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**Teviot & Liddesdale**  
Area Partnership

**Our Scottish Borders**  
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## Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 November 2022  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Location:** The Assembly Hall, Hawick High School, Buccleuch Road, Hawick

Please note this is a physical meeting of the Area Partnership and the meeting will not therefore be livestreamed or recorded and there is no option to join online.

## AGENDA

1.	<b>Welcome and Meeting Protocols</b>
2.	<b>Feedback from Meeting of 13 September 2022</b> (Pages 3 - 6) Consider Minute of the Meeting held on 13 September 2022 for approval and signature by the Chair. (Copy attached.)
<b>Section 1: Service and Partner Updates and Consultations</b>	
3.	<b>Place Making</b> Update from community members on activity in Teviot and Liddesdale.
4.	<b>SBC Education Nurture Policy</b> Overview from Carolyn Didcock, SBC Quality Improvement Officer.
5.	<b>Coast to Coast Cycle Route</b> Catherine Francis, South of Scotland Enterprise.
<b>Section 2: Community Empowerment and Community Funding</b>	
6.	<b>Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table 2022-23</b> (Pages 7 - 10) Overview from SBC Communities and Partnership Team. (Copy attached.)
7.	<b>Neighbourhood Support Fund</b>
	(a) <b>Pot A Fund</b> (Pages 11 - 14) Hawick Community Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3rd Hawick Rainbows</li><li>• Hawick Reivers Association</li></ul> Newcastleton and District Community Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newcastleton and District Community Trust</li></ul>
	(b) <b>Pot B Fund</b> (Pages 15 - 18)

- Borders Green Team Initiative
- Hawick Reivers Association
- HDS Red Squirrel Network

### Section 3: Local Priorities

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| 8. | <p><b>Community Council update</b><br/>Sharing good practice and current activity from across Teviot and Liddesdale.</p> |
| 9. | <p><b>Cost of Living update</b><br/>SBC Communities and Partnership Team.</p>  |

### Section 4: Other

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| 10. | <p><b>Additional Information Document</b> (Pages 19 - 24)</p>   |
| 11. | <p><b>Date of next meeting</b><br/>The next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership will be held on Tuesday 21 February 2023.</p> |
| 12. | <p><b>Any other business</b></p>  |
| 13. | <p><b>Meeting evaluation</b></p>  |

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

MINUTES of Meeting of the TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP held in Lesser Hall, Hawick Town Hall, Hawick on Tuesday, 13 September 2022 at 6.00 pm

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Present:- Councillors C. Ramage (Chair), N. Richards and A. Smart.

Other organisations attendees: Ms H. Batsch (The Bridge), Mr S. Beck, Mr W. Fletcher (Burnfoot CC); Mr C. Knox, Mr J. Adams, Mr J. Campbell, Mr W. George and Mr E. Welsh (Hawick CC), Mr R. Swinton (Hobkirk CC), Mr D. Ploughman (Denholm CC), Mr A. Warburton (Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage CC).

Apologies:- Councillors J. Cox, S. Marshall and W. McAteer.

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G. Jardine), Community Engagement Officer (S. McKail), Projects Manager (S. Renwick), Democratic Services Officer (W. Mohieddeen).

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair began the meeting with a minute's silence to commemorate the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chair varied the order of business as shown on the agenda and the Minute reflects the order in which the items were considered at the meeting.

**1. WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and to Hawick Town Hall.

**2. FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 21 JUNE 2022**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 21 June 2022. The Chair provided feedback on the meeting and advised that an update was anticipated from Neighbourhood Services regarding community councils arranging for weeding and grass cutting, that feedback was received on their being more attendance from representatives of the third sector to Area Partnership meetings and that Burnfoot Community Council was consulting on ideas for their remembrance garden.

**3. PLACE MAKING UPDATE**

3.1 The Chair introduced the update on Place Making and brought to the attention of attendees of work undertaken in Hawick on the Vision 2024 project undertaken in 2014. The project involved all schools in the Teviot and Liddesdale Learning Community and was managed by key staff from all Hawick nursery, primary schools, the secondary school as well as from the community. The project was designed to inspire young people to think about contributions to the excellence of their local community. The project took place over four years leading to 2014 with a different theme on each year; arts, sport, industry, and heritage. A graphic facilitator was obtained by Cllr Ramage while working at Hawick High School in 2008 who

listened to pupils discuss what they liked, didn't like and wanted to see happen in the town. The Graphic Facilitator produced a mural based on these discussions which was presented for the Area Partnership to reflect on as part of considerations on Place Making.

