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**Teviot & Liddesdale
Area Partnership**

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Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 16 November 2021
Time: 6.00 pm
Location: via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Meeting Protocols
2.	Feedback from Meeting held on 7 September 2021 (Pages 3 - 10) Evaluation of the meeting. Copy of Minute of the Meeting held on 7 September 2021 attached.
Section 1: Service & Partner Updates and Funding	
3.	Place Making update
4.	Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications (Pages 11 - 22) Consider four applications for funding: a) Riddell Fiddles b) Upper Hermitage and Liddesdale Community Council c) Wilton Park & Hawick Tennis Club d) Burnfoot Community Futures (to follow) Photos of BBBB funded projects: BBBB Fund Awards 2021/22 Flickr  <p>The banner features the text 'BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND' in white on a teal background with a silhouette of a person walking. Below it, it says 'OPEN 01 JUNE 2021 - 31 MAY 2022'. To the right is a QR code.</p>
5.	Community Fund update

Section 2: Local Priorities	
6.	<p>Flooding update</p> <p>Consider update from Duncan Morrison, Flood Management Team, Scottish Borders Council</p>
7.	<p>Forestry - South of Scotland</p> <p>Presentation from Andrew Sheridan, Senior Operations Manager, Scottish Forestry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of Scottish Forestry and responsibilities • Development of regulations • Opportunity to interact with Forest plans • Opportunities to influence longer term plans • Scottish Forestry engagement with underlying communities
8.	<p>Timber transportation</p>
9.	<p>SBC Roads</p> <p>Consider written update on planned works programme (to follow).</p>
Section 3: Other	
10.	<p>Additional information for noting (Pages 23 - 32)</p> <p>a) Current consultations, Community Empowerment requests and additional information including Community Assistance Hub update</p> <p>b) Funding table overview</p> <p>c) Scottish Fire & Rescue Report</p>
11.	<p>Next Area Partnership Meeting</p> <p>The next Area Partnership meeting is scheduled for 25 January 2022, with the agenda due to be issued on 11 January 2022.</p> <p>Are there any items you would like to propose for the agenda? Please contact your local Councillor or the Communities and Partnership Team.</p>
12.	<p>Any other formal business</p>
13.	<p>Future meeting dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 March 2022 • 21 June 2022
14.	<p>Meeting evaluation</p>

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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held Via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 7 September 2021 at 6.00 pm

Present:- SBC Councillors: N. Richards (Chair), W. McAteer, D. Paterson, C. Ramage, G. Turnbull.
Other organisations attendees: Ms H. Batsch (The Bridge), Mr W. Douglas, Ms B. Elborn (Newcastleton CC), Mr W. Fletcher (Burnfoot CC), Mr W. George, Mr P. Kerr (Southdean CC), Mr C. Knox (Hawick CC), Ms A. McGraith (Roxburgh & Berwickshire CAB), Mr D. Tait (Future Hawick), Mr A. Warburton (Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage CC), Ms R. Woods (Southdean CC), Mr F. Wight (Hawick CC).

Apologies:- Councillor S. Marshall.

In Attendance:- Service Director Customer & Communities, SBC Portfolio Manager, Director - Resilient Communities, Communities and Partnership Manager, Locality Development Co-ordinator, James Lamb, Democratic Services Officer and Clerk to the Council, Clerk to the Council, Democratic Services Officer (W. Mohieddeen).

1. WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership. The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams and the Chairman outlined how the meeting would be conducted and how those both in the meeting and watching via the Live Stream could take part.

2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS AND EVALUATION OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership held on 8 June 2021 and 22 July 2021 had been circulated.

DECISION

APPROVED the Minutes.

3. PLACE MAKING UPDATE

3.1 With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of 8 June 2021, the Service Director Customer & Communities, Mrs Jenni Craig, and SBC Portfolio Manager, Mr James Lamb, presented an update on progress with Place Making. Mr Lamb gave a recap of the previous meeting including the output of the workshop led by Diarmaid Lawlor of Scottish Futures Trust; transforming joint working with communities; this being a multi-year programme so not everything could not be done at once; and the central role of the Area Partnership in this process. Feedback and input was required into the joint principles, the framework and the proposals for getting started and the proposed next steps. Mrs Craig confirmed that feedback was being sought on an ongoing basis. Overall the Council wanted to take a new approach to Place Making by working in a much more collaborative way than previously. The first 7 proposed joint principles had come directly from conversations with Area Partnerships and the remaining principles had been included to

add value. Details were given on the proposed joint framework which built on existing work. With regard to how initial communities could be identified, Mrs Craig advised that Place making should be seen as an evolving, rolling programme of work, with the ambition that all communities would be supported but with limited resources there had to be a priority order. A matrix which included a number of aspects had been developed to potentially be used to prioritise communities and include smaller settlements. In terms of resources, there were additional SBC posts which could be used to help communities and co-ordinate and align resources. Feedback was sought by the end of October on the proposed joint principles and framework; the priorities; and the place making governance role.

