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**Teviot & Liddesdale**  
Area Partnership

**Our Scottish Borders**  
Your community

## Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 April 2023  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Location:** Via Microsoft Teams

All attendees, including members of the public, should note that the public business in this meeting will be livestreamed and video recorded and that recording will be available thereafter for public view for 180 days.

## AGENDA

1.	<b>Welcome</b>
2.	<b>Feedback from meeting of 21 February 2023</b> (Pages 3 - 8)  Consider Minute of the Meeting held on 21 February 2023 for approval and signature by the Chair. (Copy attached.)
<b>Section 1: Service and Partner updates and consultations</b>	
3.	<b>Police Scotland Update</b>
4.	<b>Draft Health and Social Care Strategic Framework discussion</b> (Pages 9 - 18)  Elaine Torrance, National Team for Development and Inclusion (NDTI)
5.	<b>Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park</b> (Pages 19 - 40)  Presentation by Mr Malcolm Dickson
<b>Section 2: Community Empowerment and Community Funding</b>	
6.	<b>Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table 2022-23</b> (Pages 41 - 42)  Overview from SBC Communities and Partnership Team. (Copy attached.)
7.	<b>Neighbourhood Support Fund</b>
	(a) <b>Pot A Fund Recommendations</b> (Pages 43 - 44) (i) Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Council Pot A panel (Copy attached.) (ii) Denholm and District Community Council Pot A panel (To follow.)
	(b) <b>Pot B Assessment Panel</b> (Pages 45 - 46) Consider recommendations regarding funding applications from:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hermitage Hall</li> <li>• Hawick Music Festival</li> </ul> <p>(Copy attached.)</p>
<b>Section 3: Local Priorities</b>	
8.	<p><b>Place Making</b></p> <p>Update on Place Making progress in Teviot and Liddesdale.</p>
9.	<p><b>Community Council Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing good practice and current activity from across Teviot &amp; Liddesdale.</li> <li>• Update following the energy transitions meeting with Scottish Power.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Scottish Borders Climate Action Network</b></p> <p>Update by Gordie Campbell.</p>
<b>Section 4: Other</b>	
11.	<p><b>Additional Information Document</b> (Pages 47 - 50)</p> <p>(Copy attached.)</p>
12.	<p><b>Next Area Partnership</b></p> <p>Meeting Date: 6 June 2023.</p>
13.	<p><b>Any Other Business</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 The Lesser Hall, Hawick Town Hall, Hawick on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 at 6.00 pm

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

Other organisations attendees:, Mr W. George, Ms M. Short, Mr C. Knox and Mr D. Taylor (Hawick CC); Ms F. Benton (The Bridge), Mr I. Crosbie (Newcastleton and District CC); Mr W. Douglas, (Upper Teviotdale and Borthwick Water CC);, Mr P. Kerr (Southdean CC), Ms W. Potts (Burnfoot CC), Ms R Dickson (SBHA), Mr R Swinton (Hobkirk CC),

Apologies:- Councillors S. Marshall

In Attendance:- Community Co-ordinator (G. Jardine), Community Engagement Officer (S. Culverwell), Democratic Services Officer (D. Hall).

1. **WELCOME AND MEETING PROTOCOLS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and to Hawick Town Hall, and introduced Sarah Culverwell, Community Engagement Officer to the meeting.

2. **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2022**

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the Meeting held on 16 November 2022. The Chair advised that the South of Scotland Enterprise were holding a webinar on March 9, from 2:30pm to 3:30pm, and from 7pm to 8pm to allow interested parties to comment on their coast to coast cycle route plans. Attendees expressed concerns that the route did not pass through Bonchester Bridge, given the facilities already present there. The Chair confirmed that it remained unfeasible to host hybrid meetings due to technology constraints. The Community Co-ordinator explained that it was not possible to hold hybrid meetings in school halls, but that smaller rooms in schools could potentially be used. The possibility of using breakout rooms in online meetings to boost discussion was raised. Scottish Borders Council's Roads Department had provided a response on providing notice of road closures, explaining that there were over 200 road closures per annum, and that Community Councils were notified via the road closure circulation list as far in advance of a closure as possible. Regarding the ownership of mobile phone masts in the area, SBC's Emergency Planning department had confirmed they were often in private ownership, and that no central register existed. It was therefore extremely challenging to ascertain who owned or leased the masts.

**DECISION**

**AGREED to approve the Minute for signature by the Chair.**

3. **COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS FEEDBACK**

The Chair explained that a copy of the feedback from the Community Conversations held by Scottish Borders Council over the summer had been circulated with the agenda. The events had provided the general public with the chance to meet Elected Members and senior staff to talk about what the Council did well, and where it needed to improve. Events had been held in all of the wards of the Scottish Borders. A broad range of issues

had been raised, and areas of concern could be considered as part of the budget process. It was hoped that further events would be held in the spring or summer of 2023. Overall, the conversations had been well received. Members expressed their hopes that the future events would be well attended and reach a greater diversity of attendees.

## **DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

### **4. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE**

The Chair advised that a representative of Police Scotland had been unable to attend.

