

Scottish Borders Council & Live Borders Public Survey

Public Survey Results

August 2023

Methodology & Reach

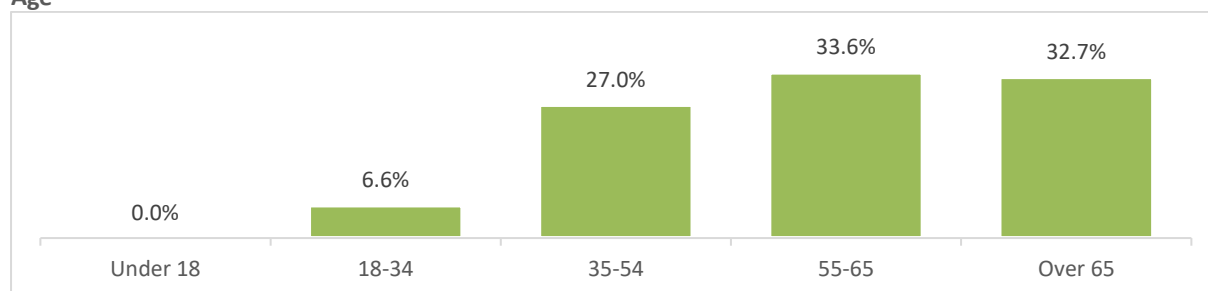
As part of the review, a detailed and wide-reaching public survey was developed. This survey was shared through Council and Live Borders channels as well as via the local press, and through the range of engagement activities also programmed by the Consultant team. Following on from the phase one work where staff of both the Council and Live Borders were engaged, this survey sought further feedback around quality, quantity, accessibility, and affordability, whilst ascertaining the public support around hubs, consolidation, and understand which services and activities are a priority for each region.

The survey ran for 3 months from June to August 2023, and received 2,516 responses.

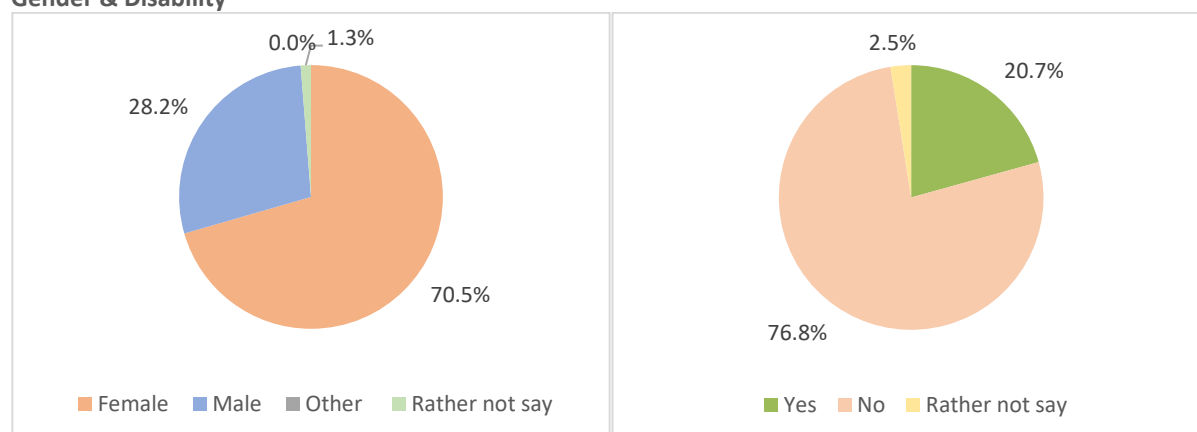
Demographics

Respondents were asked to indicate their age and gender, as well as whether they, or anyone in their family considered themselves as having a disability. The results of these questions are shown below:

Age

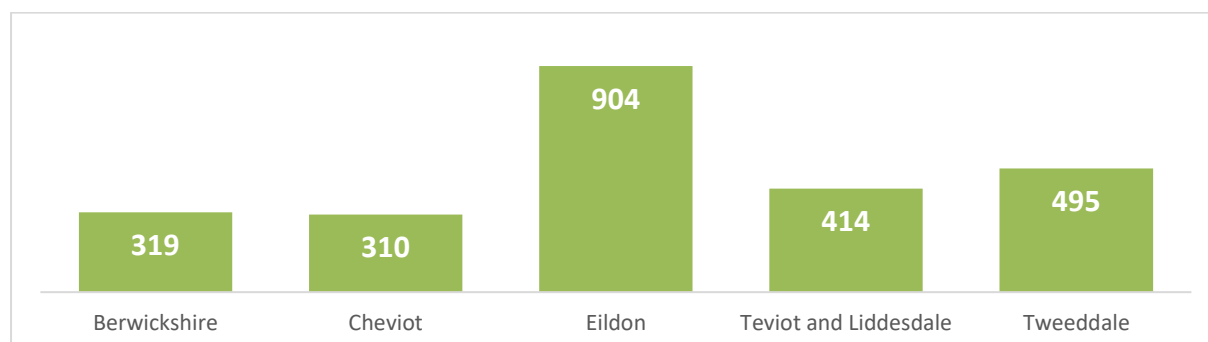


Gender & Disability



Geography

In reviewing the submitted post code data, the following breakdown by Scottish Borders Council locality can be surmised*:



**In the few occasions where post code areas cover multiple localities, Postcodes have been allocated to localities on a majority basis to support locality-based assessments in this report. These include TD1 – Eildon, TD3 – Berwickshire, TD4 – Eildon, TD5 – Cheviot and TD6 – Eildon.*

Service Priorities

Respondents were asked to rank the list of Live Borders services in relation to how important they are for them and their families. The services are shown below by overall ranking.

1 st	Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres
2 nd	Library Services
3 rd	Museums, Galleries & Visitor Attractions
4 th	Town Halls & Community Centres
5 th	Sports Development, Active Schools & Holiday programmes
6 th	Concerts and live events
7 th	Creative / Arts Activities

Priorities By Locality

The following tables show the priorities by Locality:

Berwickshire		Cheviot	
1 st	Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres	1 st	Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres
2 nd	Library Services	2 nd	Library Services
3 rd	Town Halls & Community Centres	3 rd	Museums, Galleries & Visitor Attractions
4 th	Museums, Galleries & Visitor Attractions	4 th	Town Halls & Community Centres
5 th	Sports Development, Active Schools & Holiday programmes	5 th	Sports Development, Active Schools & Holiday programmes
6 th	Creative / Arts Activities	6 th	Concerts and live events
7 th	Concerts and live events	7 th	Creative / Arts Activities
Eildon		Teviot and Liddesdale	
1 st	Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres	1 st	Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres
2 nd	Museums, Galleries & Visitor Attractions	2 nd =	Library Services
3 rd	Library Services	2 nd =	Museums, Galleries & Visitor Attractions
4 th	Museums, Galleries & Visitor Attractions	4 th	Sports Development, Active Schools & Holiday programmes
5 th	Town Halls & Community Centres	5 th	Concerts and live events
6 th	Sports Development, Active Schools & Holiday programmes	6 th	Town Halls & Community Centres
7 th	Concerts and live events	7 th	Creative / Arts Activities
Tweeddale			
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Leisure Centres, Sports Facilities and Swimming Pools

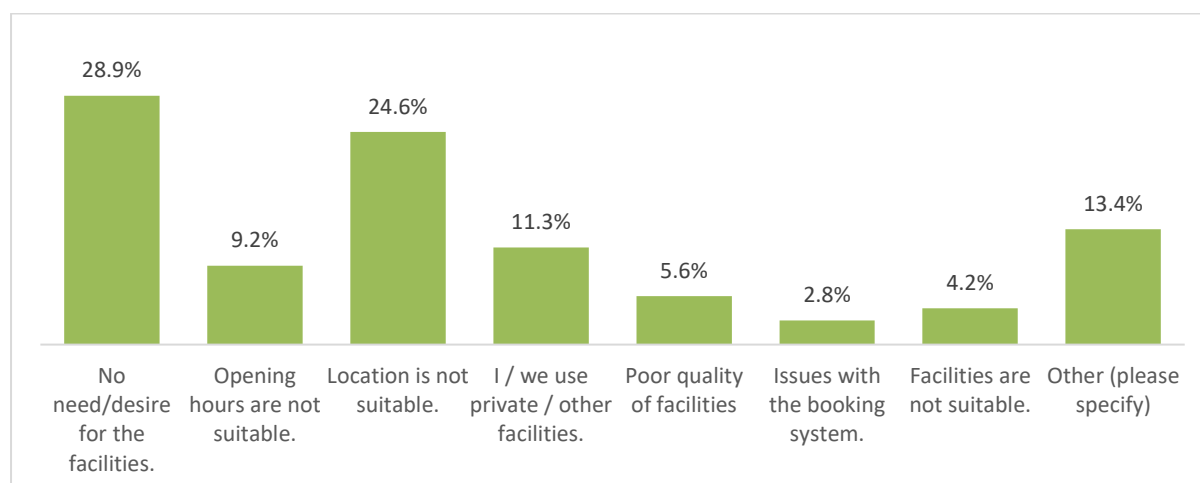
Participation

Respondents were asked whether they, or their family use Live Borders Leisure Centres, Sports Facilities and or Swimming Pools? As shown below, 75% of the respondents indicated that they did.



Barriers to Use

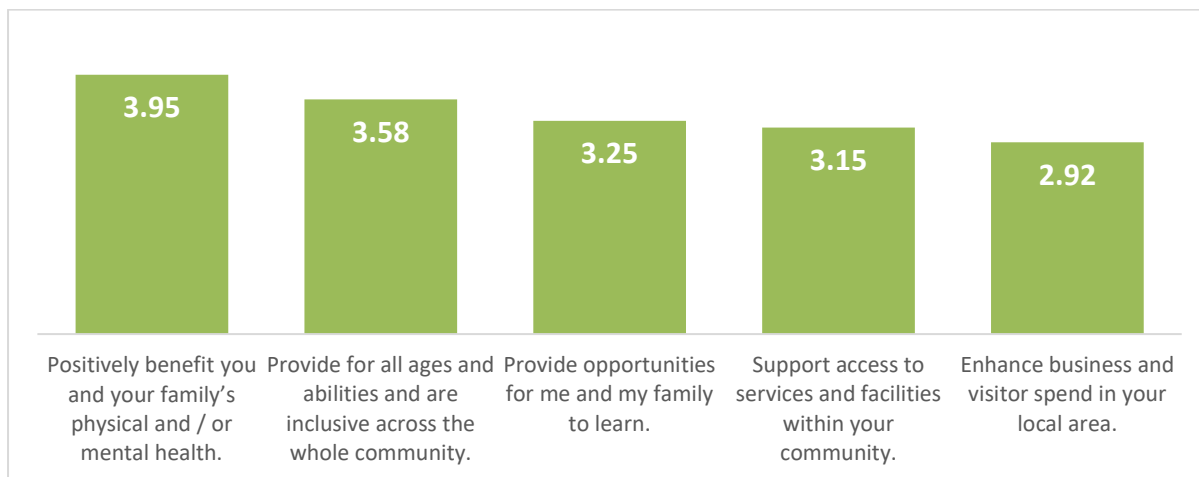
Those who do not current make use of the facilities were asked to indicate why; the results are shown below:



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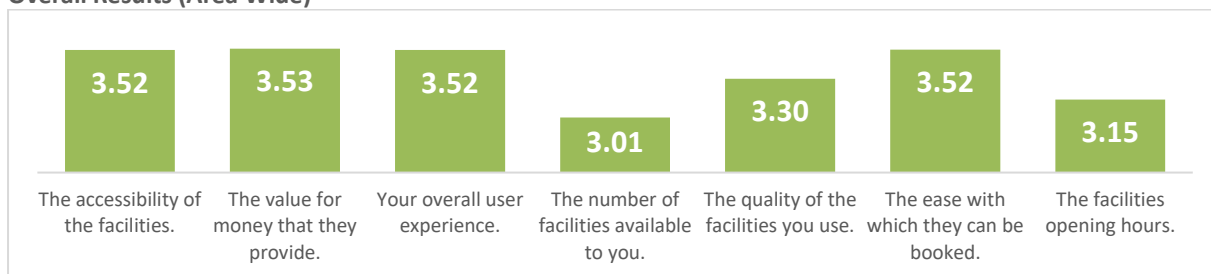
Perception of The Service

Respondents were asked to rate the extent to which Live Borders Sports and Leisure facilities achieved key aims. Each aim was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

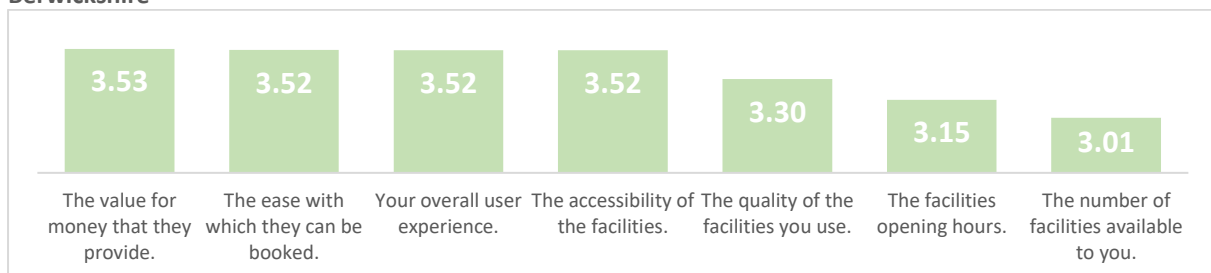


Respondents were asked to rate key elements of the provision, specifically thinking about the Live Borders Sports and Leisure facilities that they or their family use. Each element was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

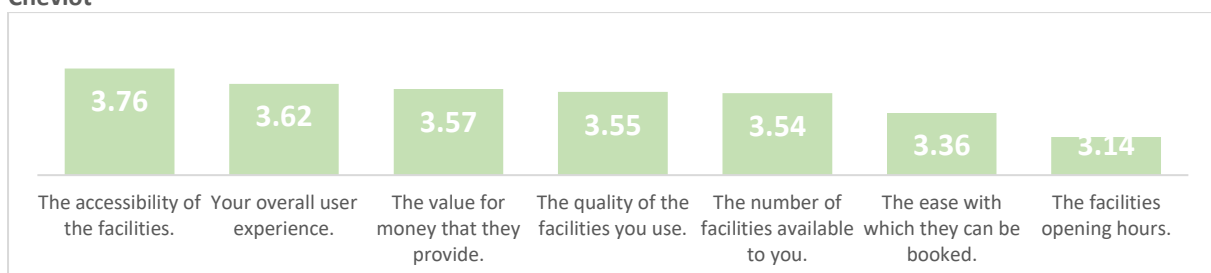
Overall Results (Area Wide)



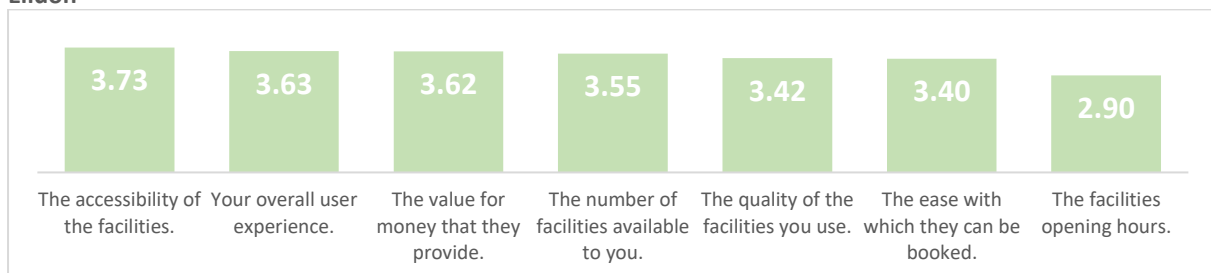
Berwickshire



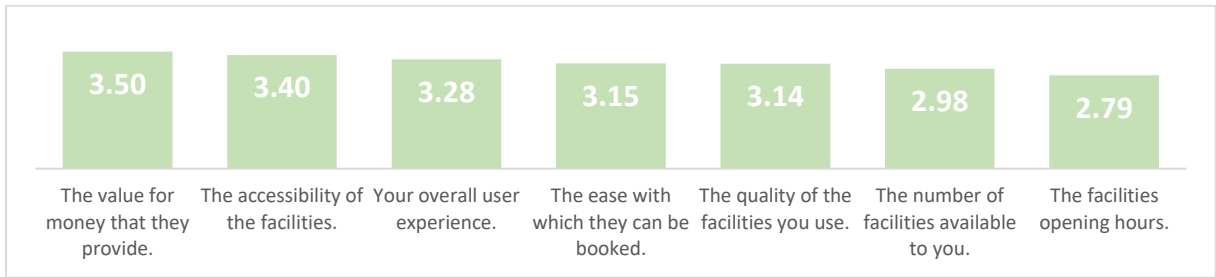
Cheviot



Eildon



Tweeddale



Teviot & Liddesdale



Museums Galleries & Visitor Attractions

Participation

Respondents were asked whether they, or their family use Live Borders Museums, Galleries and Visitor Attractions. As shown below, 60% of the respondents indicated that they did.



