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Teviot & Liddesdale
Area Partnership

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 17 September 2019
Time: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Location: Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Hawick

AGENDA

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

1.	Welcome and Introductions
2.	Locality Bid Fund 1 Update from Artbeat (15 mins).
3.	Feedback from Meeting of 11 June 2019 (Pages 3 - 10) Copy Minute from meeting of 11 June 2019. (Copy attached).
4.	Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Plan (Pages 11 - 24) (a) Economy, Skills & Learning: transport networks and connections within Teviot and Liddesdale – update on Scottish Borders Transport Conference from Timothy Stephenson, Passenger Transport Manager, SBC, and options going forward (30 mins) (b) Discussion re potential options/solutions/actions (45 mins) (Copies of Teviot and Liddesdale Community Profile, Transport Planning presentation and Scottish Borders Bus map attached).
5.	Teviot and Liddesdale Interim Community Fund (Pages 25 - 32) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interim Community Fund overview map• Internal & external funding maps for Teviot and Liddesdale Copies of documents attached.
6.	Future Agenda Items Suggestions/Proposals.
7.	Open Forum Questions for Elected Members.

8.	Any other Business (Pages 33 - 40) Healthy Hawick Newsletter. (Copy attached for information).
9.	Date of Next Meeting Tuesday, 19 November 2019 at 6.30 pm in Hawick High School.

Note: Changeworks will be present during the teas/coffees to promote a Home Energy Scotland home insulation scheme to householders.

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SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Hawick High School on Tuesday, 11 June 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:- Councillors M Richards (Chair), C Ramage, W McAteer and G Turnbull together with 24 representatives from Partner Organisations, Community Councils and members of the public.

Also present:- Councillor S Aitchison.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Richards welcomed everyone to the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership and thanked the Community Councils, Partners and local organisations for their attendance. He outlined the programme for the evening and introduced the speakers.

2. **INSPIRE LEARNING**

- 2.1 The Chairman extended a welcome to Catherine Thomson, Quality Improvement Officer, who was in attendance to give a presentation on the Inspire Learning Programme, explaining how the programme would benefit all teachers and pupils across the Scottish Borders. Ms Thomson advised that the world was changing and technology was important in the way we communicated, lived and worked. It was therefore important that digital skills were brought into the classroom and that resources were available for young people to ensure they were digital citizens who could adapt to a changing environment. The Inspire Learning Programme was a key part of the Digital Learning Strategy which would transform teaching and learning in schools. It included the provision of iPads to all P6-S6 pupils and shared devices for P1-P5 pupils. The rationale was aimed at raising attainment and supporting equality and inclusion for all young people, with improved outcomes and success. Ms Thomson highlighted that it was not just the provision of iPads as a device, but was about the Pillars of Inspire Learning through: professional learning and teaching, strategic planning, correct infrastructure and environment, school clusters and school leaders. The Programme would enhance learning, teaching and assessment and there would be opportunities for employees, parents and young people to upskill and drive the programme forward. Young people would be able to make use of a high-quality, creative resource which would equip them to become more independent in learning and increase their employability skills. Ms Thomson went on to advise that partnership with CGI had brought knowledge of the wider IT marketplace and the Apple iPad had been chosen as the best value option.
- 2.2 Ms Thomson then introduced Ali Taylor, one of the trainers on the project. Ms Taylor explained that one of the tools on the iPads for teachers was 'Classroom' which allowed the teacher to view any iPad in the classroom permitting them to control lessons and give support to students when required. Volunteers then took part in an interactive exercise with the iPads taking photographs of angles in the room, which Ms Taylor then showed on the screen, demonstrating how lessons would be more interactive and how direct learning would be carried out in the classroom.
- 2.3 Ms Thomson concluded the presentation by discussing the iPad deployment programme which would commence on Monday 17 June in Selkirk and continue until Friday 28 June

2019 to Hawick, Kelso, Berwickshire, Eyemouth, Earlston, Jedburgh, Peebles, Galashiels and Peebles. Pupil deployment would be August/December; Selkirk, Kelso and Hawick; January/March: Earlston, Peebles, Eyemouth; April June: Galashiels, Jedburgh, Berwickshire. Ms Thomson also clarified the next steps through the training plan for secondary schools, with the Apple teacher sign up and the digital learning strategy in place. The Inspire teams would include CGI and Apple and would allow secondment opportunities for teaching staff for two years with project teams, clusters and school leads, an executive board and an education strategic group. In response to a question, Ms Thomson advised that there would be a special area of their helpdesk dedicated to dealing with any issues, any problems identified would have a quick turnaround so there would be no lost opportunities. The Chairman thanked the speakers for their presentation and wished them well in the implementation of the project.

3. PUBLIC PLAY FACILITIES STRATEGY - TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE

- 3.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Assets and Infrastructure setting out guidance and recommendations for the Teviot and Liddesdale Area for future investment in Public Play facilities and proposals for the removal of obsolete play areas, agreed as part of the 2018/19 Capital Investment Plan and updated within the Capital Investment Plan 2019/20. The 2019/20 Capital Investment Plan had funding of £5.036m for investment within Outdoor Community Spaces over the 10 years. This presented a tremendous asset for communities, however 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 programme of investment in play facilities aimed to improve community wellbeing and enhance activity levels for all ages with a beneficial impact on the health of the population. The programme of proposed projects across the Scottish Borders and an indicative timescale for delivery, was detailed in the report, for the period 2018/19 to 2022/23. The programme proposed a range of provision including Children's Playparks, Pump bike/Skate tracks and Fitness/Youth Shelter provision as well as the rationalisation of obsolete equipment, where this was no longer fit for purpose. It was noted that the Pump Track at Wilton Lodge Park was £200,000 not £300,000 as detailed in the report.
- 3.2 The Neighbourhood Area Manager, Fraser Dunlop, explained that officers had undertaken an assessment of play value using the Fields in Trust Scoring criteria and taken into consideration the proximity of play areas to other play facilities and the planning history of sites. The evaluation had been undertaken to ensure that the Council retained and developed a network of valued, well equipped spaces for local communities. Where there was only one facility serving a community, this was retained and formed a consideration for future investment. Where there were lower value play facilities in areas of multiple provision, these were proposed for decommissioning to reduce the maintenance burden and focus investment to maximise value. In the Scottish Borders currently, the quantity of play provision was high per head of population, but the quality was very low (compared to national benchmarking) and this diminished the wider benefits of these facilities to communities. This programme of investment would address the challenge of balancing quantity against quality, ensuring optimal provision of play facilities across the network. As no additional revenue resources were being provided to support the long term management and maintenance of the new play parks being created, the removal of obsolete facilities was essential to ensure there was a cost neutral impact on established budgets with the service. Mr Dunlop highlighted that there were 243 play parks across the Scottish Borders of which 11, in the Teviot and Liddesdale area, had scored 20 or less in the Fields in Trust Scoring assessments. These play parks were proposed for decommissioning. A discussion was held and officers were asked how the strategy met the needs of all users, particular in rural areas, where there was no provision

