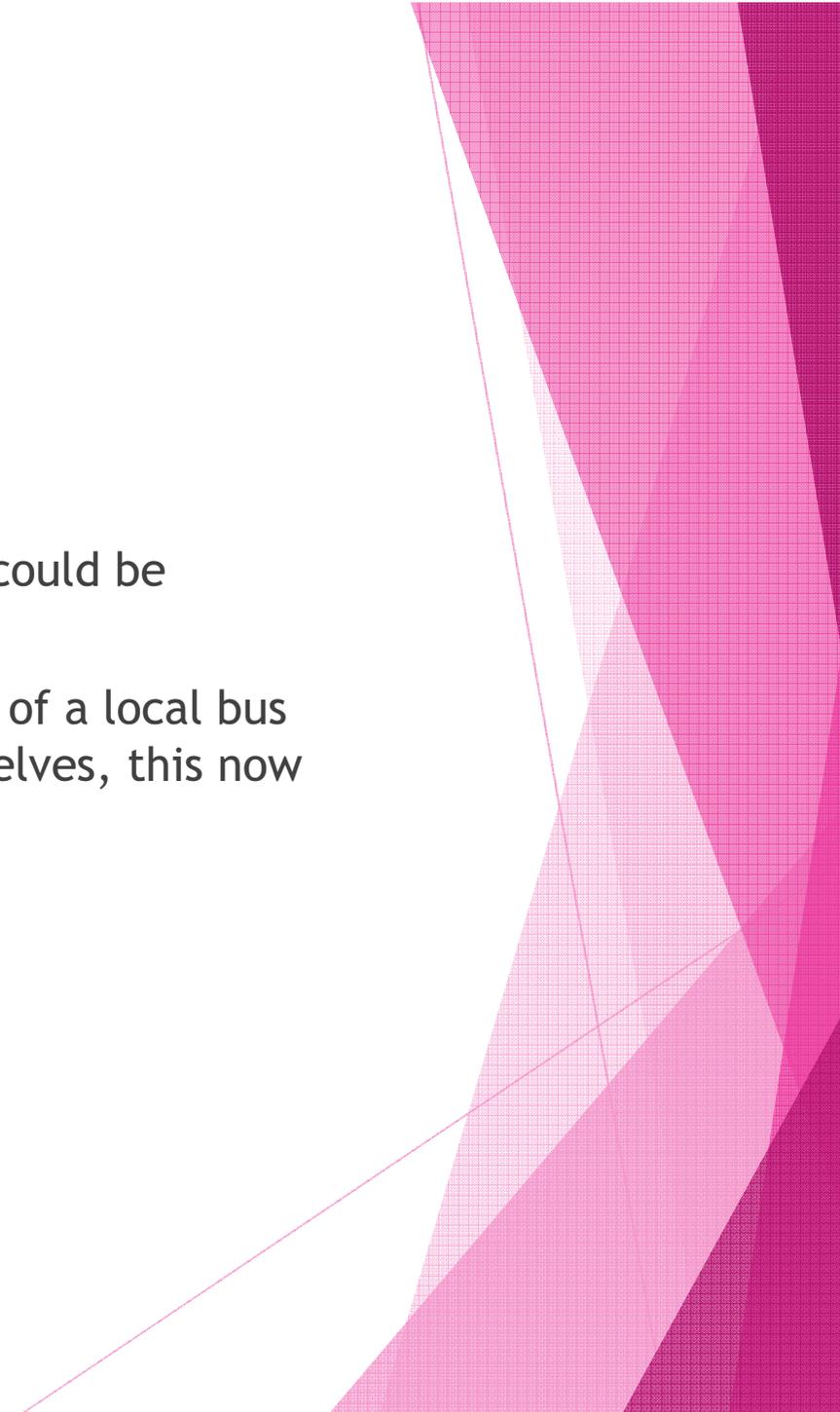
# Innovation

- ▶ Keen to hear from communities who want to try new things
  - ▶ Don't want our big conversation to be focused on budget cuts
  - ▶ A chance for communities to play their part
  - ▶ Want to have some community led transport projects to take forward
- ▶ This is all about communities who were faced (or will be faced) with tough choices and how they responded
  - ▶ Something alternative to “the traditional bus”
  - ▶ Something flexible enough to meet the communities needs
  - ▶ Something that can be controlled locally
  - ▶ Something communities can commit to



