

Scottish Borders

Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan

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Introduction

Welcome to the Teviot & Liddesdale 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 Teviot & Liddesdale.

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

This plan is structured around four themes:

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

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 Teviot & Liddesdale 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.

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.)

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 Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan and the Teviot & Liddesdale 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.

Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Area Profile 2019

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Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Teviot & Liddesdale 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 Teviot & Liddesdale, 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 Teviot & Liddesdale to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

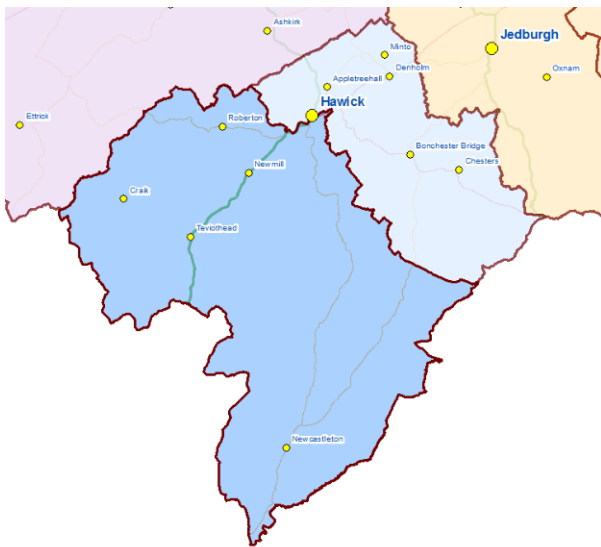
What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

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

Teviot & Liddesdale Wards



Hawick & Denholm
Population – 9,331
Hawick- 13,889
Denholm - 695



Hawick & Hermitage
Population – 8,611
Hawick- 13,889
Newcastleton- 777

Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- Increase training opportunities and courses for all groups but in particular young people, ensuring these learning opportunities meet the needs of local employers

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- Improve support offered to local businesses and consider the key growth areas in the locality
- Support development of vocational skills and promote alternative routes into employment in addition to the education pathway
- Improve transport and road connectivity and investigate potential economic growth from connecting with Carlisle airport
- Improve broadband and mobile connectivity
- Develop a strong tourist offer and develop a marketing strategy

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 Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- To communicate more effectively what treatment and support health services offer and to improve access to services

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas and towns across Teviot
- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and supporting options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality
- Develop robust preventative services and early intervention for long term conditions
- Improve support for unpaid carers
- Increase the availability and accessibility of local activities and information to improve health and well-being

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

Quality of Life

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- Improve communication of activities and services available in the locality and make it easier for groups to share their news

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- Provide activities and learning opportunities which respond to the needs of children and young people with an emphasis on early intervention and education
- Have a clearer understanding of what levels of anti-social behaviour exist and how services can efficiently promote community safety
- Ensure leisure and culture services are accessible in rural and urban areas and are responsive to the needs of local users
- Encourage people to look after their local area and take pride in where they live

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 Teviot & Liddesdale is:

- Regenerate the town centre
- Use vacant land and empty buildings for housing and business opportunities

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot & Liddesdale community:

- A long term plan for environmentally friendly, sustainable housing and industrial building development and an increase in renewable energy projects
- Increase affordable and specialist homes to meet need in the locality
- Improve pathways around the locality to improve connectivity

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 Teviot & Liddesdale 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 Teviot & Liddesdale

Local Community Action Plans

- Burnfoot Community Futures
- Newcastleton & District Community Trust
- Rulewater Development Trust?

Learning Community Partnership Plans

- Teviot Learning Community Partnership Plan

Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Teviot & Liddesdale are:

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