



# Teviot & Liddesdale Locality Plan 2020

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# Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership

The Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership<sup>1</sup> is about creating a space where the aspirations and ideas of the community can be heard and community planning can be strengthened through communities and public bodies working together.

The Locality Plan is part of this process. It outlines the priorities of the Teviot and Liddesdale area with a focus on reducing inequalities to improve the area for those who live, work and visit the area.

<sup>1</sup> Area Partnership – brings together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

# Introduction

## Welcome to the Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Plan



This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resources <sup>2</sup> in the most effective way to reduce inequality

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Teviot and Liddesdale what would make the area better.

<sup>2</sup> Resources – this could be funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan is structured around four themes:



“How do we build and improve our economy, skills and learning?”

“How do we promote and improve our health, care and wellbeing?”

“How do we protect and improve our quality of life?”

“How do we develop and improve our environment & place?”

Comments and feedback gathered at Area Partnership meetings to date have been prioritised to reflect what actions need to be undertaken in the Locality to make a difference.

Communities, community planning partners<sup>3</sup> and local service providers<sup>4</sup> will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership.

At an area level this is done through the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership, the Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Plan and associated Action Plan. We expect to continue to evolve these plans to reflect the developments within the area. The most up to date action plan is available on Scottish Borders Council’s Website [www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships).

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans demonstrate this and are referenced at the end of this plan.

<sup>3</sup> Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

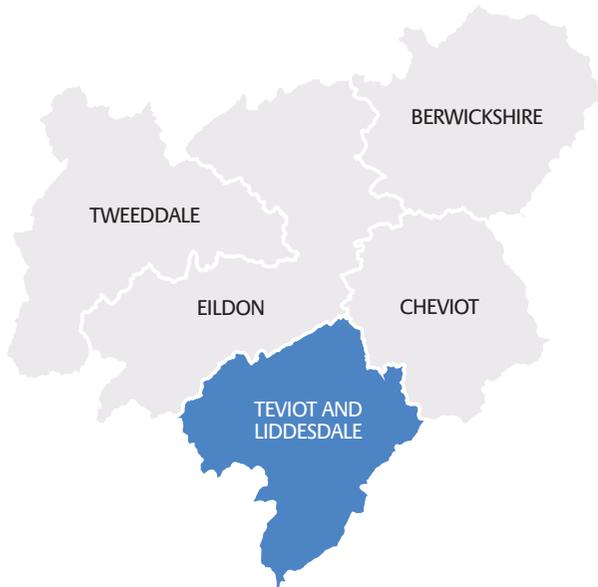
<sup>4</sup> Local service providers – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

# What we know about Teviot & Liddesdale

## Key Facts and Figures

A selection of key facts and figures relating to the issues highlighted by our communities have been identified and detailed on this page. These present what data we have and what is known about the area, as well as a reflection against the Scottish Borders and national averages where possible.

A more comprehensive Teviot and Liddesdale Area Profile is available detailing all the key information for the area. This is available to download from [www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships)



### HEALTH

**23.5%** of pregnant women admitted to being **current smokers** in 2015-17  
(SB = 16.7%; SCOT= 15.9%)

[ScotPHO/ Statistics.gov.scot]

**421** per 100,000 people were discharged from hospital with **Coronary Heart Disease**, 2015-18  
(SB = 343; SCOT = 381)

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**572** per 100,000 people were hospitalised due to **alcohol misuse** in 2017-18  
(SB = 412; SCOT = 675)

[ScotPHO]

### YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE<sup>2</sup> ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

**5.2%** Hawick and Denholm  
**6.1%** Hawick and Hermitage  
(SB = 3.4%; SCOT = 3.2%)

[ONS - JAN 19]

### SETTLEMENTS

**22.0%** of people live in a **settlements of under 500 people**  
(Scottish Borders = 28.5%)

[NRS 2017]



### TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016

down **37%** Hawick  
(SB = down 6%)

[SBC-PR1]

### BROADBAND

**3.2%** of premises were **unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband** in 2016  
(SB = 4.2%)

This ranged **within Teviot** from **0%** in the **least-affected neighbourhood** to **26.2%** in the **most-affected**.

[OfCom]

Teviot & Liddesdale had the highest levels of **digital exclusion** of the **5 localities** in 2017; particularly in **Hawick and Newcastleton**

[Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017]

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**18%** of Teviot's school roll received **Free School Meals** on grounds of low income in 2017-18  
(SB Average 11%)  
At school level within Teviot, this ranged from **8% to 41%**

[Seemis]

### CLOTHING GRANT

**23%** of Teviot's school roll received **Clothing Grant** in 2016.

At **school level within Teviot**, this ranged from **12% to 47%**



[Seemis]

### INCOME DEPRIVED

**13.8%** of Teviot's population was considered to be **income-deprived** in 2016.  
(Scottish Borders = 9.7%; Scotland = 12.5%)

