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**Cheviot
Area Partnership**

Our Scottish Borders
Your community

Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 22 September 2021

Time: 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Location: Via Microsoft Teams

BUSINESS	
1.	Welcome
2.	Feedback and evaluation from meeting of 30 June 2021 (Pages 5 - 22)
3.	Section 1 : Service & Partner Updates & Consultation (Pages 23 - 32) (a) Place Making – update (b) Scottish Borders Warm & Well Project – Ruth Dickinson, Changeworks (c) Scottish Fire & Rescue Service update – Don MacNeil, Station Commander (Copies attached.) (d) Positive Communication – Clare Wildsmith, Digital Inclusion Tutor, SBC (Copies attached.) (e) Area Partnership consultation – update
4.	Section 2: Local Priorities (Pages 33 - 34) Community Assistance Hub Update. (Copy attached.)
5.	Section 3: Community Funding (Pages 35 - 56) (a) Kalewater Community Company – Cheviot Community Fund 2020/21 evaluation (b) Community Fund Assessment Panel – update (c) Funding table overview (Copy attached.) (d) Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr Consider four applications for funding: (i) Roxburgh & Berwickshire CAB

- (ii) Cheviot Youth
- (iii) Morebattle Community Shop
- (iv) Queens House

(Copies attached.)



6. **Section 4: Other** (Pages 57 - 60)

(a) For noting: Current consultations and additional information including Cheviot Community Assistance Hub update (Copy attached.)

(b) Next Area Partnership 24 November 2021, Agenda issued 10 November 2021 – are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda?

Previously identified for next meeting:

- i). Electric vehicle charging - update
- ii). Community empowerment

Please contact your local Councillor or the Communities & Partnership Team with items for future agendas

(c) Any other formal business

(d) Meeting evaluation. An online evaluation form will be available from 6:30pm on Wednesday 22 September until 11:45pm on Sunday 26 September:
<https://forms.office.com/r/mmqXH4tj97>

(e) Future Cheviot Area Partnership meeting dates:
24 November 2021
26 January 2022
23 March 2022
29 June 2022

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**Cheviot
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MINUTES of Meeting of the CHEVIOT
AREA PARTNERSHIP held remotely by
Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 30
June 2021 at 6.30 pm.

Present:- Councillors S. Hamilton (Chairman), J. Brown, S. Mountford, E. Robson, S. Scott, T. Weatherston, together with 13 Representatives of Partner Organisations, Community Councils and Members of the Public.

In attendance: - Locality Development Co-ordinator, Democratic Services Officer (F. Henderson).

1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Cheviot Area Partnership held remotely via Microsoft teams, which included elected Members, guests attending within the meeting and those watching via the Live Stream. He outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

2.0 FEEDBACK FROM MEETING ON 24 MARCH 2021

2.1 The minute of the meeting of the Cheviot Area Partnership held on 24 March 2021 had been circulated and was noted.

SECTION 1: SERVICE & PARTNER UPDATES

3.0 PLACE MAKING APPROACH

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of 24 March 2021, the Chairman introduced Diarmaid Lawlor, from Scottish Futures Trust, to facilitate a brief workshop around Place-Making. This was a follow-up to the presentation given at the last Area Partnership meeting which followed the report to Council in February, outlining a proposed approach to Place-Making. The Chairman explained that Mr Lawlor, who had a broad experience of working with other communities elsewhere in Scotland, was assisting the area partnerships to develop our arrangements in the Borders. From an understanding of local need and ambition, and using Covid learning, there was an opportunity for a different way of working between communities and public agencies. A 'place based' approach sought to co-produce an understanding of local priorities and co-deliver action. The format for the workshop was based on three questions around: ambition and key issues in the community; success criteria; and principles – how we could better work together. Mr Lawlor led the discussion and made real-time notes to summarise the comments and points made. There was enthusiastic engagement in the conversation from those present at the meeting, the main areas of conversation focusing on broadband issues; equity and opportunity; involvement of young people; sustainability. Mr Lawlor advised that the note, summarising the key points of the discussion, would be circulated following the meeting and it was agreed that it also be attached as an appendix to the Minute. The Chairman explained that a summary of the workshop discussions across all the area partnerships would inform a report to Council at the end of August to set out the detail of the place-making approach. Subject to Council approval the first place-making events would begin in Autumn of this year. Locality Development Co-ordinator, Clare Malster, added that, if there were further comments or thoughts that occurred after the meeting, these should be passed on to him for inclusion in the notes. The Chairman thanked Mr Lawlor for his excellent facilitation and for all those who had taken part in the discussion.

4.0 SCOTTISH BORDERS WARM AND WELL PROJECT

Due to the unexpected last minute unavailability of Ruth Dickson, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

5.0 AREA PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION

With reference to previous discussions around the review of Area Partnerships, Ms Malster, drew attention to the Area Partnership consultation which was ongoing and referred to the link to the consultation that was included within the agenda.

5.0 SECTION 2: LOCAL PRIORTIES

ROADS UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE WORK, INCLUDING WINTER 2020/21

The Chairman introduced Roads Asset Team Leader, Donald Scott and Assistant Engineer, Scott Learmonth to update the Area Partnership on roads maintenance. Mr Scott briefly outlined that Asset Management followed a strategic approach and the National Guidance and Road Asset Management Plan (RAMP), Annual Financial Review and planned work programme in association with Public Service Excellence (APSE) and Performance Measurement (National PI's). The types of Maintenance undertaken included planned maintenance - Carriageways (Resurfacing, Surface Dressing and Patching), Footways (Resurfacing, Slurry Sealing and Kerbing), Drainage (Improvement Works and New Schemes), Embankments (Stabilisation, Re-profiling and Erosion Repairs), Cattle Grids (Removal and Replacement), Street Furniture (Improvement and Replacement), Routine and Cyclic Maintenance, Reactive maintenance and winter maintenance. In terms of gritting roads and footways, the Primary Road Network totalled 1154 km (39% of all roads) identified as primary routes for treatment and receive precautionary treatment. Secondary Road Network totalled 472 km (16% of all roads) identified to receive treatment next when severe and prolonged winter conditions and resources allowed. The Tertiary Road Network: Remaining roads (including car parks) would only be treated when extended weather conditions persist and Primary Footway Network: Primary routes identified in larger towns and villages would receive post-treatment. All other routes are classed as Secondary routes. The budget for 2021/22 was divided into Capital -just under £7 million, Revenue - just under £5 million and Winter was just under £3 million and External Funding (STTS/SWCR). Mr Scott concluded his presentation with details of planned works to be carried out in the Cheviot Area. Mr Scott and Mr Learmonth answered questions and the Chairman thanked him for his informative presentation.

CHEVIOT COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE HUB

Clare Malster, Locality Development Co-ordinator reported that the number of new referrals to Cheviot Community Assistance Hub had greatly reduced since the last meeting. However, it was stressed that the Hub was still operational and could be contacted through 0301 100 1800 or Covid-19Community@scotborders.gov.uk by anyone requiring support for themselves or someone they know. iPads have been delivered to four Community Assistance Hub clients who were awarded devices through the Scottish Government's Connecting Scotland Winter Support Package. Cheviot Community Partners (Community organisations, Third Sector, SBC and NHS Borders) continued to meet on a weekly basis to share service updates and recently received a presentation from Dr Victoria Thomson about Transform Psychological Trauma and those present were asked for ideas on how all sectors could work together to embed the approach across all our organisations. Partners are starting to meet clients face to face again but, depending on the organisation, this is restricted by numbers and need. The meeting continued to be attended by a range of

organisations with the shared experience and knowledge being a very valuable resource to identify solutions to problems and issues which were brought to the meeting.

