

# Musselburgh Area Partnership

## **Report on the first ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING of the Musselburgh Area Partnership**

**7pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Musselburgh East Community  
Learning Centre**

**Musselburgh Area Partnership** is one of 6 Area Partnerships across East Lothian operating as the local voice of the East Lothian Partnership to deliver community planning across the county.

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**The Musselburgh Area Partnership is using our first Annual Public Meeting to begin consulting with the wider community about the draft Musselburgh Area Plan.**

This plan sets 7 priorities for making this ward a better place in which to live, work and be. The priorities are supported by an Action Plan which details how the Area Partnership will work with public services, voluntary sector agencies, communities and local people to achieve these goals. This plan is organised around the 3 Strategic Objectives for East Lothian that are established in the East Lothian Plan 2013-23 (SOA). Our plan however is focussed on local issues and identifies what can be done in this area to have the most impact on achieving these outcomes.

## **Our local priorities**

### **Strategic Objective 1: Sustainable Economy**

In the Musselburgh Area our 3 priorities for action are:

**1. Increasing investment in local infrastructure and facilities in a way that meets the needs of locals, enhances the area's unique features and brings more people to the area.**

**Related Goals:**

- a) Town centre regeneration in Musselburgh through the implementation of the Musselburgh Town Centre Strategy (MTCS) and wider initiatives
- b) Fisherrow Harbour and waterfront area is restored and enhanced as a local asset and opportunity for economic development.
- c) The Musselburgh Town Hall is preserved and well used by the local community.
- d) A new Community Centre built in Whitecraig that effectively meets the needs of the local community.

**2. Reducing traffic congestion in Musselburgh to ensure it is easily accessed by locals and visitors alike and overall a more pleasant and enjoyable place to live, work, and be.**

**Related Goals:**

- a) Improve Air Quality in Musselburgh High St
- b) Increased use of active modes of travel (ie walking and cycling) for trips within the Musselburgh area
- d) Train and bus services provide people with effective travel options, within and beyond the Musselburgh area, that enable them to get where they want to go

**The Musselburgh Area Partnership, formed in March 2014, covers both Musselburgh wards including Wallyford, Whitecraig and Carberry.**

### **Who is representing Musselburgh on the Area Partnership?**

- Campie Primary School Parent Council
- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Musselburgh & Inveresk Community Council
- Musselburgh Community Sports Hub
- Musselburgh Conservation Society
- Musselburgh Council of Churches
- Musselburgh Grammar Pupil Council
- Musselburgh Grammar School Parent Council
- Musselburgh Youth Services
- Pinkie St Peter's Primary School Parent Council
- Stoneyhill Primary School Parent Council
- Support from the Start, Musselburgh
- Wallyford Community Council
- Whitecraig Community Council
- Windsor Park Tenants & Residents Association

If you have anything you would like to raise with the Area Partnership contact any of the organisations above or e-mail [Musselburgh-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Musselburgh-AP@eastlothian.gov.uk)

### **3. The distinct needs and identities of villages and localities within the wards is recognised and their environments are enhanced**

#### **Related Goals:**

- a) Green spaces within and between communities are protected and enhanced for community recreation
- b) That residents are more able to directly influence spending in their area in ways that will enhance their local neighbourhoods

### **Strategic Objective 2: Resilient People**

In the Musselburgh Area our 2 priorities for action are:

#### **4. Building an achieving culture across the ward that will improve attainment and aspiration levels for people of all ages.**

#### **Related Goals:**

- a) Improving school attendance and ensuring it is seen as a community-wide issue.
- b) Establishing a community-wide 'Musselburgh Achieves' programme with implementation focused around building a culture of aspiration.
- c) Children living in the Musselburgh area get the best start in life

#### **5. Ensuring the Musselburgh community has the knowledge, opportunity and tools at-hand to make healthy lifestyle choices and have more control over their health outcomes.**

#### **Related Goals:**

- a) Free and fun fitness opportunities are available and existing green spaces (parks and the natural landscape) are accessible and used by families and people of all ages
- b) People are eating more healthily and accessing local grown food including producing their own
- c) Encouraging lifestyle changes through targeted, local interventions that actively support people to become more resilient and develop positive strategies for well-being

### **Strategic Objective 3: Safe and Vibrant Communities**

In the Musselburgh Area our 2 priorities for action are:

#### **6. Making the Musselburgh Area a safe place to live, work and travel within.**

#### **Related Goals:**

- a) Local Communities, police and other public agencies work effectively together to ensure Musselburgh is safe and feels safe.