# Some ideas/Innovations

- ▶ NEED of Alnwick a Community Transport Scheme
- ▶ West Linton taxi scheme - was a great idea in principle and could be successful in the future
- ▶ Page 28 Bressingham Community Bus - came about due to the withdrawal of a local bus service, the community decided to run something for themselves, this now operates a full timetable and operates successfully
- ▶ I would also like to talk about some non-bus related options
  - ▶ E car
  - ▶ E bike (all part of Active Travel)
  - ▶ Tripshare (great version at NHS Borders)
  - ▶ Community Transport/Social car Schemes



# NEED Ltd

North East Equality & Diversity Ltd

(Alnwick)

## HOW CAN WE HELP?



COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



TRAINING



CONTRACTED SERVICES



BUS TIMETABLES & DIAL-A-RIDE

- ▶ Largely self-financing model
- ▶ Range of services - car scheme / dial-a-ride / family vehicle / group transport
- ▶ Contracts for Council and NHS
- ▶ Entrepreneurial

# The West Linton Taxi/Bus Connect

- ▶ The Community organised the scheme
- ▶ The Councils Passenger transport team helped with the procurement of the taxi contract and added terms and conditions
- ▶ The community issued scheme membership cards and made flyers to advertise the taxi and managed the bookings



# Notes on West Linton Taxi/Bus Connect

- ▶ Connected with a commercial bus service in Penicuik 3 times each evening Mon-Sat initially at 21:12, 22:12 with the last connection being 23:12
- ▶ Travellers booked up to 1 hour in advance, if more than 8 people booked the operator could provide a second taxi
- ▶ 660 local signed up to the scheme, although only 200 were regular users
- ▶ The Council contributed £8.5k to the scheme
- ▶ The Community bid for a further £7.5k via the Localities Fund, unfortunately, only 95 people supported the bid and their application was not successful
- ▶ The scheme ceased operating in Mid-July 2019 after approx. 6 months
- ▶ THE IDEA/BASIC PRINCIPLES ARE STILL SOUND. THIS COULD WORK ELSEWHERE

**Bo'ness - Blackness – Edinburgh****From 06<sup>th</sup> September 2018****Bookings 07376 980049**

Inward to Edinburgh	Mon – Fri	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat	Mon-Sat
Bo'ness Bus Station	06.30	09.00	11.30	14.30	17.00
Dean Road at Livingston Drive	06.34	09.04	11.34	14.34	17.04
Dean Road at Deanfield Drive	06.35	09.05	11.35	14.35	17.05
Esso Garage (Richmond Corner)	06.36	09.06	11.36	14.36	17.06
Cadzow	06.37	09.07	11.37	14.37	17.07
Gauze Road (Craigallan)	06.38	09.08	11.38	14.38	17.08
Grahamsdyke	06.39	09.09	11.39	14.39	17.09
Drum Farm Lane	06.41	09.11	11.41	14.41	17.11
Champany Corner	06.44	09.18	11.48	14.48	17.18
Mannerston	↓	09.20	11.50	14.50	17.20
Blackness	↓	09.24	11.54	14.54	17.24
Ratho Station	06.54	09.35	12.05	15.05	17.35
Ingliston Gate House	06.56	09.37	12.07	15.07	17.37
Edinburgh Airport Road End	06.57	09.38	12.08	15.08	17.38
Gogar overbridge RBS HQ	06.59	09.40	12.10	15.10	17.40
Maybury opp Marriott Hotel	07.01	09.41	12.11	15.11	17.41
Corstorphine Drum Brae Roundabout	07.02	09.42	12.12	15.12	17.42
Corstorphine Zoo Park	07.09	09.49	12.19	15.19	17.49
Edinburgh Haymarket Rail Station (HB)	07.16	09.56	12.26	15.26	17.56
Edinburgh Shandwick Place (SC)	07.20	10.00	12.30	15.30	18.00
Edinburgh Princes Street West (PD)					
Debenhams	07.24	10.04	12.34	15.34	18.04
Edinburgh Princes Street East (PM)					
Waverley Rail Station	07.28	10.08	12.38	15.38	18.08
Edinburgh Waterloo Place (ZK)	07.32	10.12	12.42	15.42	18.12