CHEVIOT COMMUNITY UPDATE

Hazel Woodsell, Kelso Heritage reported that the Kelso Community Orchard was progressing well with the addition of raised beds, local schools becoming more involved, Guides had planted flowers in the raised beds and the Kelso Men's shed was very supportive.

It was reported that the Kalewater Suspension Bridge had been closed due to there being more damage than initially thought. A report on the bridge would be available in September.

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY FUND COMMUNITY FUND WORKING GROUP

With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of 24 March 2021, the Chairman explained that the working group had met again to further develop new proposals for the operation of the Cheviot Area Partnership. There had been circulated copies of a report which detailed proposals on how members would be appointed to the Cheviot Community Fund Assessment Panel and how that Panel would operate with regard to meetings, together with the draft Community Fund Application Form, Draft Assessment Scoring Matrix, Cheviot Community Fund Framework 2021 and Draft Cheviot Community Fund Guidance Notes. In terms of appointments of applicants from the Cheviot area public to the Assessment Panel, it was proposed that the decision was delegated to the Service Director Customer & Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Cheviot Area Partnership and the Executive Member for Community Development and Localities. The names of the successful candidates would be notified to the next available meeting of the Area Partnership. Suitable training would be provided to all members of the Assessment Panel. The proposed constitution and procedural rules for the Assessment Panel were contained in the Appendix to the report. The report detailed the background to the report, the proposed recruitment process for membership of the Assessment Panel and proposed Constitution and Procedural rules. In terms of the Assessment Criteria, it was thought to be very good, concise and easy to follow. Councillor Mountford sought an amendment that appointment of local Members be delegated to Jenni Craig in consultation with the local members. It was confirmed that there would be a review after 12 months. In response to a question about the age of the young person, it was advised that 16 yrs. had been chosen as it is a legal age and in order that they had a vote.

DECISION

AGREED to:-

- (a) delegate authority to the Service Director Customer & Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Area Partnership and the Executive Member for Community Development and Localities, to appoint members of the Cheviot community to the Cheviot Community Fund Assessment Panel, following a suitable recruitment process;**
- (b) approve the constitution and procedural rules for the Assessment Panel as detailed in the Appendix to this report; and**
- (c) appoint two SBC Elected Members, one each from Jedburgh & District and Kelso & District wards, as non-voting members of Cheviot Assessment Panel.**

8. CHEVIOT COMMUNITY FUNDING 2020/21

There had been circulated copies of the Cheviot Funding for 2021/2022 which detailed the funding available together with information on the allocation of the Community Grant Fund in 2020/21. The opening balance at 1 April 2021 was £46,551.00 plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant Budget totalling £8,337.50, which resulted in an overall budget of £54,888.50. Other sources of Grant Funding for Cheviot totalled £79,926.00. The Fund was currently closed.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

9. FOR NOTING: SBC BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Ms Malster drew attention to the recently launched 'Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund' – a one-off £500k fund established as part of the Council's response and recovery efforts related to COVID-19. The fund, which would be open to applications until 31 May 2022, would be available for one-off new initiatives and projects and divided between the five localities. Assessments of applications would be undertaken by the Communities and Partnership Team and presented to the relevant Area Partnership for decision making. Ms Malster invited any groups requiring assistance with an application to contact her at cmalster@scotborders.gov.uk

9.0 OTHER INFORMATION AND NEWS FOR NOTING

9.1 The Chairman drew attention to the current consultations and other items for noting which were included in the Agenda and in particular highlighted the Area Partnerships – next Steps which closed on 1 August 2021.

9.2 Don McNeil, Station Commander highlighted the public consultation on the long term vision of the Fire and Rescue Service which closed on 18 July 2021.

10. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings of the Cheviot Area Partnership would be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, 22 September 2021
Wednesday, 24 November 2021
Wednesday, 26 January 2022
Wednesday, 23 March 2022
Wednesday, 29 June 2022

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 30 June 2021 at 6.30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams when there would be a presentation on winter maintenance.

11. MEETING EVALUATION

Ms Malster reminded those present about the meeting evaluation form which could be accessed via the link <https://forms.office.com/r/HHH1dEcmz3> and was available until 11.45 p.m. on 4 July. She added that feedback about the Area Partnership meetings was really helpful and always appreciated.

CHAIRMAN

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

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

What

Working better together around local needs

Why

Build on Covid experiences and support community ambitions

How

- Shared principles; way of working
- Alignment
- Simplification

Vulnerabilities

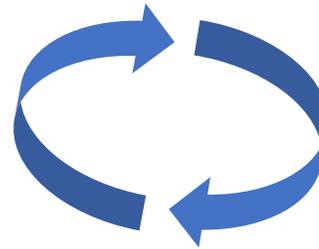
- *social inequalities*
- *hidden harm*
- *shielding*
- *stop people getting ill*

Common Purpose

- *the order of doing*
- *what matters - a common purpose*
- *quick decisions - oversight by trust*
- *affects every aspect of life*
- *leadership at all levels*

Localism

- *social partnerships - impact*
- *gaps before statutory responses*
- *distributed services*
- *real world learning*



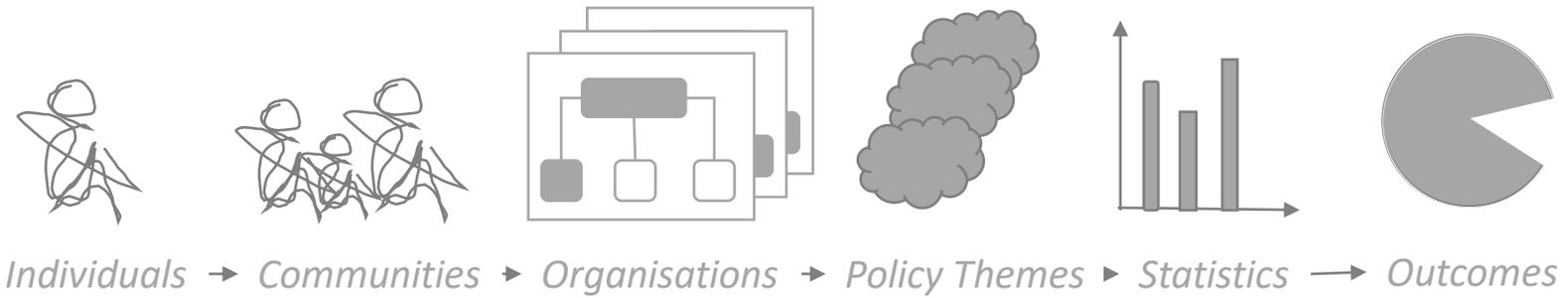
Capabilities

- *trusted people*
- *rediscovered interests*
- *national tensions*
- *new ways of working*