#### **6. Ensuring individuals and the Musselburgh community collectively have the confidence, capacity and resources to be supportive, inclusive and resilient.**

#### **Related Goals:**

- a) Local residents are well informed about opportunities and developments in their area and how they can get involved.
- b) Young people have the opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of this community and develop into confident citizens
- c) Communities across the area have effective plans in place to support and protect vulnerable residents in the event of severe weather or emergencies
- d) That local community / voluntary sector groups are able to grow, flourish and develop

The following pages reproduce the information that was presented at the Annual Public Meeting of the Musselburgh Area Partnership on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

They give more information about the 7 priorities identified in the draft Musselburgh Area Plan and illustrate some of the things that the Musselburgh Area Partnership is doing to make a difference in the area.

Where the Partnership sought feedback from the public about some of the ideas under consideration the responses from people attended is included as well.

These responses will be used by the Musselburgh Area Partnership to inform the next stage of developing the Musselburgh Area Plan and help guide the allocation of resources locally.



# 1) Increasing investment in local infrastructure and facilities in ways that meets the needs of locals, enhances the area's unique features and brings more people to the area

## What Musselburgh Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this goal...

We have already committed resources to a number of capital projects in Musselburgh Town Centre and residents should begin to see work underway in these areas in the next few months...

Creation of a new public greenspace area on the High St (next to the Citizens Advice Bureau) - creating a seating/waiting area near the bus stop but off the main walkway



Install directional and name signage in Musselburgh Town Centre Car parks

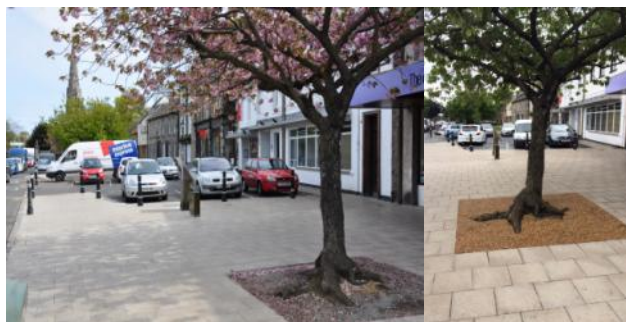


Renewal of Shorthope St car park  
– Resurfacing, re-lining and tidying bin area

Resurfacing and repairs to riverside landscaping by the walking bridge at the bottom of Shorthope St



Resin treatment around trees









Improvements to the Esk Path from Shorthope St to make it wheelchair accessible and cycle friendly

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## Proposed projects...

Please help the Area Partnership set its priorities for the next year by voting for the projects you think will have the most impact on achieving this goal.

### Town Centre Projects

Town Hall Options Appraisal to develop opportunities for greater use of this building (Including a focus on Disabled access)		14
Prepare and implement shop front and advertisement design guidance for commercial properties in the town centre to improve the overall look of the High St.		10
Develop better marketing of Musselburgh and a distinctive branding for the town		6
Review existing heritage and promotional information available in Musselburgh town centre. Consider developing additional town trails or heritage information sites.		5
 Stonework repairs to the War memorial <i>There is a potential to seek additional/ matched Funding for this.</i>		3
 Stonework and railing repairs to the Macbeth Moir statue		1
Address need for effective bin storage on the Newbigging corner of the High St		1
Repairs to Gracefield Car Park		0

### Other Areas...

	Fisherrow - Undertake a re-landscaping / re-design of the parking area at Fisherrow Harbour to better link the backsands and the promenade to improve access, safety and amenity for locals and visiting users	13
		8
	Lewisvale Park water park (potentially a £100,000 - £120,000 project)	4

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## Do you have any other ideas that would help achieve this goal across the Musselburgh wards?

- Health, safety, enjoyment, air quality, leisure, attracting visitors, encouraging people to remain in area, expanding business. Will only be achieved if we tackle the flow of traffic through the town. New housing needs to be predicted or improved infrastructure first.
- Make available maps/literature (could be online to keep costs down!) about walking trails around Musselburgh.
- Tidy up and refurbish 1<sup>st</sup> floor area of shop at "21" (first floor window is boarded up and looks a real untidy mess).
- River Esk walls in disrepair needs upgrading/maintenance including full accessible footpath – both projects should be treated as single improvement.



## 2) Reducing traffic congestion in Musselburgh to ensure it is easily accessed by locals and visitors alike and overall a more pleasant and enjoyable place to live, work, and be.

### What Musselburgh Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this goal...

We have 3 main aims here:

#### 1. To improve Air Quality in Musselburgh High St;

East Lothian Council is currently developing an Air Quality Improvement Plan for Musselburgh High Street following a traffic and congestion study in the area and we will be working with them to advise on the recommendations and help implement changes.