- 3.2 The Community Engagement Officer advised that five expressions of interest had been obtained and there had been interest raised in other communities. The consultation for Southdean closed on Saturday 10 September 2022 and approximately 50 responses had been obtained which were to be analysed. The Community Co-ordinator advised that framework for Place Planning was being prepared with funding to be made available which was intended to support community engagement activities. Attendees considered the work of SCDC in relation to Place Planning and potential overlap in community development work. It was advised that SCDC were not funded to do Place Plans and that they worked to facilitate community networks.
- 3.3 The Community Engagement Officer led attendees in table discussions using the Place Planning toolkit.
- 3.4 At the conclusion of discussions of the Place Planning toolkits, the Chair thanked pupil representatives of Hawick High School for attending the meeting of the Area Partnership for participating in the table discussions.

#### 4. **ALMSTRONG'S REDEVELOPMENT**

The Chair introduced Steven Renwick, SBC Projects Manager to present an update on works related to the Hawick Business Centre at the site of the Almstrong's building. Mr Renwick advised that he was responsible for larger-scale projects, which included the Hawick Business Centre, flood prevention scheme, new Hawick High School and the Sustrans way. Mr Renwick advised that Scottish Borders Council bought and demolished the Almstrong's building in 2008 and that the Covid-19 pandemic had interrupted works. Works were due to finish in May 2023 and that the redevelopment would see small and medium-sized businesses working alongside each other. It was initially considered to have cellular business, however it had since been decided to have the business space open-planned. The Hawick Business Centre would also be open for community use. Mr Renwick further advised that the Hawick Business Centre would be a community facility owned by SBC and might fit alongside Place Making work. Expressions of interest had not yet been received, and that promotion of the space could include photographs and a fly-through animation of the available space.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

#### 5. **TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE FUNDING TABLE 2022-23**

There had been circulated copies of the Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table which showed available funding for funds in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. The Neighbourhood Support Fund had £87,826.02 available. The funding table showed that if all applications to the Neighbourhood Support Fund at the meeting were successful, there would be funds of £41,597.34 remaining however the Community Co-ordinator advised that the Roxburghshire and Berwickshire Citizen's Advice Bureau had withdrawn their application following their unsuccessful application to the Berwickshire Neighbourhood Support Fund.

#### 6. **NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND – POT A FUND HAWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

There had been circulated copies of a report by the Hawick Community Council Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot A Assessment Panel which detailed recommendations for two applications for funding. Mr Cameron Knox of Hawick Community Council presented the report. A Fast Track application was received from Future Hawick which the panel agreed to recommend not to fund as accounts provided indicated that Future Hawick could afford the

costs, there was no specific breakdown for what the application would cover and that the application lacked detail. An application was received from Hawick Youth Football Club for £3,280 which was recommended for approval by the panel.

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED to grant Hawick Youth Football Club an award of £3,280.**

#### **7. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND – POT B FUND**

There had been circulated copies of a report from the Teviot and Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot B Assessment Panel which detailed recommendations for five applications for funding. The Assessment Panel recommended that ArtBeat Studios be awarded a grant of £4,240 and wished to add that the £10 participant charge may be seen as a barrier to participation and service user numbers at ArtBeat Studios should be monitored and that the organisation should consider their charging policy and whether discounted facilities could be provided. It was advised that Roxburghshire and Berwickshire Citizens' Advice Bureau had withdrawn their application. Mr Ploughman advised that a detailed discussion had taken place regarding the application from Campaign for Borders Rail however a majority decision was taken to approve the application as the Campaign for Border Rail study may provide an additional opportunity to involve communities and to promote the potential benefits of a railway.