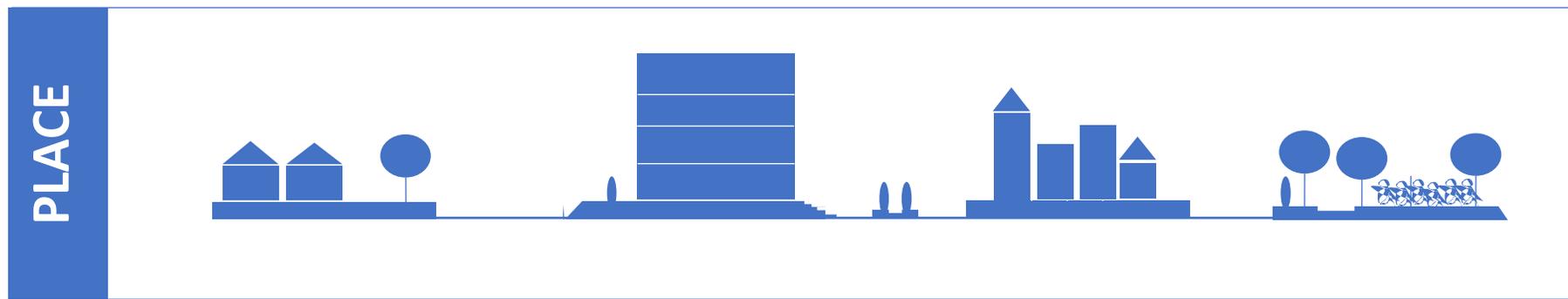
Infrastructures

- *ownership of space*
- *resourcing*
- *digital equity*
- *new settings*

Place as a Mechanism for Change



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Agenda

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- Key issues
- Success =
- Working together priorities

- **Communication** is the most vital part of working together
- Must have this from the off
- If we all go in and are able to speak to each other, we can get to the **outcomes**
- Covid has caught the world out
- Should we be encouraging local communities to be doing a **risk assessment** on what could happen in their area
- Flood, fire, power outage
- What would we do in the event of one of these issues
- Community hall as emergency point; lowest point in the village....may not be useful in a flood
- Fire....gas tanks...street impact
- Encourage consideration
- **Review priorities** based on local insights on risk
- Communication
- Wifi and internet connections
- Children need to be educated at home,,,parents working at home...no wifi, causes frustration
- The internet has to be very good
- **Need the connectivity and the support to work digitally**
- Audit people's skills and experience in the community
- Find out what people can do, in the church, cleaning, meeting etc....the skills we have
- **Use the skills as a form of citizen panel**
- Help people realise the capabilities we have
- Have done this, works
- Colin and the law, help
- **People worrying about minor things that can be solved easily**
- Practical skills and other things

- Furlough, people working from home, use this
- Create a **personnel department** for the whole of a small business estate
- Confidentiality and trust
- Can overcome worries about handing over secrets
- **Hobbies and interests**, practical things people can do, and things they can use them for
- Community empowerment in a direct sense, not a technical sense
- **Build confidence in relationships**
- The Men;s Shed, computer room, and specialists
- People don't know about these things
- Need to know what exists, find out
- Have a very good risk assessment in Scottish Borders, resilience
- What wasn't covered was global pandemic
- The risk assessment could be adapted
- Clearing snow, getting people to Cemo...
- Every community has a risk assessment, adapt
- Community hall in Sprouston has never flooded; safe
- All village halls, 95, are local emergency centres, and have been used on multiple occasions for food etc
- Allows people to have a base searching for missing persons
- The Bridge, funded through SG, a role as part of Third Sector Interface
- A lot to do
- Has the most vibrant area of community activity
- People doing things they love that make a big difference

- Resilience groups self organising and swung into action
- A lot of organisations who do provide activities and services, lunch clubs and other activities to mitigate social isolation, they have been a huge miss
- Couldn't happen because of lock down
- Organised by older people for older people
- Not quick coming back
- Some halls open
- No Live Borders venues open to end August
- Has caused upset from organisations who would like to get started again
- Spaces not available
- **More needs to be done, community taking over premises**, not mega structures
- Needs of the people
- Jedburgh community looking to take over community spaces based on community need
- Re-entry for community groups
- Guidance and support
- Guidance based on the type of activity
- Broadband
- Young people have mentioned; school work, home work, stay in Borders for a job
- **Catalyst for young people to stay for good green jobs**
- **Engaging with young people**....doing a lot but people not knowing they are doing it
- Why is it **young people can't have a blether and do a craft**....why isn't it offered to us...space to be
- **Skills....bartering system**....a cheque book....if you did something for someone, you bank points and go to someone else and ask them to fix the door...cheque for points
- No money change hands

- Helps value the skills people have
- Young mums want a night off
- Local Exchange Trading System [LETS]
- Villages and smaller communities thrive
- Ones that thrive have institutions like shops, pubs, schools
- Provide meeting points, where people can interact
- Community ownership
- Community shops
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Success

Resilience

Skills audit

Connectivity and support

Meeting space[s]

Priorities

Ownership

Communication

Value and visibility

High level Risk

- Youth
- Improved premises
- Spaces to meet for a bit of craic and fun together
- Youth facilities don't get a lot of funding locally
- They spend a lot of time chasing funding to cover costs
- Success would be more support, more funding
- **If you value it, invest**
- Harnessing the older generation, many lonely, encourage talking, demonstrate old skills
- Working out the square root of 27 without computer
- Old skills for a new generation
- Sharing to support
- Hand tools and skills
- Craft

- **Two generations coming together for free, and create good**
- Need greater investment in youth provision of all ages
- It always gets cut
- Bringing multi generations together of skills to share with other....teaching girls to do woodwork, teach boys to knit
- Young people talk about loneliness and isolation
- **Share skills and companionship**
- Schools etc can be spaces to bring people together, and **not cost** as much as bringing in professional skills people
- **Local facilities are multi functional spaces...**a community building as well as a school during the day....lots of other activities
- At the centre of the community
- Schools out of hours....hefty charges
- **Multi generational activities**

- When you are out of a formal space like schools....need people with PVG etc so everybody knows everybody is safe
- Adds to cost
- **Want people to be safe**
- **Flexibility in communities**
- Aye been, drags communities down
- Be more flexible in the approach to change and resilience in oyrselfes
- Those who adapt quicker are on the ball quicker
- **Challenge and support**
- Reduced cost as opposed to no cost
- **Connectivity improved, need to be connected in a better way**
- **Indoor spaces and outdoor spaces matter**
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Issues

Communication is the most vital part of working together. We must have this from the off. If we all go in and are able to speak to each other, we can get to the outcomes.

“Review existing community risk assessments”

Covid has caught the world out. Scottish Borders have good risk assessments for winter resilience. But what wasn't covered was a global pandemic. What would we do in the event of one of these issues in the future? For example, in some places the village hall as the emergency point occupies the lowest point in the village, not useful in a major flood event. Review priorities based on local insights on high level risk events.

“audit people's skills and experience in the community”

Find out what people can do, the skills we have in communities. Use the skills as a form of citizen panel. Help people realise the capabilities they have. There are people often worrying about minor things that can be solved easily through a conversation with someone local who has the skills.

Hobbies and skills offer a safe space to try things, another path way to opportunity.

Some areas have looked at a skills bartering system, like a Local Exchange Trading System [LETS. No money changes hands. It helps value the skills people have. And, it offers people time and support, a way of getting a night off from caring duties.