### **5. SOUTH OF SCOTLAND COMMUNITY HOUSING – HARRY WHITMORE**

The Chair welcomed Mr Harry Whitmore of South of Scotland Community Housing (SOSCH) to make a presentation. The organisation was established in 2006 to address a shortfall in rural housing supply in South West Scotland. SOSCH supported community organisations to deliver affordable community-led housing within the context of community-ownership of land and assets. There were 612 assets in community ownership across Scotland, including housing, shops and renewable energy sources. There were several benefits to community ownership: the building of sustainable communities; economic and social regeneration; flexible, affordable housing provision; and revenue source for community organisations. The team of five were currently engaged with 35+ communities in Southern Scotland. Their role centred on: organisational and capacity building; housing need and demand assessments; project feasibility work; allocations policy and funding support. As the Community Led Housing Co-ordinator for South East Scotland, Mr Whitmore had recently been building partnerships across the area at Kirkhope Steadings, Ettrick and Yarrow and Jedburgh town centre. There was to be a focus on bringing empty buildings back into use as community led housing. This had several benefits: carbon footprint reduction; town centre renewal and encouragement of economic investment; preservation of history and built heritage; and enhanced local support. It was highlighted that projects based in Hawick were not eligible for support the Rural Housing Fund due to their population size. However alternative funding sources were available through the Scottish Land Fund and South of Scotland Enterprise among others. SOSCH relied on local knowledge of housing need and vacant and derelict properties to deliver community led housing. In response to a question regarding the criteria for the Rural Housing Fund, Mr Whitmore explained that the scheme operated based on the population size of settlements. Those with fewer than 3000 people were automatically eligible, whereas those above 10,000 were automatically ineligible. Settlements falling within that range would be eligible for some support depending on their proximity to larger settlements. In response to a question regarding the acquisition of vacant properties on high streets, Mr Whitmore explained that the process would be challenging, and indicated that SBC's Empty Homes Officer was best placed to assist with queries and enquiries of that nature. Regarding the selection of local people as tenants for housing built by a community development trust, Mr Whitmore explained that it would be possible to screen applicants in such a way as to set out preferred characteristics to ensure that tenants would be those with links to the area. It was not possible to select specific, named individuals. Mr Whitmore stressed that large projects were possible, however it was prudent to proceed in a phased manner to ensure that goals could be delivered upon. Mr Whitmore ended the presentation with an appeal for members to consider the service that SOSCH provided when seeking to address housing need in Teviot and Liddesdale, and undertook to share his contact details with attendees.

## **DECISION**

**NOTED the presentation.**

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

There had been circulated copies of the Teviot and Liddesdale Funding Table 2022-23 which showed available funding in the Teviot and Liddesdale area. The Neighbourhood



Support Fund had £87,826.02 available with £56,219.68 awarded since 1 April 2022 and applications valued at £12,258 that awaited decisions. Ms Jardine confirmed that funding could be carried forward from the current financial year, and that at its meeting in April, the Area Partnership would consider applications to the 2022/23 Fund only. The rules regarding the 2023/24 Fund would be considered at the meeting of the Area Partnership in April, with applications for 2023/24 considered at the June meeting.

## **DECISION NOTED**

### **7. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND - POT A FUND**

7.1 There had been circulated copies of a report from the Teviot and Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot A Assessment Panel which detailed recommendations for three applications for funding.

#### **7.2 Burnfoot Community Futures**

An application had been received from Burnfoot Community Futures which had requested £3758 for Burnfoot Events. The funding applied for would allow the purchase of equipment to extend the kitchen/café service and improve external lighting.

#### **7.3 Campaign for a Scottish National Park**

An application had been received by Denholm and District from the Campaign for a Scottish National Park for £1,000 to support their "The Community of Twelve Towers of Rule" project.

#### **7.4 Campaign for a Scottish National Park**

An application had been received by Hobkirk Community Council from the Campaign for a Scottish National Park for £1,000 to support their "The Community of Twelve Towers of Rule" project.

## **DECISION AGREED:**

(a) **To grant Burnfoot Community Futures an award of £3,758;**

(b) **To grant the Campaign for a Scottish National Park an award of £1,000 from the Denholm and District Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot; and,**

(c) **To grant the Campaign for a Scottish National Park an award of £1,000 from the Hobkirk Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot.**

### **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT FUND - POT B FUND**

8.1 The chair invited Ms Marion Short, the Chair of Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel to provide a summary of the applications which had been considered at its meeting on Tuesday, 31 January 2023.

#### **8.2 Teviot and Liddesdale Ladies Amenities Group**

The application from the Teviot and Liddesdale Ladies Amenities Group requested £1,500 to help meet the costs of replacing the Christmas lights on nine trees around the main square in Newcastleton. The panel had examined the details of the application meticulously and considered that the efforts to raise other funding from the local community should be commended. The display had ceased to operate due to the failure of the equipment. Ms Short highlighted that the Group had made donations to various other groups and charities within the locality, and therefore the application was recommended for approval subject to the condition that the funding was ring fenced for use solely on the Christmas lights project. Those in attendance unanimously approved the recommendation.

