BERWICKSHIRE
AREA PROFILE 2017

Berwickshire

Tweeddale

Eildon

Cheviot

Teviot and Liddesdale
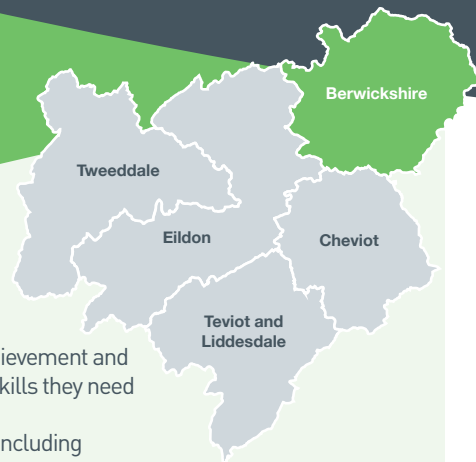
TOP 5 ISSUES FOR THE PEOPLE OF BERWICKSHIRE ARE:

- Growing the economy of the Borders, and supporting retailers and businesses
- Providing high quality care for older people
- Tackling poverty and inequality
- Raising education attainment and achievement and helping people of all ages obtain the skills they need for learning, life and work
- Providing sustainable transport links including demand responsive transport

(SBHS2015)

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

National Records of Scotland (NRS) estimates the population of **Berwickshire** to be

20,827 population
(18.3% of the Scottish Borders (SB)

16.0% aged 0-15
(SB = 16.6%; SCOT = 17.0%)

58.9% aged 16-64
(SB = 59.9%; SCOT = 64.7%)

25.1% aged 65+
(SB = 23.5%; SCOT = 18.3%)

(NRS 2015)

82.9% of **people live** in a **rural area** compared to **(Scottish Borders = 47.4%)** and **(Scotland = 17.7%) (SCOT)**

Larger settlements in Berwickshire:

3,563 Eyemouth	**1,455** Chirnside	**537** Coldingham
2,745 Duns	**628** Greenlaw	
1,844 Coldstream	**591** Ayton	

(NRS 2015)

The NRS projects that the population of **Berwickshire** will **decrease by 1%** between 2015 and 2026.

There is variation by age group:

-1% all ages
(SB = 1%; SCOT = 4%)

-4% aged 0-15
(SB = 0%; SCOT = +6%)

-12% aged 16-64
(SB = -8%; SCOT = -1%)

+24% aged 65+
(SB = +25%; SCOT = +22%)

(NRS 2012 based)

EDUCATION - CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE (CFE)

% pupils attaining **literacy and numeracy** by the end of education stage (2016)

EDUCATION STAGE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB / SCOT
P1 (Early Level)	**84%**	85% /
P4 (Level 1)	**75%**	77%/
P7 (Level 2)	**81%**	75% / 71%

(Seemis)

% attaining AT LEAST **Level 3 literacy and numeracy** by the End of S3 (2016)

SCHOOL	%
Berwickshire High School	**93%**
Eyemouth High School	**86%**
Scottish Borders Average	**95%**
Scotland Average	**86%**

(Seemis)

% of school leavers in a **positive destination** (2015/16)

SCHOOL	%
Berwickshire High School	**98.1%**
Eyemouth High School	**97.3%**
Scottish Borders Average	**94.2%**
Scotland Average	**93.3%**

(Insight tool)

INCOME AND POVERTY[1]

% of **Children** in **Low Income Families** (2014) **(SCOT = 18.4%)**

BY DATA ZONE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	**13.7%**	14.0%
Lowest level	4.2%	0.0%
Highest level	27.8%	42.9%

(HMRC)

% of pupils receiving **Free School Meals** (2016)

BY SCHOOL	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	**13%**	11%
Lowest level	**0%**	0%
Highest level	**28%**	32%

(Seemis)

% of pupils receiving **Clothing Grant** (2016)

BY SCHOOL	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	**16%**	14%
Lowest level	**0%**	0%
Highest level	**33%**	47%

(Insight tool)

% of **households under 60% of median gross income** (2014) **(SCOT = 15%)**

BY DATA ZONE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	**16.6%**	16.0%
Lowest level	**12.1%**	8.1%
Highest level	**24.3%**	26.1%

Average (mean) **Gross Household Income per week** (2014) **(SCOT = £684)**

BY DATA ZONE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	**£629**	£640
Lowest level	**£498**	£449
Highest level	**£749**	£1,019

On average **10.1%** of people are **income deprived** compared to 9.7% for the Scottish Borders and 12.5% for Scotland, however within Berwickshire there are areas where **22.0%** are income deprived.