The key is to build confidentiality. And trust, so people overcome fears about talking about 'secrets'. This is community empowerment in a direct sense, not a technical sense. It is about building confidence in relationships. And, helping people discover what exists locally.

“build confidentiality and trust”

In the pandemic, resilience groups self organised and swung into action, making a big difference. However, a lot of organisations who provide lunch clubs and other activities to mitigate social isolation have been missed. Many activities couldn't happen because of lockdown. Often, these activities were organised by older people for older people and are not quick coming back.

Some halls are now open. But, there are no Live Borders venues open until the end of August. Spaces are not available to get started again. More needs to be done to support community taking over premises to meet the needs of people, not mega structures. And there is a need for more guidance and support on re-entry to physical spaces for community groups.

“Some activities don't have the space to come back”

Young people often mention the importance of broadband for school work, and home work. It is a catalyst for young people to stay for good green jobs. So, we need connectivity to be improved, and we need to be connected in a better way.

And young people are already doing a lot in our communities. But, often, people don't know. Young people often feel they need space for a blether or to do a craft, and wonder why it isn't offered to them. The need space to be. And improved connectivity to support school, home and work.

“connectivity is a catalyst for young people to stay for good green jobs”

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Success

“If you value it, invest in it”

Success is about improved opportunities for youth, more spaces, and improved premises to meet for a bit of craic and fun together. Youth facilities don't get a lot of funding locally. We need greater investment in youth provision of all ages. It always gets cut, so youth organisations spend a lot of time chasing funding to cover costs. Success would be more support.

And, harness the skills of the older generation. Many people are lonely in our communities. Young people talk about loneliness and isolation too. Encourage talking. Demonstrate old skills like working out the square root of 27 without computer. Support girls to do woodwork. And boys to knit. Bring generations together, sharing skills and companionship for free to create good.

“we want local facilities to be more multi functional spaces”

Villages and smaller communities thrive where there are local institutions like shops, pubs, schools, spaces that provide meeting points where people can interact. Sometimes, these spaces are in community ownership, like the community shop. Support local spaces in local places.

Schools can be spaces to bring people together. And using local skills does not cost as much as bringing in professional people. So, we want local facilities to be more multi functional spaces. Schools as community building at the centre of the community, supporting lots of other activities as well as being a school during the day. But often schools out of hours use have hefty charges.

And, when activities take place out of a formal space like schools, you need people with PVG so everybody knows everybody is safe. This adds to cost. We are looking at reduced cost as opposed to no cost. And flexibility in the use of indoor and outdoor spaces.

“build a culture of support and challenge amongst ourselves”

'Aye been' drags communities down. Be more flexible in the approach to change and resilience in ourselves. Those who adapt quicker are on the ball quicker.

CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

Item 5: Scottish Fire & Rescue Update

Don MacNeil – Station Commander

Supporting information

[Fire and smoke alarms: changes to the law - gov.scot](#)

Given the impact of COVID-19, and the difficulties this has created for people seeking to install new smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, we asked and the Parliament agreed to delay the implementation of the new standard until February 2022.

[For Householders | SFRS](#)

Fire and Smoke Alarms in Scottish Homes. In February 2019, the legislation relating to smoke detection in the home changed. This means all domestic properties in Scotland, regardless of tenure, should have the same levels of detection; increasing fire safety.

www.firescotland.gov.uk

<https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/for-householders/home-fire-safety-visit.aspx>

<https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/make-the-call.aspx>

[Why do I need more smoke alarms in my house? - BBC News](#)

Alasdair Perry, of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Having the earliest possible warning of a fire in the home can, and has, saved lives and property.

www.bbc.co.uk

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STAYING SAFE IN AND AROUND SCOTLAND'S WATERS



Stop and Think Spot the dangers

If you are thinking of being near or entering the water, have you considered the following?

Scotland's Waters can be very cold even in the summer which can lead to Cold Water Shock

For more information: watersafetyscotland.org.uk/coldwatershock

Keep off all frozen waters, they may not be able to handle the weight of a person

Check for any **signage** or **flags** which could warn you of potential dangers

Alcohol/drugs and coastal or inland waters don't mix - they can reduce coordination and impair judgement and reaction times

The **depth** of the water may hide **underwater ledges, hidden currents and unseen items**

Be aware of other water activities that may pose a threat to you

If it is safe to enter the water, ensure you have a safe way out

If you are at the coast have you considered **rip currents, offshore winds and the tide?**



Stay Together Stay close

It is better to go near the water with a friend or family member

Float – If you are in trouble in the water, float until you feel calm...then think what to do next

If you fall into water, fight your instinct to swim until cold water shock passes

Lean back, extend your arms and legs

If you need to, gently move them around to help you float

Float until you can control your breathing

Then call for help or swim to safety



In an Emergency

If you see someone in trouble **DO NOT** enter the water

Look for a throw line or life ring to help whilst you wait on the emergency services

Call 999 or 112

For inland waters ask for the Fire and Rescue Service

For coastal waters ask for the Coastguard

TOP TIP: Thinking of taking part in a planned activity?

To enjoy your activity to the full, check that your provider is fully insured, with skilled staff and the relevant accreditation.

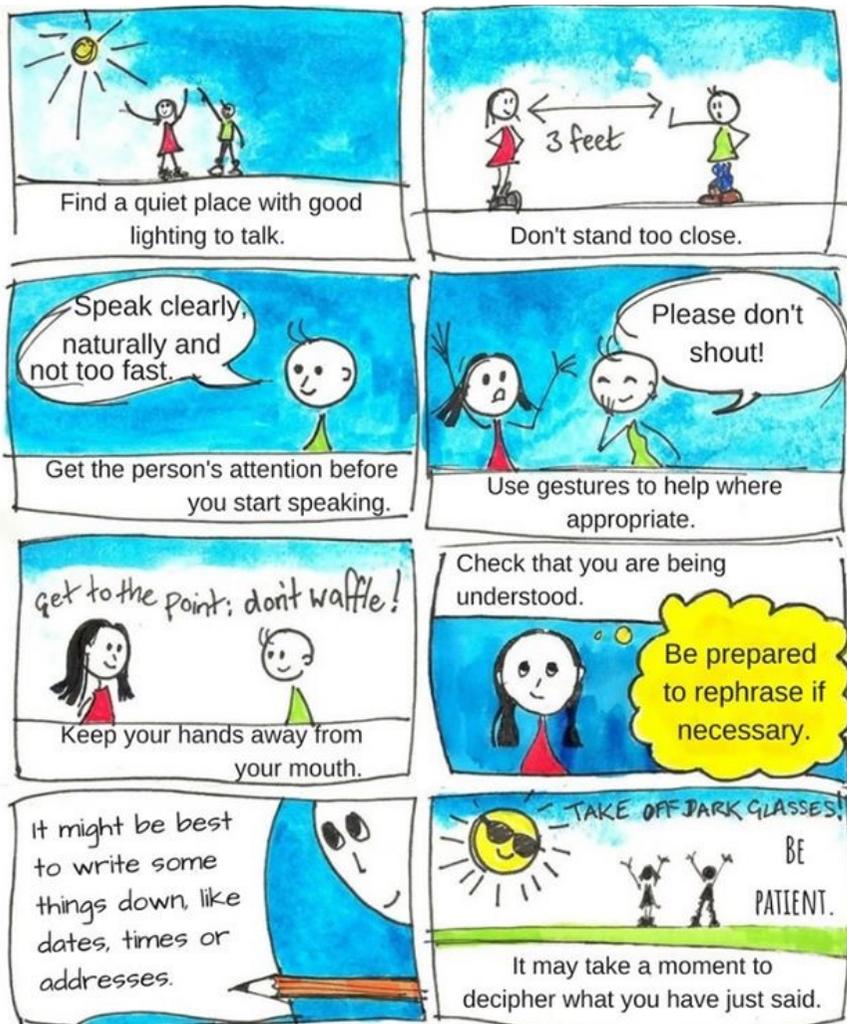


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How to be a Hearing Aid

We are all experiencing hearing loss just now with face coverings and screens

Without being able to see facial expressions and lipread to help fill in the bits we miss, here's how we can help each other



