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We are delighted to share information about Frank Scott Court, one of Eildon's two supported housing developments in Hawick.

### Hawick

Hawick is one of the larger Border towns and internationally famous for its high-quality knitwear. The town has several museums, parks and heritage sites. Frank Scott Court is located to the south of the town centre, but remains centrally located and within a 10 minute walk of the high street and other retail areas offering a selection of shops, cafés and restaurants. Nearby is Wilton Lodge Park on the wooded banks of the River Teviot with 107 acres of riverside and tree-lined walks and a walled garden.

The town is well provided with supermarkets, GP surgeries and community facilities. Hawick offers a variety of activities, benefitting from a swimming pool, rugby, football and bowling clubs.

Overall, it offers a fabulous range of amenities to tenants living in Frank Scott Court.



# What is Supported Housing?

Supported Housing provides high quality and accessible accommodation within a safe and secure setting. Our dedicated staff team provide a service tailored to your needs.

The housing support is offered by our on-site staff. We cover a wide range of services to help you maintain your independence, meet your responsibilities and assist you to enjoy a high quality of life.

The support includes regular visits to establish general health and wellbeing as well as advising and signposting on availability of more specialised and non-specialised support. We also help you in engaging with individuals, professionals and other bodies with an interest in your welfare.

Our supported housing developments have a communal lounge for you to use and we also run regular social events.

We have fabulous well maintained gardens where you can socialise and potter in. And in all our supported housing developments, pets are welcome to live there too!



### At Frank Scott Court:

### **Buccleuch Street, Hawick, TD9 0DD**

There are 17 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom self-contained flats over three floors, with a lift providing access to the upper floors.

All flats have electric central heating.

Frank Scott Court has a warm, friendly atmosphere which provides a secure setting for older people who want to live independently in the community, with the reassurance and support from on site housing support staff.

Our onsite team provide a Housing Support service from 9am until 5pm, Monday - Friday and 11am until 2pm over the weekend.









At Frank Scott Court cont.



## How to apply:

You or your representatives can access more information on Frank Scott Court from our website, <a href="https://www.eildon.org.uk">www.eildon.org.uk</a>.

To apply for Frank Scott Court then please visit <u>www.eildonhomes.org.uk</u> and complete our online registration form.

You can also receive assistance to complete the form if this is easier by contacting **allocations@eildon.org.uk**.

When completing the online registration form you will be given an opportunity to let us know about your current housing situation and why you would benefit from a move to our supported housing development. This may include letting us know about any health conditions you have which impact on your ability to manage in your current home.

### We have collated some Frequently Asked Questions and our replies, which we hope you find helpful.

Question	Answer
Is the service only for older adults?	Yes, this service is predominately for adults over 60, however applications from those under 60 will be considered and may be accepted in certain circumstances. If you apply as a couple, at least one of you must be over 60 years of age.
	Frank Scott Court has a warm, friendly atmosphere, and provides a secure setting for older people who want to live independently in the community, with the reassurance and help from on site housing support staff during the day as required.
How do I know if I'm eligible?	Frank Scott Court is suitable for older people who would benefit from the housing support provided by staff on site during the daytime, and the alarm system connected to a 24-hour alarm centre.
What about support throughout the night?	If you are assessed by Scottish Borders Council as requiring support overnight, this will be provided by external support services. All flats are fitted with an alarm system which is connected to a 24hr alarm centre overnight for emergency response e.g. medical emergency/fire alert.
What features are there within the flats	All flats have level access shower rooms, fitted kitchen units with space for a free-standing fridge freezer and cooker.



Can I view a flat before I make my mind up?	Yes, you will need to view the property before you formally accept the offer of a tenancy at Frank Scott Court. A viewing of the flat and development will be arranged when you are offered a provisional allocation and when it is safe for you to do so.
What about gardens and the outside space?	There is a communal garden with small patio with seating accessed from the lounge.  Frank Scott Court overlooks the bowling club with park area a short distance away with accessible pathways for walker to enjoy.
What else does Frank Scott Court have to offer?	We have a communal lounge and dining room which looks out to the patio and garden.  There are tea/coffee making facilities in the lounge area for tenants use.  There is a mobility scooter store with space for approximately two scooters, situated at the main door.  We also have a large bathroom which includes a wet floor shower and bath with bath chair if you wish to use it.