- 3.2 Councillor Paterson commented that priorities may be regarded differently for those in different areas and asked how prioritisation would work in localities across the Area Partnerships. Mrs Craig explained that it needed to be acknowledged that every community and its plan was different and there would be different ways to deal with priorities, and officers would work with each Area Partnership to make those decisions about their own communities. Councillor Ramage referred to different ways of engaging the public e.g. the public was invited to develop ideas for the Hawick flood protection scheme, groups were arranged in a workshop and thus the public was involved. Mr Kerr welcomed the fact that communities would have a part in this and asked about rural proofing. It looked as though communities with an existing place plan were being prioritised which would lead to a widening disparity and perhaps the focus should be on those communities with no plans. Every area was different and all rural communities in particular should be invited to participate if they wished. Mrs Craig referred to the Berwickshire Area Partnership that had considered some community councils working together to develop local plans. The Council could look at supporting a town, a rural area or a combination of rural areas. Ms Elborn advised that Newcastleton did not have a place plan but it did have a development strategy, which was a different thing entirely. Ms Elborn expressed concern that older people would not be able to participate in the Citizen Space consultation and Mr Lamb explained that the intention at this stage was to target community groups with the Citizen Space survey and not the general public. Ms Elborn asked that a range of methods be used as that may not be wholly representative of communities. Ms Batsch emphasised the importance of considering the hinterland beyond towns which was fundamentally important to that town with a real symbiotic relationship with schools, shopping and GP surgeries, so using town or Community Council boundaries may not identify a true local area. Mrs Craig thanked everyone for their comments and feedback which would help shape the Place making programme.

DECISION

NOTED the update

4. AREA PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Chair advised that the consultation on Area Partnerships had closed on 1 August and officers were in the process of forming a paper to go to Scottish Borders Council later in the year with recommendations for the development of the Area Partnerships based on the outcomes of the consultation. It was noted that an update would be provided at the next meeting of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership on 6 November 2021.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

5. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE HUB

The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Ms Jardine, advised that the Community Assistance Hub was continuing to respond to individuals' requests for support and calls were being made to those self-isolating. Thanks were expressed to volunteers for their help. Community partners were meeting weekly to assess need and look at provision in the TD9 area. Feedback from the Older People's Survey carried out during the pandemic had showed that people felt well supported for practical help e.g. shopping, but people's

experiences of feeling connected or engaged in their community was not so good. That was currently being examined to see what help could be given, which included mapping community activity in the TD9 area. The NHS Borders Health Improvement Team was leading on this work and hoped to create a resource to signpost people to activities and services. It was acknowledged that community groups may find it difficult to start up in the current circumstances so the mapping would help identify gaps in people's wellbeing.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

6. **EXTENSION OF THE BORDER RAILWAY**

Ms Elborn gave a presentation on a community project funded by the Community Fund. This had been originally named the Community Voices Project and now, with the extension of the Borders Railway, was talking about the benefits of this for the South of Scotland. Members of the community had been invited to create films about the potential benefits to them of an extension to the line, given the success of the current line. Five films had been made which was to be launched on the 'Extending the Borders Railway' social media channels the following day. The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Ms Jardine, advised that the link could be promoted if shared with officers. All Community Councils in the area would be sent the details. Ms Elborn further advised that outcome of the UK Government connectivity review was still awaited – this had been delayed due to the larger number of responses received than had been anticipated.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

7. **FLOODING UPDATE**

A written update from Duncan Morrison of the Flood and Coastal Management Team had been circulated with the agenda and a more detailed update would be provided at the November Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership meeting. Mr Kerr noted that Scottish Borders Council had carried out good work in the Chesters area but the ditches that had been cleared earlier in the year were starting to fill up. There was a need to get a maintenance programme in place as this would not be a one-off task.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

8. **FORESTRY/WIND FARMS PLANNING FOR NOVEMBER**

Mr Kerr provided an update advising that 40% of Southdean land mass was covered by forestry. The Wheel Causeway was a core path where 80-90% was reported as being fine but 10% was overgrown causing issues. This was a heritage, historic path and Mr Kerr was keen to work with operators such as the Forestry Commission and Tillhill and neighbours to resolve this and also look at regular maintenance. Mr Kerr requested that anyone interested should contact him. With regards to climate change, Mr Kerr had made enquiries to Scottish Forestry to attend the Area Partnership to present plans for the next 10 years for the area including what to do with run off. It was noted that Scottish Forestry would be prepared to attend the November meeting. Regarding timber transport, it was noted that communities were seeing an increase in traffic. Mr Kerr was interested in seeing details of volume of traffic and on the driving of operators and he would liaise with Councillor Turnbull on the issue. Regarding wind farms, Mr Kerr added that with regard to the virtual exhibition for Hobkirk, one of the panels was over 50MB which may cause difficulties for downloading and he would raise this with developers. Big maps/files presented difficulties. A planning application was likely to be submitted to the Council at the end of this year, beginning of next, and there needed to be hard copies of maps and plans available to local communities.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

9. **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

- 9.1 Mr Tait asked about the Volunteer Park Stand and expressed concern that the project had been stopped by the pandemic. It was noted that clubs that used the stand had spent money to improve facilities. Councillor Richards advised that an update would be provided at the November meeting of the Area Partnership or before then if possible. Councillor Turnbull confirmed that he had been raising the issue for 15 years, including looking at a Trust or Foundation, and demolishing the Stand and rebuilding. He had spoken with the Chief Executive and was currently awaiting a response.
- 9.2 Ms Elborn asked if there was an update regarding 20mph zones. Councillor Richards advised that Napier University was analysing data and that Councillors had been invited to an update of findings in early October. Mr Kerr noted that some speed alerts only gave feedback on speeds up to 28mph and it may be more beneficial to register higher speeds and continue the slow down message to motorists. Councillor Paterson commented that there had been a mixed response on 20mph zones from the public.