Barriers to Use

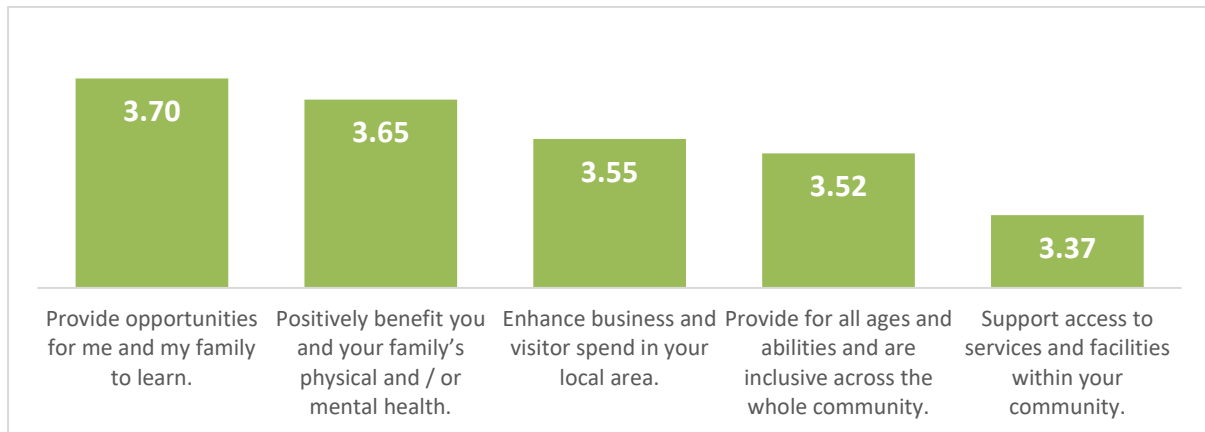
Those who do not current make use of the facilities were asked to indicate why; the results are shown below:



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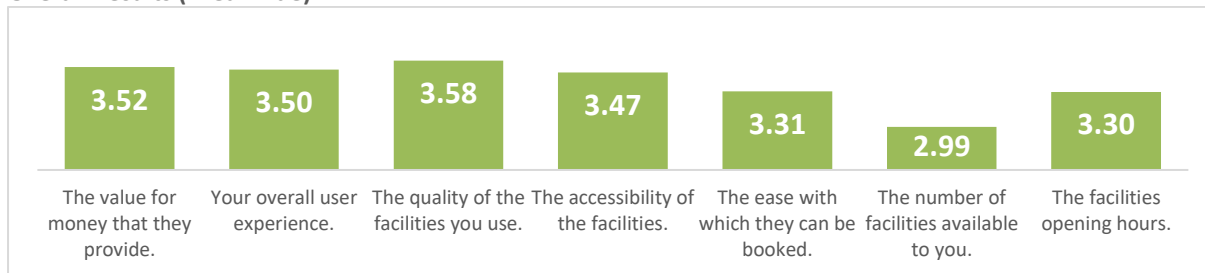
Perception of The Service

Respondents were then asked to rate the extent to which Live Borders Museums, Galleries and Visitor Attractions achieved key aims. Each aim was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

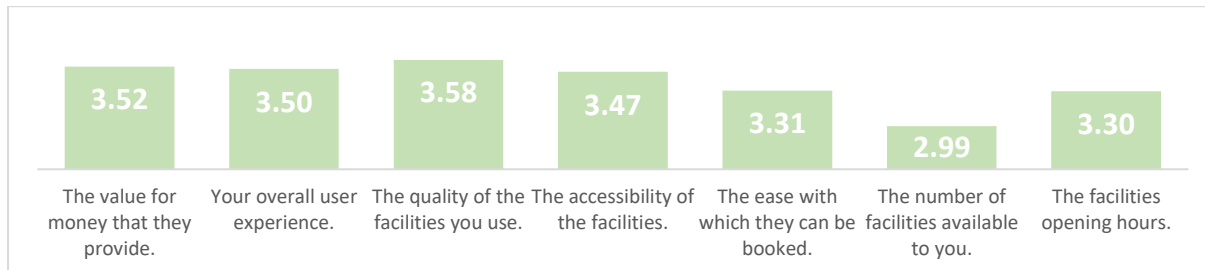


Respondents were asked to rate key elements of the provision, specifically thinking about the Live Borders Museums, Galleries and Visitor Attractions that they or their family use. Each element was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

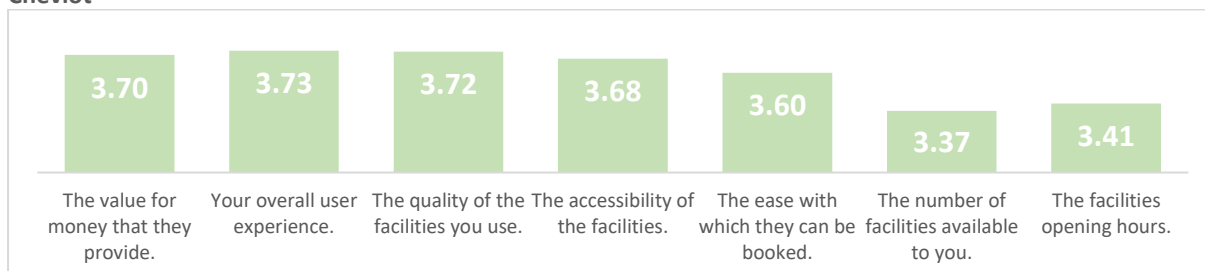
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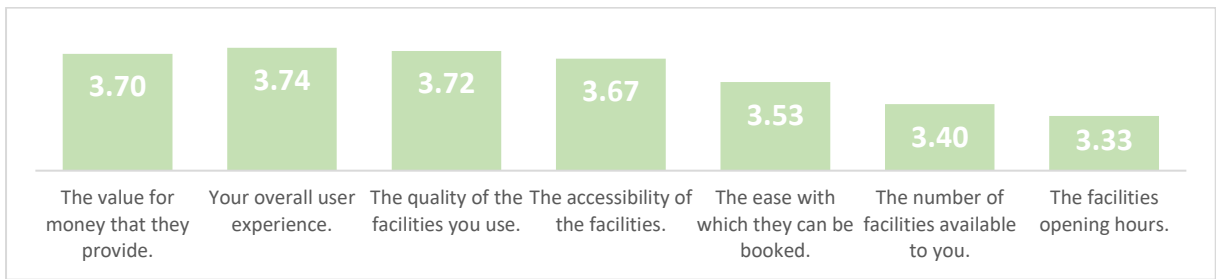
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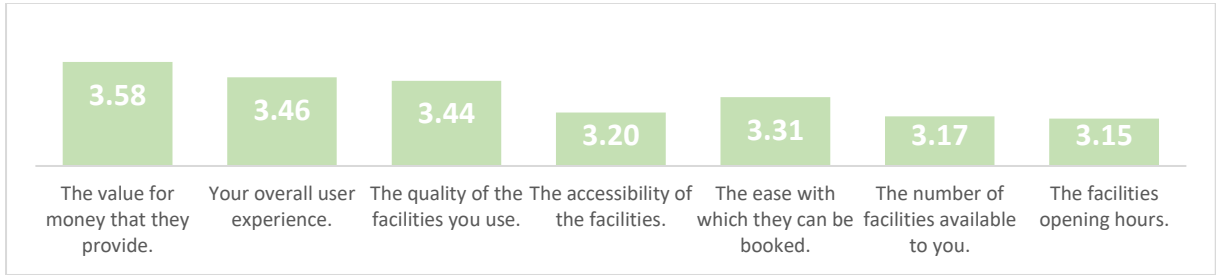
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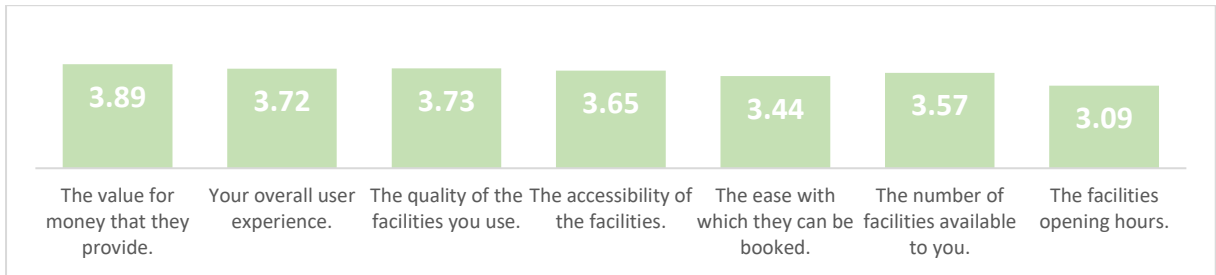
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Libraries

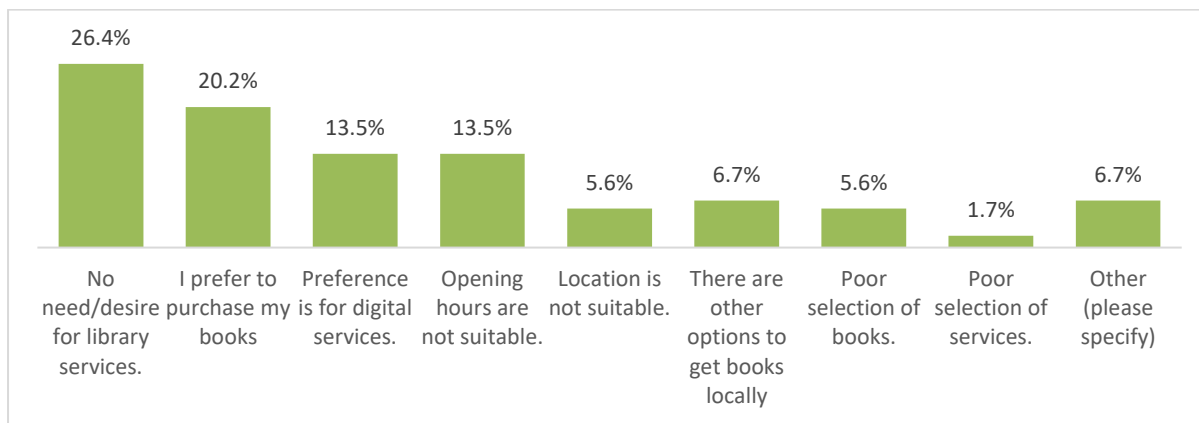
Participation

Respondents were asked whether they, or their family use Locally Based Libraries. As shown below, 58% of the respondents indicated that they did.



Barriers to Use

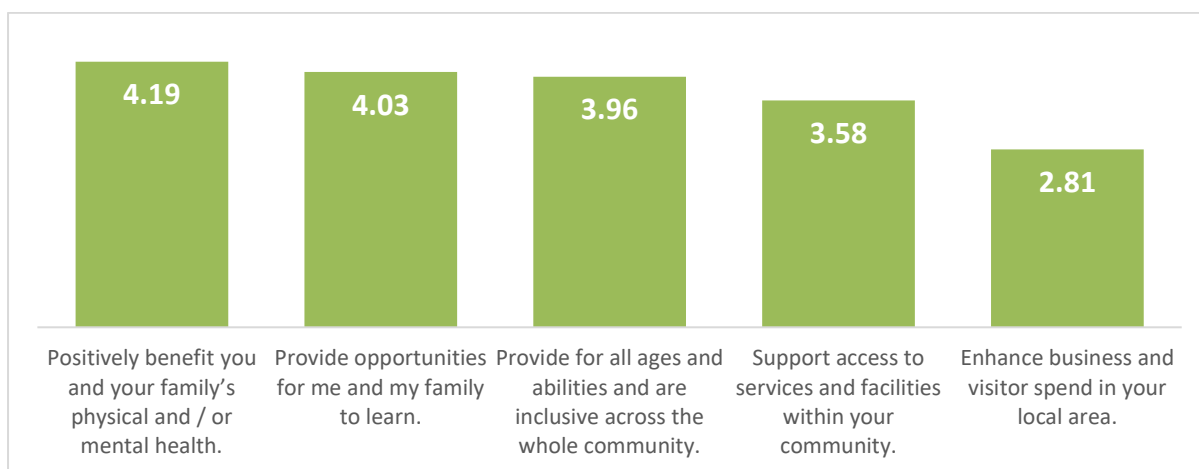
Those who do not current make use of the facilities were asked to indicate why; the results are shown below:



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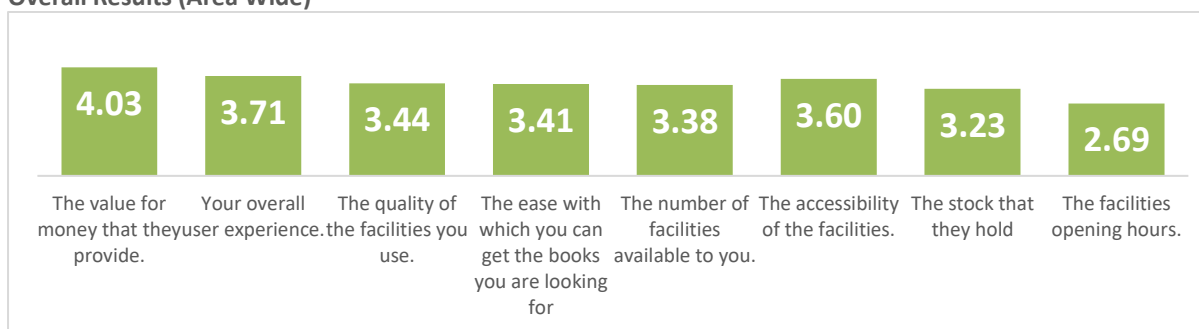
Perception of The Service

Respondents were then asked to rate the extent to which Live Borders Libraries achieved key aims. Each aim was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

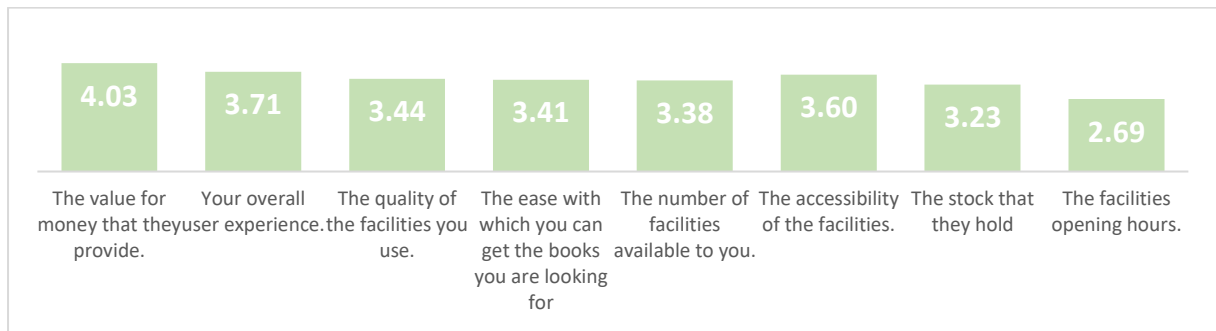


Respondents were asked to rate key elements of the provision, specifically thinking about the Live Borders Libraries that they or their family use. Each element was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

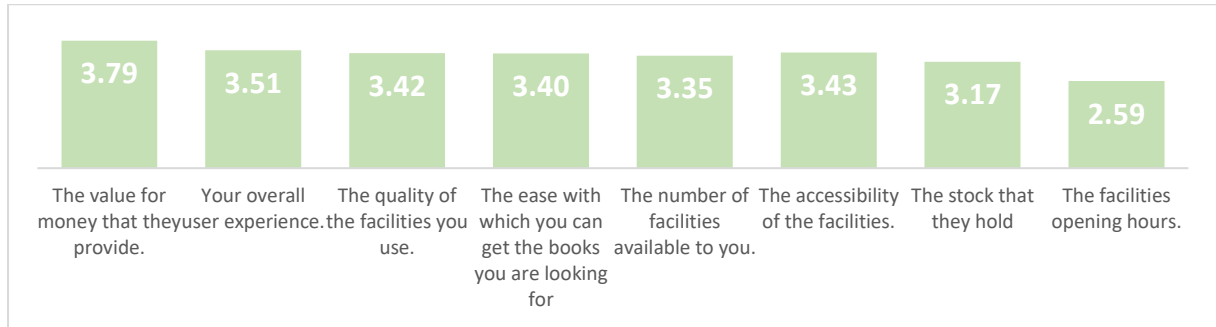
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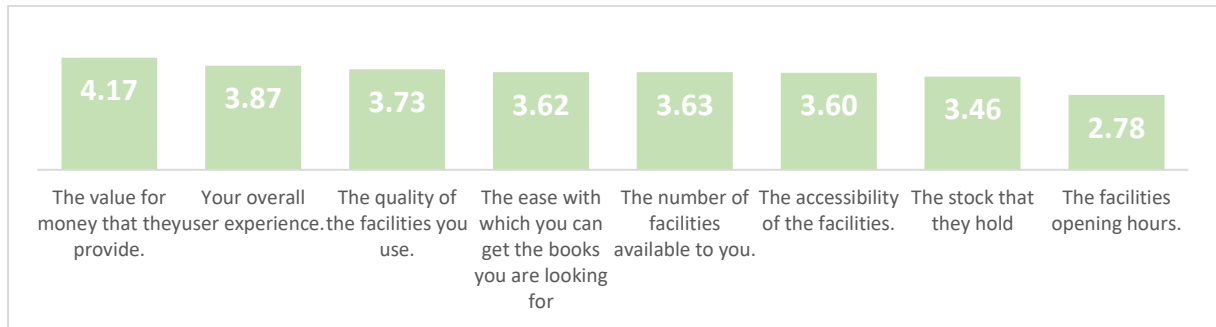
Berwickshire



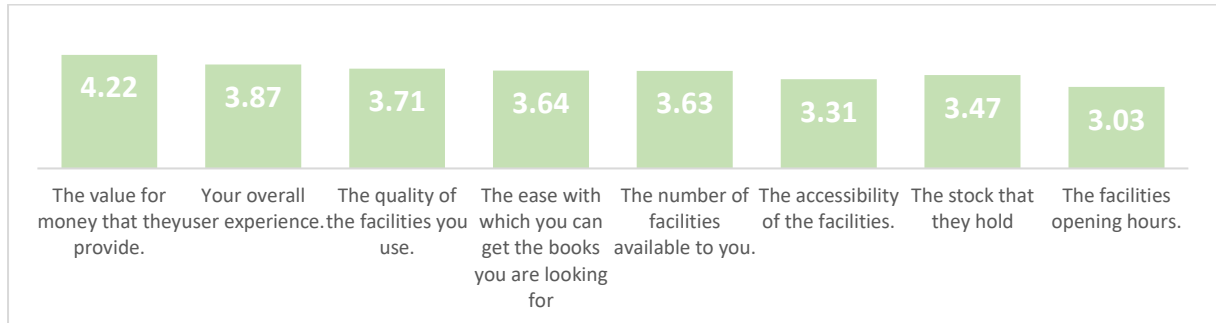
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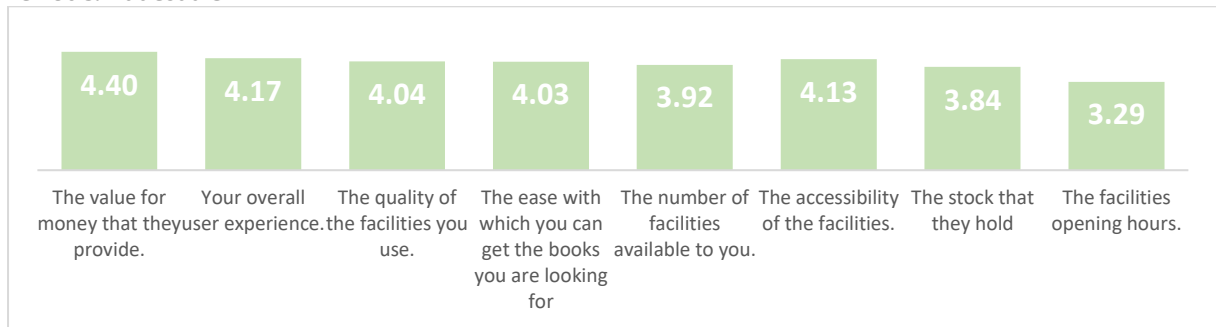
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Live Borders Town Halls or local Community Centres

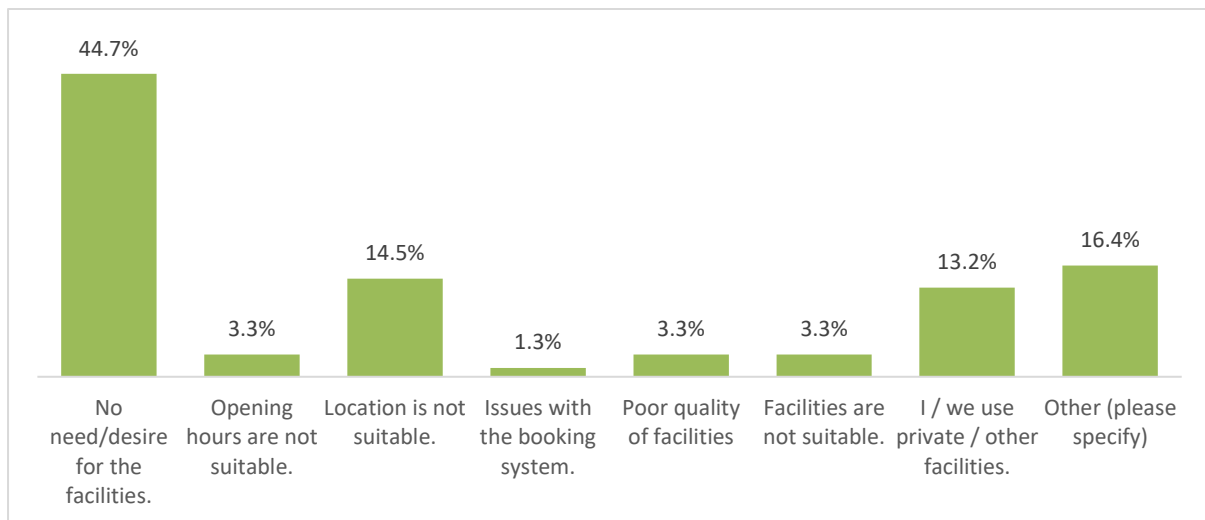
Participation

Respondents were asked whether they, or their family use Live Borders Town Halls or local Community Centres. As shown below, 53% of the respondents indicated that they did.



