

## **What's good?**

### **Younger children (primary school age and younger)**

PEEP babies

Coldstream baby and toddlers

Field to fork (Hirsel)

Laughing Ducks soft play

Play Park

Rainbows

Library

Nursery is growing

Capacity for growth at school (composite)

Acting head is keen

Playground in field is huge

Laughing Ducks soft play

New properties may bring new families

Kids are fab – and they know so many people

Polite and friendly kids

Amenities and facilities up to primary

Park

Football

Woods

Play park

Soft play

Baby groups up to 3 – school 3 days / week – supported by SBC

Hirsel – walks – ducks play area

Baby groups up to 3

Acting head teacher is very good!

### **Secondary school and teenagers**

Girls / boys football (various ages) [possibly sits in above as well]

Tennis

Golf

Bowls Juniors

Library

There are buses but limited

There is a youth club – capacity to grow – mostly pre-teens

Go off to Duns, Kelso or Longridge

Football teams are popular (girls too)

Youth club

Football clubs

Woods

Youth club 1 day a week

Guides

Golf club

Fishing

Tennis

Football

Youth club

Buses to get to cinema but limited

Girls and boys football

### **Parking, traffic and road safety**

Pedestrian crossing

School travel plan at primary school

Pedestrian crossing

20mph (?)

Some resurfacing

20 mph speed limit

Some off street parking

Fixed potholes

### **Amenities, facilities and infrastructure**

Hirsel

Various walks around town and within  
Graveyard  
Mens Shed  
Larder  
Play Park  
Shops + Cafes  
Civic week  
Twinning (opportunities)  
Events within community centre (beer festival, private functions)  
Country and western nights  
Caravan park  
Elderly home (Vic Lodge and Lennel House)  
Befriending service (Legion)  
Library  
Community centre  
Museum  
Premier / Co-op  
Shops, pubs, cafes etc (but dying)  
Walks  
Hirsel  
River  
Groups and Clubs  
Henderson park  
Laughing Ducks  
Walks / wildlife / Hirsel  
Caravan Park  
Golf  
Bowling  
Tennis club  
Museum  
Shops and cafes  
Library  
Community centre

Legion

Walks are fabulous!

Play park

Community centre

### **Things that almost work**

Centre all things for youngsters in school grounds

Views – market them and give publicity. Maps, walking guides, signage

Play area – extend for older children?

Industrial units – actually build the unit

60+ groups in town - should work together and talk to each other – make it count!

Cafes – small doors

Parking

SBC Council

Library

Tourism

Business Park

School (?)

Parking – more [needed] but reorganise high street

Public transport – connection to trains – Duns no evenings

Paths – good but deteriorating

Market square underused public space

Shopping – more variety, bigger Co-op (business park use)

Lines for parking spaces - parking wouldn't be a free for all

Tourism - not linked - library that is shut most of the time where the info point is - everyone doing their own promotion

Library almost works - hardly open

Council!

New crossing point has been located somewhere where there is no dropped kerb - not accessible

Strengthen resilience group

Improve bus stops - digital advertising - use as information hub - no timetable - reliant

### Things we need to do ( Big difference)

- Housing – keep younger folk here and feed school
- Parking – [people] don't stop because [they] can't park cars and bikes, including groups
  - Has to be near toilets
  - Some of it for residents
- Something for teenagers to do
  - Community cinema?
  - Use tennis court space? (relocate to school grounds)
  - MUGA on school ground

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- Clean up (including bins – but told we can't have them)
- Evening venues
  - Restaurant
  - (pop up) cinema
- More frequent transport
- River area Tweed and Leet tidied up (grass cut)
- Nuns Walk repaired

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- Parking
- Childcare
- Home care/ carers @ home
- Larger café / meeting spaces (more accessible)
- Safer bike routes within town – school promote health

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- Involving young people
  - High school
  - Community groups
  - Numbers ?
  - Under 50!!
- Improve public transport connections
- Making tourism more attractive / promotion / marketing
- Electric car charging points update / increase (more additional car parking)

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[NS notes from walking round]

- Car parking - place to stop
- Child care!!
- Whole place needs a tidy up
- Market place under used - community hub - tourist info in the vacant unit - used to be a fountain but when it broke it was no longer a gathering place - town crest in its place but broken and tatty

### What to do first?

- Skate park includes both [all] age groups (kids travel to Kelso)
- Parking
- Tidy town up
- Riverside walk
- Childcare

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- Child care!!

- Road safety – sorting out parking!!
- More accessible venues for all ages

### Who would be involved? Plus Accountability and responsibility

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>
Do something on school grounds? Hub for kids and others in new building rather than community centre (need a plan costed) Modern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School</li> <li>• SBC</li> <li>• Football club and other youth organisations</li> <li>• All potential users</li> <li>• Planning experts?</li> <li>• Professional – business support</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Nuns walk is dangerous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H&amp;S Exec</li> <li>• SBC</li> </ul>
Parking – need to progress additional parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBC</li> </ul>

### Where do we start?

- Action group
  - Recruit people (under 50)
  - Priority list (triage)
  - Quick wins
- Hirsell
- Bus stops
  - Shelters
    - Info / information boards
    - For visitors
    - Digital?
    - Timetables
    - Charging points [like ones in Edinburgh]
- Technology – “smart town” [smart village model] – advertising – digital noticeboards
  - Phone box [“library” / info point for physical flyers etc]
- Market square – charging points

### Other Comments

- List of all the groups already exists – managed with community newsletter
- Since new caravan park opened - sales are up 20% this year - good weather - passing through - next phase is due to start [direct comment from business owner on positivity re caravan park – table wanted to make more of tourism offer around it]
- L-B [unsure what this is?!]
- Services
- Projects for funding
- Organising ourselves

Chidcare:

- Collaboration with school
- Up to date stats
- Feeding into business advice
- Funding
- Space
- Knowledge of support available
- Community backing

By Christmas – Spring – Summer

Join working groups

After

Details of funding available