

... WELCOME

MELROSE MUSEUMS

The Trimontium Exhibition in the Ormiston Institute in the Square tells the story of the Roman garrison fort at Newstead. Teddy Melrose records the history of the British teddy bear. St. Cuthbert's Way is a 100km (62.5 mile) cross-Border long distance walking route linking the Southern Upland Way and the Pennine Way with the Northumberland Coast.

TOP: Fishing at Leaderfoot Viaduct
BOTTOM: Tourist Information Centre

ACTIVITIES

Fishing – permits for fishing on the famous Tweed are available from Anglers' Choice in the Square.

Golf – Melrose Golf Course (nine holes) is set on a hillside on the edge of the town. Ask about the Freedom of the Fairways golf passport.

Walking – choose from a town trail, country walk or the long-distance Southern Upland Way.

Riding – nearby Earlston offers the chance to see the countryside from horseback.

Tennis, bowls and putting in the Gibson Park.

Indoor swimming pool at Galashiels (four miles).



LEADERFOOT VIADUCT

One of the finest examples of Victorian railway engineering lies 2 miles east of Melrose at Leaderfoot. This magnificent sandstone structure of 19 arches spans the River Tweed, 123 feet above water level. Built in 1865 it finally went out of use 100 years later.



MELROSE STATION

Designed in Jacobean style, the building was opened in 1849 and is one of the very few early railway stations that survives. The Waverley Line was closed in 1969 and the station lay derelict until restored in 1985 to open as a restaurant.

FACTS & FIGURES

Population	2276
Borders General	
Hospital	01896 754333
Police – Melrose	01896 822602
Galashiels	01896 752222

ANNUAL EVENTS

Rugby Sevens	mid-April
Melrose Summer Festival	late June
Melrose Pipe Band contest	mid-August
Melrose Music Festival	early September
Mason's Walk	late December

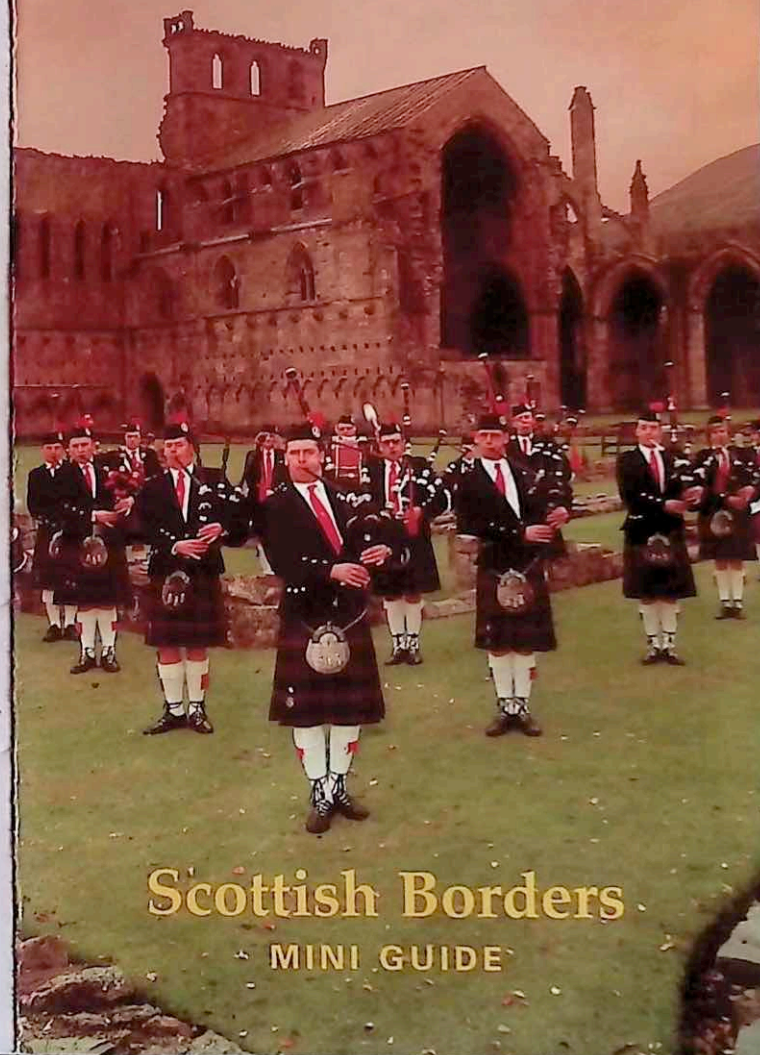
For details of these and other events, pick up a copy of the free brochure "Scottish Borders What's On".