For more information contact: positivepebbles@gmail.com

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Tweeddale Access Panel
(Scottish Charity No. SC039279)

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Positive Communication Tips

Face coverings and protective screens muffle speech
and obstruct facial clues

Effectively we *all* have hearing and vision loss just now

Please give each other time to absorb and process
information

These things can help:

- ✓ Face the person when speaking
- ✓ Speak clearly and more slowly
- ✓ Gestures can help
- ✓ Re-phrase if you can
- ✓ Lower your face covering if it is safe to do so
(consider having a clear visor to hand)
- ✓ Write things down clearly
- ✓ Try a speech-to-text app on your mobile to
transcribe

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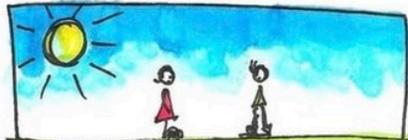


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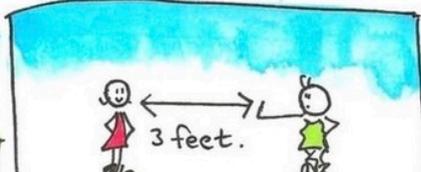
Ways to Help Yourself

We are all experiencing hearing loss just now with face coverings and screens

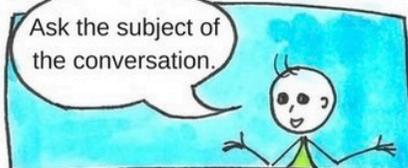
No-one will know that you are struggling to hear if you don't say - most people want to help so please ask for support



Find a quiet place with good lighting. Turn your back to the light, so it's on the speaker's face.



Don't stand too close, the optimum distance for a hearing aid is three feet.



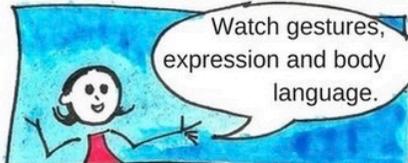
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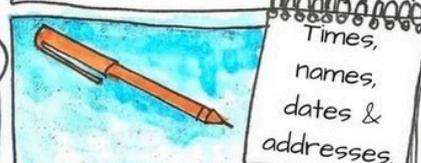
Not too fast, not too slow!

You might need to ask people to speak clearly and naturally.



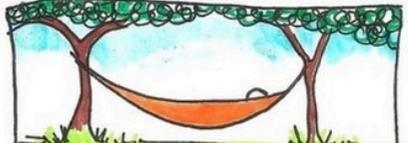
Watch gestures, expression and body language.

If you can't catch something, ask them to repeat it / put it another way.



Carry a pen and paper so that others can write things down.

- Times,
- names,
- dates & addresses.



Relax and take regular breaks, lipreading can be exhausting.



You don't need to hear every word, just try to get the gist.

Thank anyone who takes care to include you.

For more information contact: positivepebbles@gmail.com

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CHEVIOT AREA PARTNERSHIP 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

Item 8: Cheviot Community Assistance Hub Update September 2021

Clare Malster, Locality Development Co-ordinator

- We have seen an increase in the number of new referrals to Cheviot Community Assistance Hub since the last meeting. These are largely for people that have been contacted by Test & Protect and are having to self-isolate. Requests include support accessing food and financial support. All Hubs are still operational and can be contacted through 0301 100 1800 or Covid-19Community@scotborders.gov.uk by anyone requiring support for themselves or someone they know.
- Cheviot Community Partners (Community organisations, Third Sector, SBC and NHS Borders) continue to meet on a weekly basis to share service updates. The meeting recently received a presentation from Michael Curran (Service Manager, SBC) about Service Commissioning with the Third Sector. An input has also been given by Derek Bell, SBC's Redundancy Support Co-ordinator about support available through PACE (Partnership Action for Continuous Employment).

Partners meeting clients face to face again but, depending on the organisation, this is still restricted by numbers and need.

- The What Matters Hub is due to reopen in Kelso this month. It will initially be available to clients on the waiting list and thereafter to the wider public. Jedburgh is expected to reopen in January.
- The meeting continues to be attended by a range of organisations with the shared experience and knowledge being a very valuable resource to identify solutions to problems and issues that are brought to the meeting.

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Cheviot Funding 2021/2022

22 September 2021

Community Fund 2021/2022	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population)	£ 46,551.00
Plus 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget	£ 8,337.50
Total available	£ 54,888.50
Less:	
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications awarded since 01/04/2021	£ -
Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications that are assessed and await decision	£ -
Sub-total	£ -
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 54,888.50

Build Back a Better Borders	
	£
Opening balance as of 01/06/2021 (£500k split 80%/20% per head of population and S.I.M.D.)	£ 79,926.00
Total available	£ 79,926.00
Less:	
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021	£ 585.00
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 25,184.20
Sub-total	£ 25,769.20
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 54,156.80

Community Fund & Community Fund Fast Track applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 54,888.50

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ 16,072.00
Potential Overall Position	£ 38,084.80

Summary of all applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	15/06/21	BBBB Fund	Roxburgh & Berwickshire CAB	£ 2,197.80	Staff costs	Assessed
2	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Staff costs - Volunteer Coordinator	Awarded
3	23/07/21	BBBB Fund	Cheviot Youth	£ 13,433.40	Refurb of new base	Assessed
4	29/07/21	BBBB Fund	Morebattle Community Shop	£ 2,668.00	Volunteer Co-ordinator	Assessed
5	30/07/221	BBBB Fund	Queen's House	£ 6,885.00	Volunteer Co-ordinator costs & laptops	Assessed
6	15/08/2021	BBBB Fund	Ancrum Community Council	£ 1,072.00	Development of Go Gardening project	Assessing
7	24/08/2021	BBBB Fund	Jed Thistle	£ 15,000.00	Contribution to costs of new purpose built extension	Assessing
Total				£ 41,841.20		

Other sources of grant funding - Cheviot			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 8,337.50	£ -	£ 8,337.50
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 10,470.00	£ 4,785.00	£ 5,685.00
Village Halls (including Secretariat fee paid to the Bridge)	£ 9,140.00	£ 9,140.00	£ -
SBC Small Schemes	£ 34,700.00	£ 17,965.00	£ 16,735.00
Common Good - Jedburgh	£ 7,900.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 6,400.00
Common Good - Kelso	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,000.00
SBC Enhancement Grant	£ 100.52	£ -	£ 100.52
SBC Welfare Grant	£ 2,890.65	£ 77.00	£ 2,813.65
Totals	£ 68,201.17	£ 35,467.00	£ 32,734.17