for adult facilities, which were free to use, and a lack of public transport to reach existing play parks? With regard to grants available for the provision of play facilities, Mr Dunlop gave examples of work undertaken by groups in Stow and Selkirk, explaining that alternative funding could be available to community groups for enhancing play parks and assistance would be given with regard to submission of funding applications. Mr Hedley added that community groups had to ensure future maintenance of play facilities to ensure sustainability. Regarding the timescale for closures, Mr Dunlop advised that no play facility would be decommissioned until the appropriate investment in new facilities in the locality had been completed. However, Wilton Lodge Park play area had been completed and decommissioning of obsolete play facilities in Teviot and Liddesdale was programmed for the coming winter months. Denholm and Burnfoot community councillors raised child safety concerns as the alternative playparks in their respective areas meant children crossing busy main roads. Mr Hedley and Mr Dunlop would discuss with both community councils out with the meeting. With regard to developers' play areas required by planning permission, Mr Hedley explained that the Council had ceased adopting these areas in 2005. However, if they predated 2005 the Council were still responsible; this issue would be the subject of a report to Council in the near future. The Chairman thanked Mr Dunlop and Mr Hedley for their report and the feedback from communities in the Teviot and Liddesdale area.

4. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 16 APRIL 2109**

The Minute of the Meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership held on 16 April 2019 had been circulated along with a summary of the discussion, which was also available online. It was requested that the draft Locality Plan included a section on renewable energy and reference renewable alternatives, electric vehicles and electric charging points.

5. **RURAL TRANSPORT: AREA PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES**

Those present at the Area Partnership meeting then split into groups to discuss specific rural transport related issues and priorities to be raised at the planned rural transport conference to be held on 28 June 2019. The flyer for the conference was circulated at the meeting. The transport related discussion document was attached as an appendix to the minute. Outcome from the conference would reported at the next meeting.

6. **DRAFT LOCALITY PLAN**

It was noted that this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

7. **NOMINATION FOR SBC ELECTED MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME REVIEW WORKING GROUP**

The Chairman advised that nominations were required for the SBC elected member for the Community Council Scheme Review Working Group. Councillor McAteer was nominated by Councillor Richards and seconded by Councillor Turnbull. Councillor McAteer was happy to accept and asked community councillors to contact him with any issues they wished raised.

8. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE COMMUNITY FUND 2019-20 APPLICATIONS**

8.1 Gillian Jardine, gave an update on the Community Fund referring to the flow diagram on the discussion tables. Ms Jardine explained that an application would be assessed and officers would make a recommendation to either proceed to Area Partnership for approval; to hold until further information received; or that the application would not progress any further. If the application was agreed at the Area Partnership meeting, an award letter and payment would be processed in accordance with the terms and conditions along with a monitoring and evaluation form for completion at the end of the project. With regard to the funding available, Ms Jardine explained that non-constituted groups could bid up to £5,000.00, the maximum for constituted groups was £10,000.00. Six to eight weeks was required for consideration of any application. Ms Smith added that in the case of an equality of votes, the Chair would have the casting vote.

- 8.2 Ms Smith explained that owing to an issue with the online voting process, the deadline for return of postal ballots had been extended to 14 June 2019. The successful projects would be announced in June/July 2019.
- 8.3 It was noted that a consultation on community funding would be undertaken during the summer.
9. **OPEN FORUM**
- 9.1 Councillor McAteer asked that consideration be given to the scheduling of Area Partnerships to avoid conflicting with community council meetings.
- 9.2 Southdean Community Council requested that there be no changes to the SBCCN grant allocation.
- 9.3 Councillor Turnbull requested a review of car parking arrangements within the Civic Space area in Hawick to establish if there were parking bays that could be made available for short-term parking and residents, especially overnight.
- 9.4 There was a discussion on public conveniences and there was an enquiry as to the income generated from the new charging policy.
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership was scheduled for Tuesday, 17 September – venue to be agreed. Councillor Richards thanked all those who had attended the meeting for their participation and input.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.

Transport related discussion output to date

Issues:

Impact of roadworks on businesses

Poor transport corridors – North, South, East and West

Road deterioration – HGVs, bridges etc

People need to travel for learning but cost of travelling is expensive

Transport to BGH is rare and expensive

People didn't use the small bus scheme transporting people to the BGH

Lack of transport to Langholm High School for young people in Newcastleton

Transport needs to be improved for housing in the countryside

Solutions

Improved communication between SBC and D&G (roadworks etc)