**Bookings 07376 980049****Available for Hires 07376 980049**

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for everyone!**

**For the Young, for the Youth, for the Family,  
for the Elderly, for the Workers, for the  
Visitors**

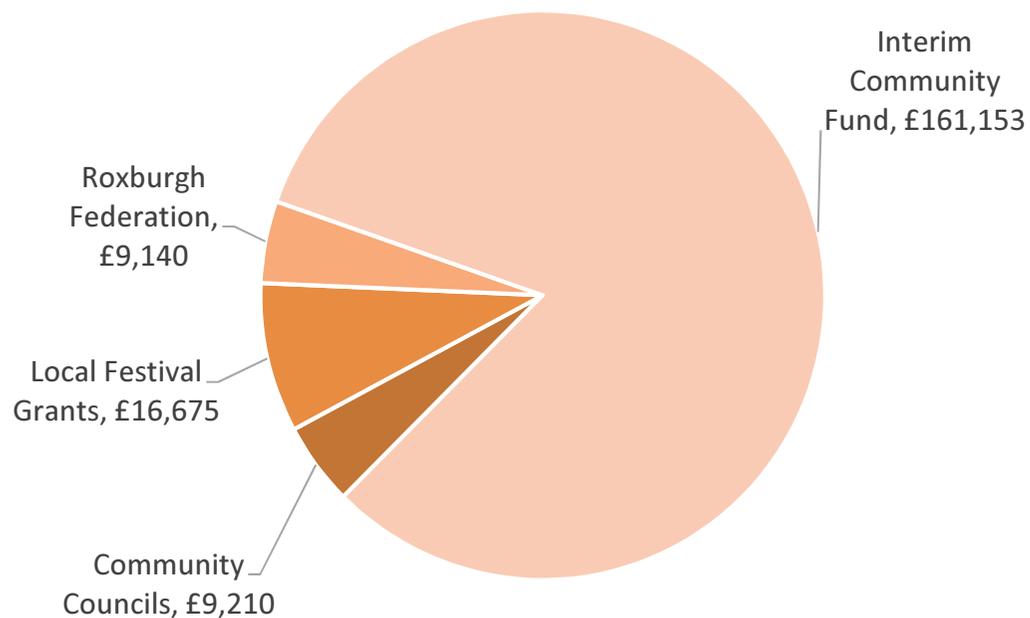


# Cheviot Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of September 2019



## Interim Community Fund 2019-20



Interim Community Fund (2019/20)	Value (£)
<b>Total Budget Allocation</b>	<b>£196,179</b>
Community Councils - <i>committed</i>	£9,210
Local Festival Grants - <i>committed</i>	£16,675
Roxburgh Federation of Village Halls (part) <i>committed</i>	£9,140
Balance (less <i>commitments</i> )	£161,154
Awarded (to date)	£2,625
Applications (to be assessed)	£8,626
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>£149,903</b>

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## Other Funds in 2019/20 available to the Cheviot community

SBC Small Schemes	Value	Trusts	Awarded	Available	Common Good	Available	Awarded
Total	£34,700	Community	£0	£293	Kelso*	£3,100	£495
<i>Committed</i>	£	Enhancement			Jedburgh*	£18,500	£1,300
<i>Uncommitted</i>	£	Welfare	£0	£3,627			

