

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](#)

Local Housing Strategy 2023-28 Resident Survey

We are seeking the views of residents in relation to Scottish Borders' future Local Housing Strategy.

As part of the early engagement, we have developed four issues papers:

- Housing Delivery and Place Making
- Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Housing Quality
- Homelessness
- Particular Housing and Specialist Provision

These papers identify the key housing issues in the Scottish Borders. We are seeking the views of residents and stakeholders to make sure that they meet expectations, to see if we have missed anything and to see if there are a better ways of the council carrying out its duties in relation to housing. You can access the four housing issues papers

here: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1489/local_housing_strategy_-_housing_issues_papers

Survey closes 11 September

<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/housing/local-housing-strategy-2023-28-resident-survey/>

Food Conversation/ Financial Inclusion Fund

At the recent food conversation meeting attended by volunteers, community food projects and services from across Scottish Borders, Alchemy Film and Art shared an overview of their 'Rich, Rich Soil' summer programme of film, food and growing. Within Rich, Rich Soil, Alchemy Film & Arts has worked with Burnfoot Community Futures to provide Tea Time, a series of three course communal meals cooked by invited chefs which are served for free to residents of Burnfoot in Burnfoot Community Hub. An update was also provided on the ongoing roll out of Low and Slow which continues to be delivered in the Teviot & Liddesdale area.

Another meeting is due to take place in November and will continue the discussions and planning for responding to the impact the cost of living crisis is having on food access.

Community Orchard/ Burnfoot Grows Together

The proposed community Orchard will sit next to Burnfoot Community School in the heart of the community. The project is being delivered by a number of key partners including Hornshole Greenway project, Scottish Borders Council, Abundant Borders, Burnfoot Community School, CLD, and Burnfoot Community hub.

At its core this is a growing project which will allow hands on experience for local people, with a particular focus on Primary age children and their families, as part of Hornshole Greenway's Eco education program.

The Orchard will have Apple, Pear and Plum trees planted as well as wild flowers to attract pollinator insects. Local families can adopt a tree and using the projects Apple press, will see the direct fruits of their labour and care. The aim is to engage and educate in growing but also to create an enhanced green space for the community.

Although significant engagement has already taken place, including the children from the local school designing a sign for the orchard, and a recent visit from BBC to film various activities, planting will take place autumn 2022.

Community Choices

The e-learning module is now available for SBC staff to complete. It is designed to increase knowledge, understanding and awareness of how departments within SBC can work with the community to make decisions on budget spend.

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 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Heating & energy:

www.scotborders.gov.uk/affordablewarmth

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

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/>

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](#)

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