Extension of railway line will draw people in to the area

Litter bins needed in laybys

Future technologies – ie electric vehicles

Parking on Hawick High Street needs to be policed as cars parked all day

Development of cycle pathways

Rural Transport Discussion Points	Comments	Suggestions
<p>Rural bus network 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>	<p>What is the need in the area for public transport? Connectivity is a real issue – very difficult to travel from A-B-C</p> <p>Review possibility of smaller buses being used to pick up passengers and transport them to main buses</p> <p>What is the sustainability of initiatives Who would need to invest in IT Infrastructure?</p> <p>The number of people using the feeder bus services has dropped due to the certainty of whether there will be space for them on the X95.</p>	<p>Ask Border Buses what take up there is of local and borders wide routes and get feedback from passengers on what their transport needs are.</p> <p>Could set up passenger groups using IT platforms to plan journeys/ use of local transport.</p> <p>Online booking system could drive/determine what size of transport is needed for the journey ie a taxi, small bus etc.</p> <p>Use of technology/smart bus signs that show when next bus is due/minutes to wait</p> <p>Flexibility in school service to go further than just as ‘far as the last pupil’s stop.’</p>
<p>Community transport 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>	<p>Post buses provided transport opportunities- could they be re-instated?</p> <p>Yorkshire community transport model</p> <p>Liability can make community transport difficult</p> <p>Is there sustainability of funded transport programmes</p> <p>Pembroke Association of Community Transport Pacto Dial a bus G Bike scheme- more funding required- use windfarm money?</p> <p>There is community operated transport in Newcastleton</p>	<p>Use smart boards in shops to inform people when the next bus is.</p> <p>NHS scheduling could be more flexible to group patient appointments based on where they live.</p>

	<p>Community transport undertook 31,000 passenger journeys in the Borders last year.</p> <p>Need to expand the consultation to a wider audience – not just current users but also those that want to use passenger transport but can't (for whatever reason) inc. school children. It should be a CPP consultation (not just SBC). Frontline staff can engage with their clients.</p>	
<p><i>Other transport solutions</i> What role could the new SBC E-Car club scheme & other car club schemes, and South of Scotland Economic Partnership, play in improving transport opportunities in the area?</p>	<p>Car clubs could be set up but what liability of transporting people as a community scheme? Need a facility for people to share what journey they need to make and ask for a car scheme share</p> <p>E Car club to be routed on to rural areas? Explore energy points Scotland model. Not enough charging points in rural locations</p>	<p>Is there any opportunities from businesses driving in the area to carry passengers Encourage incentives for sharing cars to work, using cycle schemes etc</p> <p>Base e-cars at village halls, community could establish a pool of volunteer drivers.</p> <p>Private bus companies could take (paying) passengers on the first and last journeys of the day i.e. outward and inward journey from/to the depot.</p>

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TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA PROFILE 2019

TOP 5 ISSUES FOR THE PEOPLE OF TEVIOT ARE:

- Growing the economy of the Borders, and supporting retailers and businesses
- Reinstatement of Reston Station and Borders railway link to Hawick and Carlisle
- Maintaining and improving the quality of our town centres and civic spaces
- Providing high quality care for older people
- Raising education attainment and achievement, and helping people of all ages obtain the skills they need

[SBHS2018]

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

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

17,942 population
(15.6% of the Scottish Borders (SB))

16% aged 0-15
(SB = 16.3%; SCOT = 16.9%)

58.6% aged 16-64
(SB = 59.2%; SCOT = 64.4%)

25.4% aged 65+
(SB = 24.5%; SCOT = 18.7%)



22.0% of people live in a settlements of under 500 people
(Scottish Borders = 28.5%)

Larger settlements in Teviot:

13,889
Hawick

777
Newcastleton

695
Denholm



The NRS projects that the population of **Teviot & Liddesdale** will be **16,102** people by 2036

Of these:

16.2% will be aged 0-15
(similar to present)

48.8% will be aged 16-64
(fewer than present)

35.5% will be aged 65+
(more than present)

[NRS 2017]

[NRS 2017]

[NRS 2012 based]

EDUCATION - CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (CFE)

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

STAGE	TEVIOT	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	81%	80% / 85%
P4 (Level 1)	75%	79% / 76%
P7 (Level 2)	65%	74% / 75%
S3 (Level 3+)	89%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	50%	65% / 56%

[Seemis]

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

STAGE	TEVIOT	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	79%	81% / 81%
P4 (Level 1)	75%	80% / 77%
P7 (Level 2)	74%	80% / 79%
S3 (Level 3+)	94%	94% / 90%
S3 (level 4)	58%	64% / 53%

[Seemis]

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

STAGE	TEVIOT	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	77%	77% / 78%
P4 (Level 1)	71%	75% / 72%
P7 (Level 2)	67%	76% / 73%
S3 (Level 3+)	94%	93% / 89%
S3 (level 4)	57%	59% / 51%

[Seemis]



INCOME AND POVERTY¹

An average of **18%** of Teviot's children aged 0-15 lived in **Low Income Families** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 13%; Scotland = 17%)
This ranged from **0%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **38%** in the **most-deprived**.

[HMRC]

18% of Teviot's school roll received **Free School Meals** on grounds of low income in 2017-18
(SB Average 11%)
At school level within Teviot, this ranged from **8%** to **41%**

[Seemis]

23% of Teviot's school roll received **Clothing Grant** in 2016.

At **school level within Teviot**, this ranged from **12%** to **47%**

[Seemis]



19.4% of Teviot's households were living in relatively low income in 2014¹
(Scottish Average = 15%)
This ranged from **12.3%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhood** to **26.1%** in the **most-deprived**.

[SG-SIMD]

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

£559
(Scottish Average £684)

This ranged **within Teviot & Liddesdale** from **£449** in the **lowest-earning neighbourhood** to **£738** in the **highest-earning**.

13.8% of Teviot's population was considered to be **income-deprived** in 2016.
(Scottish Borders = 9.7%; Scotland = 12.5%)
This ranged within Teviot from **5%** in the **least-deprived neighbourhoods** to **27%** in the **most-deprived**

4.6% of people aged 60+ claimed **pension credit** in May 2018
(SCOT = 7.2%)

[DWP May 2018]

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

ECONOMY AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

RETAIL VACANCY RATE 2016

14% Hawick
(SB = 11%)



(SBC-PR)

TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016

down **37%** Hawick
(SB = down 6%)

(SBC-PR)

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE¹ ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

2.1% Hawick and Denholm
1.9% Hawick and Hermitage
(SB = 1.4%; SCOT = 1.8%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE² ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

5.2% Hawick and Denholm
6.1% Hawick and Hermitage
(SB = 3.4%; SCOT = 3.2%)

(ONS - JAN 19)

BROADBAND

3.2% of premises were unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband in 2016
(SB = 4.2%)

This ranged **within Teviot** from **0%** in the **least-affected neighbourhood** to **26.2%** in the **most-affected**.