10. **COMMUNITY FUND**

- 10.1 Copies of a presentation giving proposals for the governance of the Community Fund had been circulated. The Clerk to the Council gave a recap of what Scottish Borders Council had agreed in March 2021 and the Area Partnership had agreed in June 2021 with regard to the Community Fund. A number of options were given on what could happen to the funding allocated to a Community Council in the Pot A Fund where no Assessment Panel had been set up; and also details were given of a proposed way of making appointments to the Assessment Panel for the Pot B Fund. For Pot A, these options were that a Community Council could allocate their funding to another Community Council; could deal with any applications to their funding directly at one of their Community Council meetings; or could allocate their funding to Pot B, with that funding ring-fenced for that particular area until the end of 2021 and any applications would be dealt with by the Pot B Assessment Panel. It would be up to the particular Community Council to make that decision. At the end of 2021, any unspent funding for that Community Council ring-fenced in Pot B, along with unspent funding from Pot A, would transfer to the wider Pot B fund.
- 10.2 With regard to the Assessment Panel for Pot B, it was suggested that the number of members be set at between 7 and 11, including a maximum of 3 SBC Elected Members who would be non-voting. A recruitment campaign would be run by SBC Officers and Community Council members would be eligible to put in their application as well as members of other organisations or the public. It was further proposed that the appointment of the members of the Panel would be delegated to the Director of Customer & Communities in consultation with the Chair of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership and the SBC Executive Member for Community Development & Localities. To allow for immediate opening of the fund for Pot B, it was suggested that until the Assessment Panel members were appointed, Council officers would assess applications received using previous fund criteria, and these assessments would be brought directly to the Area Partnership for decision. This was an interim measure and once an Assessment Panel was in place it would take over the assessment of applications and recommendations to the Area Partnership.
- 10.3 Mr Kerr objected to the proposed membership of the Assessment Panel for Pot B, advising that the original plan was for each Community Council to be represented and that being augmented by other representatives. Ms Woods advised that they had struggled to get people not in the Community Council involved and while it was hoped to bring in people from the wider community, this was not practical at this stage. The Communities & Partnership Manager, Ms Smith, reminded the members of the previous SCDC report which advocated a wide community involvement from other organisations not just Community Councils and also the decisions of Scottish Borders Council in March. An open recruitment campaign would comply with this. Members of the Area Partnership discussed the options and did not find favour with the proposed allocation of members to

the Assessment Panel for Pot B. As a compromise, the Clerk to the Council suggested that a representative from each Community Council area could be appointed to the Assessment Panel, with an open recruitment campaign for a further 3 to 5 members, that number depending on the applications received. This was accepted by those present. The scoring matrix, application form and guidance which had been circulated for Pot A applications, was approved to also cover applications to Pot B.

DECISION

AGREED:

- (a) **that it would be for those Community Councils without an Assessment Panel in place for their allocated Pot A fund to choose whether to allocated this funding to another Community Council, or deal with any applications directly at one of their Community Council meetings, or allocate their funding to Pot B, with the funding ring-fenced for that particular area until the end of 2021, and any applications would be dealt with by the Pot B Assessment Panel;**
- (b) **that at the end of 2021, any unspent funding in either Pot A or any ring-fenced money in Pot B would transfer to the wider Pot B fund and be open to applications from across the Teviot and Liddesdale area;**
- (c) **that the Pot B Assessment Panel would comprise a representative from each of the Community Council areas in the Teviot and Liddesdale area and an open recruitment would be carried out for a further 3 to 5 other members from the wider community;**
- (d) **no SBC Elected Members would be included in the membership of the Pot B Assessment Panel;**
- (e) **that appointment of members from the wider community to the Pot B Assessment Panel would be delegated to the Service Director Customer & Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership and the Executive Member for Community Development & Localities;**
- (f) **applications to the Pot B Fund would open on 1 October 2021**
- (g) **to approve the scoring matrix, application form and guidance for the Pot A Fund and that this be extended to cover the Pot B Fund.**

11. FUNDING TABLE OVERVIEW

The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Ms Jardine, presented the overview of funds available in Teviot & Liddesdale, highlighting that the Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund had £47,799.26 remaining and that the Build Back a Better Borders would have £30,435.40 should the applications to be considered next on the agenda were approved.

12. BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND APPLICATIONS

The Locality Development Co-ordinator, Ms Jardine, presented the summary of applications to the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund:

(a) Hawick Youth Rugby

An application had been received for £5,553 to support travel costs for the under-15s team to participate in rugby matches within and out-with the Borders and for equipment including match balls, corner flags and a team first aid kit. The application was assessed as medium, noting that the under-15s team provided a new opportunity for young people in the Hawick area, helping to re-engage young people following the postponement of team activity caused by the pandemic.