Barriers to Use

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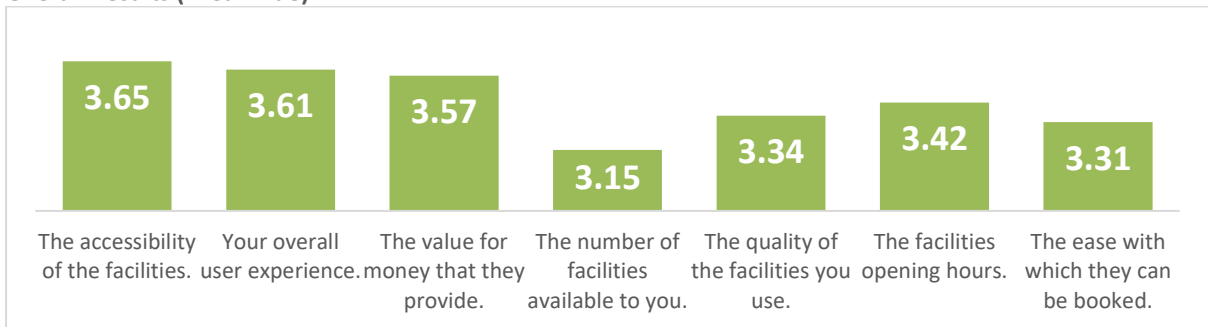
Perception of The Service

Respondents were then asked to rate the extent to which Live Borders Town Halls and Community Centres achieved key aims. Each aim was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

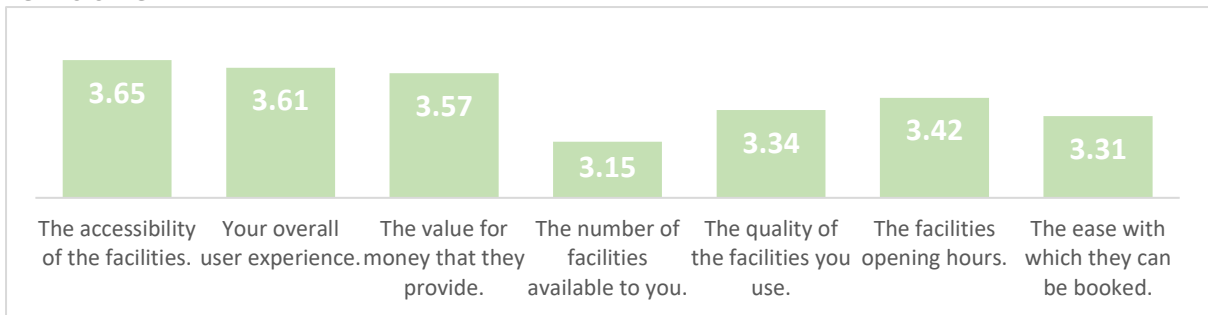


Respondents were asked to rate key elements of the provision, specifically thinking about the Live Borders Town Halls and Community Centres that they or their family use. Each element was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

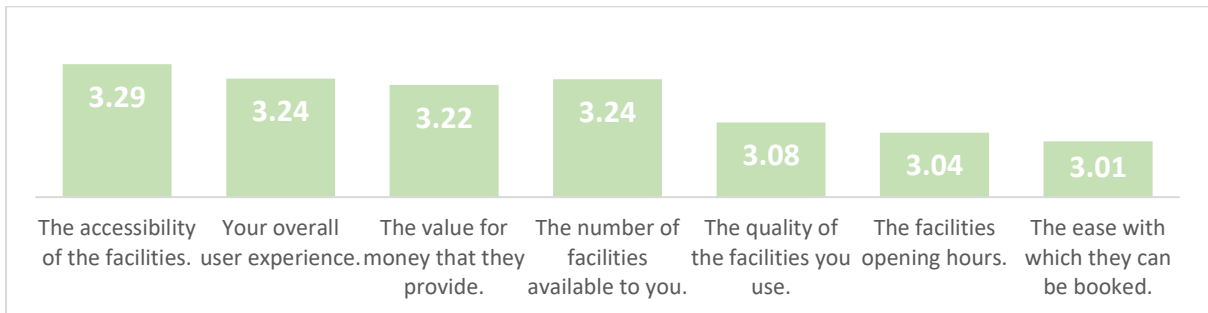
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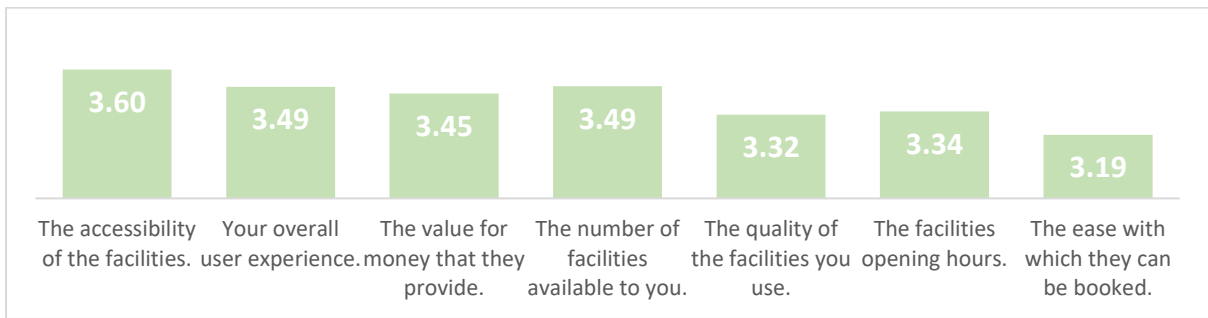
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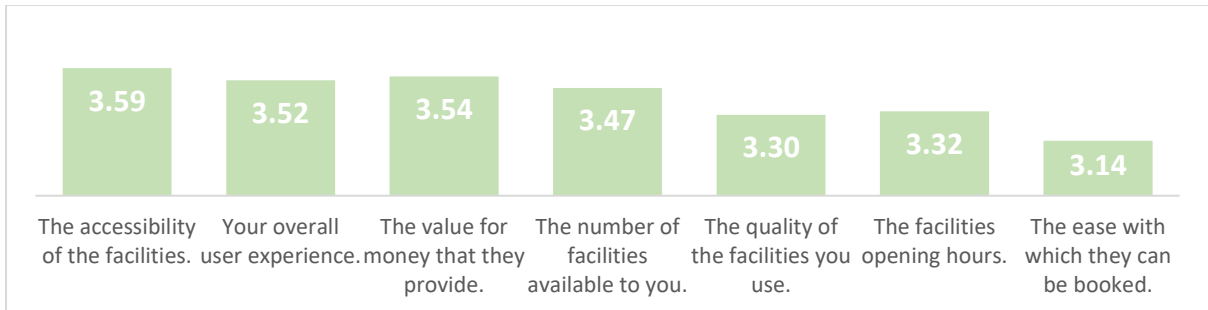
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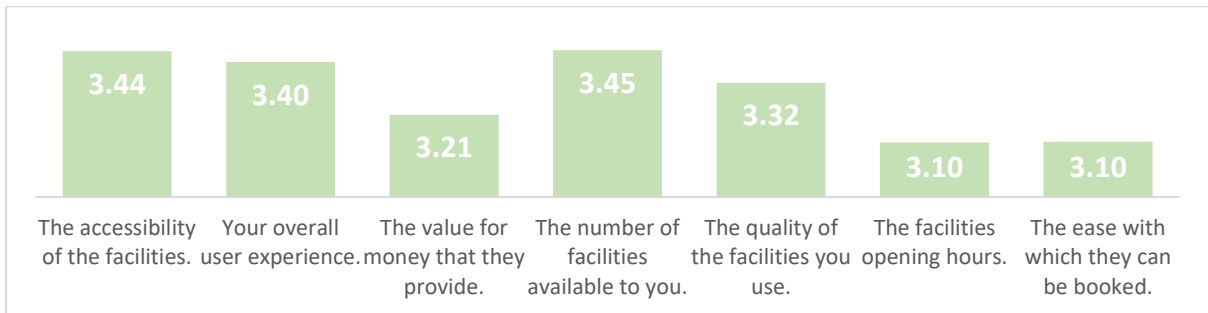
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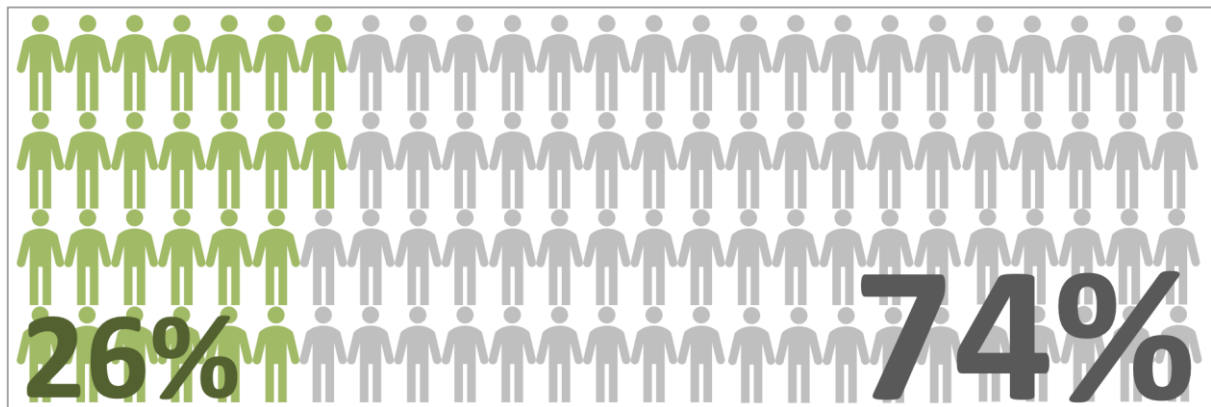
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Sports Development, Active Schools or Holiday Programmes

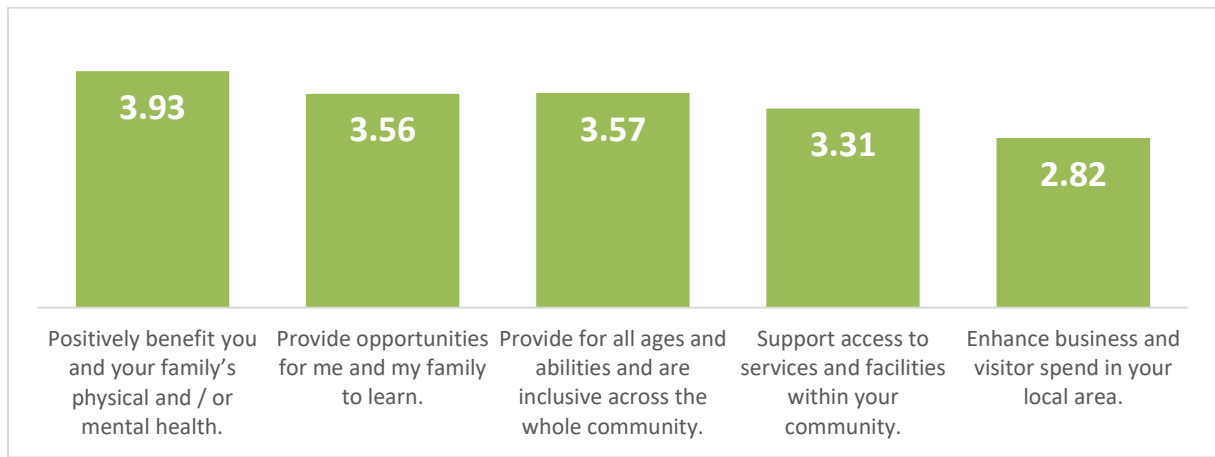
Participation

Respondents were asked whether they, or their family use Live Borders Sports Development, Active Schools or Holiday Programmes. As shown below, 26% of the respondents indicated that they did.



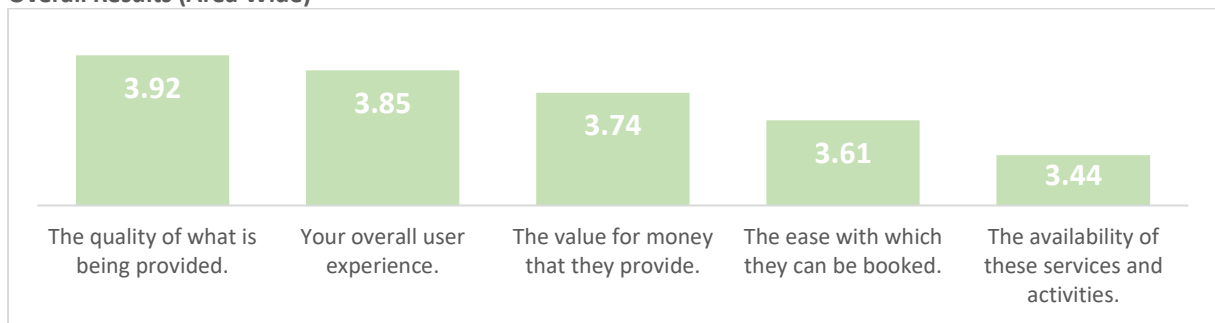
Perception of The Service

Respondents were then asked to rate the extent to which Sports Development, Active Schools & Holiday programmes achieved key aims. Each aim was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

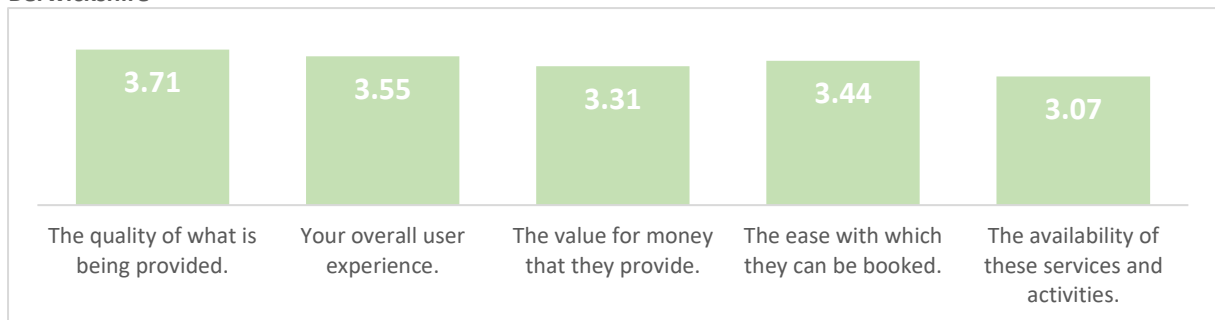


Respondents were asked to rate key elements of the provision, specifically thinking about the Sports Development, Active Schools & Holiday programmes that they or their family use. Each element was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