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1. Applicant Details:

Organisation name	Roxburgh & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-CHE-01					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	As soon as awarded		Project end date		6 months from date of award	

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£174,295.84
Current bank balance	£181,000
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£28,000
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£153,000
Restricted funds -	
<p>The restricted funds are covering half of CAB salary costs (£17,666 x 3 = £52,998). Funding is ring-fenced to ensure the continuous employment of a member of staff to provide session support for the duration of the SBC contract which runs until 2024.</p> <p>CAB currently has reserves of three months running costs (£48,000) as is dictated by the conditions of their SBC contract although they strive to have 6 months as this is considered best practice. Their redundancy funds currently sit at £50,000 to cover entitlement should the worst happen.</p> <p>Funding has also been set aside for future PPE and cleaning based on the last six months and committed funds to ensure the continued safety of staff, volunteers and clients.</p> <p>£2000 is held to cover costs incurred if the Bureau continues to limit face to face support.</p>	

Although not restricted, it's acknowledged by the Board that there will be expected costs associated with renovation of the offices to adhere to social distancing and continued Covid restrictions as the bureau open for face to face advice in the next month or so. Renovations at the Kelso office will be part funded by CAB reserves.

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

CAB wish to build in to their service multiple routes for community members to access advice and support. These routes include email and telephone support, web chats and virtual drop ins using the Near Me system. These would be additional to the traditional method of face to face engagement. This service development has grown from the flexibility CAB has been able to provide during this past year and the ability to provide the Cheviot area with 5 days of support rather than 1.5 days pre Covid.

In order to create this new offer, CAB needs to increase their number of volunteer advisors. Existing volunteers who were IT literate, provided constant support during this past year. Many volunteers are ready to have a break, and coupled with the requirement to provide IT training to existing volunteers who are not IT literate, there is a need for a volunteer recruitment drive. CAB would like to employ a CAB Champion to be responsible for promoting the opportunity to volunteer with CAB and increase the number of CAB volunteers. The Champion would be responsible for highlighting this opportunity through promotional materials, attending events and engagements, assisting new recruits to complete the application process and completing the initial stages of an induction and Adviser Training Programme.

CAB would like the Champion to cover the full geographical reach of CAB therefore they are requesting a share of the costs from the Berwickshire, Cheviot and Teviot & Liddesdale BBBB funds. The request of the Cheviot post is one fifth.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High

Medium

Low

Comment:

Both volunteers and members of the public would benefit from the creation of a Champion and an increase in the number of volunteers.

Across communities, people have seen the benefits of volunteering following experiences during Covid and how it can help strengthen a local community and make communities more independent and resilient. Volunteering is open to all people. It has the possibility of building people's confidence, social skills and can lead to further learning opportunities.

The local community would benefit from having a range of advice methods offered by CAB. In 2020/21 the Kelso office had 583 client contacts, helping with 1980 issues and putting £365,445.64 of confirmed client financial gains back in to the Cheviot economy.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

The CAB Champion would work across Cheviot for 5 hours per week on a 6 month fixed contract.

The CAB Champion will:

- attend a minimum of 5 local events to promote the service and attract volunteers
- make contact with at least 12 organisations to raise awareness of the volunteer opportunities
- recruit a minimum of 2 volunteers to the bureau
- create a suite of publicity materials and distribute to at least 24 places/organisations
- carry out a minimum of one local press activity
- carry out a social media campaign throughout the six month period

Outcomes/benefits:

- Local communities will be more aware of the CAB service and its volunteer roles
- Organisations working across the area will feel confident and able to refer those interested in volunteering to CAB
- The bureau will be more able to cope with the expected demand following the end of the furlough scheme and likely financial fallout from CV19
- The Bureau will have a suit of publicity materials it can use when recruitment of volunteers is needed in the future.
- Volunteers will have increased confidence, self-worth and better mental wellbeing

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£12,210
10% organisation contribution	£244.20
Request to BBBB	£2197.80

Item of expenditure	Cost
Staffing	£1560
Travel	£200
Premises hire	£160
Publicity materials	£300
Management fee	£222

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
BBBB Teviot &Liddesdale	£4395.60	awarded
BBBB Berwickshire	£4395.60	awarded
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
2018-2021	SBC Core Grant	£331,591
2018-2021	Citizens Advice Scotland	£104,317
2018-2021	Robertson Trust	£49,000

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	<p>The application has been assessed as high, it meets a number of criteria –</p> <p>Recruitment of a CAB champion and more volunteers to support service users from the wider community</p> <p>Delivering support and benefitting all groups including (protected characteristics)</p> <p>The project will also be delivered within areas where there is high level deprivation</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<p>The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance</p> <p>The rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage.</p>
Recommendations to evaluate impact:	If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of promotional activity undertaken• Number of organisations contacted• Number of volunteers recruited to the Bureau• Evidence of publicity materials used• Feedback from volunteers and partners
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2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

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High – a strong demonstration of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Medium – provides acceptable examples of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

Low – lacks detail of how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic

1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	Cheviot Youth					
Organisation structure	SCIO					
Application reference	BBBB-CHE-03					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	On receipt of funding			Project end date	Six months after receipt of funding	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£184,938
Current bank balance	£160,259.97
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£5,259/£33,000 It is Cheviot Youth's policy to aim to hold reserves of up to three month's running costs to cover final salary payments/redundancies/outstanding invoices should all funding cease. This amount is currently £33,000.
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£122,000

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Cheviot Youth are requesting financial support to establish an Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Support Service (EWMHSS) at its new base in the Old School at St John's Church in Jedburgh. The building, owned by the Episcopal Church requires decorating and furnishing in order to make it suitable for the delivery of services.</p>		

A grant from the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund will cover the costs of setting up the new base in Jedburgh including IT equipment, decorating, furniture and specialist kit to deliver the service.

In March 2021 Cheviot Youth received £19,993 from Cheviot Community Fund towards the costs of enhancing the Stepping Stones mental health and well-being service being delivered from their Kelso base. Although that work is ongoing, and evaluation still to be undertaken, the learning to date has helped to shape the project that will be delivered from the new Jedburgh base.

As a result of Covid an increased number of young people are presenting problems from depression to anxiety and self-harm to suicidal thoughts. Although these problems existed prior to March 2020 they have been exacerbated by Covid with the mental health epidemic becoming a huge challenge. Over the past year 70 people have benefitted from the service delivered from the Kelso base. It is estimated that approximately 40 from the Jedburgh area will access the service in any given year.

Building on the success of the service in Kelso the new premises will form a base for children, young people and family members (if required) in a safe, welcoming and professional environment.

The service provided by qualified Practitioners uses counselling skills and draws on cognitive behavioural therapy and methodology to provide those accessing the service with psychoeducation tools and strategies. There are links in place with the NHS Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) to ensure a holistic approach.

The expansion of the remit to include families and the community has seen a rise in costs for both staff and materials. Cheviot Youth's Mental Health Support Service alone counts for over 50% of the organisation's costs and will increase further with the opening of the service in Jedburgh.

