



Tweeddale Locality Plan 2020

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Tweeddale Area Partnership

The Tweeddale Area Partnership¹ 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 Tweeddale area with a focus on reducing inequalities to improve the area for those who live, work and visit the area.

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

Introduction

Welcome to the Tweeddale 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 ² in the most effective way to reduce inequality

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

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.

² 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 partners³ and local service providers⁴ 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 Tweeddale Area Partnership, the Tweeddale 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.

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.

³ Community planning partners – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

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

What we know about Tweeddale

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 Tweeddale Area Profile is available detailing all the key information for the area. This is available to download from www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships



TOWN CENTRE FOOTFALL 2012-2016

up **2%** Peebles
[SB = down 6%]

[SBC-PR]

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMANT RATE² ALL PEOPLE AGED 16-64

1.0% Tweeddale East
2.3% Tweeddale West
[SB = 3.4%; SCOT = 3.2%]

[ONS - JAN 19]

NEIGHBOURHOOD

29% of the people in Tweeddale live within the 10% most **access deprived** in all of Scotland
[SB = 27%]

[SIMD 2016]



COMMUNITY

An average rate² of **75.2 per year** died or were hospitalised due to a **road traffic accident** between 2015 and 2017
[SB = 72.6; SCOT = 59.2]

[ScotPHO]

SETTLEMENTS

29.5% of people live in a **settlements of under 500 people**
[Scottish Borders = 28.5%]

Larger settlements in Tweeddale:

8,535 Peebles	896 Cardrona
3,141 Innerleithen	695 Walkerburn
1,766 West Linton	

[NRS 2017]



BROADBAND

4.6% of premises were **unable to receive 2Mb/S Broadband** in 2016
[SB = 4.2%]

This ranged **within Tweeddale** from **0%** in the **least-affected neighbourhood** to **32.4%** in the **most-affected**.

[OfCom]

Tweeddale had the lowest average levels of **digital exclusion** of the **5 localities** in 2017; but **still higher in parts of Innerleithen, Peebles and Walkerburn**

[Scottish Borders Digital Inclusion Index 2017]

PROJECTIONS

The NRS projects that the population of **Tweeddale** will be **17,369** people by 2036

Of these:

17.4% will be aged **0-15**
[more than present]

49.7% will be aged **16-64**
[more than present]

32.9% will be aged **65+**
[more than present]

[NRS 2012-Based]

WELLBEING

34% of survey respondents in **Tweeddale** say they **sometimes or often feel lonely or isolated**.
[Scottish Borders = 33%]

81% of survey respondents say they **take part in moderate physical 30-minute exercise at least twice a week**.
[Scottish Borders = 78%]

[SBHS 2018/ScotPHO/SEEMIS]



Tweeddale Wards

POPULATION ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

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

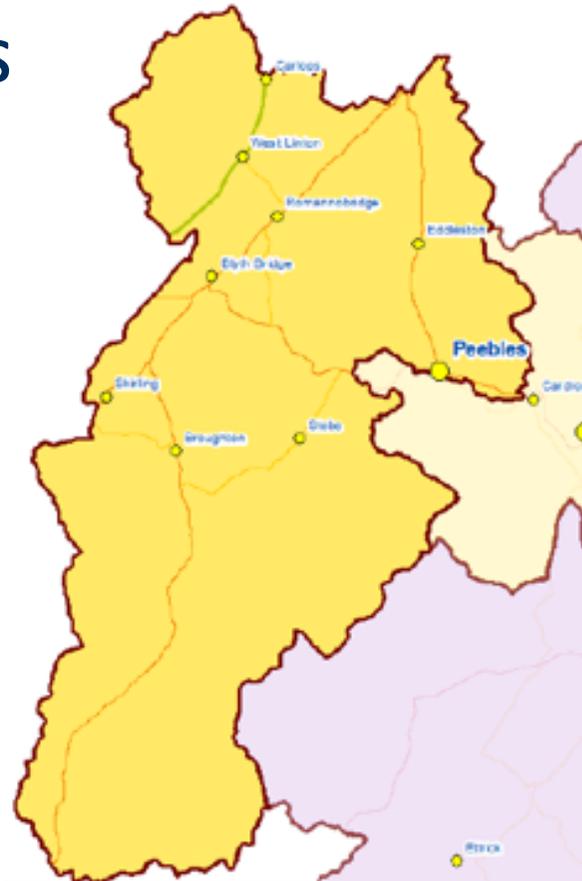
21,326 (Est 2017) **population**
 (18.5% of the Scottish Borders (SB))

18.1% aged 0-15
 (SB = 15.9%; SCOT = 16.9%)

59.4% aged 16-64
 (SB = 59.0%; SCOT = 64.4%)

22.5% aged 65+
 (SB = 25.1%; SCOT = 18.7%)

(NRS 2017)

TWEEDDALE WEST

10,408 Population

8,535 Peebles
1,766 West Linton




TWEEDDALE EAST

10,918 Population

8,535 Peebles
896 Cardrona
3,141 Innerleithen
695 Walkerburn



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
Telephone: 0300 100 1800

More information on Community Councils:

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
Telephone: 01896 754041
Email: enquiries@vcborders.org.uk

The Bridge (Tweeddale Office)
www.the-bridge.uk.net
Telephone: 01721 723123
Email: tweeddale@the-bridge.uk.net

Our Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- To improve and develop transport networks, connections and options - from, to and within Tweeddale

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Review the availability and suitability of business premises
- Develop commercial / industrial sites and premises to encourage new business to the area
- To provide an “Enterprise and/or Community Hub” for start-ups and growth of businesses
- Enhance marketing and promotion of the Tweeddale tourism offer
- Improve broadband and mobile coverage
- Develop stronger links with colleges, schools and businesses to create a joint approach to education and upskilling the workforce
- Increase practical skills and knowledge for primary and early secondary school children & young people
- Create a mentoring model within the community to build knowledge, skills and confidence
- Increase training opportunities for local trades

Our Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- To improve the availability, accessibility and connections to services for people living in rural areas and towns across the Tweeddale area to reduce loneliness and social isolation

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and support options available (across the locality) to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs
- Improve support for unpaid carers by providing a wider choice of support and assistance (including social events)
- Develop intergenerational community hubs

Safer Communities

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- Community connections need to be further developed to share information and activities across the Tweeddale Area

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase support to individuals to help them be active members of their community
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Create stronger links to the SBC Community Action Team (with a focus on road safety, speeding and pedestrian access) by increasing awareness of the CAT and how communities can feed into the CAT work programme

Our Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- Ensure that Tweeddale residents have access to appropriate housing, and the environment is clean and safe

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Improve the provision of suitable housing (sheltered, extra care, young people with disabilities) by developing a range of flexible accommodation for communities at every age and stage of life
- Tackle fuel poverty
- Identify opportunities where green space and access to green space can be improved and local access to growing projects can be developed
- De-cluttering and environmental improvement campaigns are undertaken in key streets/areas within Tweeddale locality
- Improve awareness and access to information, support and resources to increase energy efficiency.
- Increase the range of affordable and accessible housing options available across the locality, and plan for future housing needs

How we will measure success

The priorities identified in this plan have been used as the basis for the Tweeddale Locality Action Plan. This action plan will help to track action and activities and to drive change in Tweeddale. 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 or in hard copy from the Community & Partnerships Team.

The Tweeddale 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 Tweeddale

- Innerleithen Community Action Plan
- Newlands Community Action Plan
- Peebles Community Action Plan
- Tweedsmuir Community Action Plan
- Walkerburn Community Action Plan
- Tweeddale Learning Community Partnership Plan



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