\* Figure still to be approved

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# Cheviot Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of September 2019

Community Council commitments	Value (£)
Ancrum	£630
Crailing, Eckford and Nisbet	£540
Ednam, Stichill and Berrymoss	£630
Floors, Makerstoun, Nenthorn and Smailholm	£630
Heiton and Roxburgh	£630
Jedburgh	£1,365
Jed Valley	£540
Kalewater	£630
Kelso	£1,365
Lanton	£540
Oxnam Water	£540
St Boswells	£630
Sprouston	£540
Yetholm	£630
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,580</b>

Local Festival Grants commitments	Value (£)
Jedburgh	£6,500
Kelso	£6,500
Morebattle	£150
St Boswells	£2,750
Yetholm	£775
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,675</b>

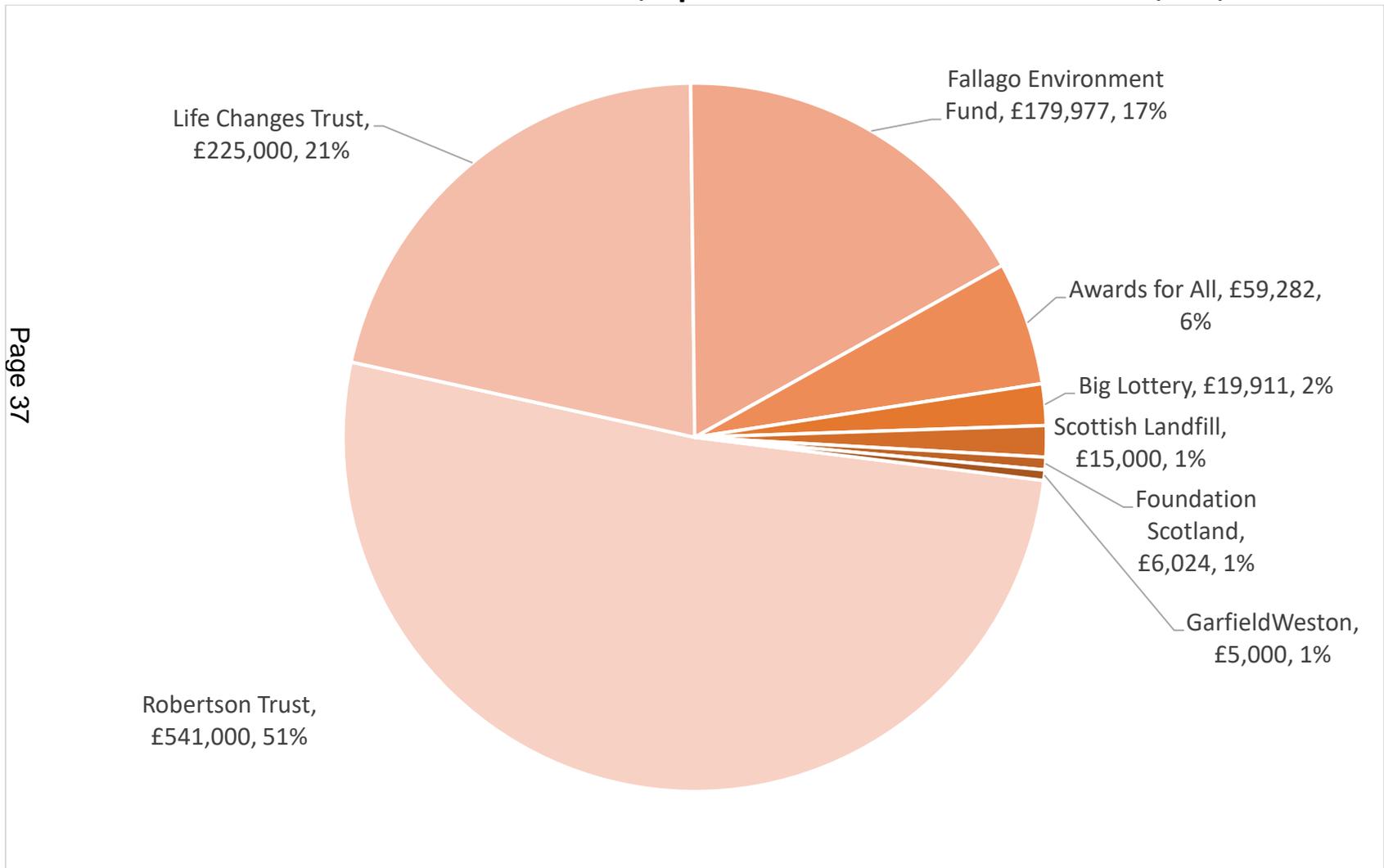
Roxburgh Federation of Village Halls commitment, includes	Value (£)
<b>£9,140</b>	
Bedrule	
Eckford	
Edgerston	
Glen Douglas	
Heiton	
Hownam	
Lanton	
Lothian Hall	
Makerstoun	
Morebattle	
Oxnam	
Roxburgh	
Sprouston	
Stichill	
Wauchope	
Yetholm Youth	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,140</b>