(SG-SIMD)

5.1% people aged 60+ claiming **pension credits** compared to 4.5% for the Scottish Borders and 6.2% for Scotland.

(DWP May 2015)

[1] Additional information about Population and Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2016 can be found on Ward Profiles through the Ward Overviews:
https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/727/ward_overviews

Scottish Borders COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

RETAIL VACANCY RATE 2016

30% Chirnside   **8%** Duns

17% Coldstream   **7%** Eyemouth

(SB = 11%)

(SBC-PR)

TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL
2012-2016

down **2%** Duns   down **5%** Eyemouth

(SB = down 6%)

(SBC-PR)

CLAIMANT COUNT[2]

1.3% East Berwickshire

1.5% Mid Brewickshire

(SB = 1.8%) (SCOT = 2.4%)

(ONS- May 2017)

% of people who are in Employment Deprivation (2016) (SCOT=10.9%)

BY DATA ZONE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	9.1%	8.7%
Lowest level	3.0%	1.0%
Highest level	16.0%	26.0%

(SG-SIMD)

BROADBAND
% of premises unable to receive 2Mbit/s Broadband (2016)

BY DATA ZONE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	6.0%	4.2%
Lowest level	0.0%	0.0%
Highest level	30.2%	37.7%

(OfCom)

15.2% do not use **internet** or **email**
(SB = 14.9%)

(SBHS2015)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

25.9% of **mothers smoke during pregnancy**
(SB = 22.8%; SCOT= 18.4%)

1.8% of **babies have low birth weight**
(SB = 1.6%; SCOT =1.9%)

35.7% of **babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks**
(SB = 33.6%; SCOT= 27.5%)

68.5% P1 pupils with **"no obvious dental decay"**
(SB = 76.5%; SCOT= 69.9%)

80.3% P7 pupils with **"no obvious dental decay"**
(SB = 82.8%; SCOT= 67.9%)

12.7% P1 pupils classed as **"obese"**
(SB = 9.3%; SCOT = 9.9%)

(ScotPHO)

HEALTH

Similar rate of **hospitalisations** for **coronary heart disease** compared to the Scottish Borders and Scotland.

More early deaths from **coronary heart disease** compared to the Scottish Borders but similar to Scotland.

Slightly more emergency admissions compared to the Scottish Borders; but more compared to Scotland.

Lower rate of **multiple emergency hospitalisations for patients (65+)** compared to the Scottish Borders but higher than Scotland.

(ScotPHO)

WELLBEING

7.9% feel **lonely** or **isolated**
(SB = 6.1%)

29.9% adults **exercise daily**
(SB = 29.0%)

LIFE EXPECTANCY IN BERWICKSHIRE

80.2 yrs men
(Range 78.3 to 83.6)
(SB= 78.7yrs; SCOT = 76.6 yrs)

84.0 yrs women
(Range 81.5 to 87.5)
(SB = 82.0 yrs; SCOT = 80.8 yrs)

(ScotPHO)

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY

SIMD Crimes per 10,000 people[3]
(SCOT=312)

BY DATA ZONE	BERWICKSHIRE	SB
Average	148	180
Lowest level	0	0
Highest level	824	1123

(SG-SIMD)

More road traffic accident casualties compared to Scottish Borders but more compared to Scotland.

(ScotPHO)

8.1% say there are **areas** where **they feel unsafe**
(SB = 12.5%)

(SBHS2015)

"Rubbish and litter lying around" a more common neighbourhood problem in **Berwickshire** compared to the Scottish Borders

(SBHS2015)

13.7% people had **witnessed or experienced antisocial behaviour**
(SB = 20.8%)

(SBHS2015)

28.6% involved in **voluntary work**
(SB = 27.4%)

(SBHS2015)

41% of the people in **Berwickshire** live within the 10% most **Access Deprived** in all of Scotland
(SB = 27%)

(SBSA2016)

20.5% report **public transport** as an **accessibility issue**
(SB = 16.6%)

(SBSA2016)

37.4% report using **local bus service**
(SB = 42.5%)

(SBSA2016)

12 **culture and sport facilities** operated by the public sector
(SB = 69)

(SBSA2016)

KEY: ■ Better than SB and SCOT;   ■ In between SB and SCOT;   ■ Worse than SB and SCOT

[2] ^Claimant count = Job Seekers Allowance and unemployment related Universal Credit.
[3] Recorded crimes of violence, sexual offences, domestic housebreaking, vandalism, drugs offences, and common assault per 10,000 people

Scottish Borders COUNCIL