DECISION

AGREED to award Hawick Youth Rugby the sum of £5,553, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) that the Club would actively promote that the annual could be waived, where deprivation was identified, to ensure that all U15s could participate in the sport; and**
 - (ii) that Hawick Youth Rugby would continue to follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance.**
- (b) Roxburgh & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau**
An application had been received for £4,395.60 to recruit a Citizens Advice Bureau Champion to work across the Teviot & Liddesdale area on a six-month contract to promote volunteering opportunities. It was noted that the Citizens Advice Bureau requested the Champion to cover their full geographic reach and were requesting that costs were shared with Berwickshire, Cheviot and Teviot & Liddesdale Build Back a Better Borders funds. The application was assessed as high as it met a number of fund criteria. The Area Partnership discussed the application noting that a higher bid for funding would have been welcome, noting the impact of the work of Roxburgh & Berwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau and that a further application would be welcomed.

DECISION

AGREED to award Roxburgh & Berwickshire CAB the sum of £4,395.60, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance; and**
 - (ii) the rate of pay given to the Volunteer Co-ordinator must meet the National Living Wage.**
- (c) Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park (on behalf of Twelve Towers of Rule Team)**
An application had been received for £12,566 to commission Archaeology Scotland to undertake an exploratory excavation of the Bedrule Castle site, paying for staff time and volunteer expenses. It was noted that the application was assessed as medium, recognising the ambitions of the project to help regenerate the area by attracting new interest and tourists and also providing learning opportunities for those disadvantaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. It was noted that the applicant still needed to undertake community engagement activity to ensure workshop spaces and open day spaces were filled and volunteers were recruited.

DECISION

AGREED to award the Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park (on behalf of Twelve Towers of Rule Team) the sum of £12,566, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance;**
- (ii) the Group must continue to liaise with SBC's Archaeology Officer for the duration of this project and satisfy any Officer requirements, particularly before (towards a project design for the fieldwork), during and after (for the reporting) of any fieldwork;**
- (iii) the applicant must discuss with SBC ideas for the new information boards and digital/audio-visual interpretation; and**
- (iv) all staff costs must meet the National Living Wage.**

(d) Hornshole Gateway Development Group

An application had been received for £15,000 to fund four Wildlife Watch day workshops for young people and for people living in the Burnfoot area and beyond. It was noted the application was assessed as medium noting that the applicant may need to show flexibility in how the project engaged participants.

DECISION

AGREED to award the Hornshole Gateway Development Group the sum of £15,000, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance;**
- (ii) equipment would be available for use by other Groups; and**
- (iii) all staff costs must meet the National Living Wage.**

(e) Alchemy Film & Arts

An application had been received for £15,000 to fund a project engaging people in creative activities leading to a film resulting from sessions with over 60 young people to be shown at a public event, digitising local archive film footage, and funding equipment and facilities. It was noted that the application was assessed as medium with Alchemy Film & Arts demonstrating an ability to deliver activities on a range of platforms.

DECISION

AGREED to award Alchemy Film & Arts the sum of £15,000, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid19 guidance;**
- (ii) equipment would be available for use by other Groups; and**
- (iii) all staff costs must meet the National Living Wage.**

13. COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUNDING

The Chair advised that the Community Ownership Fund was part of the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund and available for community groups looking to take over community assets which provided a community need and was at risk of being lost to the community. It was stressed that community groups needed to have a well-developed business plan in place, were able to evidence community need, and could match funding. The SBC Communities and Partnerships team was available to support groups interested in applying and information was available via a link in the additional information document circulated with the meeting agenda.

DECISION

NOTED the update.

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NOTING

The Chair highlighted additional information included with the agenda including links to the Area Partnership's information pack and the Community Empowerment Act which were available on the Scottish Borders Council website. Members were reminded that if there were any suggestions for additions to contact the Locality Development Co-ordinator.

DECISION

NOTED.

15. **NEXT AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

- 15.1 It was noted that the next Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership meeting would take place on 16 November 2021. The Chair asked that if anyone wished to propose any items for the agenda to contact one of the Councillors, the Locality Development Co-ordinator, or another member of the Communities & Partnerships Team.
- 15.2 The frequency of meetings was discussed and whether there should be more frequent meetings of the Area Partnership, perhaps some specifically to consider funding applications. It was noted that there may be challenges with capacity in holding additional meetings and this would be considered.
- 15.3 Ms Elborn asked that the availability of Scottish Borders Council resources to support community councils be added as an item on the agenda of the November meeting. This should include consideration of having SBC staff putting information from Community Councils on the SBC website.

DECISION

(a) **NOTED** the update.

(b) **AGREED** to include **SBC resources for Community Councils on the agenda of the November meeting of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership.**

16. **ANY OTHER FORMAL BUSINESS**

No matters were raised.

17. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The future meeting dates of the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership were noted as:

- 16 November 2021
- 25 January 2022
- 22 March 2022
- 21 June 2022

The meeting concluded at 8.25 pm

2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

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	Riddell Fiddles					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-T&L-08					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	asap			Project end date		

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£9,436
Current bank balance	£7,400
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£700
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	<p>£6,700</p> <p>Riddell Fiddles is committed to running a Neurodiverse Band (for young adults with learning disabilities) as well as the mixed age main group workshops on Tuesday nights, two youth bands in Bannerfield and Burnfoot Housing Estates in Selkirk and Hawick respectively as well as a starter group for isolated adults and a multi age ceilidh band.</p> <p>These bands are offered free (to youth groups) or for a minimal subscription. Fundraising/donations have, in the past, made up the shortfall. Riddle Fiddles ability to raise funds has been severely impacted by Covid-19 so the group are using reserves for delivery of activities.</p>

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"/>
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Comment:

Riddell Fiddle plan to start a new weekly after school group in Burnfoot, based at Burnfoot Hub, teaching fiddle and guitar to the P4/5 age group. Before the pandemic, Riddell Fiddles was working towards the establishment of 'Burnfoot Buskers' by running a weekly after school group with space for up to 10 children. Riddell Fiddle would like to restart the after school group but increase the number of children who can attend. Funding would pay for the cost of purchasing more instruments as well as tutor time and venue hire. There will be no cost to children attending the group.

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:

A recent social media post by Burnfoot Hub promoting the project attracted 2,000 hits within four hours. Burnfoot Community School has helped hand out flyers and Burnfoot Hub have a waiting list of children keen to attend. BBBB funding would enable Riddell Fiddles to deliver additional group sessions to support the number of children who have expressed an interest in participating.

Young people and areas of deprivation have been disproportionately affected by Covid-19. The programme is intended to help children recover from the pandemic through their participation in a group activity but also by learning something new.

Rhythm games, fitting words to rhythm and thinking of everyday sounds will be used to help children build confidence and interest in learning to play an instrument. Riddell Fiddles also cite the positive impact learning a musical instrument can have on literacy and numeracy.

An evaluation of the impact the Riddell Fiddles sessions were having on children before the pandemic describes positive responses from both parents, the children and Hub staff.

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 original aim of Riddell Fiddles was to work in an area of multiple deprivation to reach those who may have only minimal music provision already. The impact of the pandemic and subsequent loss of social interaction, education and digital connectivity for some in the Burnfoot area increases the need for opportunities to support children's well-being.

The programme will run for 6 months and at the end, children who are interested will have the opportunity to join existing groups. During the 6 months, it is hoped there will be opportunity for the children to carry out performances locally and busk at Morrisons

supermarket. Riddell Fiddles has been invited to play at the Christmas lights event in Burnfoot at the end of November.

Youth Music Initiative (YMI) works in this area from time to time and Riddell Fiddles and YMI have collaborated on musical projects.

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£6,800
10% organisation contribution	£680
Request to BBBB	£6,120

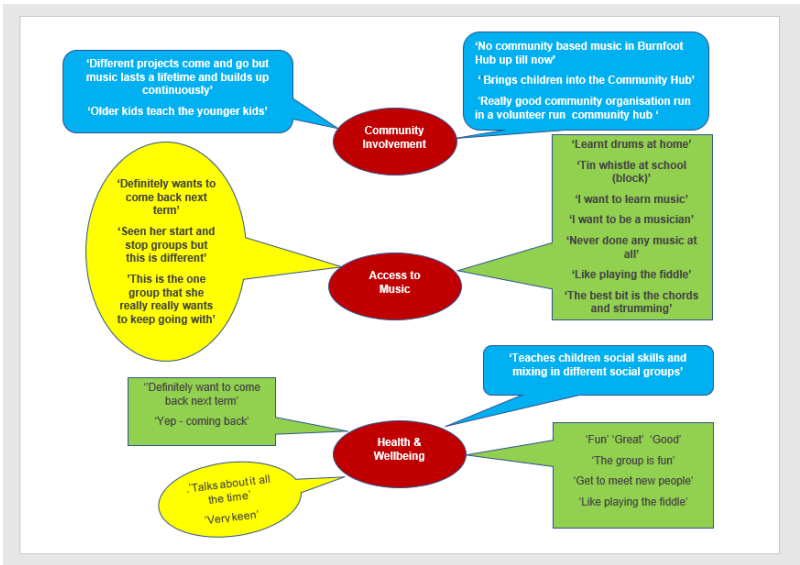
Item of expenditure	Cost
Starter instruments to supplement existing stock	£900
Tutors – 20 x 3hr sessions @ £35 an hour x 2 Tutors + travel/snacks +£20	£5,000
Venue hire (4 groups over 3 hours @ £15 ph) x 20	£900

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
Aug 2020	Covid 19 Recovery	£6,945
Mar 2020	Bannerfield Buskers REMT	£6,000
Sept 2020	Lottery Grant	£6,600
April 2021	Tasgadh	£800
Nov 2020	Robertson Trust	£1,600



SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund
Comments	The application has been assessed as high as the intention is to increase the number of opportunities for children to be involved in a group activity and learn something new. Riddell Fiddles have referenced examples of support for the project and the positive impact they were having in the community before the pandemic.
Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance • Instruments purchased must be available for wider community use
Evaluation requirements	<p>If successful, the applicant will be asked to report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of children and volunteers participating in the programme • The number of sessions delivered and community events attended • Feedback from participants, parents, community members on what impact the programme has had • Next steps for the project

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2. Organisation's Finances

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Current bank balance	£3,534.45
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£1,012.61
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£2,521.84 ULHCC has £650 ring-fenced for the defibrillator project. In addition, they have £750 ring fenced for interpretation boards and £250 ring fenced for the formation of a Community Trust. They also hold £1000 from Scottish Borders Council for Covid Resilience Support

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 **Medium** **Low**

Comment:

ULHCC are requesting funding to purchase and install a defibrillator on the B6357 road adjacent to the resilience shed opposite Larriston Farm. A defibrillator is already installed

on the B6399 road. A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest.

