

Current SBC Consultations

Common Good Consultation 2022 – closes 31st March

This consultation seeks your views on the Common Good registers for the former Burghs of the Scottish Borders.

All former Burghs have a 'Common Good' which comprises the land, buildings, art, artefacts and funds which were owned and managed by the Burgh Council on behalf of the residents of the Burgh. The Burgh system was extinguished in 1975 but the assets owned by the Burgh at that date continue to be owned by the Common Good, which is administered by Councillors who sit as Common Good Trustees.

We are seeking your views on whether you think any additional assets should be included on these registers, and if so, why. You may also have further information on the assets noted. Or you may think that an item on the register is not Common Good.

[Common Good Consultation 2022 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Community Information

Place Making

Tweeddale Place Making Workshop – 22nd March @ 6pm

Sign up here; [Place Making Workshop - Tweeddale Tickets, Tue 22 Mar 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Over the past year, the Tweeddale Area Partnership has had a range of discussions around how communities could be more actively involved in shaping their own futures through a Place Making approach.

Simply put, Place Making is about communities working together to develop plans that express local needs and ambitions and about working together with service providers to find ways to achieve those plans.

Scottish Borders Council is committed to enabling Place Making for communities that want to take this approach and Area Partnerships have a key role to play in developing, overseeing and prioritising arrangements in their local communities.

To help develop this approach in the Tweeddale area, the Area Partnership is holding a facilitated workshop to:

- Develop a shared understanding of Place Making – what it is, how it works in our communities, how people can be involved and how it can benefit them.
- Agree the role of the Tweeddale Area Partnership in overseeing Place Making
- Identify communities that want to be involved in this process and where early Place Making activity should be focussed

The workshops will be facilitated by Petra Biberbach, Chief Executive of Planning Advice Scotland (PAS) .

Play Scotland

The Scottish Government are currently consulting on the new national planning framework and play sufficiency assessments.

These key pieces of legislation will shape the development of places and spaces across Scotland and will have a huge impact on future infrastructure and climate.

We want to support you to ensure that the children and young people that you work with are empowered to share their thoughts on these topics. Our facilitator's pack will guide you through the process of running one engagement session that will allow you to respond to both consultations. <https://www.playscotland.org/creating-a-children-and-young-people-response-to-the-npf4-consultation/>

If you would like to find out more or to run a group consultation, please download our facilitator's guide and response template.

Please note that the deadline for submitting consultation responses is Thursday 31 March 2022, so please do get in touch with us as soon as possible if you are interested in contributing. Please email info@playscotland.org.

Tenant Grant Fund

A Tenant Grant Fund has been set up to help tenants who are at risk of becoming homeless because they've fallen behind with rent payments during COVID-19.

Applications will be assessed to ensure that support is provided to households at greatest risk of becoming homeless.

Eligibility

If you're a tenant and have struggled financially as a direct result of the pandemic you should apply before 31 March 2022.

Your rent arrears must have built up between 23 March 2020 and 9 August 2021, and your landlord should have carried out steps to resolve the issue with you.

We'll make full or partial payments if your application is successful, and for a maximum period of 12 months between the above dates.

How to apply

Tenants can apply online.

There's information you'll need to hand to be able to submit your application, which is detailed at the beginning of the form.

If you need support with your application you can ask your landlord or a member of your family or a friend. You can also contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau for support.

Information for landlords

Payment will be made directly to you to reduce your tenant's arrears. As a condition of the payment you must agree to end any ongoing proceedings.

Private landlords must be registered on the Scottish Landlord Register.

[Financial support | COVID-19 Financial Assistance | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Scotland's Census 2022

"Scotland's next census will be held in March 2022. This census will be a digital first census and we want to encourage as many households in Scotland as possible to complete it online. We would like to invite you to one or more of the online events listed below, to give you information on how the census will be delivered and how you can help get messages and support to those groups you already support in other ways, to ensure they can take part in the census and be counted.

Each online event will last no longer than 30 minutes and we invite you to register for the relevant event by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday, 12 January 2022	11:00 – 11:30	LGBTI	Click here to register for event
Wednesday, 19 January 2022	11:00 – 11:30	Young people not living at home	Click here to register for event

Please forward this invitation onto other organisations you feel would benefit from attending these events.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch – Scotlandscensus@nrscotland.gov.uk.”

Community Ownership Fund

You may be aware that the UK Government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund. This will provide funding over four years to support community groups to take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of being lost. From the summer onwards, voluntary and community groups can bid for up to £250,000 (up to £1M for sport projects) at 50% match funding to help them purchase or take over important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community.

The intention is to help ensure key assets within a community are not lost. The UK Government has not published a definite list of eligible assets as they want to hear what matters to communities but the fund could support community ownership proposals including:

- sporting and leisure facilities
- cinemas and theatres
- music venues
- museums
- galleries
- parks
- pubs
- post office buildings
- shops

Applicants will need to be able to demonstrate the value of the asset to local people and the sustainability of the project as well as the risk of losing the amenity without community intervention.

The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total. Key dates are as follows:

- December 2021 – round 2 will open
- May 2022 – round 3 will open

The first round is primarily focused on capital costs with an expectation that development funding will be available from round 2 onwards. The UK Government intends to update the fund's prospectus and guidance notes for round 2 in the autumn based on their learning from round 1.

For more details, please see the [Community Ownership Fund prospectus](#). A copy of the application form is attached.

Locality Plan and Action Plans

[Tweeddale Locality Plan | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

0 participation requests

Continuing to work with 2 organisations to progress asset transfer requests on buildings in the Tweeddale area.

1 new informal enquiry received about a potential asset transfer request.

[Area partnerships information pack | Area partnerships | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

	Section 4: Further Support
20.	<p>Useful Links below</p> <p>Debt Advice:</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>Salvation Army</p> <p>NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store</p> <p>Business support:</p>

www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business

www.findbusinesssupport.gov.scot

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

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

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

[Sustainable Development Fund](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

Covid-19:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/coronavirus

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing>

Health & Wellbeing:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/coronavirus/>

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

Community Empowerment:

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies_plans_and_policies/357/community_empowerment_scotland_act_2015

Scottish Community Council Newsletter:

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/>