This ranged within Teviot from **5% in the least-deprived neighbourhoods** to **27% in the most-deprived**

[Seemis]

# Teviot & Liddesdale Wards

## POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

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

**17,942** population  
(15.6% of the Scottish Borders (SB))

**16%** aged 0-15  
(SB = 16.3%; SCOT = 16.9%)

**58.6%** aged 16-64  
(SB = 59.2%; SCOT = 64.4%)

**25.4%** aged 65+  
(SB = 24.5%; SCOT = 18.7%)

(NRS 2017)



### HAWICK & DENHOLM



**9,331** Population

**13,889** Hawick

**695** Denholm



### HAWICK & HERMITAGE



**8,611** Population

**13,889** Hawick

**777** Newcastleton

# Engaging with our Communities

It is the intention of the Area Partnership to involve as wide a group of people as possible. This helps to make sure our plans reflect the needs of our communities. We will create more opportunities for people to attend the Area Partnership and talk to us in person, take part in surveys or contact us online. As further information and understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities is gathered, the Area Partnership will continue to build on this plan. We welcome your views and suggestions.

There are many other ways of being involved in your local community, key contacts are provided below:

To give us your views or to get involved with Area Partnerships please contact:

Communities and Partnerships Team  
Email: [communityplanning@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@scotborders.gov.uk)  
Telephone: 0300 100 1800

More information on Community Councils:

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/communitycouncils](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communitycouncils)  
Telephone: 01835 825005.

Many Community Council's now have their own website and social media pages and will also be contactable directly through these means.

More information on volunteering, community support or advice:

Volunteer Centre Borders  
[www.vcborders.org.uk](http://www.vcborders.org.uk)  
Telephone: 01896 754041  
Email: [enquiries@vcborders.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@vcborders.org.uk)

The Bridge (Roxburgh Office)  
[www.the-bridge.uk.net](http://www.the-bridge.uk.net)  
Telephone: 01835 863554  
Email: [roxburgh@the-bridge.uk.net](mailto:roxburgh@the-bridge.uk.net)

## Our Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot and Liddesdale is:

- Learning and training which is accessible and affordable and which meets the needs of all individuals including local employers

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot and Liddesdale community:

- Fast, reliable broadband and mobile connectivity for all communities and businesses
- Promote and support local and big business developments including Hawick's business incubator centre and offer support to businesses who need to diversify
- Promote alternative routes into employment, including the Centre of Excellence in Textiles
- Profile key areas for economic growth to inform business development and investigate opportunities for new industry
- Improve transport and road connectivity and consider the potential economic growth from connecting with Carlisle airport and Border Railway
- Increase the range of learning courses and qualifications available in the locality to reduce the need for people to travel / leave the area
- Continue the development of a strong tourist offer and build on the profile created by Visit Scotland and Midlothian and Borders Tourism Action Group

## Our Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot and Liddesdale is:

- To communicate more effectively what treatment and support health services offer and to improve access to services

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot and Liddesdale community:

- Improve the availability and accessibility of services for people living in rural areas across Teviot & Liddesdale and Hawick
- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and supporting options across the locality to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality
- Develop robust preventative services and early intervention for long term conditions
- Improve support for unpaid carers- including young carers
- Increase the availability and accessibility of local activities and information, including grants available, to improve health and well-being

## Our Quality of Life

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot and Liddesdale is:

- Improve communication of activities and services available in the locality and make it easier for groups to share their news

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot and Liddesdale community:

- Provide activities and learning opportunities which respond to the needs of children and young people with an emphasis on early intervention and education
- Have a clearer understanding of what levels of anti-social behaviour exist and how services can efficiently promote community safety
- Ensure leisure and culture services are accessible in rural and urban areas and are responsive to the needs of local users
- Encourage people to look after their local area and take pride in where they live

## Our Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Teviot and Liddesdale is:

- Regenerate Hawick town centre and villages
- Use vacant land and empty buildings for housing and business opportunities

Other priorities that are important to the Teviot and Liddesdale community:

- A long term plan for environmentally friendly, sustainable housing and industrial building development and an increase in renewable energy projects
- Increase affordable and specialist homes to meet need in the locality
- Improve pathways around the locality to improve connectivity
- Extension of the Borders Railway

# How we will measure success

The priorities identified in this plan have been used as the basis for the Teviot and Liddesdale Locality Action Plan. This action plan will help to track action and activities and to drive change in Teviot and Liddesdale. As this will be an ever changing document the action plan is available to download from Scottish Borders Council's website, [www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnership](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnership) or in hard copy from the Community & Partnerships Team.

The Teviot and Liddesdale Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities. Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

## Other Local Plans for Teviot and Liddesdale

- Burnfoot Community Action Plan
- Future Hawick Hawick Action Plan
- Newcastleton & District Community Trust Community Plan
- Teviot Learning Community Partnership Plan
- Teviot & Liddesdale Health & Social Care Locality Plan



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