(OfCom)

Teviot & Liddesdale had the highest levels of **digital exclusion** of the **5 localities** in 2017; particularly in **Hawick and Newcastleton**

(Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

23.5% of pregnant women admitted to being **current smokers** in 2015-17
(SB = 16.7%; SCOT = 15.9%)

An annual average of **15.8%** of **27-30 month olds** had “one or more developmental concerns” between 2014 and 2017
(SB = 17%; SCOT = 18.3%)

An annual average of **25.3%** of babies were still being **exclusively breastfed** at **6-8 weeks**, 2015-2018
(SB = 36.1%; SCOT = 29.7%)

71% of P1 pupils had “no obvious dental decay” in 2017-18
(SB = 75.1%; SCOT = 70.4%)

78.1% of P1 children had a “healthy weight” in 2017-18
(SB = 77.8%; SCOT = 76.5%)

(ScotPHO/ Statistics.gov.scot)

HEALTH²

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

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

6,555 per 100,000 people aged **65+** had 2 or more **emergency hospital admissions** in 2015-17
(SB = 5,443; SCOT = 5,422)

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

(ScotPHO)



WELLBEING

34% of survey respondents in **Teviot & Liddesdale** say they **sometimes or often feel lonely or isolated**.
(Scottish Borders = 33%)

74% of survey respondents say they **take part in moderate physical 30-minute exercise at least twice a week**.
(Scottish Borders = 78%)

87.8% of **Primary 7** pupils took part in “Active Schools” extra-curricular sports in 2017-18
(SB = 79.5%)

By **54** this was **down to 21.1%**
(SB = 36.7%)

(SBHS 2018/ScotPHO/ SEEMIS)



NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY

The **SIMD Crime Rate** in 2016 was **268** per 10,000 people³
(SB = 180; SCOT = 312)

This ranged from **0** in the **safest neighbourhood** to **618** in the **least safe neighbourhood**.

(SIMD 2016)

An average rate² of **80.8** per year died or **were hospitalised** due to a **road traffic accident** between 2015 and 2017
(SB = 72.6; SCOT = 59.2)

(ScotPHO)

36% of survey respondents said that they feel “a bit” or “very” **unsafe walking alone at night**
(SB = 24%)



(SBHS2018)

“Rubbish and litter lying around”, “Animal nuisance such as noise or dog fouling” and “people being drunk or rowdy in public places” are the **top three most-common neighbourhood problems** that are more complained-about by survey respondents in Teviot & Liddesdale than average for Scottish Borders.

(SBHS2018)



56% of survey respondents are **involved in voluntary work**, such as supporting Parent Councils, committees or helping a neighbour with shopping
(SB = 59%)

(SBHS2018)

14% of the people in **Teviot** live within the 10% most **access deprived** in all of Scotland
(SB = 27%)

(SIMD 2016)

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

(SBHS 2018)

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

(SBHS 2018)



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

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

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

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

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
H1 & H2	Evening Town Services	£30,288	11,749	£2.58
46/47/49	Town Services (SBC)	£12,636	13,268	£0.95
X95	Mon-Fri Evening and Sunday	£57,948	16,736	£3.46
128	Newcastleton - Hawick	£41,775	4621	£8.12
910	Bonchester Bridge DRT	£3,540	532	£6.65

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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 10 B'ness 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 06th 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

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



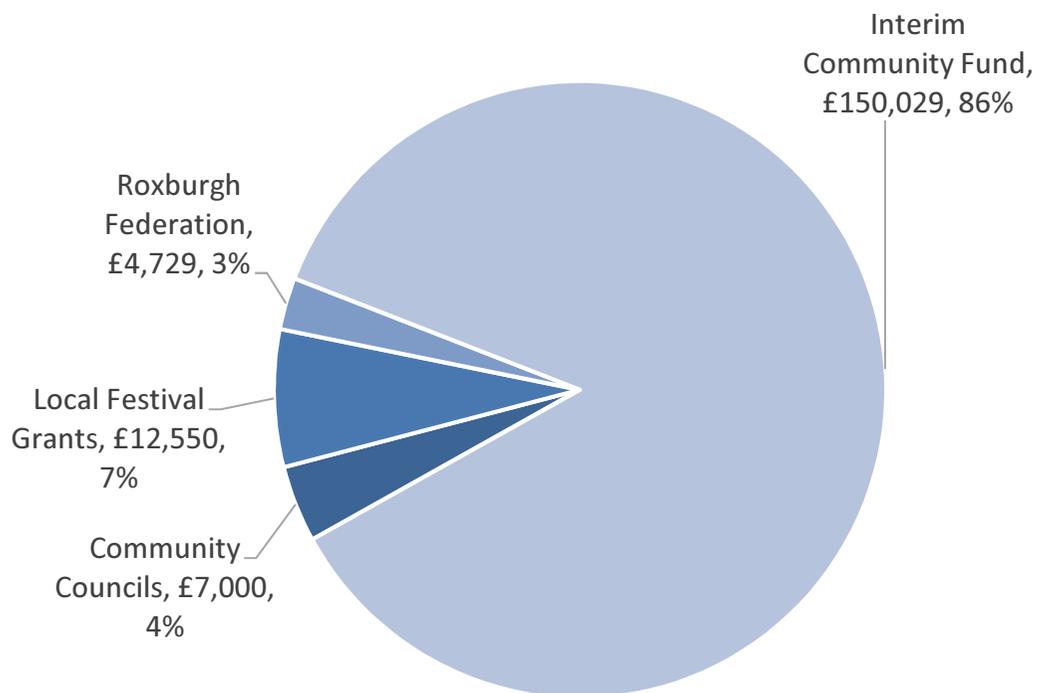
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Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of September 2019



Interim Community Fund 2019-20



Interim Community Fund (2019/20)	Value (£)
Total Budget Allocation	£174,308
Community Councils - <i>committed</i>	£7,000
Local Festival Grants - <i>committed</i>	£12,550
Roxburgh Federation of Village Halls (part) <i>committed</i>	£4,729
Balance (less <i>commitments</i>)	£150,029
Awarded (to date)	£0
Applications (to be assessed)	£0
Available Balance	£150,029