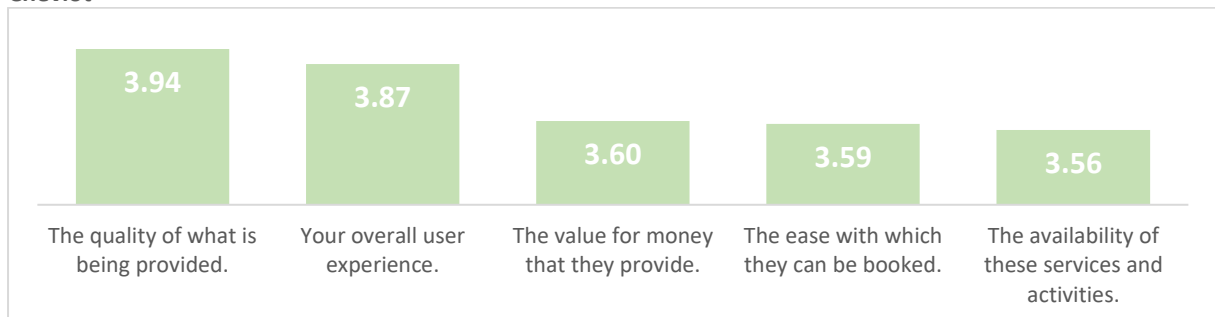
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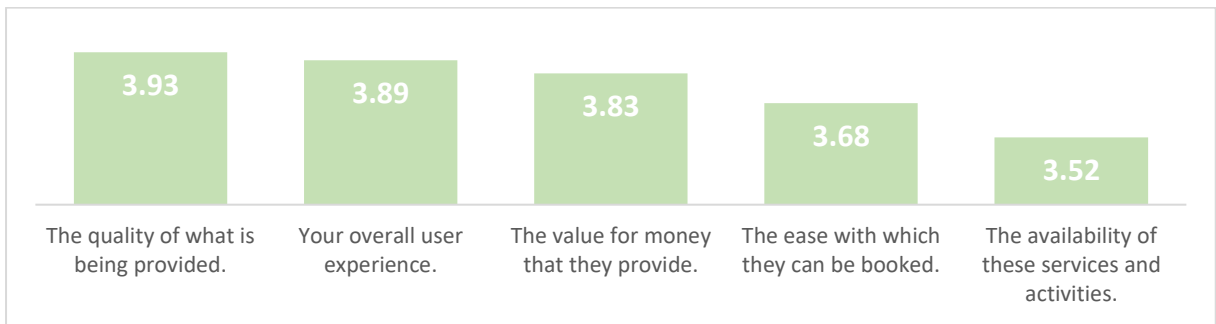
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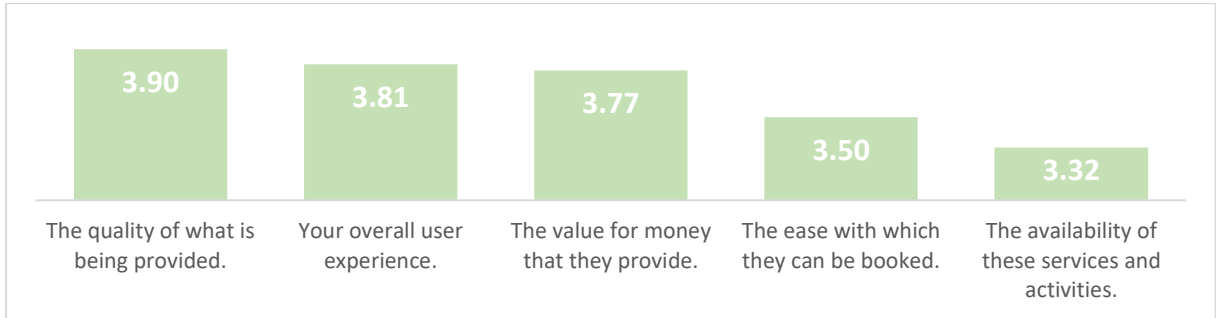
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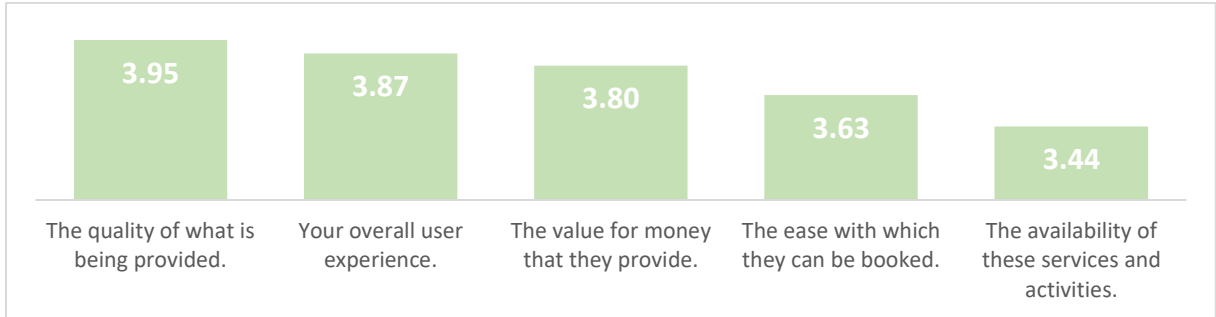
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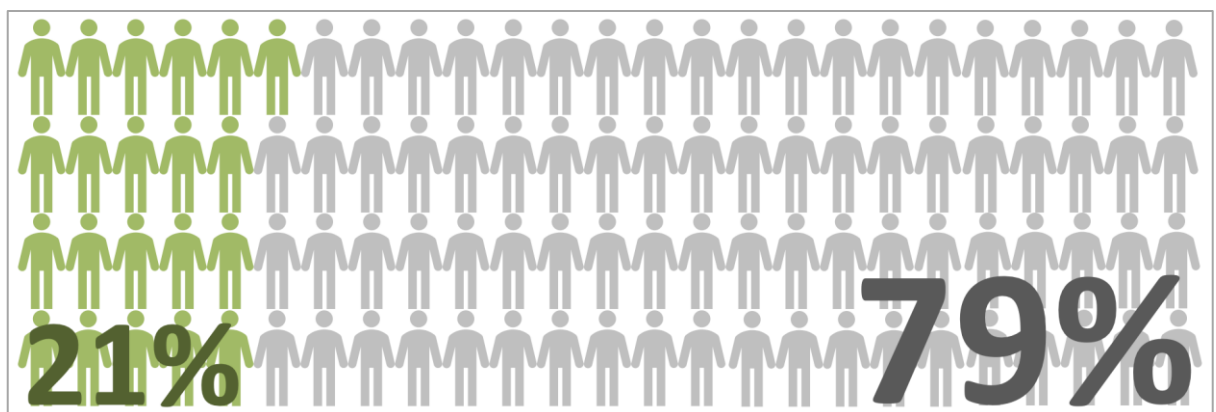
Teviot & Liddesdale



Live Borders Creative / Arts activities

Participation

Respondents were asked whether they, or their family use Live Borders Creative / Arts activities. As shown below, 21% of the respondents indicated that they did.



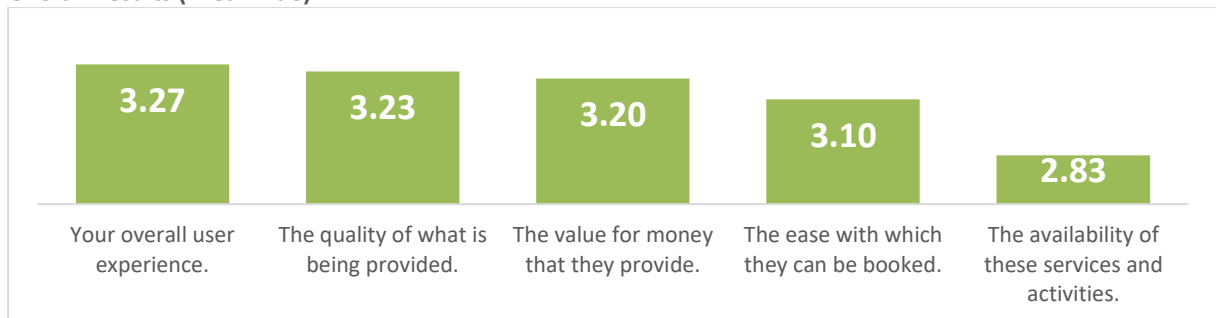
Perception of The Service

Respondents were then asked to rate the extent to which Live Borders Creative / Arts activities achieved key aims. Each aim was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

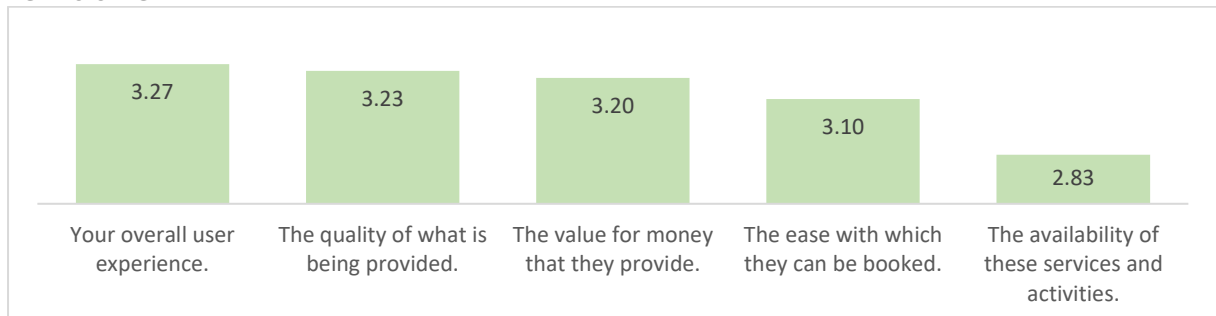


Respondents were asked to rate key elements of the provision, specifically thinking about the Live Borders Creative / Arts activities that they or their family use. Each element was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

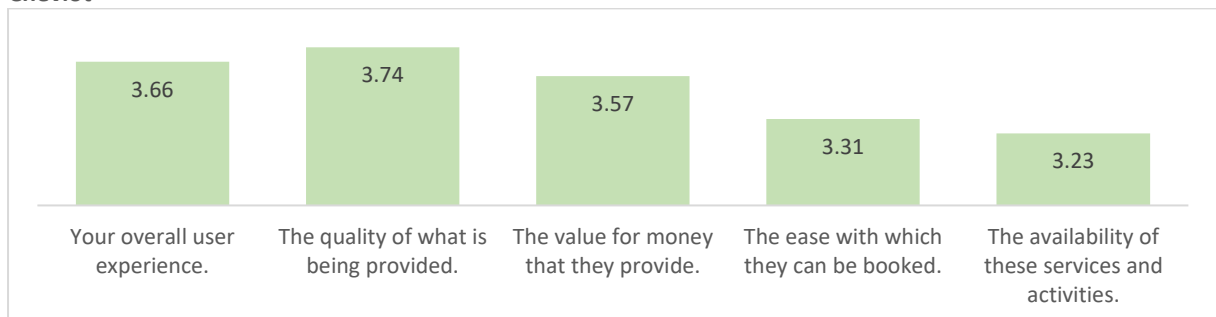
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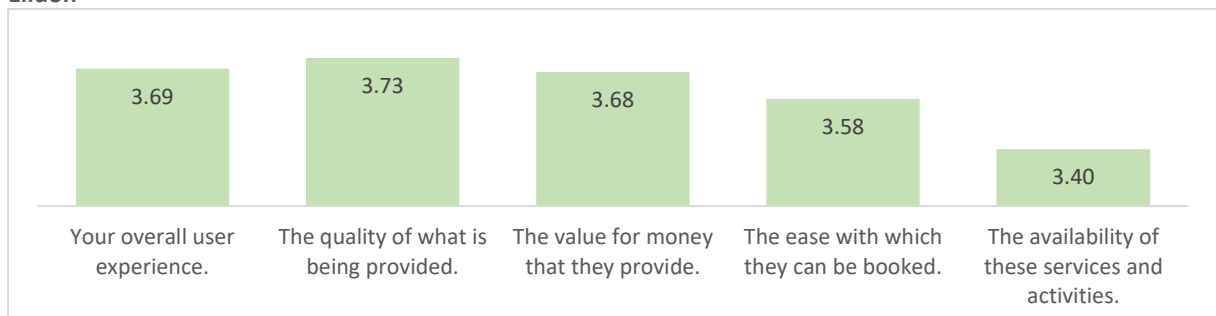
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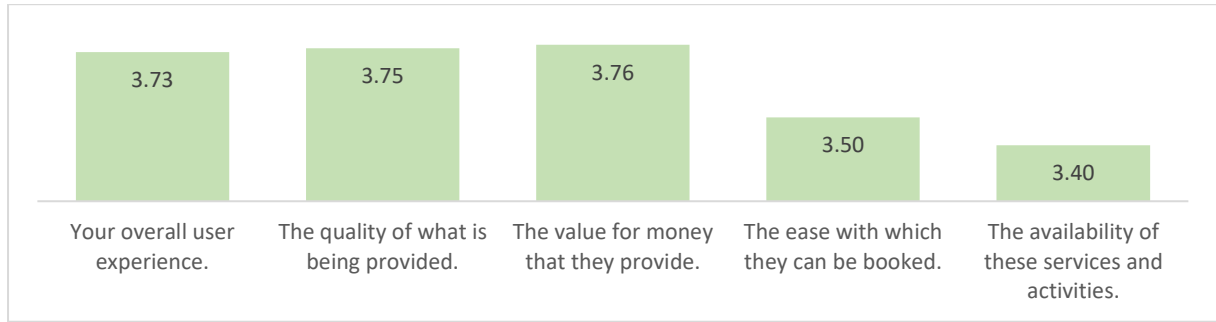
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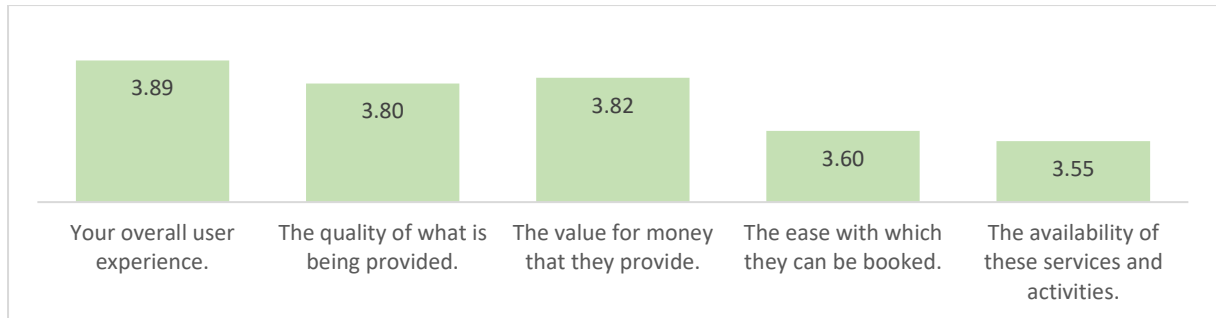
Eildon



Tweeddale



Teviot & Liddesdale



Live Borders Concerts & Live Events

Participation

Respondents were asked whether they, or their family use Live Borders Concerts & Live Events. As shown below, 40% of the respondents indicated that they did.



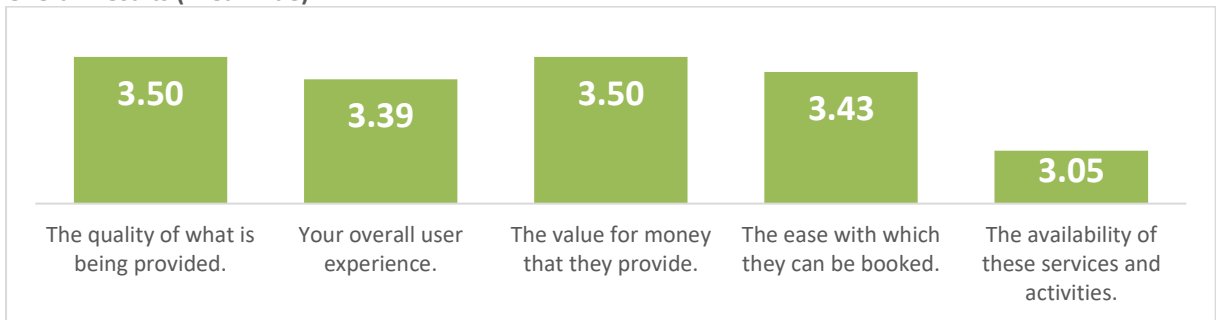
Perception of The Service

Respondents were then asked to rate the extent to which Live Borders Concerts and live events achieved key aims. Each aim was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

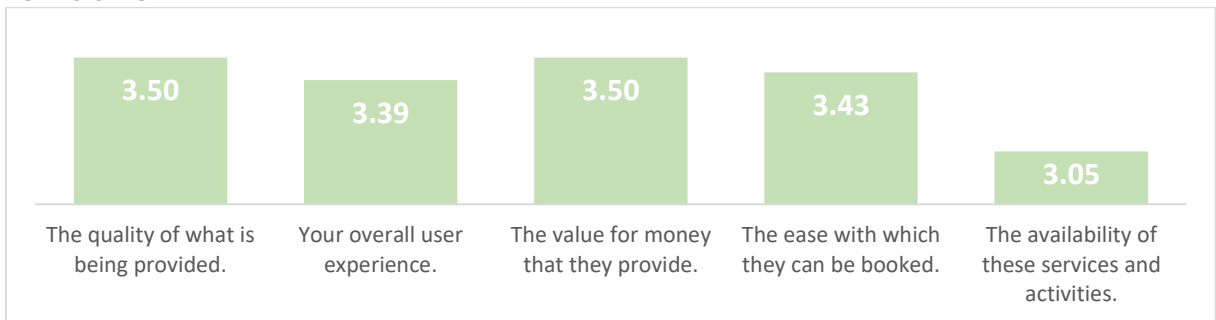


Respondents were asked to rate key elements of the provision, specifically thinking about the Live Borders Concerts and live events that they or their family use. Each element was scored between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest, and the average scores are outlined below:

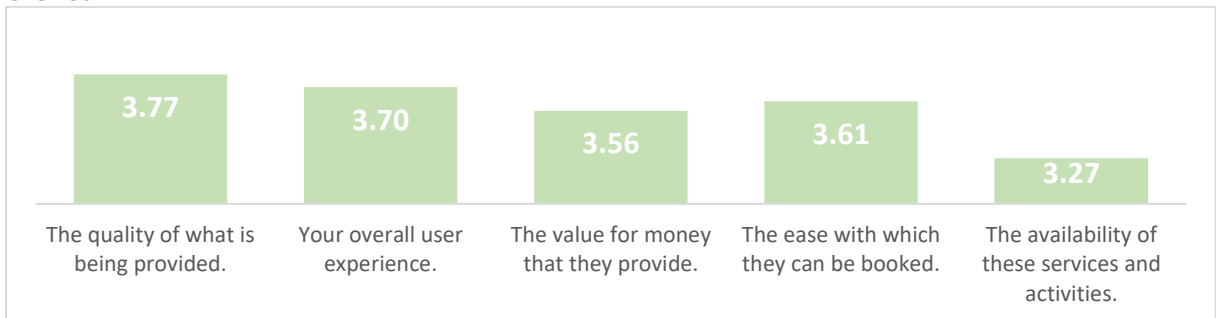
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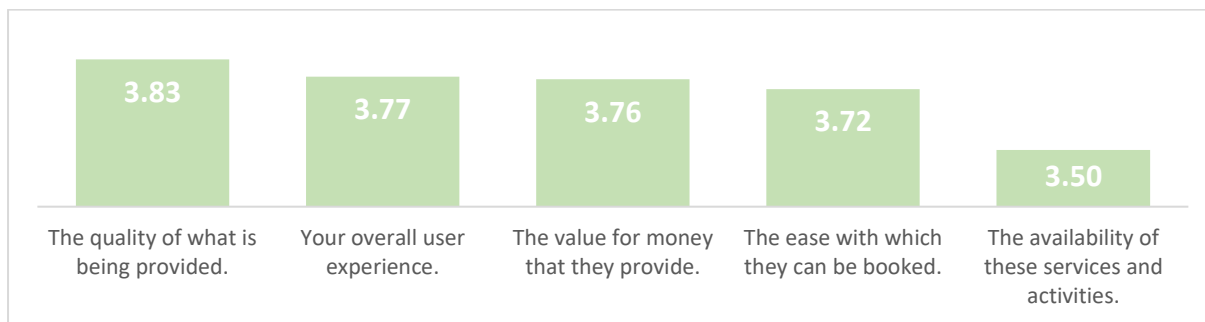
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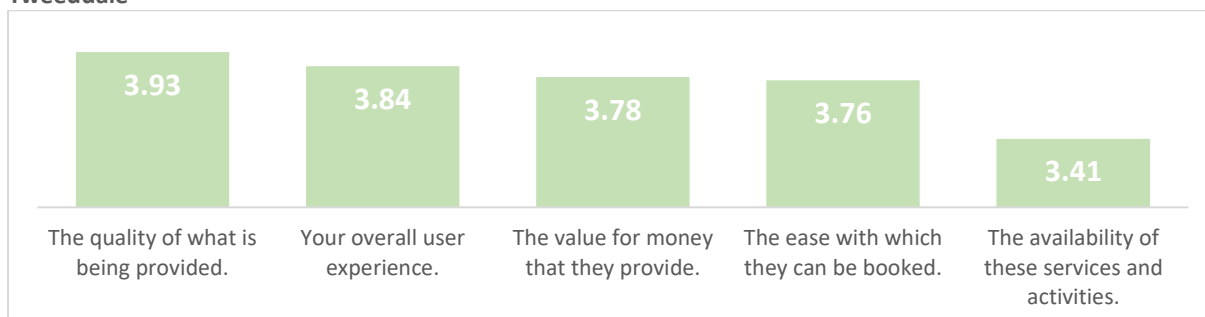
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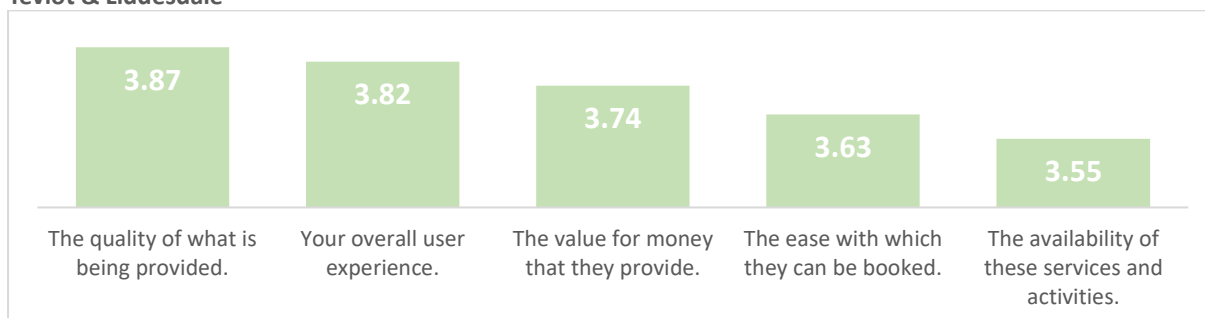
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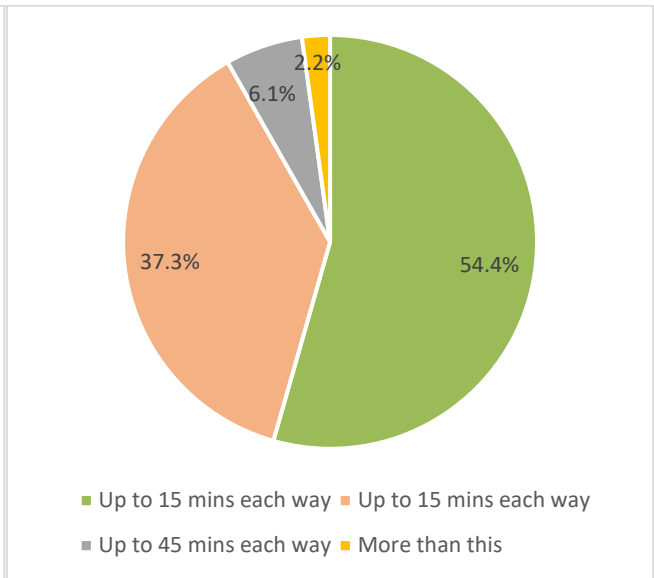
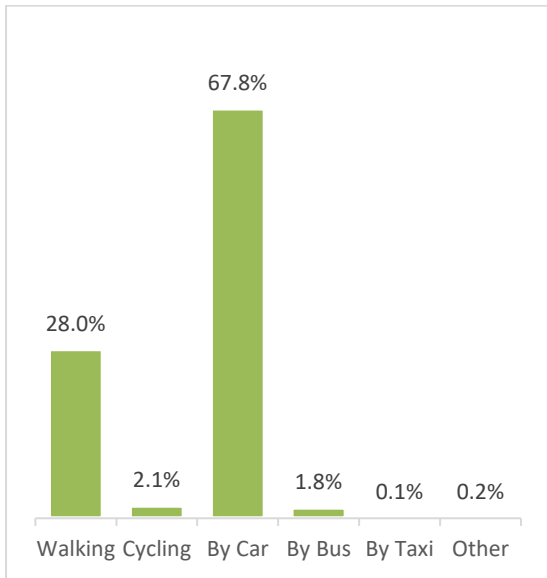
Travelling to Facilities & Services

Respondents were asked two questions in relation to their travel behaviours relating to using Live Borders facilities and services.

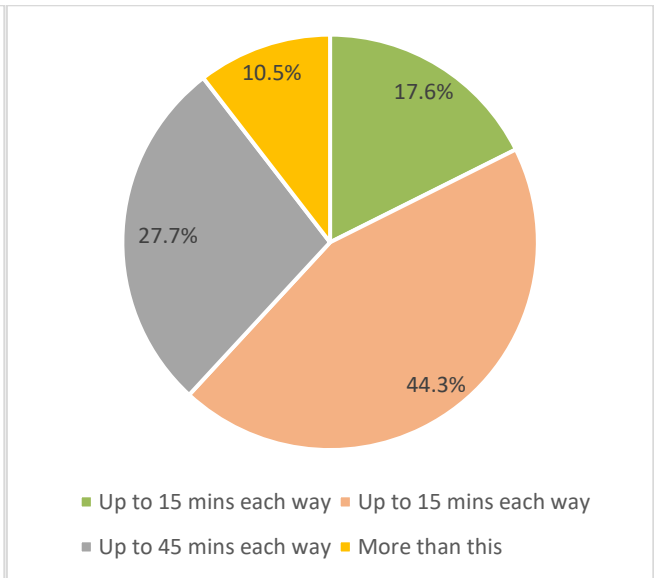
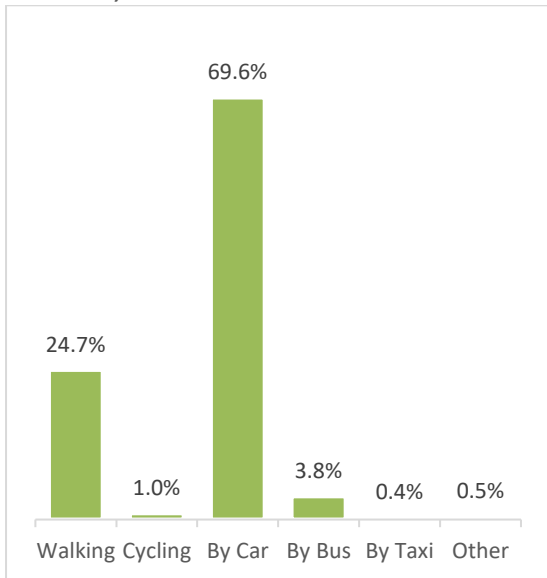
- “In visiting facilities and services, how do you and your family usually travel to these?”
- “how far would you and / or your family be willing to travel to make use of the following facilities and service?”

The results from these two questions are presented by service / activity below and show a clear dependence on car use for sports, museums, arts and events facilities and activities, but a prevalence for walking to use libraries and town halls.

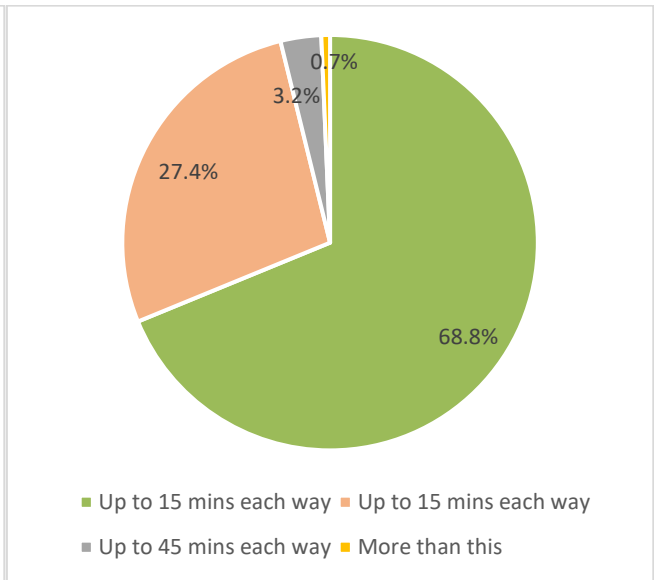
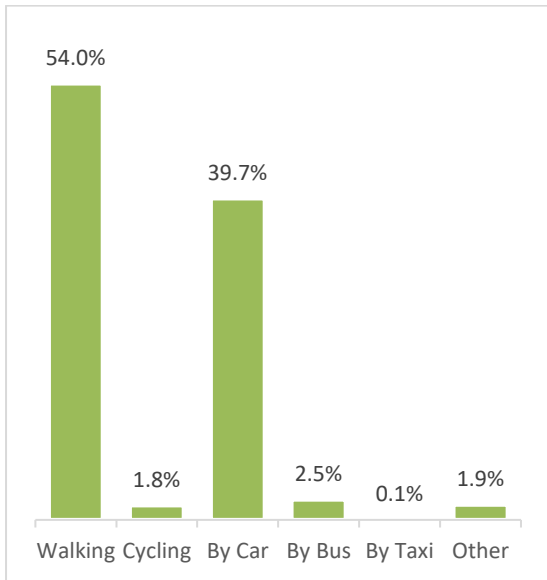
Swimming Pools & Leisure Centres



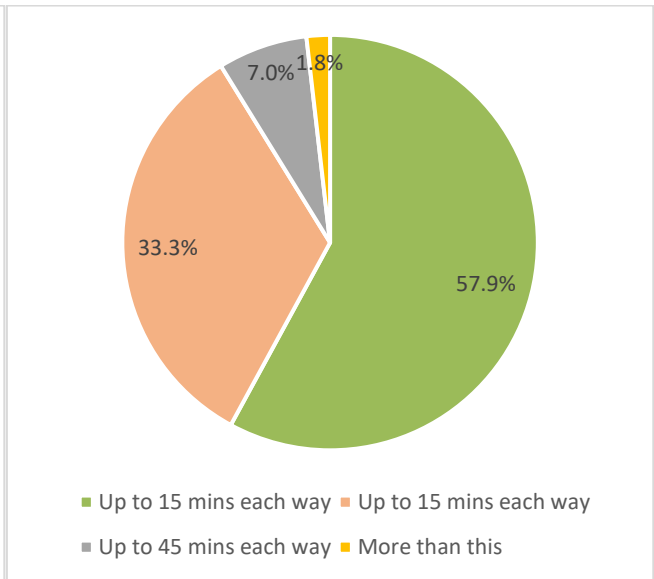
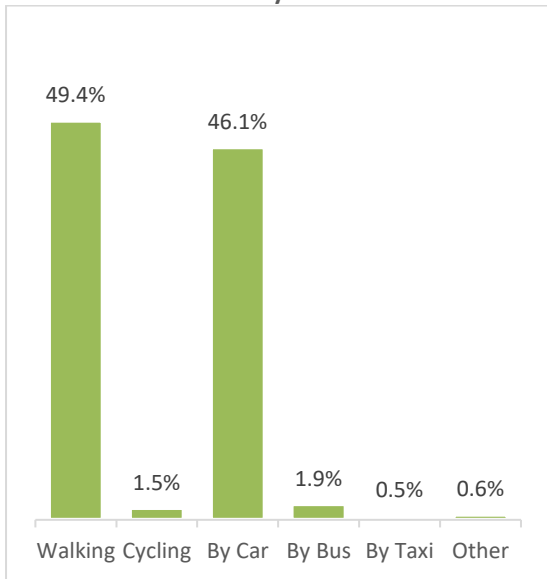
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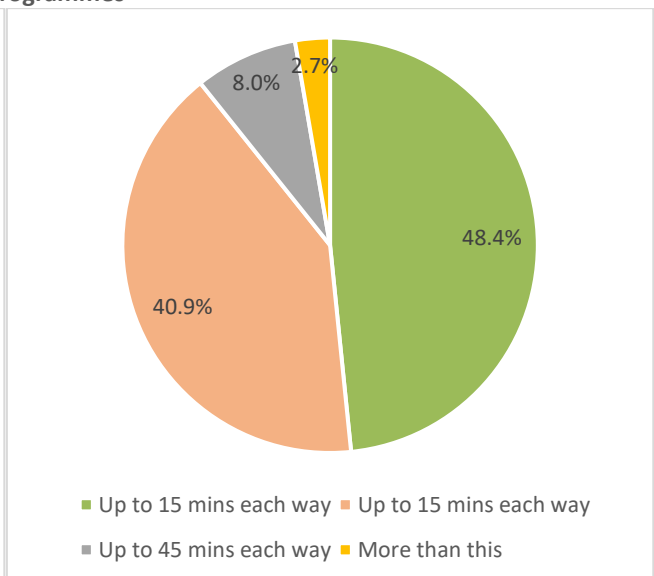
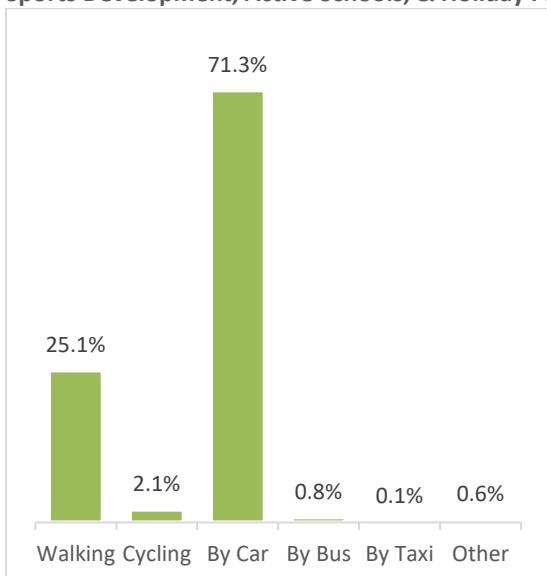
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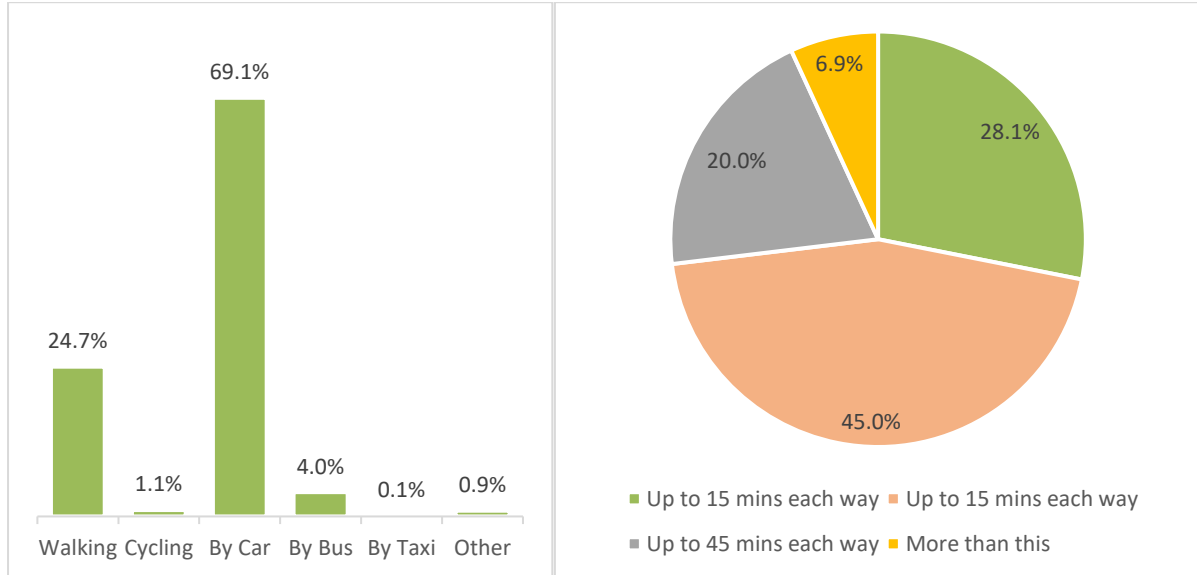
Town Halls & Community Centres