### 8.3 **Perfect Harmony**

Perfect Harmony, a group which performed concerts in nursing homes, sheltered housing, day care centres, and other similar locations, had applied for £3,000 to assist with the costs of delivering their events. Ms Short explained that the Assessment Panel were strongly in favour of the activities of the group, however, due to a lack of information, considerable areas of concern remained unaddressed. The Group had applied to the Eildon Area Partnership for £1350 to provide 6 concerts. The application for Teviot and Liddesdale would enable 2 concerts to take place. Given the lack of application of a pro-rata rate, and the Group's considerable financial reserves, the Assessment Panel had recommended to defer the application. Ms Jardine explained that she had discussed the application with Perfect Harmony. Each individual care home, or similar facility, was required to apply to Perfect Harmony, and pay membership fees, for performances. Perfect Harmony were in the process of confirming the number of facilities which would be registered with them in Teviot and Liddesdale for 2023/24. Attendees expressed their hope that the group would submit a revised application in the future.

### 8.4 **Elliot Clan Society**

The application from the Elliot Clan Society requested £2,000 to assist with the costs associated with an event celebrating an Elliot gathering. In considering the application the Panel had felt concerned at the lack of evidence of any other fund raising for the event. The Panel had felt that there was not sufficient detail in the application, and due to that ambiguity had recommended not to approve the application. The group had ring fenced £8,000 for the officers to attend a dinner, whilst other members of the public would be required to pay to attend. Councillor McAteer explained that he had been in discussion with the Elliot Clan Society regarding their application, and stressed that the individual responsible for completing the forms had been unwell. There was considerable debate regarding the appropriateness of Elected Members approving applications contrary to the recommendations of the Assessment Panel. Attendees expressed their concerns at an application being approved which had not followed the defined procedure. The Chair of the Newcastleton Community Council explained that they had discussed the merits of the application and were unanimous in their support. Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Smart proposed that the application be approved using the remaining funds of from Pot A - Newcastleton in place of funding from Pot B. This was unanimously approved.

#### **DECISION**

#### **AGREED:**

- (a) to grant Teviot and Liddesdale Ladies Amenities Group £1,500;**
- (b) that the application from Perfect Harmony was not approved ; and,**
- (c) to grant Elliot Clan Society funding of £1,919 from Pot A – Newcastleton, of the Neighbourhood Support Fund.**

### 9. **UPDATE ON PLACE MAKING**

The Chair explained that she had held discussions with Denholm Primary School regarding assistance in improving engagement with Place Making. The Primary 5, 6 and 7 students would be asked what they liked about where they live, and what they did not like. It was hoped that through these efforts engagement with young people and their parents would be improved. 30 to 40 year olds, those likely to be parents of primary school aged students, represented one of the groups that was not as engaged with place making compared to others. Ms Jardine explained that a workshop event would be held on Placemkaing in the Town Hall for the Hawick community led by the Town Team, a group of volunteers.

#### **DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

10. **COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

10.1 The Chair of Newcastleton Community Council explained that they hoped that SBC would consider providing a greater degree of admin support to Community Councils as part of the budget setting process. Concerns remained in the Community regarding the proposed deposit return scheme, particularly as rural areas were expected to be less likely to host reverse vending machines. Ms Short highlighted that the feedback on the newly repainted bollards on Hawick High Street had been overwhelmingly positive. Hawick Community Council continued to hold discussions with Newcastleton regarding their CCTV system, with a view to setting up their own system. Regarding the recently approved funding available to Community Councils to celebrate the King's Coronation in June, Councillor McAteer explained that the funding had been approved by SBC from the Covid recovery fund, and that each Community Council could apply for up to £500 if they wished. The money was not a grant, and would not automatically be provided. Ms Culverwell highlighted that the Great British Spring Clean would take place at the end of March, and undertook to circulate the details.

10.2 A meeting had been held on Tuesday, 15 February 2023 with representatives of Scottish Power Energy Networks regarding energy transitions. Elected Members, Community Representatives and Mr Euan Norris of Scottish Power had been in attendance. Regarding the EPC ratings of all of the wards in the Scottish Borders, Hawick and Denholm had scored the lowest. Hawick and Hermitage was second bottom. SBC was in the process of producing a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy, and were also decarbonising transport and fleet. The areas of Hawick and Selkirk would be pose considerable issues in the context of providing electric vehicle charging points given their layout and geographical profile. It was hoped that SBC would directly involve communities and listen to their concerns and opinions.

**DECISION**

**NOTED the update.**

11. **COST OF LIVING**

Ms Jardine provided a reminder that a number of different measures of support were available for communities, and encouraged any community group or individual to contact the Community and Partnerships team for assistance accessing that support.

**DECISION**

**NOTED**

12. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

The Chair advised that a considerable amount of useful information could be found using the additional information document and urged attendees to consult it.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that an invitation would be extended to the Campaign for a Borders National Park to provide an update on their work. Ms Jardine highlighted that a presentation From Campaign for a Scottish Borders National Park had already taken place at Hawick Distillery. It was hoped that a conference for Community Councils would be held in October 2023. The Chair suggested that the next meeting of the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership be held via Microsoft Teams, which was unanimously agreed.