Other Funds in 2019/20 available to the Teviot and Liddesdale community

SBC Small Schemes	Value
Total	£34,700
Committed	£14,926
<i>Uncommitted</i>	£19,774

Trusts	Awarded	Available
Community Enhancement	£0	£2,551
Welfare	£0	£2,668

Common Good	Awarded	Available
Hawick*	£27,000	£33,500

* Figure still to be approved

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Teviot and Liddesdale Community Fund 2019-20

Current position as of September 2019

Community Council commitments	Value (£)
Burnfoot	£999
Denholm and District	£630
Hawick	£1,780
Hobkirk	£630
Newcastleton and District	£630
Southdean	£540
Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage	£540
Upper Teviot and Borthwick Water	£630
Total	£6,379

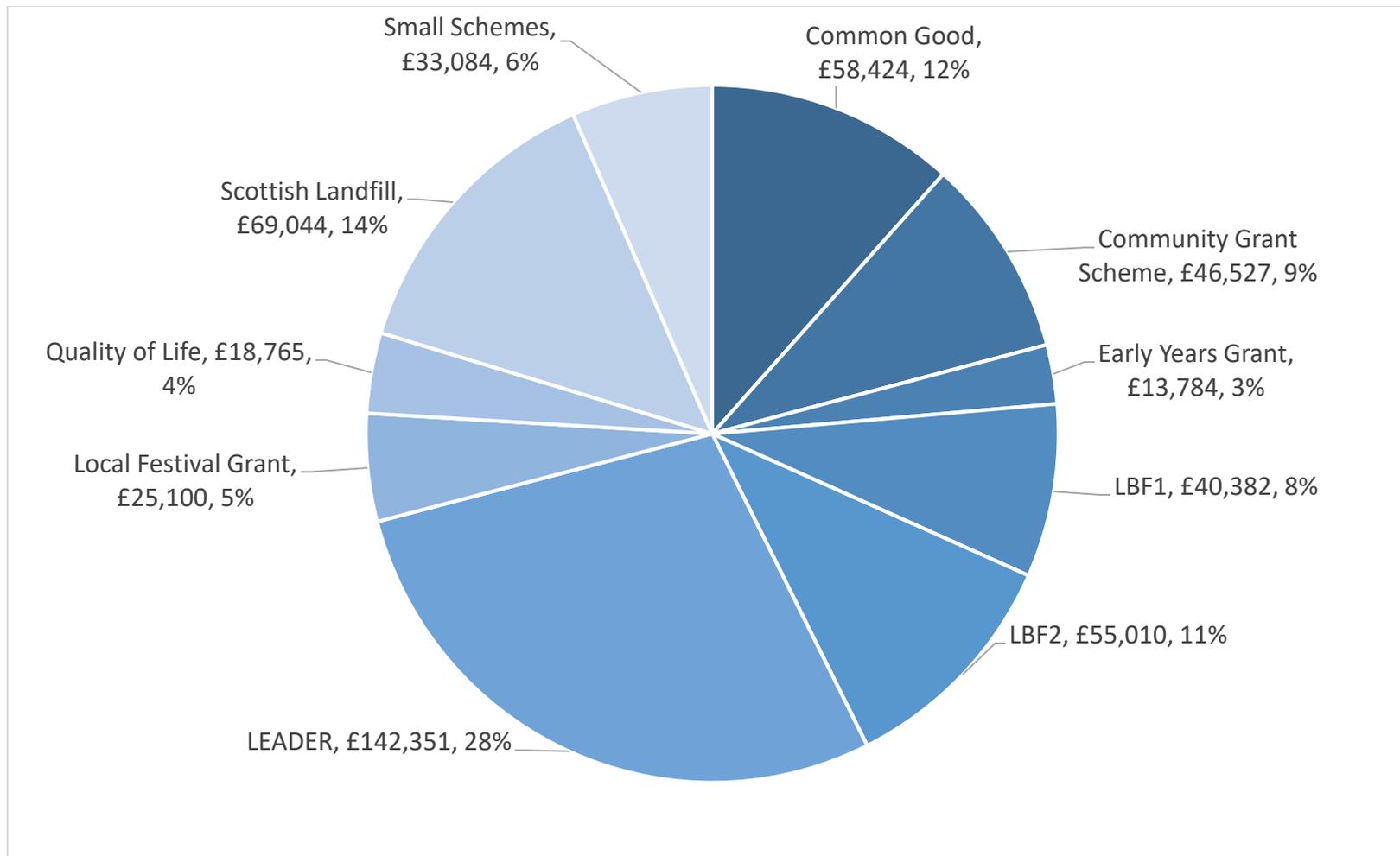
Local Festival Grants commitments	Value (£)
Burnfoot	£2,750
Hawick	£9,300
Newcastleton	£500
Total	£12,550

Roxburgh Federation of Village Halls commitment, includes	Value (£)
Appletreehall	
Cogsmill	
Hermitage	
Southdean	
Teviothead	
Wilton Dean	
Total	£4,729

Interim Community Fund	Value (£)
<i>Awarded (to date)</i>	£0
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Internal investment in Teviot and Liddesdale, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £502,471

