

Additional Information

SBC Current Consultations

Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up - Closes 24th February 2026

The way we are engaging with our residents is changing - and we want you to have your say. Placemaking is a process of community engagement where the opinions and desires of the community are used to inform the future of the places we live, work and play - and by getting involved and telling us what matters to you, we can make sure the voices of all Scottish Borders residents are heard.

[Have Your Say - Placemaking and Community Engagement Sign Up](#)

For residents – Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Closes 30 April 24

The purpose of the consultation is to identify people's current situation in relation to food poverty, with the aim of making access to food easier for people. Feedback provided will;

- Feed into subsequent food strategy and Good Food Nation Act.
- Identify the food needs of residents.
- Inform what food services are currently on offer and aims to avoid duplication of services.
- Use data to better signpost to services.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time for many people, and the cost-of-living crisis has had and continues to have a significant impact on lives.

Open to: All residents of the Scottish Borders

[For residents - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

For organisations – Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Closes 30 April 24

The purpose of the consultation is to identify local organisations and community groups current situation in relation to food provision and services that they deliver. Feedback provided will;

- Feed into subsequent food strategy and Good Food Nation Act.
- Inform what food services are currently on offer and aims to avoid duplication of services.
- Use data to better signpost to services.
- Help to identify the food needs of residents.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey to help us get a better picture of the current impact to organisations/community groups, operating throughout the Scottish Borders.

Open to: All organisations and community groups of the Scottish Borders

[For organisations - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

Scottish Government Current Consultations

Scotland's draft circular economy and waste route map to 2030 **Closes 15 March 24**
[Scotland's draft Circular Economy and Waste Route Map to 2030 - consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Guidance on inclusive design for town centres and busy streets **Closes 29 March 24**
[Guidance on inclusive design for town centres and busy streets - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence bill **Closes 21 April 24**
[Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

National Good Food Nation plan consultation **Closes 22 April 24**
[National Good Food Nation Plan: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Climate change – draft Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3 **Closes 24 April 24**
[Climate change - draft Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Consultation on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024: Statutory Guidance on Part 2 and 3, section 18 **Closes 16 May 24**
[Consultation on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child \(Incorporation\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024: Statutory Guidance on Part 2 and 3, section 18 - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Energy Efficiency Schemes

Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme.

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) is a government energy-efficiency scheme in Great Britain, designed to tackle fuel poverty and help reduce carbon emissions. ECO is an obligation placed on energy companies to deliver energy efficiency measures to domestic premises.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-and-social-schemes/energy-company-obligation-eco/homeowners-and-tenants/faqs-domestic-consumers-and-landlords>

The Great British Insulation Scheme

Similar to ECO 4, but focusses on insulation only

[Great British Insulation Scheme | Ofgem](#)

Home Energy Scotland

Home Energy Scotland can offer bespoke advice to householders that best fit their circumstances and this could include the ECO 4 scheme or other grants and schemes such as the EES:ABS scheme or Warmer Homes Scotland.

<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/funding/Useful>

Food Conversations

The Food Conversation meetings are open to any community group or organisation who has an interest in the delivery of food support and long-term food access in Scottish Borders. If you are interested in joining these meetings, please let us know by emailing us at communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk

SBC has launched 2 consultations, one for resident and one for organisations. Further information can be found in the SBC consultation information on page 1. We would be grateful if you could please complete this consultation, to give us a clearer picture of food provision and access to food in the Scottish Borders, which will feed into the subsequent Good Food Nation Act and associated strategy.

[For residents - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

[For organisations - Consultation on food provision in the Scottish Borders - Scottish Borders Council - Citizen Space](#)

The next food Conversations meeting will be taking place in May 2024.

Community Choices

SBC Parks and Environment shared learning with SBC senior management on the grass management pilot they are undertaking with communities. The pilot is running across five areas of Scottish Borders with an aim to improve outcomes for communities by enabling more cuts on priority areas by recalibrating SBC's cutting frequencies. Part of this involves identifying opportunities for naturalised grass or biodiversity areas which requires less cutting during peak growth times, freeing up staff time to service the priority sites. This all recognises that SBC's 20 working day cutting frequency as a one size fits all approach has not always delivered the best outcome for communities, which we are seeking to improve on. The objective is to trial a grass management pilot to empower both staff and communities to agree a more flexible approach to grass management which reflects local priority and need, but also provides a balanced approach to service delivery and delivers biodiversity benefits. A pilot evaluation report will be presented at the end of the season.

Community Empowerment

Currently, there are no formal Participation Requests being considered within the Berwickshire area. SBC is currently working with and advising groups for 5 asset transfer requests.

For information about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: [Parts of the Act | Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Place Making

A place-based approach is about understanding the potential of a place and coordinating action to improve outcomes, with community participation at the heart of the process. For information, tools and resources on place-based approaches visit [Our Place](#)

For details on existing Borderlands Towns Place Making progress visit [Place Programme \(arctis.com\)](#)

Area Partnerships' Information Pack

[Berwickshire Area Partnership | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

[Community engagement, planning and ownership | Area Partnership information pack | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](#)

Community Councils:

Scottish Community Councils Latest News, including information about funding opportunities and national consultations:

[Community Council News](#)

Scottish Borders Council Meetings

[Browse meetings - Scottish Borders Council - Scottish Borders Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

Cost of Living Support

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

Debt Advice:

[Citizens Advice Bureau](#)



Download the NHS
Borders Money Worries
App here

NHS Money Worries App – download from Google Play or the App Store

Covid-19 vaccination programme

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

NHS Borders website for current updates:

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

Business support

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/covid19business>

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/>

General Funding:

<https://fundingscotland.com/>

[Grants Online](#)

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

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

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

[SBC Enhancement & Welfare Trust](#)

NHS Borders Wellbeing Service:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/>

NHS Borders Wellbeing Point:

www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/wellbeingpoint

<https://www.rcot.co.uk/conserving-energy>

This includes pacing, fatigue management and some ideas about restarting gentle exercise

<https://www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk/>

This covers most aspects, including information from physiotherapy and occupational therapy websites

<https://www.chss.org.uk/advice-line-nurses/>

Phone or email to access their support/advice