#### **DECISION**

##### **AGREED:**

- (a) To award Stable Life the sum of £5,000;**
- (b) To award Burnfoot Community Futures the sum £4,960;**
- (c) To award ArtBeat Studios the sum of £4,240; and,**
- (d) To award Campaign for Borders Rail the sum of £2,600.**

#### **8. COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

8.1 The Chair invited representatives from community councils to share updates on activities in their area and use the opportunity at Area Partnership meetings to share best practice.

##### **8.2 Burnfoot Community Council**

Mr William Fletcher, Chair of Burnfoot Community Council, advised that arrangements for a remembrance garden were progressing, that a carnival was held on 9 July 2022 with attendees from across Hawick, and that arrangements were taking place in advance of events of marking Christmas.

##### **8.3 Hawick Community Council**

Mr Cameron Knox, Chair of Hawick Community Council advised that a programme of events at Wilton Lodge Park bandstand had successfully taken place through August 2022, grant funding had been awarded for the 176th anniversary of a speech being delivered in Hawick by Frederick Douglass which included the funding of education packs for Hawick schoolchildren and that events were being prepared for events in advance of Christmas.

##### **8.4 Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Community Council**

Mr Andrew Warburton of Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Community Council, advised that discussions were taking place with the Duke of Buccleuch regarding the use of local land to be established as a park.

#### **9. COST OF LIVING**

The Chair invited the Community Co-ordinator to lead a discussion with attendees on the Scottish Borders Council planning and response on issues related to the rising cost of living. With regards to enquiries about support for businesses to access information, the Community Co-ordinator advised that a first meeting of Strategic Response which would handle that particular question had taken place. Attendees advised that consideration should be given to how information from Scottish Borders Council on support available related to the rising cost of living was reached by vulnerable people living alone. Suggestions were made including the role of pharmacies and Fareshare may have by enclosing SBC information with their deliveries to customers. Neighbours were encouraged to check on the welfare of vulnerable people.

10. **NEXT MEETING OF THE TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP**

The Chair advised that information regarding the next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership would follow in due course.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Andrew Warburton of Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Community Council commented on his positive experience with community involvement in Teviot and Liddesdale.

12. **MEETING EVALUATION**

The Chair encouraged attendees to complete meeting evaluation forms.

*The meeting concluded at 7.40 pm.*

**Teviot & Liddesdale Fu**

02 November

<b>Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2022/23</b>	
	<b>£</b>
Opening balance as of 01/04/2022	£ 74,039.56
<b>Plus</b> Community Fund (Pot A) Underspend 2021/22	£ 11,081.20
<b>Plus</b> Community Fund (Pot B) Underspend 2021/22	£ 709.24
<b>Plus</b> Local Festival Grant Underspend 2021/22	£ 1,625.00
<b>Plus</b> BBBB Recovery Fund Underspend 2021/22	£ 371.02
<b>Total available</b>	<b>£ 87,826.02</b>
<b>Less:</b>	
NSF applications awarded since 01/04/2022	£ 40,728.68
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 21,991.00
Sub-total	£ 62,719.68
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 25,106.34</b>
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 25,106.34</b>

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	14/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Community Council	£ 2,916.25
2	21/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Council	£ 7,566.50
3	15/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Southdean Village hall	£ 3,685.93
4	21/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Council	£ 5,000.00
5	21/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Archaeological Society	£ 500.00
6	20/06/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Girlguiding	£ 536.00
7	15/07/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 480.00
8	26/07/2022	N'Hood Support	Campaign for Borders Railway	£ 2,600.00
9	29/07/2022	N'Hood Support	ArtBeat Sudios	£ 4,240.00
10	29/07/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Youth Football Club	£ 3,280.00
11	31/07/22	N'Hood Support	Future Hawick	£ 500.00
12	01/08/22	N'Hood Support	Stable Life	£ 5,000.00
13	09/08/22	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 4,960.00
14	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 5,000.00
15	06/10/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick,Selkirk,Denholm Red Squirrel Net	£ 3,371.00

<b>16</b>	06/10/22	N'Hood Support	Borders Green Team	£	5,000.00
<b>17</b>	07/10/22	N'Hood Support	NDCT	£	3,340.00
<b>18</b>	09/10/22	N'Hood Support	3rd Hawick Rainbows	£	1,500.00
<b>19</b>	09/10/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Reivers Association	£	3,780.00
<b>20</b>	09/10/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Reivers Association	£	5,000.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 68,255.68</b>