ULHCC believe this additional defibrillator would serve the ageing population who live within a mile of the proposed site.

Construction work to install the defibrillator and cabinet would be undertaken by a local company owned by a member of the Community Council.

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

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

ULHCC are concerned that social isolation and reduced physical activity during lockdown combined with challenges of accessing healthcare appointments increases the risk to people suffering poor health and the need for a defibrillator in this area.

ULHCC are anticipating increased footfall in the area as people become more confident to be out and about combined with planned improvements to local pathways and the installation of information boards promoting the area.

A solar panel would be installed on the roof of the resilience shed and batteries inside the shed to provide the necessary power. The defibrillator will be in an insulated enclosure adjacent to the resilience shed.

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

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

UHLCC believe the provision of a defibrillator will increase the chance of recovery should someone suffer a heart attack.

British Heart Foundation states that: 'for every minute someone is in cardiac arrest without CPR and access to a defibrillator, their chances of survival drops by up to 10%. Having a public access defibrillator (PAD) available in an emergency can be life-saving, especially in rural areas where ambulance response times may be longer.'

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£2,624
10% organisation contribution	£650
Request to BBBB	£1,974

Item of expenditure	Cost
Defibrillator	£1,140
Outdoors GRP cabinet for the defibrillator	£516
Deep discharge 12 volt battery to keep defibrillator warm in winter	£536
Two solar panels to charge the battery	£150
Change controller, heating pads and other incidentals	£216

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
2021/22	Community Council Grant	£505.20
2020/21	Community Council Grant	£659.14
2019/20	Community Council Grant	£659.14

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	<p>The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund</p> <p>The application has been assessed as medium. The installation of a defibrillator provides a rural community with a resource which will improve the changes of someone surviving a cardiac arrest and may save a life.</p> <p>ULHCC have still to outline how the cabinet and defibrillator will be maintained to prolong its lifespan. Training / awareness raising sessions so community members feel confident to use the defibrillator in an emergency may be helpful.</p>
Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance A plan must be put in place for the maintenance of the defibrillator and cabinet
Evaluation	<p>If successful, we would ask the group to report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion within the community to raise awareness of where the defibrillator is located Feedback from the community

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2021/2022 BUILD BACK A BETTER BORDERS RECOVERY FUND

Assessment Form

For the purpose of assessment, projects have been ranked high, medium or low to reflect how strongly the application meets the criteria of the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund.

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	Wilton Park and Hawick Tennis Club (WPHTC)					
Organisation structure	Constituted Group					
Application reference	BBBB-T&L					
Theme of application	Sport	Arts & culture	Environment	Community capacity	Community resilience	Intergenerational activity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project start date	March/April 2022			Project end date	May 2022	

2. Organisation's Finances

End of year balance	£16,501
Current bank balance	£15,325
Total cash/Unrestricted reserves available & purpose	£7,501
	£4,501 funds will be required for hall hire in the winter, annual light maintenance contract, purchasing equipment and general maintenance. Due to the pandemic there has been limited opportunity for the club to fundraise during the previous 18 months to build up funds for running costs of this year.
Total restricted /committed funds & purpose	£9,000 For replacement of courts/painting

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"/>
WPHTC plan to deliver several new initiatives to encourage more people to access tennis. Several free taster sessions will be delivered for key groups including disability sessions,		

tots, children, beginners and 60+ as well as cardio tennis. Sessions will vary from 1 – 3 hours each and be delivered by 2 coaches over the month of May. Following on from the free taster sessions, a 6 week block of 1hour sessions would be delivered to these groups for free during April - May. The programme will finish with an organised competition for families, adults and ladies during May.

Up to 16 individuals can attend each taster session. The taster sessions for juniors will be split in to their age groups for one hour sessions therefore the 2 x 3 hour taster sessions will include 6 x 1 hour sessions. This will effectively accommodate 48 children in each of the 2 x 3 hour sessions (with the use of assistants).

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"/>
<p>The plan is to engage with organisations such as Borders Disability groups, Guiding groups, community groups and schools to promote this opportunity. In the past WPHTC has worked with several groups, including the High School, Active Schools, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, youth groups and Borders Disability Group. Taster sessions were planned before Covid-19 but had to be postponed so the club would like to deliver these sessions next year instead. WPHTC has identified an interest for taster sessions amongst different community groups and from conversations with parents at the club an interest in beginner tennis sessions and social tournaments has developed.</p> <p>During the pandemic people had limited or no access to play centres or sports which reduced the amount of daily exercise people were taking and limited social interactions. This planned programme will provide an accessible sporting activity free of charge and the club is deliberately encouraging those who may find accessing sporting opportunities more difficult.</p>		