Are meals provided on site?	We purchase meals locally which are delivered cooked and ready to serve daily for those tenants wishing to partake.  The meals are charged separately and would be billed to you monthly. You can enjoy your meals in the communal dining area at lunch times.
Is there a laundry?	Yes, the laundry room is on the ground floor, where we have two washing machines and a tumble drier for your use on a scheduled basis.
What about Wi-Fi?	Yes, Wi-fi is available throughout the building and within individual flats. Due to the contract arrangements we have in place, we charge for this service whether you use it or not. This is included in the rent charge.  Our broadband access supports you to carry out online activities e.g. emailing, video calling and browsing the internet. You can continue to use your existing provider if this is your preference, or if your usage requires a higher broadband demand e.g. streaming Netflix or similar services, online gaming.
Will I need a TV license?	Yes, please transfer your current TV license to your new address. After you move, we will support you to transfer your current TV licensing arrangements to our concessionary license and to process any refund you may be eligible for on your existing license. The concessionary license covers all tenancies within the development and is free of charge for those over 75 years. For those under 75 years an annual fee of £7.50 is charged.

What about car parking?	There is disabled parking at the front of the development and parking for tenants and visitors.
Is there a guest room flat within the development?	Yes, there is a double guest room on site, that can be booked in advance. The room is reasonably charged on a per night basis.
Can I have a pet?	Yes, you are able to have a pet, as long as the arrangements comply with our <b>Pet Policy</b> . You must seek permission from us and complete a pet permission form, which includes details of contingency arrangements for your pet should you be unable to take care of it e.g. if you are unwell or need to go into hospital.
How does the alarm call system work?	Each flat has a pull cord which can be activated to alert staff on site. Tenants will also be supplied with a pendant alarm to use in emergencies. The alarm call system also incorporates movement sensors which can be used to help with your safety if required. Additional sensors e.g. falls detectors, door sensors, can be added to the alarm call system if required.
How do you ensure the development is safe?	The health and safety of our tenants, visitors and staff is of paramount importance to us. Frank Scott Court has been designed to the highest current standards and we have systems in place to ensure all equipment is regularly serviced and tested, all staff are suitably trained, and users of the building are protected at all times. In addition we work with the local police, the fire and rescue service, and Scottish Borders Council to continually enhance the safety of the development.

How is the staff team made up?	Our staff will be on duty between 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday and 11am – 2pm at weekends.  The small team comprises of a Co-ordinator, 3 Assistant Co-ordinators 3
	Scheme Assistants who work across both of our supported locations in Hawick. We also have a small relief team who cover shifts when required.
	Information will be available daily via our electronic notice board on who is on duty, and how staff can be contacted.
Can support staff help me with my housework e.g. laundry and cleaning my flat?	The housing support service does not include the provision of housework and cleaning, tenants are individually responsible for these tasks. Our staff can help you make necessary arrangements to employ individuals providing these services as required.
How can I be confident I will receive an excellent service?	The service at Frank Scott Court is registered with the Care Inspectorate to provide a housing support service. Regular inspections will take place to ensure the service delivery meets the standards required. Staff also monitor the quality of our service and encourage feedback from yourselves and your family. In addition, Let's Talk consultation meetings involving our Care Service Managers are held regularly throughout the year to give the opportunity for feedback and suggestions.
Can someone with dementia apply?	Yes, and our staff are experienced and trained in how to deliver personalised housing support to people living with dementia. They will liaise with health professionals to further enhance this support where required.

# Our charges for Frank Scott Court:

We charge a rent and service charge for each property. The service charge includes:

- the cost of the heating and hot water within communal areas
- safety and security systems within the building including the alarm call system
- · grounds maintenance
- upkeep and maintenance of the building

The cost of heating, hot water and general electric supply within each flat is the responsibility of the tenant.

The current charge you would expect to pay from 1 April 2024 is approx:

- 2 person / 1 bedroom: Total rent and service charge = £830.96 per month
- 2 person / 2 bedroom flat: Total rent and service charge = £848.44 per month

Your entitlement to housing benefit will be based on a financial assessment on your ability to pay, which will be carried out by Scottish Borders Council.

We can offer support to make an application for housing benefit if required.



## Other Charges:

Council tax and utilities are tenants responsibility. Council Tax Bands for the flats are as follows:

- 2 person, 1bedroom flats Council Tax Band A
- 3 person, 2 bedroom flat Council Tax Band B

## Housing Supporting Charges:

We have been contracted by Scottish Borders Council to provide the housing support service within Frank Scott Court. Scottish Borders Council have in place a Charging Policy (link and information for 24/25 will be updated once it's available):

Charging Policy 2023-24 | Scottish Borders Council (scotborders.gov.uk).

