

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

Placemaking 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 - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Priorities for the Scottish Borders

Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership is refreshing the priorities for our area. This work will take account of how community priorities may have changed since the pandemic.

Community planning is the process by which Councils and other public bodies such as Health Boards and Police Scotland work with local communities, businesses and community groups to plan and deliver better services and improve the lives of people who live in Scotland.

We want to work with you to develop the priorities that will help to reduce inequalities and make things better for those most in need in our communities.

This is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas about these priorities.

Closes June 5th

[Priorities for the Scottish Borders \(2022\) - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Electric Vehicle Consultation

With the clear commitments to deliver Net-Zero there are several key targets to hit over the coming 23 years. This will require a significant change in Local Authority, business and citizens travel habits and adoption of sustainable travel options like Electric Vehicles. To enable this to be a reality, the Scottish Borders is starting from a very low level of provision and must undertake a comprehensive review of how demand will develop across the region, how the electricity grid can cater for that

demand and the commercial models available to deliver the infrastructure equitably across the region.

To give your views go to

[Electric Vehicle consultation - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Survey closes June 24th

School Meals Survey

A good diet is essential for good health and it is important that children and young people are provided with a solid foundation for establishing healthy life-long eating habits. Although schools alone cannot be expected to address poor eating habits, schools can make a valuable contribution to improving the nutritional quality of diets and promoting consistent messages about healthy eating within a health promoting schools environment.

Since the introduction of the Healthy Eating in Schools 2020 regulations, which came into force in April 2021, we would like to gather more information around your thoughts on school meals and what we could improve on.

Please note that this survey is anonymous.

If you have a child(ren) in nursery a separate survey is being conducted.

[School Meals Survey 2022 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Improving Mental Health in the Scottish Borders

The Scottish Borders Joint Health Improvement Team (part of Public Health) is working with a multi-agency steering group of statutory and third sector partners to create a new three year action plan aiming to improve mental health and prevent suicide. This is not about our mental health services; it is about the things that help to prevent mental ill health and that promote good mental wellbeing.

This consultation will ask you to share any ideas that you have about improving the mental health and wellbeing of the Borders' population and preventing suicide.

[Improving Mental Health in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Current Pilots

Pingo Berwickshire

Pingo is a new, on-demand bus service brought to you by Borders Buses. Pingo allows customers to book a shared journey not served by a bus at that particular time. It operates within the

Berwickshire area and allows people to join up journeys, integrate with the existing transport network, and provide bus travel where a service doesn't exist.

By downloading the "Ride Pingo" app you can book your journey, pay for your journey online and even track the progress of your bus as it makes its way to your selected pick-up point. See the FAQs below for more info.

<https://www.bordersbuses.co.uk/pingo-berwickshire>

Community Empowerment:

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Berwickshire 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:

[Berwickshire 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)

Covid-19 vaccination programme

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/>

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

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

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

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

[SBC Community Fund](#)

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

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

<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