

Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up

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.

Read more: [Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Newcastleton Play park consultation

SBC is investing over £4 million in Play Areas and Outdoor Community Spaces over a seven year period. The intention is to improve community wellbeing and enhance outdoor activity for children and young people inclusive of all levels of ability. SBC currently has 187 play parks ranging from smaller local areas of play to destination play parks. A programme of investment has been developed based on previous improvements to play areas and community spaces to provide children and young people with meaningful play opportunities. To help ensure this is achieved, play areas will include items that are accessible for all such as wheelchair roundabouts, trampolines, ramped multi plays, basket swings and play panels.

Activity is already underway to develop play areas in various sites across the Scottish Borders. The play area off George and Union Street, Newcastleton George and Union Street, Newcastleton is also due to receive a £200k investment. This survey is to find out what improvements people would like to see in this park.

The online consultation is being run alongside a series of face to face events, which are being held with Little Explorers, Newcastleton Youth Club & Newcastleton Primary School.

<https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/customer-communities/newcastleton-play-park-consultation/>

The consultation closes on 5 November 23.

Footway Parking 2023

The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 has outlined some major changes to the way Scotland's transport network will operate going forward including some new responsibilities that local authorities will assume.

Under these new regulations, parking on all pavements/footways will be prohibited with the exception of specific areas identified by local authorities that meet certain requirements.

This means that in the future, the only time when parking on the pavement/footway will be allowed, is if this has been agreed officially and Scottish Borders Council has erected the appropriate sign and road markings.

To learn more about the Act, please click on the following link;

[Parking and the Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019 | Transport Scotland](#)

This consultation exercise is to establish locations where pavement/footway parking currently takes places within the Scottish Borders Council area. Once we have this information, assessments can then be carried out by officers to determine, if this can continue while meeting the regulations.

This survey will give the opportunity for up to 5 locations to be reported. If you have more than 5 locations, you will be required to repeat the survey.

Please access the survey here; [Footway Parking 2023 - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

The consultation closes on 5 November 23.

Partner consultations

Borders Community Action Strategy Consultation

Borders Community Action is one of a network of 32 Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) operating in Scotland, with one for each local authority area. Formed by the Scottish Government, TSIs aid the development of voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and volunteering.

Third Sector Interfaces play a crucial role in facilitating communication and collaboration between the third sector and various stakeholders, and your input will help shape the future direction of our plan and activities. This survey is one of the methods we have chosen to consult on our draft strategy. We value your insights and feedback and will be using the information gathered to develop our 3-year strategic plan in 2024.

Please follow the link to take part in the consultation:

[Borders Community Action Strategy Consultation \(office.com\)](#)

Scottish Government Current Consultations

Democracy Matters

Somebody, somewhere is making decisions on your behalf. Democracy Matters conversations have already started to explore whether far more of these decisions could be made by communities themselves. This is a key and connected part of the wider Local Governance Review which is looking across all of Scotland's vital public services to consider how power and resources should be shared between national and local government.

Read more: [Democracy Matters - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Enhancing the accessibility, adaptability and usability of Scotland's homes: consultation

Housing to 2040, Scotland's first long-term national housing strategy, reaffirmed the Scottish Government's commitment to review the Housing for Varying Needs design guide. It also contained a commitment to develop and introduce an all-tenure Scottish Accessible Homes Standard, which will be implemented through changes to building standards and guidance from 2025-26.

Read more: [Enhancing the accessibility, adaptability and usability of Scotland's homes: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Burial and cremation consultation collection

The Scottish Government is currently hosting a range of consultations on proposed regulations to be made under the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016. Please read the foreword from Jenni Minto MSP, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health.

Read more: [Burial and cremation consultation collection - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Food Conversations

The food conversation meeting on Friday 8 September focussed on The Good Food Nation Act, food mapping and public consultation with presentations from Nourish Scotland.

The next Food Conversation meeting will take place on 17 November on Microsoft Teams. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know.

Community Choices

There are no updates for Community Choices. Should this change, an update on the latest meeting will be provided at the Area Partnership.

Community Empowerment

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests or Asset Transfer Requests being considered within the Teviot & Liddesdale area.

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

[About Teviot and Liddesdale | Teviot and Liddesdale area partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Browse meetings - Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership - Scottish Borders Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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

Cost of Living Support

[Financial support and advice | Cost of Living Crisis support | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

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

<https://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/>

[Grants Online](#)

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

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

[Neighbourhood Support Fund | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[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