## Funding 2022/23

for 2022

Other sources of grant funding - Teviot & Liddesdale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Grants	£ 12,550.00	£ 12,050.00	£ 500.00
Grants (Community Councils)	£ 6,370.00	£ 3,940.00	£ 2,430.00
Grants - Hawick & Hermitage	£ 34,700.00	£ 15,313.62	£ 19,386.38
Grants - Hawick & Denholm	£ 34,700.00	£ 23,354.00	£ 11,346.00
Grants - Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage	£ 46,000.00	£ 5,682.00	£ 40,318.00
Grants Trust	£ 2,382.54	£ 2,382.54	£ -
Grants	£ 2,502.39	£ -	£ 2,502.39
	<b>£ 139,204.93</b>	<b>£ 62,722.16</b>	<b>£ 76,482.77</b>

Applications				
Pot	Project			Status
Pot A	Willistruther path			Awarded
Pot A	Wilton cemetery			Awarded
Pot A	Southdean heating			Awarded
Pot B	Wilton cemetery			Awarded
Pot B	Audio equipment			Awarded
Pot A	Safari Park Trip			Awarded
Pot A	Spittal Trip			Awarded
Pot B	Borders Rail Survey			Awarded
Pot B	Art Workshops			Awarded
Pot A	Season 22-23 admission to South East league			Awarded
Pot A	Hawick Festival of Wellbeing			Unsuccessful
Pot B	Contribution to core costs			Awarded
Pot B	Activities plan			Awarded
Pot B	Cost of living project			Withdrawn
Pot B	Conservation Project			Assessed

Pot B	Staff costs	Assessed
Pot A	Cost of living project	Assessed
Pot A	Trip	Assessed
Pot A	Festival costs	Assessed
Pot B	Festival costs	Assessed

**Scottish Borders Council**  
**Teviot & Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund**  
**Hawick Community Council Pot A Assessment Panel**

Minutes of meeting of Hawick Community Council Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot A Assessment Panel held at Future Hawick Offices on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present: Marion Short (Chair), Cameron Knox, Katherine Scoular and Alistair Cook

Apologies: None

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hawick Rainbows**

An application from 3<sup>rd</sup> Hawick Rainbows requesting £1500 towards the cost of taking girls for a pack holiday to Craighope Outdoor Centre in May 2023 was considered including travel, meals, accommodation and activities.

The Panel considered this was a very worthwhile application and noted that other fund raising was in place and particularly noted it was appropriate as the facility was there for all and not only those who could individually afford the event

DECISION NOTED that: It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £1500 to 3<sup>rd</sup> Hawick Rainbows and there were no conditions attached

**Hawick Reivers Association**

An application from Hawick Reivers Association requesting £3780 towards the cost of the Reivers annual event in March 2023, which is the Association's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Panel considered this application and noted that other fund raising was in place and that costs for the event were on a one-off basis due to it being their anniversary and wanting to maximise the event over a weekend as opposed to a shorter normal time-scale.

DECISION NOTED that: It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £3780.00 to Hawick Reivers Association and there were no conditions attached

However, Panel members expressed some comments as undernoted –

This event definitely brings additional revenue and income to the community particularly in respect of accommodation/catering and they should be congratulated on the work they undertake

There is a lot of public support for the event and participation especially with the market and the fireworks display

However, some of the other entertainments such as the Banquet, Afternoon Tea and the Ghost Walk had not been seen as well supported and it was debated that this could be as a result of post covid

and the change as to how people live with no longer going out to events and also of course the lack of money

An interesting point was made that perhaps the time is now right to have new sources of entertainment within the Reivers Festival and that might encourage people to re-engage with the event

Marion Short

Chair

19 October 2022

### **Hawick Pot A overspend**

The Chair of Hawick Pot A was recently made aware that the value of the two Hawick Pot A applications is £462.90 in excess of the funds available in Hawick Pot A. Panel B members have been approached by the Chair of Pot A to ask if they would give consideration to the shortfall being funded from Pot B. Support was expressed from the panel members for Pot B providing £462.90 to Pot A. Panel B members consider this to be a one off event and would not like to set precedent.