*The meeting concluded at 7.55 pm.*

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# Health and Social Care Strategic Framework 2023-2026

## Ongoing Engagement and Involvement

Elaine Torrance, Carol Hayden, NDTi



Scottish Borders  
Health and Social Care  
PARTNERSHIP



# Aims of engagement and involvement

- To update you on work to date in the development of the strategic framework
- To outline the framework and seek further comments
- To seek your further involvement in the planning, design and monitoring of the framework



# The Framework has been informed by

- Engaging and listening to our communities to understand their expressed needs – published in the **We have listened report**
- Understanding the public health needs of the population – **Needs of our communities report**
- Reviewing performance against the **national health and wellbeing outcomes**
- Considering **current and future challenges**



# Key Challenges

Working with the impacts of Covid-19

A population with increasing levels of health and wellbeing needs

The need to support transitions from children's to adult's services

Significant workforce pressures

National and international economic pressures impacting on our communities e.g. costs of living, fuel poverty

Significant financial pressures for the Health and Social Care Partnership

Access to affordable housing in our rural context, and the associated impacts on health and wellbeing

Unpaid carers need more support

Pressures in our Communities and in our Hospitals

Climate change

More people living alone

National Care Service



# The Health and Social Care Strategic Framework 23-26

- **Mission** "to help the people of the Scottish Borders to live their lives to the full, by delivering seamless services that place their needs at the heart of everything that we do"
- **Vision:** "That all people in the Scottish Borders will be able to live their lives to the full"
- **Aims:** to improve and continue to support the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Scottish Borders
- **Sets out:** how health and social care services will be transformed and delivered over the next 3 years



# What is the framework aiming to achieve?

Our Mission is "To help the people of the Scottish Borders to live their lives to the full, by delivering seamless services that place their needs at the heart of everything we do"

Our Vision is that "All people in the Scottish Borders are able to live their lives to the full"

95% of adults able to look after their health well (currently 93.4%)

85% of adults supported at home agree they are supported to live independently (currently 73.1%)

80% of adults agree that they had a say in how their help, care or support was provided (currently 63.4%)

75% of adults supported at home agree that their health and social care services are well coordinated (currently 59.3%)

80% of adults receiving any care or support rate it as excellent or good (currently 73.9%)

80% of people have a positive experience of care at their GP practice (currently 65.9%)

80% of adults supported at home agree that their services improve or maintain their quality of life (currently 70.5%)

70% of carers feel supported to continue in their caring role (currently 29.4%)

85% of adults supported at home agree they feel safe (currently 77.3%)

# The Framework

## Strategic issues

Long waiting times

Insufficient workforce to meet need with current models

Good in a crisis, not at anticipation or prevention

Unpaid carers need to be better supported

Increasing need and financial constraints

Poverty and inequalities likely to worsen in financial crises



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Health and Social Care  
PARTNERSHIP

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## Objectives

*What we will prioritise to deliver our vision*

Improving access to services

Rising to the workforce challenge

Focusing on prevention and early intervention

Supporting unpaid carers

Improving our effectiveness and thinking differently to meet need with less

Reducing poverty and inequalities

## Ways of working

People at the heart of everything we do

Good agile teamwork and ways of working – Team Borders approach

Deliver quality, sustainable, seamless services

Dignity and respect

Care and compassion

Inclusive, co-productive and fair with openness, honesty and responsibility

Our Vision is that "All people in the Scottish Borders are able to live their lives to the full"

# We want to hear from you about...

- your views on the Framework – is there anything missing?
- how you can continue to be involved in developing the framework and actions?
- monitoring the implementation and impact at a community/ local /Borders wide level?



# How you can continue to be involved...

- You can go online and answer a few questions around the Framework by scanning our QR code and/ or leaving your contact details
- Join our 'Hear From You Network' by web – <https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/public-engagement/hear-from-you/contact-form/> or Email – [public.involvement@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:public.involvement@borders.scot.nhs.uk)
- Express your interest in joining a Locality Working Group (being set up in near future)
- If you are already a member of a Special Interest or Community Group please provide us with your details and we will send you regular updates





# Where can I find out more about the Strategic Framework 2023-2026?

- You can access and download the working draft Health and Social Care Framework online at:
- [www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/877/scottish\\_borders\\_health\\_and\\_social\\_care\\_integration\\_strategic\\_plans](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/877/scottish_borders_health_and_social_care_integration_strategic_plans)



CAMPAIGN FOR A  
SCOTTISH  
BORDERS  
NATIONAL PARK



MALCOLM R. DICKSON



# BACKGROUND

- 10 National Parks in England
- 3 in Wales
- National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000
- Rough Guide readers voted Scotland favourite destination with most welcoming people 2017, and in 2019 the world's most beautiful country
- 2 National Parks in Scotland







**BORDERS NATIONAL PARK**  
(Possible boundary?)

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK**

**KIELDER FOREST PARK**

**Bellingham**

The map displays a network of roads, including major routes like the A69, A68, and A67, and numerous smaller roads. It also shows various geographical features such as rivers (e.g., Tweed, Tyne, Ussie), lakes (e.g., Kielder Water), and forests (e.g., Redesdale Forest, Waulhope Forest). Towns and villages are labeled throughout the region, including Hawick, Jedburgh, Kelso, and Bellingham. The red dashed line, representing a possible boundary for a national park, follows a path that roughly follows the A69 and A68 corridors, with some deviations. The text 'BORDERS NATIONAL PARK (Possible boundary?)' is prominently displayed in the center of the map in red. Other labels include 'Selkirk', 'Newtown St Boswells', 'Jedburgh', 'Kelso', 'Hawick', 'Kielder Forest Park', 'Northumberland National Park', and 'Bellingham'.

