SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

# A VILLAGE THAT CARES

Stakeholders Programme Update

Keep up to date with the latest with plans to develop two new care villages for the Borders, one in Tweedbank and one in Hawick



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### **Tweedbank Progress Update**

Plans to replace the existing care facilities at Waverley and Garden View with a modern residential care facility at Lowood are now well underway with the planning application submitted in early September 2024. The project is being delivered by Scottish Borders Council's development partner, Hub South East Scotland, in partnership with contractor Ogilvie Construction and architect JM Architects. Over the past few months work has been ongoing to get to the planning stage and to ensure the projects represents value for money while meeting the needs of the residents and staff who will live and work in the Care Village.

The new facility will provide 10 units of 6, each unit containing 6 en-suite bedrooms and a shared living, dining and kitchen space. There will be a communal space on the ground floor of one building that will house a café bar which will be open to non-residents, a hairdresser, kitchen, laundry and staff facilities as well as a rehabilitation suite, quiet room and a guest room to allow loved ones to stay over when required.

Work has also been undertaken to design an outdoor space that enables residents to enjoy the outdoors and participate in light gardening should they wish to do so, or just to have a short walk.

Currently, staff and designers are looking at colour pallets for the internal works which have been influenced by nature and the outdoors as well as being calming and welcoming. The colour scheme will be shared with staff and existing residents for their feedback and will align with dementia friendly principles.





Apartment Doors with skirting and arcitraves used to highlight doorway.

#### **Planned Activities**

The focus for the remainder of this year is on the following areas:

- completing the planning process
- planning for the enabling work to allow groundworks, to level out the site, drainage, foundations and floor slabs to begin early 2025. This work will be undertaken by SBC Contracts who have completed the work on the access road and are currently carrying out work on the pumping station at Lowood.
- consulting and refining the interior specification

## The Landscape

Each building block will have its own communal garden and a strong visual connection between internal communal spaces and gardens, richly planted to strengthen the sense of tranquillity.



#### **Lowood Development Programme**

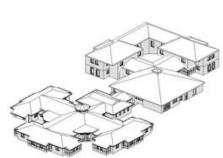
The Tweedbank Care Village is part of the wider SBC Lowood Development Programme which comprises of 5 distinct parts:

- Infrastructure Phase 1 complete.
- The Care Village.
- Lowood residential development.
- Extension to Tweedside Park (office space).
- Lowood business/ employment development.

These are all at differing stages from conceptual through to pre-construction and will be developed over the coming years. Updates on these works will be shared through a variety of channels as work on the Lowood Development Programme progresses.

### **Hawick Update**







#### **Needs Assessment**

We are pleased to announce that we have commissioned a comprehensive needs assessment from 'Buchan and Associates' and 'Indigo House' to evaluate the level of care required in the Teviot and Liddesdale locality and across the wider Scottish Borders. This important work is currently underway and is expected to be completed by January 2025.

The findings will play a vital role in shaping the planning for the Hawick Care Village and the broader commissioning of Adult Social Care and Health Services across the Borders. Following the completion of the needs assessment, we will engage in detailed planning, design and further community engagement.

#### **Collaborative Planning Efforts**

In our planning process for both the Hawick and Tweedbank Care Villages, we have collaborated with a range of organisations, including Stirling University, the Care Inspectorate, SBC Adult Social Care, SBC Environmental Health, NHS Borders, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Scottish Ambulance Service. Focusing on Hawick, we have also engaged with staff and residents at Deanfield and have been working closely with Eildon Housing Association who own the site at Stirches currently identified for the Hawick Care Village and Extra Care Housing.

This collaboration is essential to ensure we design quality care services to meet future needs, with a seamless interface with Eildon in the delivery of their Extra Care Housing at the Stirches site which incorporates the valuable feedback that we have received from the local public to date.

#### **Future-Ready Care Services**

The development of the Hawick Care Village presents an excellent opportunity to commission services that meet the future needs of our population across Teviot and Liddesdale. The concept of the Hawick Care Village supports unique needs, lifestyles and personal preferences for living, care and well-being for people living mainly with dementia and frailty. The focus is on possibility rather than disability and will be supported by 24-hour care, delivered by trained professionals.

We look forward to sharing more updates as we continue to progress with this exciting project.

#### **More Information**

- If you have any questions or feedback on the update and progress, please email: residentialcareprogramme@scotborders.gov.uk
- Background information and updates are also available at: www.scotborders.gov.uk/carevillageprogramme