The service will be shaped to suit the needs of each individual, there are no time limits on accessing the service meaning that young people may be supported from a number of months to over a year. The service will be by appointment will usually be available between 9am – 8pm Monday to Friday.

Lego therapy is a recognised intervention commonly used to improve communication in children and young people. It is of particular use for working with children and young people who have received a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum condition, anxiety or adjustment disorders.

The new Jedburgh premises will also be the base for the Training, Employability & Advice Service and will be addressing the need for people in Jedburgh to provide a bespoke service from the initial challenging work on confidence, self-esteem and belief, then onwards to working through a range of modules from our employability programme, further training, to volunteering, to employment taster sessions and then onwards when ready to supported employment, college and full employment. The base will be open five days a week for Cheviot Youth and seven days a week for community use. Discussions are taking place with Citizens Advice Bureau, Skills Development Scotland and the Jedburgh Medical Practice about using the space.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to <u>benefit</u> from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Cheviot Youth has continued to engage with children, young people and their families throughout the pandemic. Staff have heard from their service users about increased levels of anxiety, self-harm, panic attacks, lost motivation and hope as well as fear for what the future holds. In some cases this is on top of bereavement, loss and other trauma.</p> <p>During the pandemic many within our community have experienced loneliness and isolation. Young people have also had concerns about school, further education and employment. There are also worries over the uncertainties of vaccination.</p> <p>The new Jedburgh service will be expanded to provide support to children, young people, young adults and their families.</p> <p>Contacts through GPs, school nurses, SBC's Social Work and Education services will ensure that all those that need the support, guidance and help will be able to access the free to use service.</p>		

Expected <u>impact</u> of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic		
High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>While there is no magic cure for mental health problems the provision of weekly counselling sessions, utilising a range of techniques, will work through some of the causes and reasons for poor mental health.</p> <p>One to one sessions with service users will enable counsellors to deliver person-dependant support through the most appropriate strategies and techniques.</p> <p>The expected impact is that there is a reduction in some of the most severe effects of poor mental health. The benefits to service users will be an increase in social communication skills, a decrease in levels of anxiety, panic attacks and depression. It is anticipated that there will be increased optimism and hope for the future leading, in some cases, to engagement in the training, volunteering and supported employment programme.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£14,926
10% organisation contribution	£1,492.60
Request to BBBB	£13,433.40

Item of expenditure	Cost
Furniture & decor	£4,260
IT equipment	£4,300
Lego therapy costs	£2,017
Decorating costs	£2,025
Resources/supplies	£850
Blinds	£1,474

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
Ongoing	SBC: Service Level Agreement – Commissioned service - Children and Young People’s Leadership Group	£15,693
28/01/2021	Cheviot Community Fund: Mental Health & Support Service (Kelso)	£19,993
14/07/2021	Cheviot Community Fund: Portable hearing loop and access ramp	£438.12
	Investing in Communities	£15,795
	Wesleyan Foundation	£9,197
	Foundation Scotland	£4,890
	Communities Recovery Fund	£13,570
	Robertson Trust	£25,000
	Youth Scotland	£1,500
	Hayward Sanderson Trust	£1,500
	SBC CLD Service Grant	£9,000
	Tiny Changes Fund	£5,000
	STV Chance to Study	£18,010
	CAF (C.E.Fund)	£9,264
	The Gannochy Trust	£7,500
	The Hunter Trust	£18,000
	NFU Mutual Trust	£3,255

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	The application scores high because it strongly demonstrate how the project will assist recovery from the pandemic. The project would contribute to key outcomes of the Fund and meets identified need within the community providing a service to the protected characteristic of age (children & young people).
Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance when delivering the service.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moveable equipment, e.g. Lego therapy kit and IT equipment to, to be passed to another community group/organisation should this project cease to operate.
<p>Recommendations to evaluate impact:</p>	<p>If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of children, young people, young adults and adults support • Feedback from staff, volunteers and service users where appropriate • Feedback from referring organisations e.g. GPs and Social Work staff.

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1. Applicant Details:

Organisation name	Morebattle Community Shop Ltd					
Organisation structure	Community Benefit Society – FCA No. 7800					
Application reference	BBBB-CHE-04					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & Culture	Environment	Community Capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	Oct 2021			Project end date	April 2022	

2. Organisation's finances:

End of year balance	£54,282.00
Current bank balance	£55,012.00
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£55,012.00
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£17,300.00 – for shop improvements including a new floor.

Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)		
High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Morebattle Community Shop provides a lifeline to purchase groceries within the village, reducing the need to travel to Kelso. During the pandemic there was a sustained increase in customers which is now only slightly lower than at the height of lockdown. The number of volunteers also increased from 14 to 21 as a result of those furloughed and others wishing to help out.</p> <p>Morebattle Community Shop intend to recruit a part-time volunteer coordinator for a fixed term of six months. The co-ordinator will be responsible for increasing volunteer numbers from 21 to approximately 35, training (including writing a new volunteers manual), rotas</p>		

and social activities. In particular they will be tasked with increasing the number of young people within the community who volunteer and thus gain work experience in the shop.

The role will also give volunteers representation and a listening ear for their expectations and aspirations when supporting the shop, the co-ordinator will be able to champion their views at management and board level.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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The shop is also a vital social hub for residents to meet up and keep abreast of local activities and initiatives. By having a volunteer co-ordinator in post it will make communication with local residents easier as the co-ordinator's working hours will be promoted, so the community know when they can contact the co-ordinator and the means to do so. The volunteers managing the shop will benefit as the co-ordinator will be able to manage day to day enquiries and activities.

Discussions with younger people in the village have highlighted that they are finding it difficult to gain part-time employment or work experience. An opportunity to gain experience in their village will stand them in better stead when applying for jobs in the area.

New members of the community have found it difficult to integrate while the pandemic closed down the usual social clubs in the village, and the shop has given them the opportunity to meet other residents.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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The objective of the temporary co-ordinator post is that it will create a legacy for the Morebattle Community Shop:

- An increased number of volunteers gaining benefit from involvement in the shop, building on the success of the community ownership through their efforts. This will alleviate loneliness and create worthwhile activity for all generations but in particular school ages and the active retired.
- A better training system in place for the future, including an updated training manual which would ensure all future volunteers are better equipped to assist the shop and enjoy their involvement going forward.
- The shop is a key hub for contact within the village and an enhanced corps of volunteers will increase its ability to serve all residents and visitors alike, with the increase in volunteers the community shop would hope to extend the hours on certain days where they currently struggle to find volunteer cover.
- The co-ordinator and volunteers will also help support the more vulnerable members of the community who are less able to travel elsewhere for shopping and social contact.

Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£2964.00
10% organisation contribution	£296.40
Request to BBBB	Page 4 of 6 £2667.60

Item of expenditure	Cost
Volunteer Co-ordinator – 12hrs p.w. @ £9.50p.h. (26 weeks)	£2964.00

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
15/10/19	Cheviot Community Fund	£10,000
17/04/20	Scottish Land Fund	£5,000
21/04/20	Coronavirus Business Support Fund	£10,000
08/07/20	CORRA Foundation Community Wellbeing Fund	£2,000
23/12/20	Scotland Loves Local Support Fund	£1,514

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the Fund
Comments	The application is rated medium/high as it provides acceptable examples as to how the work of the volunteer co-ordinator will assist with improving health & wellbeing social and reduce social isolation. The project will also provide work experience for local young people which will help them enter the job market.
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance. The rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage.
Recommendations to evaluate impact:	If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of new volunteers recruited • Number of vulnerable people in the community supported • Copy of updated training manual • Feedback from new and existing volunteers • Information about increase in shop opening hours

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2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

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1. Applicant Details

Organisation name	QME Care (Queens House Kelso Ltd)					
Organisation structure	Company registered charity					
Application reference	BBBB-CHE-05					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	27/09/2021			Project end date	28/03/2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£206,115
Current bank balance	£294,842.86
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£1,392,928
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£2,996,797 Total restricted and unrestricted reserves are not liquid cash these are building assets and are tied in to the property. The accounts are consolidated with Angraflat Development Company limited.

3. Project:

Outline of what the group plan to do to help people recover from the pandemic. Projects will be ranked higher if the application strongly demonstrates that they are meeting an identified need in the community. (e.g. area of deprivation, protected characteristics, tackling wellbeing and isolation, tackling climate change)

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comment:</p> <p>The past 18 months have seen more people living in the community become socially isolated from their communities and/or loved ones due to shielding and/or living rural locations.</p>		

QME care propose to develop a new Community Connection and Companionship Project to support people living with Dementia and Older Age who have experience increased social isolation over the period of the pandemic.

Community networks have been fragmented due to the pandemic, the new project will aim to reduce the trauma, isolation for our older adults to ensure that they are not a forgotten generation and can still flourish in a fair and compassionate environment regardless of their age or condition.

A grant from the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund will enable QME Care to employ a Volunteer Co-ordinator who aim to will recruit and match 15 volunteers aged 16+ with people aged over 55, living with dementia in the Cheviot community, based on their interests, hobbies and connections to aid a better bond and successful pairing match with our older people in the community. They will support them weekly to re-engage with their community and build back networks lost or diminished during the pandemic, with the support from the Co-ordinator and Holistic therapists to support the trauma recover process. After the first six months' pilot period legacy funding and specific fund raising will be used to continue the project.

Evidence of individuals, groups or communities likely to benefit from the new initiative and how they have been affected by the pandemic:

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

People living with dementia and older age have experienced increased social isolation over the period of the pandemic due to shielding, rural locations and lack of modern technology.

Family, members of the community and Heath & Social Care Partners will be able to refer to the project which is based on a model used by Alzheimer's Scotland and QME Care's model of support.

Befriending will provide new and different stimulation through dedicated time without other external time pressures.

In addition to one to one support Befriending Cafes will provide community members and their carers the chance to meet up and peer support in bigger groups and will cover topics such as reminiscence café sessions and musical therapies to support re-engagement with the community and reduction of Post Covid trauma. These will be delivered from a purpose-built building which includes a café with an industrial kitchen and trained therapist staff enabling the facilitation of a purpose designed service.

Expected impact of the new initiative and how will it help those most in need recover from the pandemic

High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comment:

It is anticipated that the project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Older People and people with dementia will be less socially isolated.

- People will have access to peer support through befriending cafes.
- Older people and those with dementia will remain connected to their communities.
- Older People and people with dementia can learn new skills to increase their resilience and manage the impact of any trauma.
- Carers can take time for themselves and their own wellbeing needs.
- Communities to be more inclusive and supportive of conditions such as dementia.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£7650
10% organisation contribution	£765
Request to BBBB	£6,885

Item of expenditure	Cost
Laptop device and IT Licence for Co-ordinator	£300
Volunteer Co-ordinator staffing cost	£5,411
Volunteer and Staffing expenses travel, sundries & outing costs)	£1,939

Match/other funding sought:

Funder	Funding Requested	Status
	£	
	£	
	£	

Grants received from Scottish Borders Council or any other funder within the last three years

Date	Project Title	Amount
		£
		£
		£
		£
		£

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the Fund.
Comments	The application is rated as high as it demonstrates how the protected characteristics of age and disability and their carers will be supported to recover from the pandemic through improved health & wellbeing and reduced social isolation.
Additional terms and conditions required	The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance. The rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage.
Recommendations to evaluate impact:	If successful, we recommend the applicant include in their funding evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of volunteers recruited • Number of people referred to the project • Number of people attending the Befriending Cafes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback from staff• Feedback from service users• Feedback from volunteers
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Agenda Item 13: Additional information

Current consultations

There are no current consultations

Community Empowerment:

Information about Community Empowerment is included in the for Area Partnership information pack:

[Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or formal Asset Transfer requests being considered within the Berwickshire area.

Further information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is available on the Council's website:

[Community Empowerment | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Rural Communities Ideas into Action

The Scottish Government recently announced details of their new fund which consists of two streams:

- Small Grants of up to £3,000 for grassroots rural groups or organisations to support community projects that fit with local needs and are locally led. The process for applying for this funding has been simplified to make it easy for unincorporated groups to apply and both capital and expenditure costs are eligible.
- Large Grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 for not for profit organisations to invest in community led initiatives that respond to local need. Again, capital and revenue costs are eligible and these can be delivered in partnership with other local organisations.

Further details are available [here](#). The grants are open for applications from Sept Mon 13th with a closing date Friday 8th October—with £1.5 million available across Scotland. Applications through [Inspiring Scotland](#) from next week.

Community Ownership Fund

The UK Government is providing £150 million over 4 years to support community groups in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost.

Voluntary and community groups can bid for match funding to acquire important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community.

The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total. This prospectus contains details for round 1.

Applicants will need to submit a full business, detail match funding that has already been secured (Community Ownership Fund will provide up to a maximum of 50% of the capital costs to purchase, repair and renovate the asset), outline what skills and resources will be

required to manage the asset, what community benefits will be delivered through community ownership and what the community need is.

Full details are available here: [Community Ownership Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612122/Community_Ownership_Fund_prospectus.pdf)

SBC'S Communities & Partnership team can provide support to any group considering applying to the Community Ownership Fund.

Together for Our Planet – funding launched

This new £2.5million [National Lottery-funded programme](#) will support communities across the UK take action on climate change, ahead of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), in Glasgow this November.

The programme is offering grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to support local community projects. It aims to create a legacy of ongoing climate action in hundreds of communities, beyond COP26, supporting the UK to reduce its emissions on its part to Net Zero by 2050.

Although the fund is open for all, groups that haven't received funding from the National Lottery previously will be a priority and we're also focusing on groups and communities who are starting to take climate action and/or those more likely to be directly impacted by climate change.

The programme is open for applications from 1 September, until 5pm on Thursday 18 November.

Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities

SCLD recently launched an app called Human rights town. It is a tool for anyone who is unsure of their rights, it could also complement learning as an introduction to Human Rights [Welcome to Human Rights Town! - SCLD](#)

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Community Council's Facebook page launched

The [Scottish Community Councils Facebook](#) page was launched earlier this year and we are keen to ensure that the page becomes both a resource for community councillors and a forum for highlighting best practice and innovative projects by community councils. We would encourage those involved with community councils to like or follow the page.

Useful websites:

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/borders/)

Covid-19:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus

Community Testing:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing/

NHS Borders website for current updates:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

Business support

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

[SBC Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund](#)

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

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