#### 2. To increase the use of active modes of travel (ie walking and cycling) for trips within the Musselburgh area;

Funding was secured from Paths for All earlier this year to promote the River Esk Path as a safe and scenic active travel route between Musselburgh Station and the town centre. This funding is being used to improve signage from the station and fund path repairs and upgrades, including dropped curbs.

#### 3. To ensure train and bus services provide people with effective travel options, within and beyond the Musselburgh area, that enable them to get where they want to go.

Musselburgh Area Partnership members represent this area on the East Lothian Community Rail Partnership and RELBUS – working to improve the quality and efficiency of train and bus provision across the county.

### East Lothian on the Move

In September Musselburgh Area Partnership will be co-hosting an East Lothian on the Move event in St Andrews High Church Musselburgh.

This is the beginning of an engagement and action planning process focussed on improving the availability of Smarter Travel options in the area and encouraging people to make the choice to travel smarter.

While the event will focus on improving options for active travel and public transport it is not all about trying to get people to stop using cars. We will also be looking at improving the uptake of electric vehicles, car clubs, tripshare schemes and other initiatives.

We are doing this, not only to help identify effective and achievable, community prioritised actions for our own Area Plan, but because the needs identified here will also contribute directly to East Lothian Council's Local Transport Strategy and the development of their Active Travel Improvement Plan.



The flyer features a header with icons for train, walking, car, bicycle, and bus, and the text 'East Lothian on the Move - The route to smarter travel'. It includes a Twitter handle @ELonthemove. The main heading is 'HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SMARTER TRAVEL IN YOUR AREA!'. The event details are: 'Drop in between 3pm and 6.30pm to: HEAR about initiatives in your area - cycle paths, walking routes, new bus routes, electric car charging points, car clubs and more; LET US KNOW what would encourage you to choose more active ways of travelling; TELL US how local public transport works for you and what could make it easier to use; MEET WITH personal transport planners; PICK UP walking and cycle route maps, public transport timetables and giveaways; ENTER the competition to win a day out by train; TAKE PART in the workshop from 6:30 to discuss what is needed in your area to help people travel smarter'. The event is at St Andrews High Church, Musselburgh, on 03 SEPTEMBER 2015, with a drop-in from 3PM and a workshop from 6:30-8PM. Contact information includes a website and email. A map shows the venue location on High St. Logos for East Lothian Council, pba peterbrett, Musselburgh Area Partnership, Smarter Choices Smarter Places, and Transport Scotland are at the bottom.



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As part of the East Lothian on the Move project we want to know what would encourage you to use different forms of travel more often for your commute, school run and to access local services



What are the barriers to walking more often for local journeys?	What could encourage you to walk more often for local journeys?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get a dog</li> </ul>



What are the barriers to travelling by bike?	What could encourage you to cycle more often?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non – separation of bikes from cars/lorries</li> <li>• Places to securely leave bikes in High Street</li> <li>• Need more bike lanes and shared pavements in places</li> <li>• Too dangerous amid traffic</li> <li>• Cycle clubs to take over the pedestrian bridge when they are out! Do not dismount and cluster together.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated bike routes ie away from main traffic routes</li> <li>• Separation from vehicle traffic – cycle / pedestrian lanes</li> </ul>

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What are the barriers to travelling by train?	What could encourage you to use the train more often?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequency of service</li> <li>• Access to station (travel time and mode)</li> <li>• Frequency of service</li> <li>• Later times in evening</li> <li>• Infrequent service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More frequent service</li> <li>• Cost of Travel</li> <li>• Taxi rank at both stations until late (or a phone at the station)</li> <li>• Taxi info should be displayed near the Musselburgh map at Musselburgh station.</li> </ul>



What are the barriers to travelling by bus?	What could encourage you to use the bus more often?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slowness of journey particularly into Edinburgh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More dedicated bus lanes into Edinburgh</li> <li>• More limited stop services into Edinburgh</li> </ul>

### 3) The distinct needs and identities of villages and localities within the wards is recognised and their environments are enhanced

**What Musselburgh Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this goal...**

We have undertaken a series of locality 'walk-about's' with East Lothian Council staff and local residents - similar to Estate Inspections but focussed on the public realm - to identify streetscape and environmental improvements needed in their areas.

We have started with Wallyford, Whitecraig and Wimpey, where there are not Tenants and Residents Associations (TRAs) operating at present. We have also invited local TRAs to let us know about projects they have identified in their area that they have not been able to deliver on their own.