WHAT HAS THE  
SCOTTISH BORDERS  
GOT TO OFFER?



BEAUTY

CULTURAL  
HERITAGE

ACCESSIBIL  
ITY

ECOLOGICA  
L VARIETY

GOOD  
FACILITIES



“I never knew this area was so beautiful.”


“I’ve travelled extensively across the world and am convinced that the A68 is one of the most scenic routes I’ve driven”

“People just drive through or fly over on their way elsewhere”

“Our wonderful landscape is the Borders’ best kept secret”



# WHY WOULD WE WANT A NATIONAL PARK IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS?

- 
- struggling economy, particularly Southern Borders
  - population ageing and declining faster than in urban areas
  - under-used valuable asset
  - preserve our landscape and cultural heritage in perpetuity



# TOURISM

In Scotland overall, 2019 was the strongest it had been in the ten years till then for overnight tourism; tourist businesses grew (15,000 -17,500); and GVA per head increased from £1.5 billion to £2.5 billion.



However, in the Scottish Borders 2013-19, there was a drop in domestic tourism spend and overseas spend remained more or less the same, therefore a decrease in real terms



CAPACITY TO GROW TOURISM  
SBC, PARTNERS AND TOURISM BUSINESSES HAVE WORKED  
HARD TO IMPROVE TOURISM & SOME IMPORTANT  
INITIATIVES UNDERWAY & ON THE HORIZON  
BUT..DIFFICULT TO GET WIDESPREAD MARKETING IN A  
VERY COMPETITIVE FIELD





# MINORITY CONCERNS

- more planning restrictions
- more levels of bureaucracy
- pressure on services and infrastructure
- house-price increases reducing affordable housing stock
- more badly behaved visitors





# RECOGNISING CONCERNS CAN CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

- Planning 'lite' - every NP can be tailored to local needs
- No addition to bureaucracy
- Services and infrastructure unlikely to feel any difference
- NP strategy can include more affordable home building
- Walkers tend not to stray from good, well-maintained paths
- Visitor management study
- Farming subsidies post Brexit to be even more closely linked to public money for public good and regeneration than before

## OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM THE 'SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL PARK'

- Marketing of local produce - textiles & woollens, farm, distilleries, breweries
- Professionals & Trades to support growing and new tourism businesses
- More opportunities for young people
- Local shopkeepers
- Transport - public and private
- Longer term - desirability of home-working in a NP



