

Scottish Borders

Tweeddale Locality Plan

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Introduction

Welcome to the Tweeddale Locality Plan. This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The actions that will be carried out
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resourcesⁱ in the most effective way to reduce inequality

ⁱ **Resources** – this could be: funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan will help those who are in greatest need, and focuses on what action can be taken to improve the quality of life for those who live in Tweeddale.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Tweeddale what would make the area better.

This plan is structured around four themes:

- Economy, Skills & Learning
- Health, Care & Wellbeing
- Safer Communities
- Environment & Place

ⁱ **Area Partnership** – bringing together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

From the Area Partnershipⁱ meetings to date we have gathered all the comments and feedback which you gave and prioritised what you told us is important to you and what will make a difference to the lives of people in the Tweeddale area.

Communities, community planning partnersⁱ and local service providersⁱ will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership. The key actions are detailed at the end of this plan.

At a Locality level this is done through the Tweeddale Locality Plan and the Tweeddale Area Partnership.

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans, are referenced at the end of this plan.

Tweeddale Locality Area Profile 2018

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Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Tweeddale Area Partnership meetings over the past year. Going forward, our aim is to reach out to a wider range of people within the community as we recognise the importance of engaging with everyone in our community.

We will continue to build on this draft plan, and gain further understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities.

A vital part of this will be ongoing engagement and communication with the people of Tweeddale, and to create further opportunities for people to talk to us in person, to take part in surveys or online. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

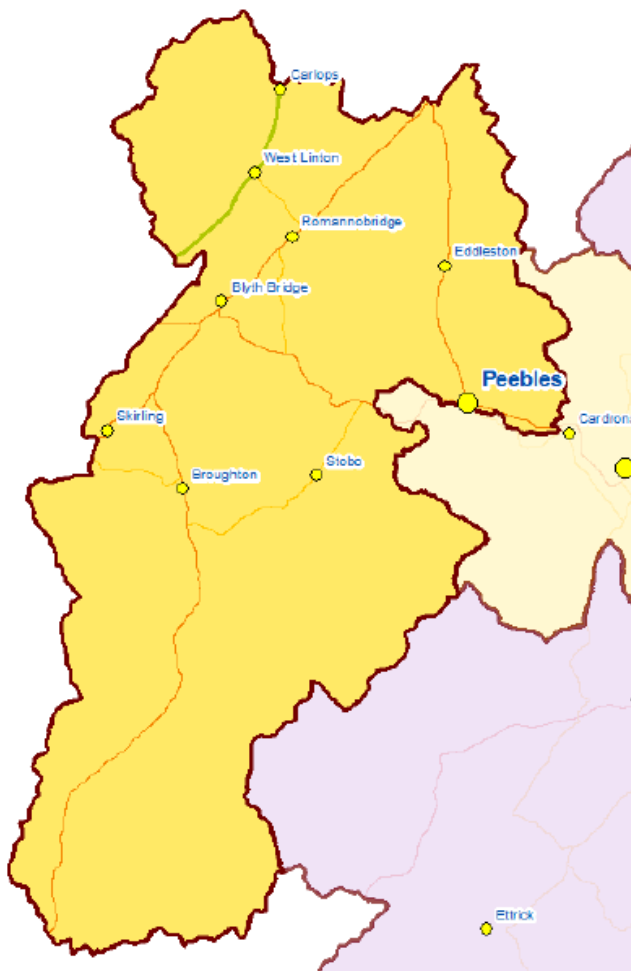
We have gathered the feedback that you gave us to help shape this plan, and it is really important that you continue to give us your views and thoughts as this plan will have an impact on the community that you live in.

We want the people in Tweeddale to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

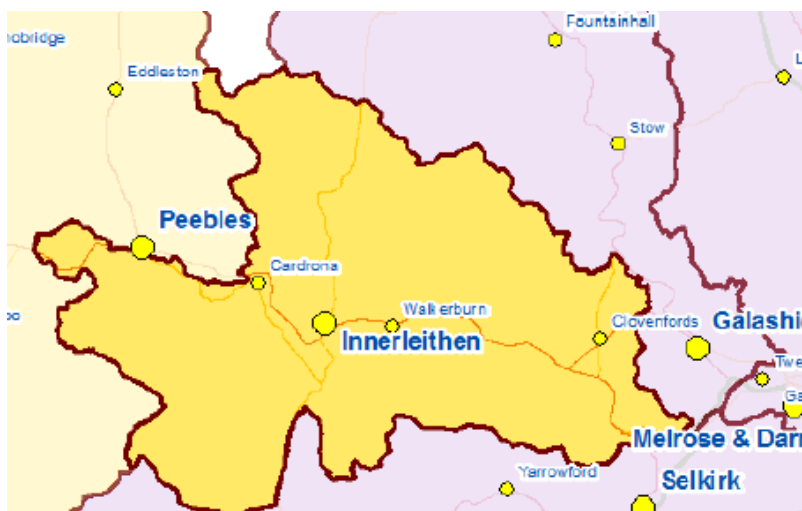
What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

For information on how to get involved, join a local community group or community council, take part in local volunteering opportunities, please contact XXXXXX.

Tweeddale Wards



Tweeddale West
 Population – 10,408
 Peebles – 8,535
 West Linton – 1,766



Tweeddale East
 Population – 10,918
 Peebles – 8,535
 Innerleithen – 3,141
 Cardrona – 896
 Walkerburn - 695

Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **To improve transport networks and connections within Tweeddale**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Review the availability and suitability of business premises
- Develop commercial / industrial sites and premises to encourage new business to the area
- To provide an “Enterprise Hub” for start-ups and growth of businesses
- Enhance marketing and promotion of the Tweeddale tourism offer
- Improve broadband and mobile coverage
- Develop stronger links with colleges, schools and businesses to create a joint approach to education and upskilling the workforce
- Increase practical skills and knowledge for primary and early secondary school children & young people
- Create a mentoring model within the community to build knowledge, skills and confidence
- Increase training opportunities for local trades

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **To improve the availability, accessibility and connections to services for people living in rural areas and towns across the Tweeddale area to reduce loneliness and social isolation**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and support options available (across the locality) to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs
- Improve support for unpaid carers
- Improve transport networks and connections to allow access to services
- Develop intergenerational community hubs

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Safer Communities

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **Community connections need to be further developed to share information and activities across the Tweeddale Area**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase support to individuals to help them be active members of their community
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Have stronger links to the SBC Community Action Team with a particular focus on road safety

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **Ensure that Tweeddale residents have access to appropriate housing, and the environment is clean and safe**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Improve the provision of suitable housing (sheltered, extra care, young people with disabilities) by developing a range of flexible accommodation for communities at every age and stage of life
- Tackle fuel poverty
- Identify opportunities where green space can be improved and local access to growing projects can be developed
- De-cluttering and environmental improvement campaigns are undertaken in key streets/areas within Tweeddale locality

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

How we will measure success

The Tweeddale Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities. Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

Local Plans for Tweeddale

Local Community Action Plans

- Innerleithen
- Newlands
- Peebles
- Tweedsmuir
- Walkerburn

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Tweeddale Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Tweeddale are:

- >list to be drafted<