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"/>
<p>WPHTC aim to help children develop skills through play based activities in a fun and safe outdoor environment. They also hope the offer of free taster sessions will encourage people to try a new sport or to get back in to tennis after time away from the game, to meet new people. There is a commitment in the club to make tennis diverse and inclusive to encourage more people to play tennis in a manner that is safe, inclusive and fair.</p> <p>Currently there are 21 group memberships which is made up of 58 members. The club's aim to double their membership to 120 members and introduce a junior membership for a low cost.</p>		

4. Project Expenditure:

Total Project Cost	£4,711
10% organisation contribution	£471
Request to BBBB	£4,240

Item of expenditure	Cost
Session costs (coaches and assistants)	£2,040
Junior equipment and balls	£999
Marketing and advertising	£500

Incidentals – refreshments for sessions, Covid protection etc	£200
Hire of portaloo – 6 weeks	£972

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
July 2021	Youth Borders	£300
2020	Covid Grant	£10,000
2020	Hawick Community Council – Taster sessions	£500

SBC OFFICER ASSESSMENT	
Comments	The application meets the criteria of the BBBB fund The application is assessed as high as the club are looking to extend the opportunity for different community groups to try tennis for the first time or return to tennis following the pandemic. The proposals are inclusive and remove barriers to participation.
Additional terms and conditions required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must follow Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance Equipment must be available for wider community use
Evaluation	<p>If successful, the applicant will be asked to provide information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of sessions delivered and participants who attended Evaluation from participants, volunteers, coaches Membership numbers

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Agenda Item 10a: Additional Information

Current consultations

- [Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Early Engagement Survey - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

The Local Housing Strategy (LHS) will set out how Scottish Borders Council and its partners plan to address the housing and housing related opportunities and challenges over the five year period 2023 – 2028. This new plan will build on the significant progress made on the issues identified in the [LHS 2017-2022](#) and will address newly arising housing matters particularly in response to the publication of new [LHS Guidance, Housing to 2040](#) and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Closes 30 Nov 2021

- [Teviot & Liddesdale Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel - volunteer application form - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

If you would like to apply to join the Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel to make recommendations on funding applications, apply here

Closes 14th November

- Alcohol Byelaws

During 2019 SBC carried out a consultation asking whether people felt the consumption of alcohol in public places was causing a problem. As a result of the responses submitted and consideration by Councillors, SBC will now consult in Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick and Peebles to ask how people in these towns would feel about a byelaw that would ban the consumption of alcohol in their town. SBC welcomes suggestions from community groups, organisations and individuals on how the consultation could be carried out in these four towns. Contact the Communities & Partnership team with your suggestions:

communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk

Community Empowerment:

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Teviot & Liddesdale area. Two community based organisations have expressed interest in progressing asset transfers on land and buildings in the T&L area.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Assistance Hub update

Community Partners are working towards the production of a Keep Well this Winter guide which will be added to the Red Cross's calendar of activities and promoted to residents of Teviot & Liddesdale. Information will focus on how to reduce energy consumption in the home as well as low cost meals and general advice on staying safe and staying well this winter. This is in response to concerns over the increased cost of food and energy supplies as well as concerns about social isolation during the winter months.

Area Partnerships' information pack:

[Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

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

Community Councils:

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

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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/>

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk)

[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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Item 10b - Teviot & Liddesdale Funding 2021/2022

16 November 2021

Community Fund 2021/2022		
	£	
Opening balance as of 01/04/2021 (£276k split per head of population)	£ 42,938.00	
PLUS 50% of available Local Festival Grant budget	£ 6,275.00	
MINUS projects awarded funding before the introduction of Pot A & Pot B	£ 1,413.74	
Total available	£ 47,799.26	
Less:	Pot A	Pot B
Community Fund applications awarded since 01/10/2021	£ -	£ -
Community Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ -	£ -
Sub-total	£ -	£ -
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 23,899.63	£ 23,899.63

Community Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 23,899.63	£ 23,899.63

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.)	£ 98,003.00	
Total available	£ 98,003.00	
Less:		
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications awarded since 01/06/2021	£ 67,567.60	
Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 27,334.00	
Sub-total	£ 94,901.60	
Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful	£ 3,101.40	

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund applications still to be assessed	£ -
Potential Overall Position	£ 3,101.40

Summary of all applications						
No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Project	Status
1	18/02/21	Community Fund	Newcastleton Community Council	£ 1,413.74	CCTV (£16k came from 20/21 fund)	Awarded
2	04/06/21	BBBB Fund	Hawick Youth Rugby	£ 5,550.00	Youth rugby travel & equipment	Awarded
3	15/06/21	BBBB Fund	Roxburgh & Berwickshire C.A.B.	£ 4,395.60	Staff costs	Awarded
4	24/06/21	BBBB Fund	One Step Borders	£ 585.00	Staff costs for Volunteer Co-ordinator	Awarded
5	07/07/21	BBBB Fund	Future Hawick	£ 14,471.00	Hawick Cycling Festival	Awarded
6	22/07/21	BBBB Fund	Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park	£ 12,566.00	Bedrule Heritage Project	Awarded
7	30/07/21	BBBB Fund	Hornshole Greenway Development Group	£ 15,000.00	Professional fees, training, equipment & venue hire	Awarded
8	16/08/21	BBBB Fund	Alchemy Film & Arts	£ 15,000.00	'Communities on Film' project costs	Awarded
9	20/09/21	BBBB Fund	Riddell Fiddles	£ 6,120.00	Free tutor sessions & instruments	Assessed
10	17/10/21	BBBB Fund	Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage CC	£ 1,974.00	Defibrillator & equipment	Assessed
11	19/10/21	BBBB Fund	Wilton Park & Hawick Tennis Club	£ 4,240.00	Taster sessions	Assessed
12	25/10/21	BBBB Fund	Burnfoot Community Future	£ 15,000.00	Wellbeing services	Assessed
Total				£ 96,315.34		