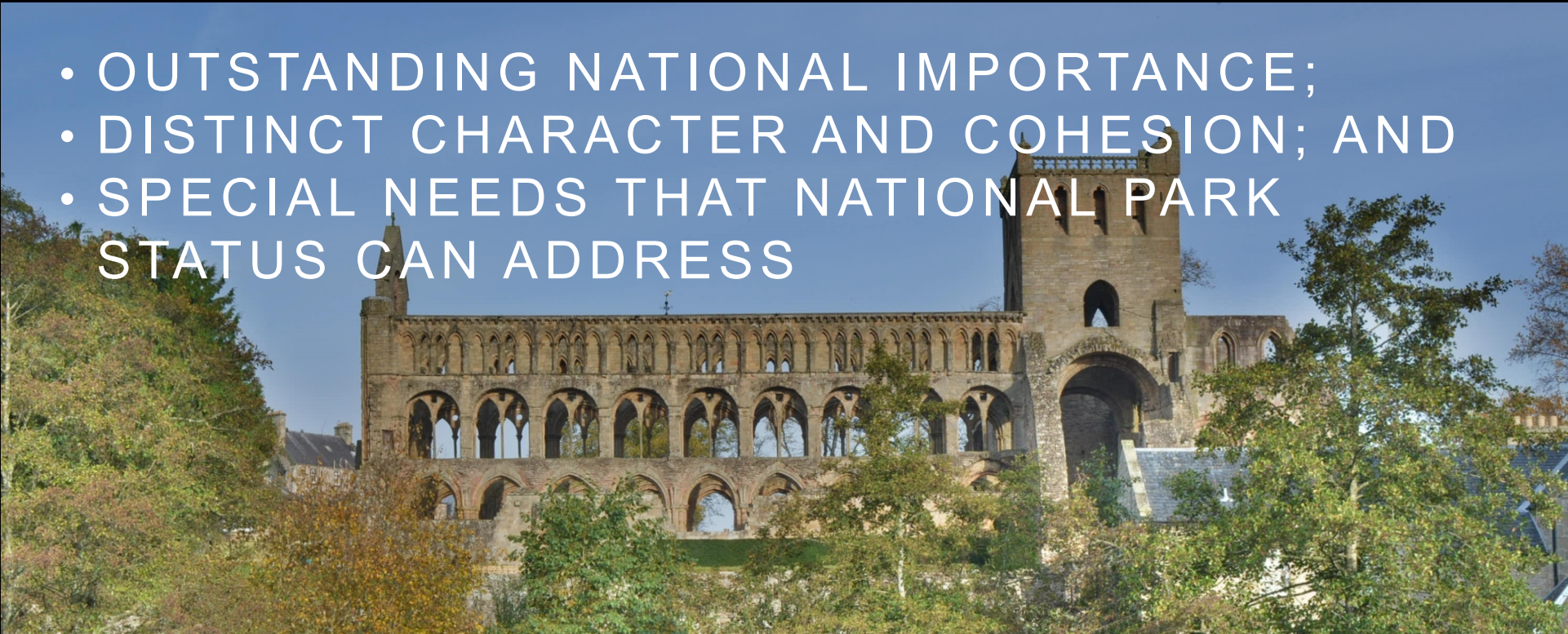


# INDEPENDENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 2017

THE PROPOSED AREA MEETS THE THREE  
CONDITIONS FOR NATIONAL PARK STATUS  
REQUIRED BY SCOTTISH LEGISLATION:

- OUTSTANDING NATIONAL IMPORTANCE;
- DISTINCT CHARACTER AND COHESION; AND
- SPECIAL NEEDS THAT NATIONAL PARK STATUS CAN ADDRESS



## FEASIBILITY STUDY (CONTINUED)

DESIGNATION WOULD STRENGTHEN  
THE ECONOMY WITHIN THE SCOTTISH  
BORDERS NATIONAL PARK AND OF THE  
WIDER AREA SURROUNDING IT,  
ENCOURAGING TOURISM AND  
ATTRACTING OTHER BUSINESSES TO  
THE REGION

THERE IS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT  
FROM LOCAL PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES  
AND BUSINESSES

CURRENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRENDS  
IN THE SOUTHERN BORDERS ARE NOT  
ENCOURAGING

NATIONAL PARKS ARE PROVEN  
CONTRIBUTORS TO SUSTAINABLE



# FEASIBILITY STUDY (CONTINUED)

A SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL  
PARK NEED NOT BE COSTLY, AND  
WOULD SOON YIELD A SUBSTANTIAL  
RETURN ON INVESTMENT

THE NATIONAL PARK BRAND  
PROVIDES A VEHICLE FOR NEW AND  
CREATIVE BUSINESSES, SERVICES  
AND SOLUTIONS TO BORDERS-WIDE  
CHALLENGES



# WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE IT HAPPEN?

A large, multi-arched stone viaduct spans a wide river. The landscape is covered in snow, and the sky is a clear, bright blue. The viaduct is constructed from reddish-brown stone blocks. The river flows from the right side of the frame towards the left. The overall scene is a winter landscape with a prominent historical or industrial structure.

- building bridges with
- Scottish Borders Council
- key stakeholders
- Scottish Government and Parliament



# SBC SUPPORT?

- All councillors kept up to date
- Support from most local councillors
- dialogue with leading elected members and senior officials
- Main Issues Report - September 2018, questions:
  - Do you support the designation of a National Park within the Scottish Borders?
  - If so, which general area do you think a National Park should cover?



# MAIN ISSUES REPORT RESPONSES

- OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR A SCOTTISH BORDERS NATIONAL PARK (103 EXPRESSED A VIEW, 81, IE 79% IN FAVOUR)
- REASONS GIVEN COVERED ALL OF THE STATUTORY AIMS OF, AND CRITERIA FOR, NATIONAL PARKS IN SCOTLAND
- ALL MAIN CONCERNS OF OBJECTORS CAN BE ADDRESSED BY PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY MADE PUBLIC BY THE CAMPAIGN
- MAJORITY WHO ANSWERED SECOND QUESTION FAVOURED AN AREA BASED ON ROXBURGHSHIRE, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS



“Excellent idea and one that should be wholeheartedly supported by all Borders based businesses” **Nick Bannerman, Johnstons of Elgin Global Sales Director & MD in Hawick**

“I really believe that a National Park in the Scottish Borders would provide some much-needed impetus for all sorts of businesses, existing and new” **Tony Hackney, Ch Exec, BSW Timber, largest UK combined timber & forestry company, with HQ in Earlston**

“...the best way forward to encourage the protection of our unique wild places while having a real platform to promote the history and heritage of the Scottish Borderland” **Bob Lawson, Curator of Ferniehurst Castle**

“This is the only game in town”  
**Alan Bailey, MD, Award Winning Ruberslaw Wild Woods Camping**

“Believe in the Borders”  
**Malcolm R Dickson, Campaign Member**

A black and white photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a grassy field with a stone ruin, possibly a wall or a small building, partially collapsed. The middle ground shows rolling hills with some trees and a fence line. The background features more hills under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT  
ARRANGEMENT WITH GREENS “AT  
LEAST ONE NEW NATIONAL PARK BY  
END OF THIS PARLIAMENT (2023)”

SBC AGREED IN SEPT 2019 THAT IT  
WOULD FORMALLY CONSIDER NP  
PROPOSAL

SET UP AN OFFICERS WORKING  
GROUP IN LATE 2021

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# PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT

- June, 2022 - Holyrood debated the need for more NPs in Scotland.
- Two days before, our Campaign contacted every constituency MSP covering some part of the Borders and every List MSP for South Scotland, providing a briefing.
- Within days of the debate 10 MSPs, from all parties and without prompting, declared support for both the Scottish Borders proposal and the Galloway proposal.