The Area Partnership is asked to consider whether they support the recommendation to fund Hawick Pot A's shortfall with funding from Pot B.

### **Teviot & Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund**

#### **Newcastleton and District Community Council Pot A Assessment Panel**

The discussion was held as part of the Newcastleton and District Community Council meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Present: Iain Crosbie (Chair), Jim Lewis, Rob Irwin, Ian Nichol, Cllr Annette Smart, 2 members of public.

All councillors were in total agreement to support the project for the full amount applied for.

The Chair shared that funding for some of the project may be available from another source. It was unanimously agreed to recommend the project for funding through the Neighbourhood Support Fund, either for the full amount, or for the balance required if some funds could be sourced elsewhere.

**DECISION: After due consideration it was agreed to recommend the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £3,340.00 funding for the Copshaw Warmer Winters project.**

Iain Crosbie

Chair

11 October 2022

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## Scottish Borders Council

### Scottish Borders Council Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot B Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of Teviotdale & Liddesdale Fund Pot B Assessment Panel held by Teams meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 5.00 pm

Present: Marion Short (Chair), Duncan Taylor, Billy Fletcher, Dale Ploughman

In attendance: Gillian Jardine (SBC) and Scott McKail (SBC)

Note – Two other members of the Panel, namely Philip Kerr and Iain Crosbie submitted their views by email to SBC and these were incorporated with those attending the actual meeting

#### **Hawick, Selkirk and Denholm Red Squirrel Network**

An application from Hawick, Selkirk & Denholm Red Squirrel Network requesting £3745 towards expanding and administering the volunteer survey. The amount they requested included many items – insurance, printing, feed/bait, paper/ink, leaflets, stamps, venue hire, meetings, event participation, mileage costs. They cover the area from Galashiels to the Scotland/England border

They state they will carry out fundraising for the project long term but do not specify what the fundraising would be. This particular application is relevant for the period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023.

The panel was advised by SBC that the primary reason for this application was that national funding previously enjoyed has now been withdrawn

DECISION NOTED that: It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £3371 to Hawick, Selkirk & Denholm Red Squirrel Network, which represents a shortfall of £374 from their total as it was felt based on a pro rata approach 10% should be deducted and that they should apply to the Eildon Partnership for any work in the Selkirk area, representing this 10%, on a separate basis.

There were no conditions attached apart from this reduction in payment, however Panel members expressed some comments –

It was considered that the Group should be advised that they should increase their own fund raising as is the normal practice for many other groups and organisations

Should they wish to submit any similar claim in the future it was recommended that they should keep logs of mileage as it was noted that this element was the largest amount specified within their application and there was no specific evidence to corroborate their figures

### **Hawick Reivers Association**

An application from Hawick Reivers Association requesting £5000 towards the cost of the Reivers annual event in March 2023, which is the Association's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Panel considered this application and noted that other fund raising was in place and that costs for the event were on a one-off basis due to it being their anniversary and wanting to maximise the event over a weekend as opposed to a shorter normal time-scale.

DECISION NOTED that: It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £5000.00 to Hawick Reivers Association and there were no conditions attached

However, Panel members expressed some favourable comments as undernoted –

This event definitely brings additional revenue and income to the community particularly in respect of accommodation/catering and they should be congratulated on the work they undertake

There is a lot of public support for the event and participation especially with the market and the fireworks display

It was noted that as this was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Group and incorporating increased expenditure, it was unlikely that applications to both Pot B and/or Pot A would be for the same high monetary value again

Note – for Elected Members – discussion was held again on the suitability of the Hawick Reivers Festival being accredited “Festival Status” by Scottish Borders Council, similarly to local Common Ridings and the Borders Book festival for example and that Councillors should re-address this issue with SBC as some priority

Marion Short

Chair

26 October 2022

### **Borders Green Team Enterprise**

An application from the Borders Green Team Enterprises requesting £5000 towards the provision of additional staffing during the winter period was considered

There were queries raised by the Panel in respect of the content of the application and SBC undertook to contact the organisation with a view to clarifying these queries relating to what they were actually wishing to fund and perhaps would be better suited to a different project. However, as at 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 no contact could be made