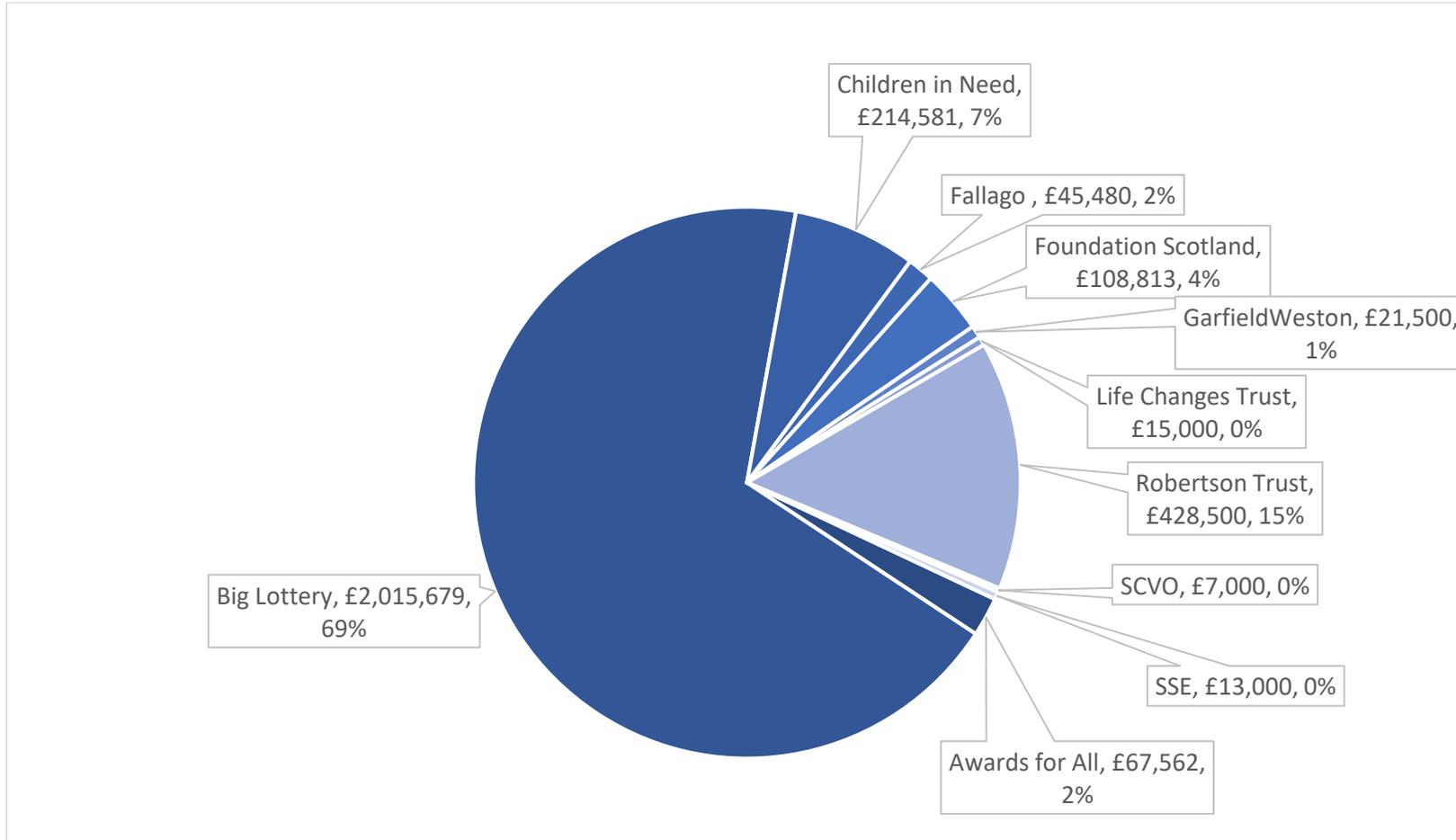


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External Investment in Teviot and Liddesdale, April 2016 to March 2019. Total £852,266

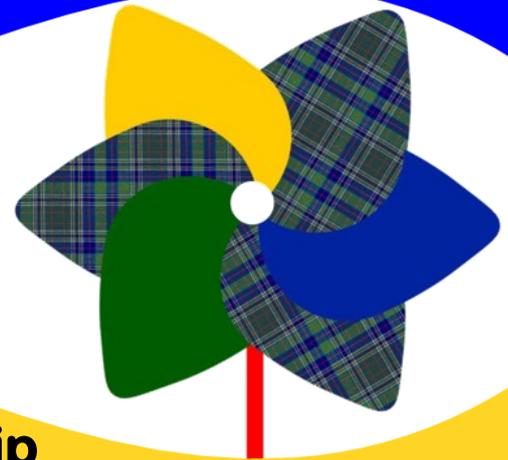


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Healthy Hawick

Issue 4
Autumn 2019



A newsletter from the
Teviot and Liddesdale
Learning Community Partnership

Kindness is at the heart of community

Thousands of acts of kindness are carried out in Hawick every day - some are more formal acts of volunteering and some are unseen and often unrecognised. We want to use this issue of 'Healthy Hawick' to promote and celebrate the kind acts and opportunities that make Hawick a kinder place.

We can all contribute to building kinder communities. We can help to create more welcoming spaces that are open to everyone. We can make an effort to connect and act in kindness. We can recognise and celebrate kindness. And we can be kinder to ourselves. Positive relationships and kindness are at the heart of our wellbeing and we all have the power to make a difference.



Kindness matters. It can bring about powerful changes and support the wellbeing of individuals and communities. Research from the [Carnegie UK Trust](#) has shown that it can help to tackle loneliness, reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing. It can provide the building blocks for community empowerment through positive relationships and values.

Community Learning and Development in Teviot and Liddesdale

The **Healthy Hawick** initiative is part of the work of the Learning Community Partnership in Teviot and Liddesdale. The Healthy Hawick newsletter has been put together to promote the community learning and development programmes that are on offer across the partnership that are related to health and wellbeing. The theme for the this newsletter is **'Be Kind'**

Scottish Borders Diversity Week

Between 23 - 29 September there is a week long programme of events to help us celebrate, value and enjoy the diversity in our local communities. Find out more about the events in Hawick inside this newsletter!

Scottish Borders Diversity Week



23 - 29 September 2019

A week long programme of events to help us celebrate, value and enjoy the diversity in our local communities.



We've chosen the theme '**Be Kind**' for Diversity Week because some groups of people may be at more risk of social isolation and loneliness - including people with disabilities, minority ethnic groups and those from LGBTI communities. Levels of inequality, poverty and disadvantage can have an impact on our ability to form and maintain relationships, which may affect our mental health.

We hope that you can get involved with the Diversity Week events in Hawick - there's lots going on across the Borders and you can download the full programme from www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/diversityweek

Monday 23rd Sept

Dementia Friends Training 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Burnfoot Community Hub, Burnfoot Rd, TD9 8EJ

This workshop supported by Alzheimer Scotland is open to everyone who would like a little more information around how to become more dementia friendly within their community and/or organisation. This is a brilliant informal awareness session - come along, enjoy a cup of tea and learn something new.