- There are two active campaigns in Scotland: **Scottish Borders and Galloway**
  - Only our Campaign has commissioned a Feasibility Study which backs the proposal
  - However, the Councils of Dumfries and Galloway, East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire have already given political support whereas SBC has not.
- There is a precedent in the Borders for SBC giving political support to a Campaign which has not yet been subject to a Feasibility Study (Campaign for Borders Rail) let alone a Scottish Government assessment.
- The Campaign Team believes that now is the time for that political support to be offered because otherwise it might seem to some, however erroneously, that the Scottish Borders proposal is less strong, less developed and has less momentum than the Galloway Campaign.

## Teviot & Liddesdale Funding 2022/23

18 April 2023

Neighbourhood Support Fund (NSF) 2022/23	
	£
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	£ 65,397.27
NSF applications that are assessed and await decision	£ 7,503.85
Sub-total	£ 72,901.12
<b>Funds remaining if assessed applications are successful</b>	<b>£ 14,924.90</b>
NSF applications still to be assessed	£ -
<b>Potential Overall Position</b>	<b>£ 14,924.90</b>

Other sources of grant funding - Teviot & Liddesdale			
Grant Type	Available	Awarded	Remaining
Local Festival Grants	£ 12,550.00	£ 12,050.00	£ 500.00
Annual Support Grants (Community Councils)	£ 6,370.00	£ 5,740.00	£ 630.00
SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Hermitage	£ 34,700.00	£ 34,700.00	£ -
SBC Small Schemes - Hawick & Denholm	£ 34,700.00	£ 34,700.00	£ -
Common Good - Hawick, Denholm & Hermitage	£ 46,000.00		
SBC Enhancement Trust	£ 2,382.54	£ 2,382.54	£ -
SBC Welfare Trust	£ 2,502.39	£ -	£ 2,502.39
	<b>£ 139,204.93</b>	<b>£ 89,572.54</b>	<b>£ 3,632.39</b>

### Summary of applications

No.	Date	Fund	Organisation Name	Amount	Pot	Project	Status
1	14/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Community Council	£ 2,916.25	Pot A	Willistruther path	Awarded
2	21/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Council	£ 7,566.50	Pot A	Wilton cemetery	Awarded
3	15/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Southdean Village hall	£ 3,685.93	Pot A	Southdean heating	Awarded
4	21/05/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Council	£ 5,000.00	Pot B	Wilton cemetery	Awarded
5	21/04/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Archaeological Society	£ 500.00	Pot B	Audio equipment	Awarded
6	20/06/2022	N'Hood Support	Hawick Girlguiding	£ 500.00	Pot A	Safari Park Trip	Awarded
7	15/07/2022	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 480.00	Pot A	Spittal Trip	Awarded
8	26/07/2022	N'Hood Support	Campaign for Borders Railway	£ 2,600.00	Pot B	Borders Rail Survey	Awarded
9	29/07/2022	N'Hood Support	ArtBeat Sudios	£ 4,240.00	Pot B	Art Workshops	Awarded
10	29/07/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Youth Football Club	£ 3,280.00	Pot A	Season 22-23 admission to South East league	Awarded
11	31/07/22	N'Hood Support	Future Hawick	£ 500.00	Pot A	Hawick Festival of Wellbeing	Unsuccessful

12	01/08/22	N'Hood Support	Stable Life	£ 5,000.00	Pot B	Contribution to core costs	Awarded
13	09/08/22	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 4,960.00	Pot B	Activities plan	Awarded
14	25/07/22	N'Hood Support	Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 5,000.00	Pot B	Cost of living project	Withdrawn
15	06/10/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick,Selkirk,Denholm Red Squirrel Net	£ 3,371.00	Pot B	Conservation Project	Awarded
16	06/10/22	N'Hood Support	Borders Green Team	£ 5,000.00	Pot B	Staff costs	Unsuccessful
17	07/10/22	N'Hood Support	NDCT	£ 1,840.00	Pot A	Cost of living project	Awarded
18	09/10/22	N'Hood Support	3rd Hawick Rainbows	£ 1,500.00	Pot A	Trip	Awarded
19	09/10/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Reivers Association	£ 3,780.00	Pot A	Festival costs	Awarded
20	09/10/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Reivers Association	£ 5,000.00	Pot B	Festival costs	Awarded
21	08/11/22	N'Hood Support	Perfect Harmony	£ 3,000.00	Pot B	Care Home concerts	Unsuccessful
22	01/12/22	N'Hood Support	Hawick Community Council	£ 300.00	Pot B	First Aid training	Withdrawn
23	06/12/22	N'Hood Support	Liddesdale Ladies Amenities Group	£ 1,500.00	Pot B	Replacement christmas tree lights	Awarded
24	16/12/22	N'Hood Support	Campaign for a Scottish Borders National	£ 1,000.00	Pot A	Research proposal	Awarded
25	21/12/22	N'Hood Support	Elliot Clan Society	£ 1,919.59	Pot A	Band hire	Awarded
26	21/12/22	N'Hood Support	Campaign for a Scottish Borders National	£ 1,000.00	Pot A	Research proposal	Awarded
27	13/01/23	N'Hood Support	Burnfoot Community Futures	£ 3,758.00	Pot A	Burnfoot events	Awarded
28	25/01/23	N'Hood Support	Denholm & District Community Council	£ 867.60	Pot A	Maps	Assessed
29	30/01/23	N'Hood Support	Hermitage Hall	£ 3,783.25	Pot A	Produce landscape plan	Assessed
30	30/01/23	N'Hood Support	Hermitage Hall	£ 1,200.00	Pot B	Produce landscape plan	Assessed
31	02/03/23	N'Hood Support	Live Music Hawick	£ 1,653.00	Pot B	Music festival	Assessed
				<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 86,701.12</b>		