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At the heart of the Scottish Borders, nestling between the River Tweed and the triple Eildon Hills, lies the attractive town of Melrose. Adding to the wealth of historic interest are individual, specialist shops to browse around, whilst country pursuits are close to hand.

Melrose provides an excellent base for exploring more of the region, with a range of accommodation available – hotels, guest houses, B&Bs, self-catering, a caravan and camping park and a youth hostel.

Make the most of your stay in the town by calling into the Tourist Information Centre, opposite the Abbey. It can answer all your questions on accommodation and attractions with details of current opening times and charges.

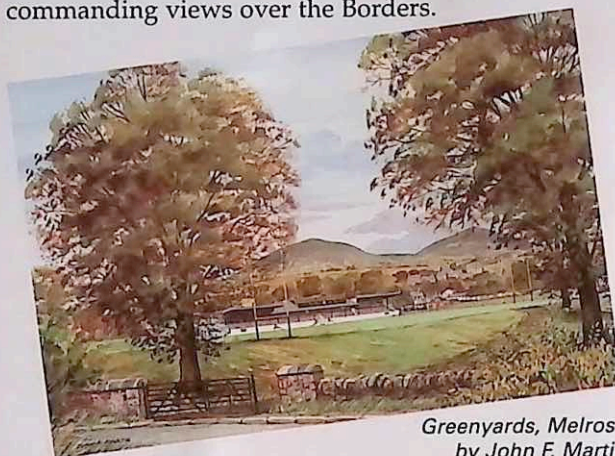
River Tweed and the Eildons



BIENVENUE!

EILDON HILLS

The most distinctive landmark in the Scottish Borders, the hills were formed as a result of volcanic activity – and not as legend says by the devil splitting the single hill into three. Scottish myth also tells how the ghost of King Arthur lies under the hills. Signs of early circular fortifications can still be seen, whilst the Romans set up a signal station here on Trimontium – the three hills. The Eildon Walk leads off the B6359 from the Square to the 422 metres high peak, offering commanding views over the Borders.



*Greenyards, Melrose
by John F. Martin*

*FRONT COVER: Stow Pipe Band
playing at Melrose Abbey*

PRIORWOOD GARDENS

Next to the Abbey are the high sheltered walls of Priorwood, which features plants for dried flower arranging, with a shop, displays, picnic tables and apple orchard walk. Open Easter to December. Tel: 01896 822493.

MELROSE RUGBY SEVENS

Melrose has its robust side too, being the birth place in 1883 of Rugby Sevens. Rugby followers from all over Britain and abroad fill the Greenyards as teams compete for the sport's premier sevens trophy.

WILLKOMMEN!

ABBOTSFORD

3 miles to the west of Melrose on the banks of the Tweed lies Sir Walter Scott's romantic mansion, with his own library and Scottish antiquities on view. Open mid-March to late October. Tel: 01896 752043.



Abbotsford House

DRYBURGH ABBEY & SCOTT'S VIEW

8 miles east of Melrose is Dryburgh Abbey, in a secluded, peaceful setting on the Tweed. Here is buried Sir Walter Scott and Earl Haig. Open all year. Tel: 01835 822381.

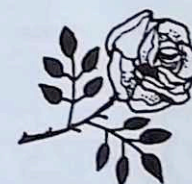
Close by is the Borders' most famous viewpoint, named after Sir Walter Scott. From this point high above the River Tweed spreads a dramatic panorama across to the Eildon Hills.

MELROSE ABBEY

The Cistercian Abbey was founded by King David I in 1136. It grew rich and powerful but over the centuries it suffered repeated English harassment, with 1545 marking its end as a monastic house. The red sandstone ruins show some of the finest stonework in Scotland, including on the roof that of a pig playing bagpipes. The heart of Robert the Bruce was buried within the Abbey. Open all year. Tel: 01896 822562.



Melrose Square



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