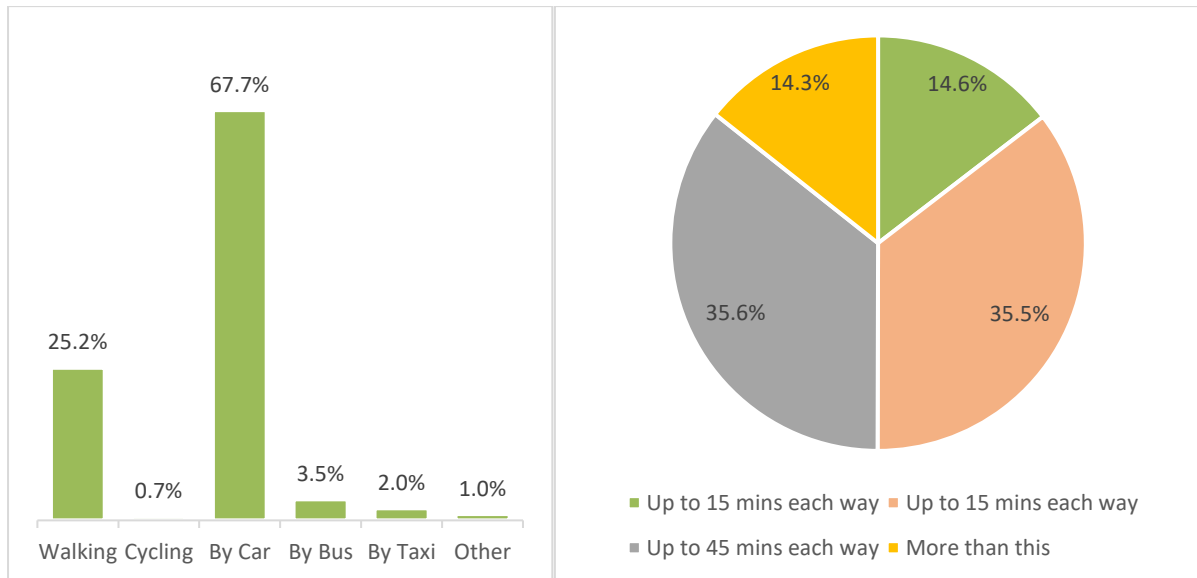
Sports Development, Active Schools, & Holiday Programmes



Creative / Arts Activities



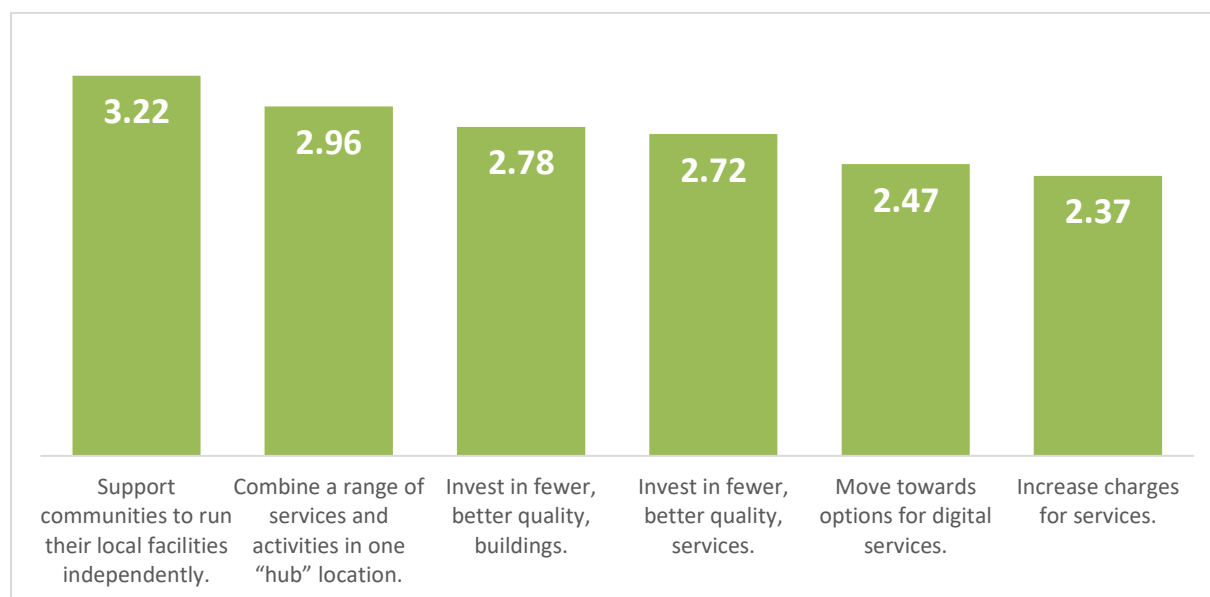
Concerts & Live Events



Views on Strategic Direction

Strategic Options

Respondents were asked to rate a number of potential strategic changes between 1 and 5 where 5 is the highest. The results below show these strategies ranked by highest average score.



Community Operation & Asset Transfer

To further explore the concept of "Supporting communities to run their local facilities independently", respondents were asked whether there were any facilities in their area that they felt could be considered for transfer to the Community.

The following table outlines the most frequently indicated location, and the most frequency of more generic comments:

Generic Responses	
Community Centres (General)	17
Town Hall (General)	17
Libraries (General)	15
Sports and Leisure (General)	6
Museums (General)	4
Swimming Pools (General)	4
Location Specific Responses	
Gytes Centre	13
Eyemouth Community Centre	11
Jedburgh Library	11
Selkirk Leisure Centre	11
Jedburgh Town Hall	9
St Ronan's Well	9
Focus Centre	8
Teviotdale Leisure Centre	8
Abbey Row	6
Southfield Centre	6
Eastgate Theatre	5
Lauder Public Hall	5

Under One Roof – The Hub Concept

To further explore the idea of combining facilities and service under one roof, respondents were asked to provide comment around whether there are services in their area that could be brought together under one roof? The following comments were provided, grouped by locality (comments deemed not relevant to this question have been removed).

Berwickshire

- A library in or near a school
- Add sports centres onto high schools.
- All community activities
- Banking, social services
- Classes such as Pilates or Yoga for people with disabilities and autoimmune conditions
- Community Centre and Library (x 7 comments)
- Community Centre. Library, leisure centre information centre, education centre
- Concerts and live events, creative arts in Coldstream Community Centre
- Could you not create a hub similar to the ones by Active Northumberland? I currently travel to Berwick to use the splash pool for my toddler, it also has a decent sized soft play and gym facilities. If it was closer, I would regularly attend the gym and soft play. But going more than once a week is expensive for fuel, and a long round trip for around one hour of use. If there was something in Duns for Berwickshire for example if imagine it would be widely used by the surrounding towns.
- Distribution through the area is already poor - especially in the East Ward. Further consolidation would just reduce access for most.
- Eyemouth and surrounding villages are and always have been out on a limb. Services suffer due to the fact it's so far away from central Borders. Playparks, tennis courts, swimming pool have been neglected when other areas of the Borders have been prioritised. The Highlands and Islands communities are so much better off when it comes to rural services and attention should be cast to these projects as a plan for funding and to see how other rural areas cope.
- Eyemouth Community Centre and Library (x2 comments)
- If we had a bigger, better equipped community centre then yes.
- In Eyemouth the Library could be moved into the Community centre if there is a spare, large enough room. That way maybe the opening hours could be extended.
- Kelso would be a good hub location for the Eastern side of the Borders as it already has a number of facilities and attracts tourists.
- Leisure centres, swimming pools, libraries and halls could be brought together in local areas. It's important to maintain services in local areas but if new buildings are invested in, these could house multiple services. Sell older buildings and those on prone land to build new facilities.
- Libraries are already contact centres -- so this has already been done, to the detriment of specialist library staffing.
- Libraries could be combined and made into a mobile service going round the towns. That would save money on buildings.
- Live Borders could use other organisations' community buildings, such Duns volunteer hall, to hold music concerts and arts.
- Make use of Grew law building on the green!?
- Need holiday clubs after school clubs for children desperately.
- No - to provide quality services there needs to be more and better provision of dedicated facilities not bringing unrelated services into a hub.
- No option in Eyemouth that I can see - community centre couldn't take the library and vice versa. Leisure centre is tiny.
- No, results in fewer services. Leisure is most important to me, Kelso High School could be utilised, instead of Tait Hall.
- Please don't destroy the facilities that give local kids the opportunity to be interested in what is around them and the chance to develop without the need for a parent to be hovering because of transport. Pingu is great but you can't always rely on a lift home (even before 6pm)
- Pool, gym, keep fit classes all in one larger centre.
- Swimming, library in Eyemouth?
- The current booking system for e.g. the community schools is not supportive of the community - either for groups or individual sports

- The keep fit classes in the community centre.
- The library and Studio could move to the community centre in Eyemouth.
- The library could be integrated into either the sports centre or the High School
- The library we have in Coldstream is not a library but a housing office with some books - found out tonight is council led not live borders but if our local school could be given the outreach to teach kids the joy of reading on site in the school or Coldstream larder that would be much better for me than the poor service we have now - there is a limit to how many buildings the community can run though
- There are draft plans to combine the provision of the Citizens Advice Service and BAVS at Southfield Community Centre in Duns, but these plans are currently making little progress.
- there are hardly any to bring together.
- There is nothing in this area for people with disability problems such as MS or stroke or hip replacement, I mean in the way of Pilates or yoga.
- This would leave small towns with no services. This is a rural area. This would leave people without a car stranded and would increase the number of car journeys for everyone else.
- This would mean fewer local facilities and more people having to travel. Young people such as school children and elderly would then be excluded .
- Town Hall
- We already have a magnificent hub in Duns at the Southfields Community centre. It is very well utilised and it's hard to see how it could accommodate more. We could do with ADDITIONAL, smaller venues in less centralised locations so that those without transport could take advantage of events. I have to drive a minimum of 3 miles just to GET a bus so if I didn't have a car I would be utterly lost.
- We don't have a suitable hub facility in Coldstream. Can't even find a car park space when event is on
- We have a community centre in Coldstream, but this is not council funded. It would be better to have a Hub here where people could access lots of different services and different age groups could mix.
- We should have been getting a new school building that was a community hub, the right information was not brought to the community during consultation so people were confused as to what that would mean.
- we would offer to use our Village Hall as a Hub facility offering classes/advice/services in one location.
- Bowling clubs have some great facilities for use around sport.
- Eyemouth Library is poor quality and too small to be of any real use to the community. As SBC provides very few services in our area, I cannot think what else could be put into a "hub".
- If the distances from the so-called hubs are too far from villages and rural populations, they won't be used by the people who probably need them most.
- It would actually be nice to have the area recognised. Here they try to offer ex amount. Unfortunately even down to SBC councillors co path is always omitted from any crucial votes, meetings etc. Elsewhere in the Borders places have mention of visits or meetings. Alas the forgotten place I live is always left out.
- We already have one 'hub' with Heart of Hawick. In fact, this seems to already be the main 'hub' with heavily funded resources and with Alchemy Film Festival the focus is becoming biased towards Hawick. Then there is Eastgate Theatre but not much in the Berwickshire area. Duns with the Volunteer Hall is trying to compete, but this is already falling heavily on the community and individual initiatives.

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- A leisure centre in Kelso with a pool, gym, sports hall that could be bookable for various sports groups.
- Abbey Row Community Centre. Needs a revamp, could include the library, venue space, contact centre.
- Additional services within the local library (Kelso) so that its opening hours can be extended.
- Banking facilities as there is soon to be no banks at all in Jedburgh.
- Community hall, library, fitness centre
- Community LGBT+ services
- Could maybe combine library and leisure centre?

- Exercise classes, live events and creative crafts / arts events could share space if the 'user requirements' can be appropriately met (and not shoe-horned into a space which is not suitable just for the sake of it) - access, flooring, ventilation, services are all of paramount importance.
- Have police, ambulance service and others at the largely empty regional offices at Newtown.
- I think the library could have larger premises and it would then be possible to offer a more far-ranging service. I am concerned that those who come for advice at the contact centre part of the library do not have confidential and it is all muddled with book queries. The space is really not adequate, and the opening hours are awful.
- Jedburgh could have a combination of library and some other facilities in the town. The campus is incredibly inaccessible to most people.
- Kelso is already a hub. But it's inevitable if Live Borders reduce facilities or services, it'll all be focused from Gala and Hawick- and traveling to those towns for any activities is just not fair. We have a library that never has events on. The pre-school activities gave up on Kelso (despite there being a huge number of children here) Live Borders needs to broaden their horizon, because for anyone Kelso and further east, Gala and Hawick aren't viable options when petrol is so expensive. And Eyemouth is an awful journey from here.
- Library/films/concerts
- Libraries, museums, and galleries
- Library and community centre
- library, contact centre, drop-in centre for the aging population and people living alone any age.
- Library, Council contact centre, Meeting room hire.
- Make better use of Abbey Row by bringing together as many services as possible in thus hub. Try to keep charges to a minimum to encourage and increase usage, possibly optimising income in this way.
- Mobile libraries and contact centres, sell off buildings currently used for these.
- More classes in Kelso swimming pool ,yoga maybe? The room is used for spinning only .
- More combined sports facilities?
- More facilities need to come to Kelso. We will not drive to Gala and Hawick for things that have a possible venue in Kelso.
- More use of the pool. Maybe pool Zumba ,or yoga.
- Museum Library
- Museums/Libraries/Town Hall
- No combining places together has a negative effect on families and children that may not can afford to travel or unable to travel out with their town.
- No, because Kelso High School is already designed as a sports hub, and we don't have much more than that. PLEASE bring more events to Kelso Library. We cannot travel to Gala and Hawick and feel constantly neglected that Kelso Library never has holiday events.
- No, Jedburgh has nothing other than the pool which is always closed. There are no public gyms, tennis courts, nothing! I'm getting bored of walking around the town for exercise.
- no, not appropriate especially libraries in school campus as access is severely limited especially for those who do not have their own transport.
- None and not at the school, no atmosphere, not a building suitable for purpose.
- None as big is not always beautiful.
- Perhaps in one of our empty Jedburgh buildings (e.g., Legion Social Club, old library building, old SBC building, old grammar school buildings) or better use of our mainly empty town hall. Services that could come together under one roof: SBC contact centre, public library, a local town museum, cinema, low rent space for local artists/charities/social groups who cannot afford high street rents, a cafe that stays open after 4pm, indoor farmers market space, just to name a few.
- Really depends on where the one hub is.
- Some groups run in community centres could be linked to leisure or library facilities.
- Sports development and leisure centres, arts and creative with visitor and museum
- Swimming pool build at the new Kelso high school would Be better. Current pool is out of date and too small.
- Swimming pool, gym,
- swimming pools & sport centres libraries & museums
- Swimming, gym sports,
- Swimming, gym, social space, local gallery
- Tait Hall needs rearranging. Uncomfortable and cramped seats. Have fewer, much more comfortable seats. Civic Week events are embarrassing with beautifully dressed people crammed

into a cinema-like seating structure. Needs to have more space for tables Library barely used. Kelso needs a museum more than a library. Loads of tourists and bus/coach parties but no obvious place to learn about Kelso's and the Scottish Borders' fabulously rich history and contribution to the world.

- The current location of the library is unsuitable; this should be relocated in the centre of town, either back in the original premises or perhaps within the town hall or the premises in Exchange St.
- There is scope for the library to be moved to the town hall. The most important consideration is for properly qualified professional staff to run the facility e.g. sports trainers, qualified librarians, and community development officers.
- This has happened at Jedburgh Grammar Campus, and it has been a complete failure.
- This is a difficult one. I think the halls could be used to support local businesses in renting out office space (and help cover costs). Need to think about getting people through the doors of the facilities you have, and the more people use the more they will see what else is available there. Consider using the space to host community groups/ organisations.
- Town Hall / Library / Community Space in one place in Jedburgh
- Unless public transport is significantly improved Borders wise this option would seriously disadvantage a large section of our population and further remove accessibility to healthy living options.
- Unless you are looking at building purpose-built facilities, I cannot suggest any roof sharing of facilities in Kelso.
- Yes Gym, fitness and swimming pool could be located at Kelso swimming pool.
- Yes, our Town Hall is mostly closed but possibly already plans to transfer to the community (not sure how this is progressing). The library could be put in there if it works out.
- Library. SBC questions. room hire, small organisations. Visitor centre. Abbey Row,
- Maybe Library and Museum/galleries
- Swimming pool to the high school

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- A hub in each community - with space for performance and also sports/leisure proportionate to the size of the community and proximity to others.
- A library, gallery, education room for running community courses and tourist info. facilities would all fit together logically to form a community hub.
- A sports hub with athletics track, swimming pool and gym (if space allowed!).
- Activities in the queen's centre
- Again this is not about helping this is a money saving activity.
- Already does with Tweedbank Centre
- Aquafit is a very popular class and they run in Gala Selkirk and Hawick it would be great if these classes could be increased as they are popular and very good for health for the older community.
- arts/libraries and museums should be combined.
- Bring NHS health testing services to the leisure centres such as breast screening etc.
- combine libraries and museums or community halls.
- Combine museums to form a Borders Museum. I suggest you have a look at the Coastal Museum in North Berwick, and you can get the idea. Good luck to you working out what time it should be based in! The North Berwick museum is based in a new build along with the library. It is staffed by volunteers and access is free.
- Community centres activities in to large halls
- Community centres and libraries
- Community Centres are inaccessible at present .Make them more user friendly and local.
- Concerts, sports development, community cafes, library's, creative arts
- Could Kelso have something similar to Heart of Hawick?
- Could library services be brought into other places i.e. body and mind under 1 roof in a few different towns in the Borders?
- Create a good quality restaurant or cafe at Tweedbank sports complex. It is busy almost every night yet there is nothing that offers food and drink. This would be a good revenue generator for you.
- Cultural services should be separated from sport at all times.
- Day care and family support to the Focus Community Centre
- Disagree that fewer facilities should be available but agree that the quality of the buildings, amenities and service needs to improve...any facilities outsourced to the community would realise the hub ambition as would be a balance of business and community at a fair price, community run

facilities naturally increase community engagement thus support, Live Borders is poorly managed and local people avoid using for this reason alone.