Free, no booking required

Contact lizzie.macleish@borders.scot.nhs.uk

Scottish Night 6pm - 8pm

Hawick Salvation Army, Croft Rd, TD9 9RD

Come along and enjoy a night of traditional music and food. Celebrating Scottish culture this event is supported by local volunteers.

Community Transport available but please contact Lizzie to book.

£3 per ticket, booking required. Contact

lizzie.macleish@borders.scot.nhs.uk

caroline.hamilton@borders.scot.nhs.uk

Tuesday 24th Sept

Intergenerational Quiz

10am - 12noon

Burnfoot Primary School,

Eildon Rd, TD9 8EU

Come along and join the pupils of Burnfoot Primary School with an intergenerational quiz focused on the 'old' and 'new' of today.

Free, no booking required

Contact

lizzie.macleish@borders.scot.nhs.uk

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Kindness Garden

1pm - 3pm drop in

Salvation Army Charity Shop

Hawick High Street

Come and visit the Abundant Borders Community Garden. Learn about organic growing and outdoor cooking. Enjoy a cuppa, relax and help us create a tree of kindness as part of Diversity Week 2019.

Free, no booking required

Contact Cath Hodgkinson

cath@abundantborders.org.uk

Kindness and Self-care Teatime

Wellbeing Session

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Hawick Library

North Bridge St, TD9 9QT

Bring a friend along to this wellbeing session where we'll be looking at ways to bring more kindness into our lives.

Free, no booking required

Contact Julia Cawthorne

libhawick@liveborders1.org.uk



Wednesday 25th Sept

Educational/CPD - Homophobia in Sport LEAP Scotland

Seminar in partnership with LGBT Equality and Healthy Living Network

12.30pm - 4.30pm Hawick Rugby Club, Mansfield Rd, TD9 8AW

A fantastic training opportunity that will empower those in the sports sector to improve their knowledge of understanding of working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI). The training will provide what you need in order to meet your equality duties with respect to these groups. Training is targeted at the sports sector to raise basic awareness and based at entry level.

Free, booking required, limited spaces - Contact Susan Hart or Lizzie Macleish
lgbtborders@gmail.com or lizzie.macleish@borders.scot.nhs.uk

Thursday 26th Sept

Burnfoot Grows Together volunteer with lunch session

10am - 3pm

Burnfoot Community Hub

Burnfoot Road TD9 8LU

Join us at Burnfoot Community Garden for a day of gardening and community lunch from the vegetables you picked, the day will be open, relaxing and friendly.

Free, no booking required

Contact Kat Dunlop

growing@burnfootcf.org 01450390410

Diversity Fashion Show

6pm - 6.45pm nibbles, show 7pm-8pm

Burnfoot Primary School, Eildon Rd, TD9 8EU

Celebrating Diversity through fashion. Local community groups from different backgrounds and cultures welcome you to come and enjoy an evening of upcycled fashion. All creations have been influenced by community, environment, and personal identity.

Free, no booking required

Contact lizzie.macleish@borders.scot.nhs.uk
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Friday 27th Sept

Messy Churches

1pm - 1.30pm for lunch, followed by crafts

Hawick Salvation Army, Croft Rd, TD9 9RD

A local project of Hawick Churches working together would like to invite you to come and join us.

Free, no booking required

Contact val.garry@gmail.com

Saturday 28th September

Queer Borders Film Festival

at Heart of Hawick and Cornucopia - **turn to page 6**

Sunday 29th September

The Big Diversity Picnic at Wilton Lodge Park -
turn to page 7

Come together, feel connected and celebrate diversity

#SBDiversityWeek2019

For more information: ☎ 07811827228 or

Email lizzie.macleish@borders.scot.nhs.uk

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/diversityweek

**Be
Kind!**

Being kind... through volunteering

Whether it's lighting up the town for Christmas, coaching our sports teams or helping out at our beloved Common Riding, volunteers provide a lifeblood which pumps through the veins of the grey auld toon.

'Hawick – Whole Town Approach to Volunteering' is a partnership being led by Teviot & Liddesdale Learning Community Partnership, with support from NHS Borders, Volunteer Centre Borders and Scottish Borders Council along with a whole host of locally-based organisations and charities. It aims to encourage and promote volunteering and the benefits of volunteering in the Teviotdale area.

Over the next three years a number of initiatives will run which collectively will increase the pool of volunteers in the area to both help support service provision and ensure social activities in the town continue.

Kenny Harrow, Hawick based Community Learning Development Officer, said: "It is really positive that we are taking a whole town approach to volunteering. It is great that so many partners are involved and have an interest in driving this priority forward."

Get in touch

Anyone wishing to get involved in or find out more about the Whole Town Approach project should contact Kenny Harrow at

Kenny.harrow@scotborders.gov.uk

Telephone 01450 375 147

Mobile 07929 362964

Send Kenny a message to let him know which of the logo designs you prefer!

Reaching Out - the kindness of others

Hawick Congregational Community Church

Participants at 'Reaching Out' activities when asked what they value most, often say "the kindness". We are so lucky to be a project which has incredible volunteers who offer their time and energy, and enable an environment of shared support and friendship.

Our "knitters" have been especially busy making gorgeous knits to send to Syrian refugees. We do this through Edinburgh Direct Aid. It has been a very positive partnership. It is not just the beautiful garments made, but the kindness in every stitch that makes a difference.

Pictured is one of our knitters, Pauline, who made these gorgeous baby clothes, including a full set of blanket, cardigan and hat.

Geraldine Strickland
Development Worker
07811249725



REACHING OUT
Hawick Congregational Community Church

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Volunteer Centre Borders

is also supporting the Whole Town Approach to Volunteering.



“Volunteering is essential to both community resilience and to individual wellbeing; volunteers really are the lifeblood of communities.

“In Hawick there are already countless people who devote their time and expertise to providing services and activities locally, without which lives would be a lot poorer. However, we cannot take these people for granted and there is always a need for more volunteers to come forward.

“Part of this work will be to encourage people to think differently about volunteering; there are those who think volunteering is not for them – we will aim to prove otherwise!”