Other sources of grant funding - Teviot & Liddesdale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 6,275.00	£ 4,650.00	£ 1,625.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 6,370.00	£ 3,905.20	£ 2,464.80
SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Hermitage	£ 17,350.00	£ 13,266.70	£ 4,083.30
SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Denholm	£ 17,350.00	£ 13,895.10	£ 3,454.90
Common Good - Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage	£ 52,000.00	£ 39,927.00	£ 12,073.00
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 1,974.13	£ -	£ 1,974.13
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 2,069.99	£ 400.00	£ 1,669.99
Totals	£ 103,389.12	£ 76,044.00	£ 27,345.12

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Teviot & Liddesdale Area
16 Nov 2021

10 c. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Update

Our Economy, Skills and Learning

We will assess the Provision of youth programmes which will promote better citizenship whilst potentially improving opportunities for the employment of our young people.

Work to reduce the impact of unwanted fire alarm signals on local businesses, retail outlets and educational establishments.

Our Health, Care and Wellbeing

We will provide a range of prevention advice and measures through holistic home safety visits with the aim of keeping people safe in their homes.

We will work with partner agencies to identify people in need throughout our communities.

We will explore opportunities to work closer with our Health and Social care colleagues in order to reach those most vulnerable in our communities whilst contributing to longer term health outcomes.

Our Quality of Life

In partnership with Police Scotland and other partners, we will prioritise the reduction of anti-social related Deliberate Fire Setting (excluding Dwellings) through a range of prevention, intervention and diversionary activities.

We will work with partner agencies to identify and address instances of domestic abuse.

We will reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads by continuing in active participation as a member of the Scottish Borders Road Safety Working Group.

We will contribute to prevention initiatives such as Police Scotland's Drivewise project and continue our "make it or break it" programme that highlights the consequences of RTC's to new and potential young drivers.

Our Place

We will work with partner agencies to identify people in our community living in fuel poverty.

We will reduce the impact of unwanted fire alarm signals and associated appliance movements on local road networks.

We will support local residents in living independently by providing safety advice.

Service delivery

Hawick Community Fire Station, forming part of the **specialised water rescue** resources serving Scotland, have recently received a **new and improved rescue boat**. The new craft is larger, more manoeuvrable and will enhance the capability of this well-established rescue resource. Our 'sister' station at Galashiels have also received their new craft, and we work closely along with these colleagues to respond to 'borders' incidents and further afield where required. On the staffing front, we have welcomed 2 new members of staff within October. These trainees will complete a 3 year development period before being deemed competent Firefighters. 3 Hawick staff have also recently passed the Crew Commander process, and will now move to the first stage of management within SFRS.

Flood First Responder training has been provided to the staff at Newcastleton Retained Station. This enhanced water based training provides them with the knowledge, understanding and specialist equipment to allow them to work safely within low level flood water- the exact conditions which have been experienced over the past 2 years within the village. The aforementioned water rescue teams at Hawick and Galashiels will work alongside flood first responders to provide a first class response to water based incidents.

Partnership Working

Our Community Action Team within the Scottish Borders core work centres on the on-going delivery of the SFRS **Home Fire Safety Visit** policy. The team continues to expand its partnership working in order to focus on members of local communities at high risk from fire, helping to reduce overall numbers of accidental dwelling fires.

Covid19 restrictions prevented SFRS involvement in the home fire safety visit programme, but we have recently re-engaged the process and are ensuring the continued safety of our communities with their homes.

Command Officers within the Scottish Borders continue to attend the **Safety Advisory Group** meetings to ensure SFRS assist in the production of appropriate operational plans for special events taking place in the Scottish Borders. Recent events included the Tour of Britain (stage 7) and the Tour o The Borders.

Prevention and Protection

Activity which is ongoing within our area;

Our **Fire Safety Enforcement Officers** are continuing with routine audits, ensuring properties are safe and Fire Safety legislation is being complied with.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing false alarms. We continue to provide advice on how to reduce reoccurrence.

Water Awareness events have been actioned throughout Scotland following the increase in open water swimming due to the high summer temperatures. Tragically, the increased numbers in our rivers and lochs produced a number of fatalities. Water rescue operational teams from Hawick & Galashiels, supported by our Prevention & Protection colleagues and local Councillors, held a water safety event in Kelso (August) which was well received. The event highlighted the dangers posed by our local waterways, but also showcased the specialist rescue options we are lucky to have positioned, locally. As detailed above, **Flood First Responder** training has been provided to the staff at Newcastleton Retained Station.

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Any questions on this brief please email– russell.bell2@firescotland.gov.uk

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