- football, rugby, cricket. St Boswells
- Galashiels - sports & leisure - there are a number of separate buildings dotted around Gala for example that are well beyond their sell-by date (the swimming pool, Queens Leisure Centre etc.). A single sports, leisure, arts, and community hub should be built to bring all the services Live Borders offer under one roof in a modern, multi-use, fit for purpose, energy efficient property. If possible, it would be a good idea to construct such a facility as part of the new Academy (this could be replicated at the various High Schools around the Borders if such community facilities have not already been included) to benefit the pupils at the school as well as the local community. One building should hopefully mean reduced maintenance / repair expenditure etc. and means the asset (i.e. the school) is being made to "sweat" by being in use more often and for longer. The High Schools would effectively become community sports, leisure and arts hubs which already benefit from good transport links, connectivity, infrastructure, and parking etc. with some new buildings requiring to be built, some extensions added to existing buildings or a retro fit to turn existing school facilities into community facilities. The old / existing facilities could be sold off, transferred to community ownership, or repurposed to generate an income (i.e. build social housing with any profits generated being reinvested into sports, leisure, and the arts on a social enterprise type basis).
- Galashiels library should be in the new Gala Academy. I would do this in each town when a new school is built. In the same way sports facilities are used. Close the queen centre as well.
- Galashiels swimming pool should have a gym and fitness studio.
- Galashiels swimming pool, high school, and library
- Geographical spread of club members could make travelling to expensive or impossible by public transport.
- GP's, councillors' surgeries, funding/Grant opportunities, Local area networks.
- gym and sport facilities. I feel that the current provision of gym facilities is poor in the Borders, the only "good" gym facility is Tri-Fitness, and it is lacking a pool, sauna, steam room as larger gym facilities in cities would offer. The prices are disproportionate for the quality of the service. I would rather have a single facility that had all activities than small gyms spread across all towns which are poorly used.
- Gym/swimming pool/sports facilities in one location Existing buildings/ services could be multi use rather than be empty or underused.
- gymnastics and rugby tots
- Hawick is an example of this but needs to be better advertised and managed.
- I don't think hub facilities work for most communities.
- I don't think facilities should be combined in hubs.
- I don't agree with this policy. Hub facilities are often bland and sterile. I want to go to more, smaller, independent and we'll supported facilities with their own identities.
- I hate this idea. Driving is essential for most in the borders as it is. A hub approach will disadvantage certain people even further.
- I really dislike the 'campus' model - if I want to go to the library or gym, I don't want to have to run the gamut of high school lunch time to get there (like you do in Midlothian). Let the YP have their space and me have mine.
- I think better use could be made of Heart of Hawick. It's a fantastic facility but seems to me to be underused. Selkirk Victoria Hall is also underused. We used to have a film club in Selkirk and a folk club, but both "died" during Covid and could be resurrected in the Victoria hall if it were available for hire at low cost.
- I think it would be reasonable to bring together services such as libraries with health facilities, schools, swimming pools etc if there is future capital expenditure.
- In a rural area with limited public transport this seems inappropriate. Libraries already bring a number of groups into one place and that seems to work well in existing facilities.
- In Selkirk there doesn't seem to be an option to combine a range of services using any of the existing buildings. This idea could only be considered if there was a capital project to either add to existing buildings or create a new hub. Combining services into a single hub also creates a problem of what to do with "redundant" buildings, many of which have a strong cultural /historical/ community importance.
- It always happens that services end up away from the eastern area of the Borders e.g. Eyemouth. Hutton and rural areas have no Borders area bus transport system for Borders services. You are already isolating people that need these services during a cost of living crisis. Car travel is

expensive. Services are needed in each community. Village halls are an ideal place for hub services in each community. You need to offer more visiting services to small rural communities and less town hub services requiring car travel.

- It does seem an attractive and sensible suggestion to create a one hub facility and within Galashiels there are opportunities at either the new proposed high school, or Netherdale sports complex.
- It's too late now, but the Tapestry could have also housed the library and a good quality hall (to replace Volunteer Hall). It could have had smaller spaces for hire e.g. for Scouts, creative activities etc and been a real benefit to the community in a high-quality modern building allowing the older, expensive to run buildings to be sold off.
- Lauder PS facilities and the sports pitches. Running club and cycle club meet there too. Could create a hub to provide even more sports.
- Leave well alone. If it's not broken don't fix it.
- Leisure Centre in Lauder could be increased to use as a hub, swap shop, library, cafe, soft play, improve gym facilities, host live borders classes there.
- Libraries and toddler groups, community centres and holiday clubs.
- Libraries and museums
- Libraries within school buildings and more athletic type tracks within schools
- Libraries, hub, CAB, community centre, council offices, MP centres
- Libraries, live events,
- Library
- Library and archives in Hawick. Live Borders Management and Administrative Staff could be based at a leisure centre or other facility, and they could also provide reception services at those centres.
- Library and museum
- Library and museums into tapestry building in Gala area, how many museums does one area need. Need to do more for sports clubs as well, the wee district sports council does a great job, but they need more resources.
- Library and Ormiston. Better showers in gala pool Selkirk pool could have gym and outdoor yoga etc. Could pool be built at Tweedbank? Develop a site.
- Library and Sports Facilities like in Northumberland in Morpeth and Ashington
- Library could go into new school, with swimming pool, then sell off the old library.
- Library service could move into the Ormiston Institute. Upstairs but there's a stair lift.
- Library, bequest halls, community help/support.
- Library, arts
- Live Borders should only have one facility plus a swimming pool where applicable in each town.
- Look at Northumberland centres. Berwick and Cramlington centres are all in one fantastic centre, soft play, pool, bowling. Courts, classes, gym
- Looking at the creative sector in the Borders, there is scope (a) for better partnership working between SBC, Live Borders and independent providers in order to develop an integrated offer on events, activities and services; and to achieve more efficiency on planning, promotion and evaluation; (b) for some segmentation of events and services across the whole region, to enable more effective partnership and co-operation within a manageable area (e.g. Tweeddale, Central Borders, Berwickshire) - while still retaining strategic networking relationships (such as the model developed by Creative Arts Business Network); (c) to pursue fundraising in a more strategic and collaborative way; (d) to recruit, train, deploy and support volunteers more effectively across a wider range of activities, thereby benefiting more substantially from 'in kind' support, skills and expertise, engagement and advocacy
- Make better use of school buildings and make them more affordable to rent/hire.
- Make sense to optimise use of libraries.
- Mobile library is the service to visit us.
- More info is needed about what is going on in the community.
- more use made of the tapestry building in Gala. use of old Sainsburys building in Selkirk. Odd question, since there aren't many cultural services, I can think of. We need more live theatre, music, art. There is a dearth in the Borders.
- Move Tri fitness to Near Tweedbank running track and build a new swimming pool there, combine it with a community centre, café, and perhaps even a day centre for the elderly and disabled.
- Museum and library
- Museum and library in Selkirk
- Museums
- Needs a lot of thought - not just to save money.

- New Gala School should do that in Gala, but I suspect the operational issues of public day time access might not work too well.
- New school in Gala would have been a great opportunity for improved athletic facilities.
- Newtown St Boswells is in dire need of a community hub/centre for the children and young people in this area. It is in dire need of this for infants and parents (single parents and couples alike for baby groups) - also the elderly people are isolated there and would benefit from a hub of some description. Nothing is in Newtown area for families who may find finances and transport an issue.
- No services in my area which are run by Live Borders - there are however many successful and joined up services provided by local groups, and which shows this can be successful.
- No, unless existing Town Hall facilities are structurally untenable.
- No. Accessibility, as in proximity, to make usage attractive has to be considered.
- None, this would lead to poorer services and reduced choice. Need to be able to develop new skills and keep active close to home especially during cost-of-living crisis and poor transport options. There is also the social aspect of meeting up with other local people for community spirit.
- Nope. I would highly recommend converting the Queens Centre into a Rock-Climbing centre. I would pay £50 a month for Trifitness and a Rock Climbing. Ratho and Alien Rock are too far away. This is a real opportunity for yourselves.
- Not sure about this one - in a rural area in sometimes makes sense but also takes away from local community.
- Not sure this would work.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Oh heck no!
- Possibly an overall sports facility in Galashiels including swimming, tennis, badminton, gym etc.
- Possibly within the new Galashiels school Campus. I'd like to see the Community have a voice on how the new facilities will be operated, including charges, opening hours and the range of activities that will be on offer.
- Presumptuous question - community transfer and amalgamating services into hubs seem to be the outcomes this is leading into. Services should be near the centre of town. There are not many places you could put a swimming pool, library, large town hall, museum, and kids sports programme "under one roof".
- Probably some events in community halls. They are all big, high-maintenance buildings, with relatively low usage.
- Probably too many public buildings in some towns
- Providing more regular and extending public transport timetables into late evening and Hubs, Community Centres, Libraries etc with longer opening hours
- Public halls could combine with libraries. Public halls could also run fitness classes, especially in Selkirk where the local pool is far too small to host gym classes successfully. What would happen to the old/unused buildings though?
- Put council contact points and community spaces in libraries (stop putting community libraries in high schools - totally off-putting) and close Newtown, have libraries open every week day and Saturdays.
- Quite a few services in Galashiels spread out, could they be combined? Focus centre and swimming pool - one gets extended to host a leisure centre as well.
- Schools both secondary and primary together so all facilities available to all kids not just ones with a new school.
- See response to the original question!
- Selkirk library to move within Sir Walter Scott's courtroom area, underneath the courtroom would work well and be far more prominent and accessible. Make it a community hub and footfall would increase.
- Since the Borders is a rural community with limited public transport, this move may adversely impact people who rely on the services, making them less accessible, further away, more expensive to get to
- Single combined swimming pool with additional facilities such as gym, sauna etc and longer opening hours, ideally Galashiels or Selkirk
- Small exhibitions within the library building
- Some specialist services (e.g. Archives) need specialist centralised facilities.
- Speak to the community and actually listen to what they have to say.
- Specialist services require specialist facilities, in other local authority areas hub style set ups have led to reduced level of service. The geography of the Scottish Borders does not allow for hub style services to be provided effectively, this has been investigated previously in the days of Borders

Regional Council and found to be non-viable. Many people do not have access to their own cars and bus services are significantly reduced. Local services are essential for this survival of local communities.

- Sport and library Close small halls and museums
- Sports - Earlston school. Swimming - Galashiels or Kelso.
- Squash Courts re-integrated back into Leisure centres and/or Clubs. Current choice is terrible.
- swimming and gym etc
- Swimming and gyms - 3 hubs - east central and west
- Swimming pool and gym together.
- Swimming pool and large gym together
- Swimming pool, library, gym, theatre, sports hall
- Swimming pool/gym/community space and playing fields could all be accommodated in 1 hub, so long as it's not only open around school days and use.
- Swimming Pools and Fitness Centres (Tri-Fitness & Gala Pool) get rid of Queens Centre, and your HQ, either move to St. Marys Mill or Melrose Road there is no need for 2 facilities!!
- Tennis, gym, badminton, squash, fitness e.g. aerobics, Zumba, martial arts e.g. kick boxing, judo, basketball
- The creation of a centre for sport excellence for the area would be amazing, combining swimming, rugby, football, tennis, martial arts, gymnastics etc. Also, the creation of a digital hub where children can learn about STEM in a fun and interactive way.
- The geographical area of the Borders does not allow this option. It's less inclusive, which is surely something you wish to avoid?
- The Greenyards, Melrose
- The new Galashiels academy should be considered for joint sports are white and swimming.
- the Tapestry building has space to have more activities going on in it, related to local history and arts and crafts. This would increase footfall.
- There are examples already - joint school/public libraries; library contact centres; the new Jedburgh Community school. Problem is that budget cuts and savings have severely reduced the number of professionally qualified and specialist staff, and reduced services' capacity to maintain services, improve service quality and deliver innovation, across Cultural Services. Maybe there needs to be a consistent approach and a more holistic view of all Council Services, to see where synergies lie. I think the review is an opportunity for SBC/Live Borders to examine sport, leisure and cultural services management and provision, as well as the culture and attitudes of the organisation. I don't think there is very much appreciation or understanding within the Council or Live Borders of how much libraries, in particular, could be contributing to the delivery of Council objectives, nor is there a vision of what they could be. Maybe look at what's happening in other authorities, and other countries, where libraries play a key role in their local communities, and budgets are maintained at a consistent level, instead of suffering death by a thousand cuts. Digital services are not the answer - not everyone has the skills or access to technology to use them, they may not be able to afford them, or may choose not to use them in favour of face-to-face interaction - digital doesn't help mental health or reduce isolation or loneliness, so needs to judiciously be applied.
- There are no services in my area, aside from Stow Town Hall.
- There are none that we know of.
- There are very few services in Melrose unless you like sport. I'm not sure a hub would be of benefit, unless you're developing another use for the very expensive tapestry in Galashiels,
- There is no room for my views on the survey. I live in the valleys and have to travel 30 min by car to ANY council facility. Invest in the existing infrastructure heavily, charge according to means I certainly do not mind paying realistic rates. The creative offering is extremely poor and does don't serve my needs and I travel to Edinburgh Glasgow London Dundee to get that fulfilment. Invest and good things happen. To say fewer facilities but higher quality offerings earlier in the survey is an admission of future failure. It is the lack of ambition to invest in the programming and infrastructure of culture and leisure. I attended the UCI event this weekend and it was testament to the forestry commission and the cycling community that brought the world to the borders. Get off your knees and invest. It will take times but will ultimately pay massive dividends not only to the borders residents but visitors who will see that Scottish borders is a thriving place full of life and vibrancy.
- There should be one central leisure centre with a much better pool. All the pools are so old and shabby, and frankly all feel quite unclean. Moray leisure Centre is a great example of a fantastic leisure centre.
- Think they would need a new space. Perhaps libraries located within schools.

- This sound a terrible idea. It would force the closure of everything local and move things to one or two larger and overcrowded places.
- Tri fitness and Gala swimming pool under one roof would be great.
- Tweedbank
- Tweedbank could be a great sports complex. Athletics track, gym, indoor hall/arena, cafe, sports pitches.
- Tweedbank for sports, proper swimming facilities, sports, and recreation, invest to attract visitors to the area, encourage rail travel. Having multiple local facilities is a drain on resources and not an attractive proposition.
- Tweedbank is an opportunity for all under one roof-if travel accessibility improved & utilise vacant buildings
- Use library services as community hubs, where a whole range of services can come together - libraries can support a whole range of health, well-being, information, and advice services, if there is proper investment, rather than the programme of budget cuts and restructurings that have been a constant over the last 10 years. When I first came to the Borders in 2000, there was a drive to improve the range and quality of services provided, and senior management within Community Services had a vision and ambition for the services. This seems to have disappeared, and there is no longer any vision , commitment or ambition within SBC or Live Borders for library and cultural services, the staff that are left are doing their best with ever diminishing resources and increasing pressures to do the same or more with even less. As it is seven years since Cultural Services moved out of the Council to join the Sport and Leisure Trust, it strikes me that a new management and delivery model is called for - one that employs managers and staff who hold professional qualifications, and understand the principles and practice of the various specialisms, rather than general managers who have no experience in the specialist service areas, or who have tended to focus on their own area of experience and interest. I feel that the specialist knowledge required to run services effectively and efficiently has been steadily eroded through budget cuts and restructures and with it, the quality and the level of provision has deteriorated. I agree that a new model is needed - volunteers can be a great asset, but they are not a no-cost option, in terms of recruitment, management and training, and should be used to add value , rather than be used as a replacement for professionally qualified and trained staff. The existing staff are doing an excellent job delivering services to their local communities , but they could be doing so much more to maintain and improve services if they were given the necessary resources to do so.
- Use the tapestry building.
- Utilise the new swimming pool being built and make it a centre for library and finding out about local services available, making it a hub such as in Ashington in Northumberland. Have sports areas that can be hired for concerts or shows as well.
- Volunteer hall could be utilised every day and night for various groups rather than complicated overpriced booking system which deters use. Library building has many rooms that could be used for community groups throughout day and night. Opening hours should not be stuck at 9 to 5.
- We are too large an area. Centralisation disadvantages lower income families from participating.
- Whilst a hub facility might be a theoretical positive, the opportunities have been completely missed with the proposed new school builds. These would have been the ideal opportunity to combine schools with true community facilities (libraries, community centres, halls, and venues, fewer but higher quality sports facilities). A true hub isn't just about bricks and mortar. Whilst over time, they are most likely more financially efficient and viable, the non-bricks and mortar services (Active Schools, arts, and creativity, TSI organisations, Sports Development) need to be appropriately funded in order to provide a true hub environment.
- With investment and new buildings this could be achieved in most towns with sports facilities.
- Woman's art classes, adult education, community outreach classes, play groups, toddler groups.
- Would be good to have indoor tennis courts, basketball, netball courts, gymnastics. This could be alongside a larger more high-tech gym, spin bike space etc. my concern about making it all into one hub is that given the borders geography, it may mean those further out will miss out as it's not accessible to them.
- Yes, in Earlston which is a suitable distance from Lauder. Lots of services in Galashiels but not a good road to travel, too far and no bus alternative.
- Yes, why is the Galashiels High School being built in the Scott park and not at Netherdale? The Scott Park would be a perfect location to attract more visitors, play areas for children and green space for walkers. Netherdale is underused and could accommodate school, sports facilities without being in the very centre of town!

- You have a danger of excluding a lot of people from facilities if you do this, and they're probably the people in most need.
- You haven't asked for other suggestions however better care of and training for staff to manage productive centres/businesses might be useful to generate local and tourist business, improve retention and job satisfaction and develop future Borders stars.
- always bad putting things under 1 roof.
- If there's an opportunity to bring together some sports facilities into a hub building that could be a good opportunity- Galashiels?
- improved bus services would increase use and viability of all existing services. Best hub would be Library with increased opening hours and virtual 'tours' of local museums and places of interest - this would also make things more accessible to disabled/ the elderly/folk on benefits/etc.
- There is a distinct lack of clear visitor information points other than Jedburgh. Visitor Information Hubs within museums would help promote the museums and the area's economic offer. Whilst I support the hub idea being investigated, please make sure combining services does not reduce the quality of any one service (e.g. noisy services in a library, being able to accommodate vulnerable adults/children alongside others). Many of the existing buildings are also at the heart of the community; creating a 'hub' on the outskirts of a town or less accessible location is not effective. Opportunity to access spaces on an ad hoc basis is also important to combatting isolation and creating a sense of community. The Heritage Hub in Hawick is a fantastic resource in itself, but also does provide a service for the many people who pop in from the street for a chat and to find out what's going on.
- Try to bring age groups together, with sport and creative activities.
- Tweedbank would be an ideal place to have an all singing all dancing sports complex, gym, spin studio, studios for classes, swimming pool, running track etc.