**Scottish Borders Council**

**Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Council Community Fund Pot A Assessment Panel**

Minutes of meeting of the Upper Liddesdale and Hermitage Council Community Fund Pot A Assessment Panel held via email and telephone March 29th.

Present: Jane Law, Christa Dobson and Del Tucker

Absent: Don Herbert (Hermitage Hall Committee)

1. Welcome and Introductions

An application from Hermitage Hall requesting £3,783.25 was received for the Landscape Design Plan

DECISION NOTED that: Having reviewed the quotes the one the Hall had put forward offered the best value. As a panel we all thought it seemed expensive, though the other quote was nearly double.

We believe the committee at the hall will implement the plan once it has been commissioned and will strive to make a success of the garden.

It was agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership award a grant of £3,783.23.

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## Scottish Borders Council Community Fund Pot B Assessment Panel

Minutes of meeting of Teviotdale & Liddesdale Fund Pot B Assessment Panel held by Teams meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 5.30 pm

Present: Marion Short (Chair), Duncan Taylor, Dale Ploughman, Jacqueline McNeill, Rebecca Woods, Mandy McGuigan, Ian Crosbie, Del Tucker, Adam Davies

In attendance: Gillian Jardine & Sarah Culverwell (SBC)

### Hermitage Hall

An application was received from Hermitage Hall requesting £1200 towards the cost of obtaining a landscape plan for land which has been donated by Buccleuch Estates. It was noted that their Group had also applied to the T&L Pot A panel for Upper Liddesdale & Hermitage Community Council for £3783.25 for the same project.

The Panel considered this application and were unanimous in their support for the importance of village halls particularly within rural communities. However, consideration was given to their current bank balance and concerns expressed that perhaps they could have funded this work from their own funds, albeit it was noted that from the total there is money ring fenced for other work and that in the future they are planning to carry out additional work to the hall and also that they had already funded some elements themselves.

Furthermore, it was even considered that once the landscape plan had been provided, did that necessarily mean that the project to provide outside activities and car parking would indeed progress

This application merited a great deal of discussion and dialogue and none more so that this was the first application from Hermitage for any funding

DECISION NOTED that: It was therefore agreed as a majority decision to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership should approve this application for £1200 to Hermitage Hall.

### Live Music Hawick

Duncan Taylor declared an interest in this application and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion

An application was received from Live Music Hawick requesting £1653 towards the cost of organising an annual community music festival and it was noted this was a pilot for any future similar events

The Panel considered this application and were unanimous in their support for this event and the possible health and wellbeing benefits associated with the project and that

additional revenue would be available to venues/cafes/pubs due to the anticipated footfall in the town

There were no conditions attached to the award for this year (2023), however, if this does become a regular annual event and there is the possibility that increased funding would be required, then the panel would like to see if the group identify and pursue other funding sources

DECISION NOTED that: It was unanimously agreed to recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Partnership should approve this application for £1,653 to Live Music Hawick.

Marion Short

Chair

28 March 2023

## 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](#)

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#### **Place Making Hawick – Town Team**

A small group of people from the town have begun to assemble and bring together others who are interested in forming a Town Board, to develop a **Local Place Plan** for Hawick following on from the latest event at Hawick Town Hall on Wednesday 1 March.

Please follow the link to consent to be contacted and kept informed by the Town Team and opportunities to be involved in the development of the Place Plan

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/xkzrharQUb>

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

The next meeting of the Food Conversation on Team is currently being finalised and will be circulated in due course. 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.

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### **Training opportunity with Changeworks: Fuel poverty awareness and energy advice**

Changeworks has recently secured funding from Ecotricity to deliver an ambitious project looking at supporting community-led organisations and housing associations to provide energy advice to vulnerable households and refer them to available services and support.

Currently in the pilot phase of the project, they are looking to gather expression of interest from potential partner organisations to join the project and are also holding a training day on Tuesday 18 April.

Please contact Don von Rohland, Senior Project Officer at Changeworks for further information [dvonrohand@changeworks.org.uk](mailto:dvonrohand@changeworks.org.uk)

### **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](#)



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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://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