Interim Community Fund	Value (£)
<i>Awarded (to date)</i>	
Kalewater Community Company	£2,625
<i>Applications (to be assessed)</i>	£8265
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>£149,903</b>

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### External Investment in Cheviot, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £1,051,194



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This is a snapshot of the funding secured. We continue to build on this picture

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## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Cheviot*

*Ref. No.: CF1920/CHE/9*

*Organisation Name: Yetholm History Society*

*Funding Requested: £6,200*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	SCIO		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£5,945		
Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why & how much?			
Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>			
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>What used for?</b>
Community Grants Scheme	2018	£1,813.62	Upgrade Mission Hall

ABOUT THE PROJECT		
<b>Project Brief</b>	To support the creation of an Archive and Heritage Centre within the old Mission Hall 'Tin Tabernacle' building, Yetholm. Financial support is being requested for the purchase of archive cupboards and display cabinets, which are the component of a wider development project. The wider project has attracted match funding of from various external sources amounting to £20,930.	
<b>Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY</b>	01/11/2019	
<b>Total Expenditure (£)</b>	£7,200	
<b>Community Fund Request (£)</b>	£6,200	
<b>10% Match-funding</b>	Yes - £1,000	
<b>Any Other Contribution?</b>	Yes	
<b>Other Funding Sources</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>At what stage?</b>
	14,430	Call ago – subject to match funding

	4,000	Hugh Fraser – subject to match funding
	2,500	Garfield Weston – confirmed
Community Fund Outcomes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to a better quality environment <input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more pride in their community <input 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	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	The society has an active membership who have driven the development of the project. The Society having received the building for a nominal sum have sought to find an appropriate use, maximizing the community assets available to them.
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	<p>Creation of a tourism facility and visitor attraction increasing tourism levels and extending the visitor stay in the area.</p> <p>Provide free open access for visitors and locals to learn about the history of the village, people and surrounding areas.</p> <p>With suitable archive storage space in place the hall will be available and better equipped as a meeting space for wider history related lectures, workshops and activities.</p> <p>The project meets the outcomes of the Interim Community Fund.</p>
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	The society is well established and has an active membership of over 70 members of the community. There has been support for the project from the community council whom are progressing the planning application. Additionally, a wide range of engagement and community consultation has been undertaken throughout the development of the Archive and Heritage Centre.
What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?	Funding package from several funders, Community Fund request is the final element and integral to the commencement of the project.
What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?	The archives are supported by a number of volunteers. The Society conducts several lectures and other activities enabling them to meet the maintenance costs of the building from general reserves.
Quotes received for items of expenditure	Yes
Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?	Planning Permission 19/01053/FUL in place for disabled access. Permission to host outreach displays granted by Kirk Session.

**SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend to approve to the value of £6,200

*Additional Terms and Conditions:*

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## 2019/2020 Community Fund: Interim Assessment Form

*Locality: Cheviot*

*Ref. No.: CF1920/CHE/5*

*Organisation Name: Jedburgh and District Community News Group (JDCNG), Marketing and Tourism Sub Group*

*Funding Requested: £2,339*

ABOUT THE GROUP			
<b>Organisation Structure</b>	Voluntary Association		
<b>Annual Accounts Balance</b>	£27,564.01		
<p>Are any funds ring-fenced, if so why &amp; how much? Current finances reflect the objectives of the Group that it holds a 12-month reserve (built up over a period of 10 years) to offset future downturns in income/emergencies and rising costs.</p> <p>The Marketing &amp; Tourism Group (M&amp;TG) is a sub-group of JDCNG with separate financial aims to operate on a self-financing basis raising funds as and when necessary and available for projects undertaken. The sub-group is not being directly financed by JDCNG as reserves are maintained for the purposes outlined above.</p>			
<p>Has the applicant successfully applied for SBC funding within the last three years? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p>			
Fund	Financial Year	Amount (£)	What used for?
Regeneration - CARS Initiative	2018	10,000	Marketing Activities

ABOUT THE PROJECT	
Project Brief	<p>The application is seeking funding for the re-print (30,000 copies) of the Town leaflet and the associate distribution costs. Distribution of the leaflet is to be undertaken via Crescent Distributors who use their customised display units in a variety of tourism related outlets in North Northumberland, the Lothians and other Border towns. The objective is to entice visitors</p>

Project Start Date: DD/MM/YY	to Jedburgh (who otherwise might not have planned to visit), and are attracted by its amenities and location as the Historical Gateway to Scotland, as set out in the leaflet.  October 2019	
Total Expenditure (£)	£2,639.00	
Community Fund Request (£)	£2,339.00	
10% Match-funding	Yes	
Any Other Contribution?		
Other Funding Sources	Amount (£)	At what stage?
Community Fund Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Communities have more access to better quality local services or activities <input 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	
What need/demand has been evidenced for this project/activity?	Reprint of a popular town resource. Previously supported by wider marketing funding and is a key element in the Town's marketing strategy. Town centre attractions and visitor information centre are complementary of the leaflet and its positive role in enhancing the Town and its assets
What benefits will be gained from the project/activity and how well does the project/activity meet the outcomes of the scheme?	Increased tourism levels and economic impact Increased local awareness of tourism and visitor attractions Enables visitors to access town and its environs
What support and involvement of the wider community is there for this project/activity?	<p>Representatives of a cross section of local groups have been involved in the production of the leaflet which took some 15 months to bring to fruition. In addition to volunteers from the News Group, representatives from Jedburgh Historical Walks group and Historical Society assisted in research, writing and proofing. Individuals from the Marketing Group were also involved as were local photographers and Visit Scotland who supplied material. In all a very positive community effort.</p> <p>Whilst there is no community involvement in the distribution of the leaflet this is due to the locations and information points being owned by a distribution company and therefore the group have no control over the</p>

<p>What efforts have been made by the applicant to secure other sources of funding for the project/activity?</p>	<p>Economic Development have been contacted for financial support although no available budget and referred to Community Fund.</p> <p>Supported Business to Business by LEADER Mbttag project, but no fund to support specific marketing resources.</p>
<p>What happens at the end of the project/activity or when the funding is spent?</p>	<p>The group aim to build up a reserve fund to support any future reprint of the leaflet and other marketing material. They have initiated a 'donation box scheme' that sits alongside displayed material in selected outlets. To date this has been very encouraging and they hope that sufficient donations will be taken to offset future print and distribution costs.</p> <p>The leaflet is supported by wider marketing activities such as social media and town centre website.</p> <p>The group have considered the use of advertising to meet the production costs but felt it was inappropriate for the type of leaflet.</p>
<p>Quotes received for items of expenditure</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Have appropriate permissions been sought/granted?</p>	<p>N/A</p>

**SBC OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend to approve to the value of £2,339

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