Teviot and Liddesdale

- Art / workshops - Under the Museum hub
- Arts and creative
- Arts services could perhaps be combined in the Town Hall/Library. Operating from one 'hub' does not always work unless the facilities will be as good as they were previously e.g. space available to run activities/sessions.
- Book bug session at the leisure centre, so you can access swimming and soft play all in one place after the session.
- Combine the Hawick Library with the Leisure Centre. There is easier parking and easier access.
- Creative Arts
- creative arts and concerts
- Definitely strongly disagree.
- diverse services should not be combined, need specialist, informed, enthusiastic, well-trained staff
- Doing this reduces the number of people able to access as capacity only holds so much and most services are already fully booked!
- Family and child orientated services such as sports, creative arts, soft play, sensory rooms etc.
- Good to look at those in close proximity to each other, for this to be viable there needs to be sufficient underutilised floorspace or new purpose-built facilities created. Rationalising properties should create better services and not compromise through space restrictions.
- Hawick 3G and a Gym facility to make one fitness centre which would benefit rugby and football greatly.
- Hawick already acts as a hub to largest town in Borders but could become a larger hub for the surrounding towns e.g. Teviot leisure centre is only 20 minutes from Selkirk.
- Hawick library combined with leisure centre. At least then it might open at the weekend and cater for those in full time employment...
- Hawick Library is a great building with good spaces for various groups or activities. I think we could/should make the most of the resource we have there.
- Hawick library is such a huge building is there any way it could be used for art exhibitions, learning facilities, such as computer skills, languages, etc. A cafe . Share/hire a desk for work.
- Hawick's leisure centre is massive! There could far be more activities/groups in here. If the place had more/better staff, opening hours/food facilities it would thrive!! Huge potential to be a very well-run leisure centre but it's just not.
- Hub facilities seem to lean towards the closest resident community and often less welcoming to others.

- I personally feel you should review the library opening time - I usually want to go on a Wednesday and it is always shut which is really frustrating. The facilities in Hawick are excellent - brilliant library & archive service (when open!) - I like the leisure centre but I find the booking system rubbish and really annoying to navigate. I'd go much more if the sauna was open (it was closed last time I went in April). I'd say Live Borders Heart of Hawick programmes a great deal of events - I don't find it very easy to find out what's on - owing, I think due to lack of social media use / easy to navigate website.
- I'm unsure what could be combined if anything but not having the services all together would be a shame for the creative arts and development of children and wider communities.
- In Hawick they are building a new school, if the railway comes the current TLC will need to be moved. Why not combine the two, a school being built doesn't come round often, why not make the two work together. The TLC is not in good condition, it's very tired & will cost a fortune to run so it would seem a sensible solution.
- In Hawick, swimming ,indoor bowling, and gym, soft play, cafeteria is all housed under one roof successfully.
- In Hawick, the library and Wilton Lodge Park museum might be an appropriate merge, other than the fact that it takes the library out of the town and would make it less accessible for members of the community who, for a number of reasons, may not be able to get to the park. The library could also go into Heart of Hawick ... is there not a lot of unused space in that building upstairs ?
- Library and heart of Hawick
- Library and heritage hub Hawick.
- Library service
- Library, arts, museum. All major towns.
- Library, cinema, cafe, theatre
- Library/Heart of Hawick
- Library/town halls/Community Centres in one building would be good.
- More services could be offered within Teviotdale Leisure Centre
- Move the Heritage Hub to Hawick Library.
- Museum and Archives
- No every border town should have the same options because it's not as easy to travel to the other towns.
- No the hub idea is not good trying to put a hub into secondary schools and close town halls if bad weather accessibility is awful For the new school In Jedburgh
- None in my location
- Not in Hawick
- Plenty in and around Hawick
- Sport
- Teviotdale leisure centre could be used for so much more.
- The library in an extended leisure centre or school or in Heart of Hawick? Exhibition spaces in libraries/hub spaces?
- The Tapestry should be managed by SBC not LIVE Borders. The cost deficit in running this facility should not be imposed on to other LIVE facilities throughout the Borders, thus the closure of Teviotdale Leisure Centre.
- The TLC is a space that is currently being mismanaged and could be used as one such facility, if only you had the brains to understand that in order for people to come you need to be there to deliver the service rather than constantly having to book for a public service.
- There are already hubs in my local area, and they are well used but try to do everything and mostly for children and families. There still needs to be investment in arts/culture/live events and accessible venues for the night time economy, so sadly lacking.
- Town hall, library,
- Using proposed new High School to house library, Active Schools, creative events. Swimming pool?
- Well-being, creativity, and art - the old Wilton school
- Win some situations this might be feasible However I strongly believe Hawick library should continue to operate in that lovely building it's a great pleasure to browse in that building perhaps more creative arts could be situated there.
- Working with NHS and SBC to provide hubs which can cover a number of things under one roof - wellness classes, social work, community nursing, advice, library, community kitchen, antenatal classes, mother & baby etc.

- You should consider not just your own services & facilities, but those provided by others - including sub-letting (for example the radio station within Hawick Library).
- Depends by what you mean by one hub facility. If it remains in Hawick, the bringing local boxing clubs, gyms, and football/rugby clubs into the large hall for foul weather training and removing the bowlers from this hall. Having the canteen open at all times the facility is open, have the facility open when people are not at work, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. If you're going to have one HUB in the central borders, don't bother.
- Leisure, library, arts,
- Please don't close the libraries.
- Put a new pool and gym in the new high schools.
- Put the dated gym/pool facilities in the new school. Teviotdale leisure centre is beyond functional use. Time for a new idea, community campus has worked elsewhere.
- Support rural communities to attend venues discounts etc.

Tweeddale

- A decision like this would surely come down to how often a service is used and by the same people enabling easier access in one place.
- A place-based approach should be taken in Peebles. The community has suffered considerable after the slow mobilisation of the pool after Covid and roof fire. Offering swimming lessons 40mins away is not a sustainable option and little/no community or place solutions were considered. The Gytes facilities are good but with such few classes and group activities the facilities are vastly underutilised.
- All sport facilities, one manager to oversee.
- Already happening with library and cultural services/museum/gallery all in one building
- Art and crafts
- As above, however, this should be about communities not centralisation.
- Chambers Institution - enhanced museum/ library/ art gallery/ education and learning/ town hall/ concert hall/ community facilities/ tourist info/ etc
- Chambers Institution and Burgh Hall Peebles
- Combine the Gytes and swimming pool in Peebles and combine into a state-of-the-art destination leisure complex. There's enough local sports talent in this area and it could easily be a regional centre of sporting excellence. Our High School and primary schools consistently turn out athletes/sports kids who compete for their COUNTRY let alone their clubs/schools so let's see some focus and decent investment here, please. There is NOTHING in our area and our massive region has suffered a lack of investment since the genesis of time. It's about time we got into the modern age and had serious facilities provided, not the pitiful offerings we currently are stuck with.
- Community delivered classes at the Drill hall Peebles i.e. computer classes delivered in the Library and offer space to enhance building for a better purpose or a sports hub for the local clubs i.e. rugby, football, and cricket. Move the youth club and afterschool club to the church about to be stopped being used in the town. If the project to redevelop the offering isn't going ahead, the drill hall is within walking distance for the sports clubs.
- Could run local activities for SEN children and adults in the Eastgate Theatre space.
- Creative/arts/community events could be housed in a hub type facility. E.g. Eastgate theatre
- Cultural services including performance and arts development training should all be brought together under the Eastgate umbrella - a professional, fully equipped and internationally recognised centre of arts.
- disagree with a hub facility as depending on location of the hub, it could be a long distance away for many people due to large geographical area of the Borders, this would disadvantage some people. Also may cause increased need for parking facilities.
- Don't spent time or money on a hub, invest in the buildings and facilities you already have to make them better!
- Drill Hall, Gytes L C, Borough Hall,
- Eastgate theatre and Peebles library, to enable longer opening hours for the library.
- Eastgate Theatre is already a dynamic Hub that needs support to continue providing its varied services to the community. Opportunities for increased collaboration with other services would be useful.
- Football and rugby could be centralised into a gala hub but please bring back libraries to local communities.
- football cricket rugby pitches
- gym, soft play, citizens advice and library services in Peebles

- Gytes - library, sports, cafe.
- Gytes and swimming pool in Peebles . At opposite ends of the town - what exactly were the councillors thinking ?! Very backward decision
- Hope LB and SBC will give money to help the Eastgate Theatre and Cafe to keep it going as they have a great variety of entertainment throughout the year.
- How is that going to be of use?
- I can't see the point of the central management from Newton St Boswells or wherever it is. Let local staff get on with the job. This survey is extremely frustrating. The questions are vacuous. I do not accept the premise that halls, library cultural events are principally there to improve my physical or mental health. That is the job of the NHS.
- I don't think this is a good idea unless the "hub" is very local. Galashiels is not local to Peebles by the way.
- I don't think this is a viable option due to the geographical spread of the Scottish Borders
- I would be concerned that this option would result in a few 'hubs' in a few towns and reduce the availability of local services.
- I would love to have sports & swim facilities under one roof, but this currently isn't possible in our area.
- Ideally pool and leisure centre under one roof in Peebles (isn't going to happen !!) ridiculous that two different facilities were built at opposite ends of the town.
- If it could help save the Eastgate theatre, I would be more than happy to visit it more often for various activities. Again, I don't have enough knowledge of the way it works to weight on this. All I know is the EG is very important.
- In Peebles it would have been brilliant to combine the swimming pool, gym, and library together, as has been done in other areas creating a really useful and exciting hub. Could have had a cafe too to encourage spending. It would have made sense long term to incorporate the swimming pool, gym and high school together to provide a massive and high-quality facility to children and local people. These facilities could then be rented out to independent swim schools/sports clubs etc when they are not open to the public which makes them much more financially viable.
- Large soft play, tennis courts, communal and organised places to play frisbee, fly kites, healthy activities that are not sport for people who don't enjoy sport, supervised youth services, family support e.g. crèche so parents can have time to exercise and be physically and mentally healthy. Community dances, singing events that are not religious, small cinema and theatre.
- Library and arts could be under one roof and in a better and more accessible venue. The library in Peebles is truly awful and surveys indicate that the Borders libraries are the worst in Scotland.
- Library, Gytes and swimming pool all separate in Peebles but missed the opportunity to combine in new school.
- Library/Memorial Hall.
- March Street Mill
- More community engagement/ holiday clubs/disability programmes at the Innerleithen library.
- Most of the survey wasn't relevant to me as I use the Eastgate Theatre on Peebles. Is this funded by the Council? For most other things I go to Edinburgh.
- Move libraries to digital and postal. Keep one mobile for schools.
- No but please just focus all your money on children and youths. There needs to be loads of sports options available for every child!
- No hub please. Most stuff is in Gala/Melrose area as it is. None of your events are Peebles based, doesn't matter, we've got the Eastgate doing that. Peebles used to have a great wee pool and library and we'd love them brought back to life please.
- No, this disadvantages people in towns like Innerleithen and Walkerburn, adding travel costs and reducing walking. E.g. car or bus to play parks in Peebles instead of walking.
- Not aware as swim and leisure are in two distinctly different buildings.
- Not everything has to revolve around key areas in the east of the Borders, no one ever cares about what happens up in the West Linton area. We're one of the wealthiest areas of the Borders, yet we have the poorest services!
- Not in Peebles I don't think. Can't combine the pool and the gym as not enough room on either site for expansion. Peebles High School assembly Hall, as well as being perfect for Peebles High School productions, music concerts, debating chamber and prize presentations, could be used as rehearsal hall for the Peebles Pipe Band, Live Borders classes could be held there in the evenings, could be let out over weekends for bake sales, coffee mornings, parties and dances, like the Burgh Hall but bigger and with more/closer parking facilities, could be used for council consultations, as a concert

venue... the possibilities are endless! Please let the community have the use of this fabulous building!

- Not really - I think the services in Peebles are already combined as much as is logistically possible.
- Not suitable in Peebles
- Peebles high school and Peebles swimming pool should be combined. Taking the model Midlothian have used in Penicuik to great success. The library however should remain on the high street to drive footfall into the town centres and shops which in turn generate revenue for stores, keep them open and provide business rates and rent to SBC.
- Peebles high school had the option to do this, missed opportunity.
- Peebles pool, Gytes Leisure Centre, Peebles synthetic pitches
- Peebles Swimming Pool and Library should have been amalgamated into the new Peebles High School build, especially considering the flood site on which the existing pool sits.
- Peebles swimming pool and the Gytes should be co-located in the new high school.
- Poor decision making in the past limits this happening e.g. pool, sports facilities etc all spread out across Peebles. Major missed opportunity. More focus should have been on how to make Gytes a hub. Instead services fragmented across Peebles.
- Possibly Eastgate Theatre could be funded to curate local cultural, creative activities in Tweeddale Eastgate is CENTRAL to this provision, NOT peripheral.
- Possibly, but a complex issue requiring serious analysis.
- Recently in Peebles, we spent a lot of money refurbishing an old swimming pool following the fire. While I'm delighted to see the pool reopen this week, I do think that the community would have been better serviced longer term by taking the opportunity to relocate alongside the new high school and integrating with the PHS facility that Live Borders also operate.
- Reconfigure Chambers Institution after decades of neglect. Provide High Street access to museum and library. Make use of High Street shops wasted on SBC offices; provide these with access from quadrangle.
- School and Live Borders Libraries
- Services have already been "hubbed" enough and if there are further uses of this strategy then more rural areas and people with disabilities will be further marginalised. I think this option should not be considered at all.
- Similar to the Loanhead centre - pool, gym, library, cafe, soft play, dance & sports studios housing local dance/martial arts schools etc. Very popular and widely used.
- Social services, Health Centre
- Sport & leisure - e.g. Tweedbank, an excellent though limited multi-sport example. NB: Scottish Borders is the only mainland regional authority lacking an all-weather indoors multi-sport facility, despite the area's rich sporting ethic & history. Libraries, galleries & museums can be cost-effectively combined in a "hub" type of provision.
- Sports and swimming,
- Sports clubs & activities, gyms and swimming should be together.
- Sports Hub at the Gytes has been mentioned multiple occasions. Requires an invested and coordinated group to achieve this.
- Sports pitches
- St Ronan's Wells is a listed building, unique to Innerleithen, that has been almost uninvested for many years. The building boasts a beautiful garden that has been developed by a strong team of volunteers. There are tangible mental health benefits to this enterprise. There is an unoccupied residential building attached to The Wells in need of complete refurbishment. It offers a golden opportunity to be utilised as a commercial hub for small businesses, clamouring for space, along with homeworkers who would benefit from a local space outside the home in support of good mental health. The historical nature of the building lends itself to a sensitive reinterpretation of its place in Innerleithen's history, giving a sense of continuity. With a mix of tourist and commercial purposes it could be totally revitalised and be a jewel in the crown of this cohesive community.
- Swimming pool and sports centre. While the redevelopment of the Burgh Hall is good, there are already a number of halls and arts facilities in the town. Having too many competing venues in a small town is not a good idea.
- The Eastgate theatre should be supported and invested in to help it fulfil its aim as the dynamic creative heart of the community. It is an invaluable resource and community hub for the creative arts & education, striving to enhance and increase community physical and mental health, learning and development.
- The East Gate theatre in Peebles is a wonderful one-stop hub for Peebles and the wider community, already providing a wide range of classes for all ages, stages, and abilities. Music for dementia,

Dance for Parkinson's, variety of adult dance classes, creative activities for kids' clubs, films, live performances, children's dance shows, coffees, lunches with staff and volunteers going 'the extra mile' for many of the elderly. Making them feel welcome, cared for and giving them much needed conversation. Seems to me this is exactly what you would like to do more of in more towns and for more rural communities too. Absolutely wonderful! Thank you for caring in the community.

- The Graham Institute could be used more if it was promoted more by LIVE Borders. It is on the edge of the borders and forgotten about.
- The leisure facilities in Peebles could all be delivered from one hub but the investment in the roof of the pool won't allow that to happen. The Gytes centre needs investment and opening hours are particularly poor.
- The local primary school, visitors centre, church hall and Graham Institute have several classes run by private individuals and groups but there is no central information point for any of them. It would be helpful to know what is on, when where and how much rather than having to track it all down separately. Perhaps this would be helped if there was an outreach facilitator or single hub that could provide this information and advice on alternatives.
- The new Peebles High School development.
- The sun-text here, your "agenda" in the questionnaire is biased by this question... that we accept any reduction. I don't... For me, my opinion is that you must prioritise services of these kinds at the expense of services that may promote inequality. Without access to your overall budget, I can't be specific.
- The village hall is already a hub for a range of services for the community.
- There seems to be quite a lot of halls and not sure if they could be streamlined into fewer facilities.
- These are exciting and expensive plans already for the Chambers Institute to be converted into a Hub. I'm keen on this. Phase 1 has removed the Hall's false ceiling which reveals a magnificent room which is now highly unsuitable for events due to the appalling acoustics of the Room. Publicity was last minute, but it was heartening to see so many people at the Peebles event and it shows how much we care.
- They already are under one roof in Peebles, e.g. library, tourist information.
- This means that people have to potentially travel further due to geographical factors access services and Disadvantages some vulnerable groups. Think about where facilities are used/ needed e.g. children's play areas x3 large children's playgrounds in Peebles, one new one recently added with no investment in local play areas e.g. Innerleithen. Local play areas that encourage children and parents to walk and be active close to home. Consider how to link facilities for multi-use e.g. Peebles has a high school and leisure centre, and pool could be used by all the community as in Innerleithen were school also as community activities.
- Unsure - but it shouldn't be to the detriment of the more economically challenged areas of the Borders e.g. community centres. In fact the community centres could be the "hubs" and improved to take on more services.
- Use local community centres.
- Use the Eastgate theatre more for local schools.
- We have no services here run by live borders, Apart from the village hall and occasional active school clubs for children.
- Yes, a library, gym, and swimming pool in West Linton
- You had a prime opportunity to do to this in Peebles with new high school but ignored local community. There are two empty fields that could have been used for new community facilities. Instead we get a grass running track on a waterlogged pitch. Any new facilities should be provided in town centres, not on outskirts of towns. 20-minute neighbourhood etc. Safe active travel routes. Cost of travel by bus in Borders for non-concession people (working age adults) deters its use.
- Community Council and development trust Walkerburn and district.
- New Peebles high school could have plans in for a multi-use facility - swimming pool, sports and gym facility that is used by schools and general public this has been done and is successful in other areas.
- Sports, community, learning and events could be offered in a better hub facility. Argyll did this really well in places like the Aqualibrium Leisure Centre in Campbeltown. A well serviced community hub. We need a sauna! adult evening classes, libraries opened one evening, cafe for youngsters. Doesn't seem to be any art sessions offered in Peebles? etc.
- The Eastgate currently fulfils this function. Within the one building is a theatre, a cinema, classes for adults and children, an outreach programme, and a cafe. The cross fertilisation which emerges is invaluable.
- The Gytes leisure centre and swimming pool

- The services in my local area which I feel could come together are the Gytes and the swimming pool it would be beneficial to have these two facilities under one roof instead of opposite sides of the high Street. But because of the large financial input the pool has just received that is very unlikely to ever happen.