On that basis enquiries are still continuing and it may be that as Chair I will advise of the outcome at the Area Partnership meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November



DECISION NOTED that: It was agreed that whilst the Panel supported this application in principle it was decided to categorise the application as pending in view of these ongoing enquiries and that a final decision would be advised at a later date

The Panel felt it should be noted that this organisation plays a meaningful part in the community relative to providing pre-employment training for individuals with physical and learning difficulties. They undertake a wide range of garden maintenance services, including grass cutting, shed building, path laying and other hard landscape jobs

Marion Short

Chair

2 November 2022

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## **Additional Information**

### **Current consultations**

#### **Place Making and Community Engagement Sign Up**

The way we are engaging with our residents is changing - and we want you to have your say

Place making is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

Sign up to receive updates from Scottish Borders Council on community engagement events in your areas, to find out about active consultations, funding opportunities, and who to contact when you have an amazing idea to benefit your neighbourhood.

[Have Your Say - Place making and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

#### **Private Landlord Survey 2022**

This survey aims to collect the views of private landlords across a number of topics such as repairs, rental practices and tenant relations.

The survey will help us to gain a better understanding of the private rented sector, your needs as landlords and help us to identify any areas where we can provide more support or support that is better suited to the needs of local landlords.

The results from the survey will also feed into the next Local Housing Strategy.

Survey closes 18 November 2022

[Private Landlord Survey 2022 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

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#### **Food Conversation/ Financial Inclusion Fund**

The next meeting of the Food Conversation group takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 10am via Teams. Please email [communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk) if you would like to join the meeting. The meeting will continue the discussions and planning for responding to the impact the cost of living crisis is having on food access as well as longer term strategies to support food growing and food access.

## **Community Orchard/ Burnfoot Grows Together**

The proposed community Orchard will sit next to Burnfoot Community School in the heart of the community. The project is being delivered by a number of key partners including Hornshole Greenway project, Scottish Borders Council, Abundant Borders, Burnfoot Community School, CLD, and Burnfoot Community hub.

At its core this is a growing project which will allow hands on experience for local people, with a particular focus on Primary age children and their families, as part of Hornshole Greenway's Eco education program.

The Orchard will have Apple, Pear and Plum trees planted as well as wild flowers to attract pollinator insects. Local families can adopt a tree and using the projects Apple press, will see the direct fruits of their labour and care. The aim is to engage and educate in growing but also to create an enhanced green space for the community.

Although significant engagement has already taken place, including the children from the local school designing a sign for the orchard, and a recent visit from BBC to film various activities, planting is planned in the coming months.

## **Burnfoot Employment hub – Proposal**

The proposal is to offer employment support in Burnfoot Community Futures in the shape of a partnership hub as a pilot. The support is being delivered primarily by partners, including – SDS, SBC, DWP, NHS and the hub itself. Partners will aim to deliver the types of support they would routinely deliver in the hub setting, in an attempt to remove barriers by being in a neutral and more local setting.

The session is every Thursday 10-1pm upstairs in Burnfoot Community Futures. Lunch is available as well as teas, coffee's and snacks. People can drop in, or arrange an appointment through any of the partners. Promotional activity is ongoing and with the sessions being delivered, raising awareness and reaching as many people as possible is the goal.

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## **Community Choices**

The e-learning module is now available for SBC staff to complete. It is designed to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of how departments within SBC can work with the community to make decisions on budget spend.

Results from the free period product survey can be viewed [here](#). SBC is now working with partners to extend provision of free period products in the community. Information will be circulated to inform people of where free period products can be accessed.

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## **Community Empowerment:**

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Teviot & Liddesdale area. SBC is currently working with and advising groups on requests for 5 asset transfer requests.

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

### **Place Making**

A place based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place based approaches visit [Our Place](#)

### **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 \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

### **Cost of Living Support**

[Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Debt Advice:**

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



Download the NHS  
Borders Money Worries  
App here

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

**Covid-19 vaccination programme**

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

**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/>

**General Funding:**

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

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

[Community grants and funding | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

**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](http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint)

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy>

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

<https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

<https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/>

Phone or email to access their support/advice

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