Stephanie Logan at VCB has designed three logos, one of which will be chosen to promote the Whole Town Approach. Get in touch with Kenny at the CLD Team to let him know which one you would choose! These are the three options:

Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



Ian's Volunteering Journey

My volunteering journey started off with attending the Lunch Group with the Healthy Living Network whilst it took place at the 'flat' beside the shops in Burnfoot. I started coming along so it could help me get out the house and allow me to eat something proper but after a while I started to help the volunteers to clean up afterwards. I enjoyed having a purpose and it gave me a chance to have a laugh and enjoy myself.

After a while I was asked if I wanted to be a volunteer and I agreed. I am now volunteering with more than just the lunch club and volunteer with the Reminiscence Group on a Tuesday as well. My journey at the beginning to now has changed quite a lot. I started off helping with teas and coffees, dishes and helping with the clear up, now I am, with the support of Shirley (head volunteer cook), helping to prepare meals, making healthy food and learning new skills. A big achievement of mine which I never thought I would pull off has been taking on the tasks of the food allergies sheet, meal planning and completing my food hygiene course. My first pudding I made was pineapple upside down cake which has proven to be a continued hit with the Lunch Club. From developing my cooking skills I am also cooking more meals at home, asking for help if I am finding something difficult and more aware of how to make meals like soup.

Not only has my volunteering helped me learn new skills but has allowed me to have the confidence to take part in other groups in my community. My confidence has improved lots; I enjoy meeting and helping people and feel a valued and appreciated volunteer within the groups that I help with. My hope for the future in my volunteer journey is that I continue to learn new things and support other people who would like to volunteer as I have gained a lot over the years being a HLN volunteer in my community.

Ian Gibson, Healthy Living Network Volunteer



Scottish Borders LGBT Equality with Live Borders, Behind the Curtain and Cornucopia present:

Queer Borders Film Festival



A day of films celebrating LGBT lives - here and around the world.

Information stalls will be present at Towermill on the day 12 - 4pm and the Scottish LGBT History Timeline will be on view from Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th September

Saturday 28th September - Be Here, Be Queer!

At Tower Mill, Heart of Hawick, Kirkstile, Hawick, TD9 0AE

Pride

1hr 47 min | certificate 15 1pm - £ 5.00 entrance

Tells the story of the activists who in 1984 formed Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners, in solidarity with the miners' strike. Supported by Behind the Curtain.

The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert

1hr 44 min | certificate 15 7pm - £5.00 entrance

Two drag queens and a trans woman journey across the Australian Outback in a tour bus that they have named "Priscilla". 25th anniversary screening!

Preceded by: **Landline** A short documentary about the UK's only helpline for gay farmers. Opportunity for audience Q&A and discussion.

At Unit 4, The Cornucopia Room, 4 Towerdykeside, Hawick, TD9 9EA

Look Back, Move Forward

Presented by Behind the Curtain

4pm - Free/donation entrance

Our shorts programme looks at the activism that helped move the fight for equality forward, highlights the relationship of queer people to their bodies and identity and celebrates the individuals and communities that are uplifting the queer experience.

All shorts: Advisory certification: 15

Lasting Marks - *Charlie Lyne* | 2018 | UK | 14 min ~ Documentary about the men who were put on trial for sadomasochism under Thatcher's rule.

These Are My Hands - *Evi Tsiligaridou* | 2018 | UK | 8 min ~ Written and performed by playwright Jo Clifford, a short documentary film-poem revealing the body as a site of personal history and experience.

Nirvana - *Jess Kohl* | 2018 | UK, India | 15 min ~ A beautiful and tender documentary about the Koovagum festival in the village of Villipurgam in Southern India, where each year the largest gathering of trans women in Asia takes place.

Invisible Women - *Alice Smith* | 2018 | UK | 30 min ~ In danger of being forgotten, the story of Luchia Fitzgerald and Angela Cooper and how their activism advanced the fight for women's equality and LGBT rights in the UK.

Anemone - *Amrou Al-Kadhi* | 2018 | UK | 18 min ~ A second-generation teenager channels the magic of marine life to express their non-binary identity to their religious family.

Following the screening, we invite the audience to join us for a conversation, with a chance to ask questions of *These Are My Hands* filmmaker Evi Tsiligaridou and playwright, performer, trans woman Jo Clifford.

behind-thecurtain.com @[behindthecurtainborders](https://twitter.com/behindthecurtainborders)

For further information please contact Susan@gbtborders@gmail.com



The Big Diversity Picnic

Sunday 29th
September
12noon - 4pm

Wilton Lodge Park,
Wilton Rd, Hawick,
TD9 7LG

The BIG picnic aims to bring people together to share and try new foods, have fun and get to know others better. As well as a BIG celebration the afternoon will be filled with music, story telling and family fun.

Strictly no BBQ's, No alcohol

Bring yourself, invite friends and family, bring a picnic.
If it rains, we have gazebos.

Free, no booking required

Contact - Lizzie.macleish@borders.scot.nhs.uk 07811827228

Exploring Confidence and Self-Esteem Wellbeing College courses in Hawick

The Wellbeing College is returning to Hawick with a new four week course 'Exploring Confidence and Self-Esteem' beginning on 23rd October at the Borders College Campus on Buccleuch Road.

This is one of the most popular courses that the Wellbeing College runs and this is a great opportunity to access the course in the town. If you are interested in booking a place please contact the Wellbeing College or visit the website.

Tel: 01896 807000

Email: wellbeing.college@health-in-mind.org.uk

Website: www.wellbeingcollege.org.uk



TeaTime

Wellbeing

Sessions

4th Tuesday of Month

24th September 2019
22nd October 2019
26th November 2019

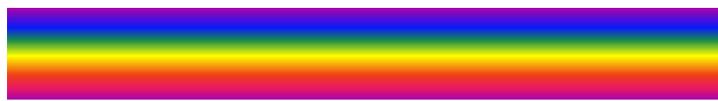
Free

5.30 – 6.30pm

Hawick Library

All welcome – no need to book

This is a free information session about ways of looking after your wellbeing. It is **NOT** a therapy class. You won't be asked to talk about yourself. If you think you need individual help please contact your GP or the Wellbeing Service on 01896 824 502



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