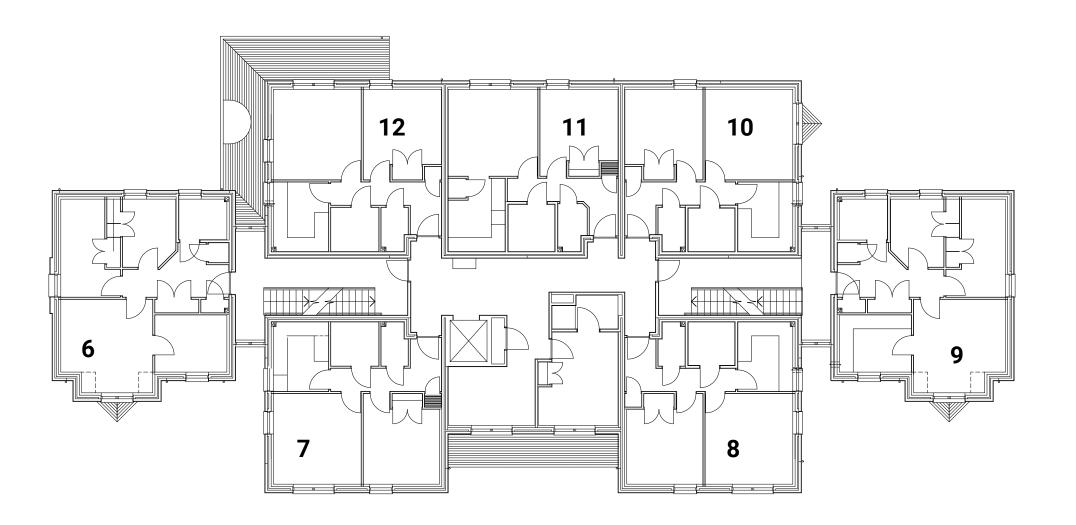
You may be eligible to pay Scottish Borders Council a contribution towards these costs of around £27.70 per week.

However, if you are entitled to housing benefit, regardless of the amount, you will not be eligible to pay the weekly Housing Support charge to Scottish Borders Council.

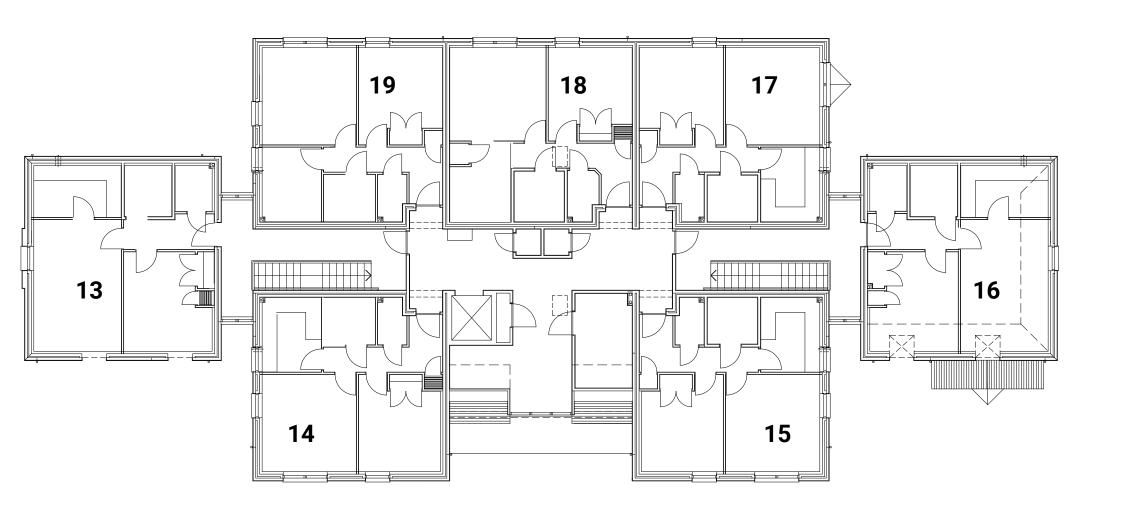
The charge is tenancy related and applies per property, and is for the duration of the tenancy regardless of occupancy. If the property is being occupied by a couple, the charge applied per property rather than per person.







First Floor





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We welcome your feedback – there are many ways to let us know what you think.



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