**So far we have committed resources to:**

#### Landscaping and Planting at the entrance to Whitecraig

Residents are keen to see improvements to the floral displays at the entrance to the village, including seasonal bulbs.

We are also linking with the ambitions of the Primary School to develop a sculpture project for this roundabout by organising to have the trees removed and the area planted with wildflowers, like other roundabouts in the ward.



#### Wallyford footpath repairs

After work has been done to improve the parking area itself the crumbling state of this path and the remains of the wall have become even more of an eyesore than they were.

The goal here is to work with the carpark owner and local residents to determine what would work best here to separate the pedestrian footway from the parked cars - a guardrail, bollards or a replacement wall could all be options.

As part of this project there may also be the opportunity to look at the installation of a bus shelter at this stop.





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### Proposed projects...

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Environmental improvements to small green spaces in the Windsor Park and Pinkie areas – providing colour		4
Provide a Speed Reactive sign at the A1 entrance to Wallyford which can be shared in rotation with Whitecraig		4
Develop a 'Friend of Whitecraig Railway Walk' group using the ELC path warden's model to involve local communities in playing an active part in its care and development		3
 Develop a 'Friend of Wallyford Bing' group using the ELC path warden's model to involve local communities in playing an active part in its care and development		3
Town centre greenspace along the River Esk - Improve amenity and appearance (South side) – making more of the links between town and river		2
Undertake repairs to the stone entrance to the Railway walk, Whitecraig.		2
 Widen this narrow footway in Wallyford, remove the existing fence and replace with a new guardrail at the roadside, and improve the grass slope towards the trees.		2
 Provide 'real time' information at Wallyford bus stops		2
Address this unsightly area around the path and entrance to the school – as this gap site is privately owned maybe screening fence is the best option		1
 Refresh planting and landscape design on the promenade at the bottom of Beach Lane – near the boat sculpture and seating area.		1
Traffic calming measures introduced in Pinkie / Windsor park		0

### other ideas...

- Whitecraig – what about Christmas lights, hanging baskets
- More grow-your-own opportunities and allotments – see Community Empowerment Act new obligations
- Community Centre to bring more people together



## 4) Building an achieving culture across the ward that will improve attainment and aspiration levels for people of all ages

### What Musselburgh Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this goal...

#### Attendance Matters

Musselburgh Area Partnership is working with Primary Schools across the Musselburgh cluster to create a community wide focus on attendance at the start of this school year.

Through the Attendance Matters campaign our aim is to get parents, carers, families and the wider community thinking differently about unnecessary absences from school and encourage everyone to play a part in ensuring that the children in their lives are not missing out on valuable time for learning and personal development.

Across Scotland average rates of attendance at Primary School have been falling over recent years and in the Musselburgh area it is no exception. Between August and December therefore schools across the Musselburgh cluster will be taking part in the Attendance Matters Challenge.

The aim of this challenge is to raise average attendance at each school by 1%. This may not seem like much but, if each school achieved this increase, it would give the area its highest attendance rate for the last 5 years.

We are all aware that there are some very good reasons why children need to be occasionally absent from school - due to sickness, family crises, or to participate in religious observances for example. What we are really hoping to change through this campaign however is the increasing number of days that children are missing out on opportunities for learning without good reason. These are called Unauthorised Absences and include time off for family holidays during term time or staying off school to help out at home. Across East Lothian in the last school year 42,000 days of learning were lost due to Unauthorised Absences and we want to see this change.

The Attendance Matters Campaign wants to foster a greater understanding of the importance of regular school attendance across the whole community – not just for what a child might learn that day but also for their ongoing chance of reaching their full potential

You can find out more about why regular Attendance Matters at [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/AttendanceMatters](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/AttendanceMatters)

Attendance Matters

### Missing School is Missing Out

Attendance percentages can be misleading.  
Even with 90% attendance a child will have missed:

- almost 1/2 a day per week
- 19 days per year
- 247 days over their school career - which is over 1 year of lost education.

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour. A day of school missed without good reason is a missed opportunity for important learning and personal development. If you need support to ensure a child in your care maintains regular attendance talk to the school - staff are there to help.

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To find out more about why attendance really matters go to [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/AttendanceMatters](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/AttendanceMatters)

#### Bookbug at Home and PEEP (Parents Early Education Partnership)

Musselburgh Area Partnership has funded Support from the Start to provide 2 programmes which are aimed at improving early development and the school readiness of children in Wallyford, Whitecraig and Musselburgh East.

These are both proven programmes which are part of the Parenting Pathway in Musselburgh and should be available to all families who want them. Currently, while the demand for PEEP and Bookbug group classes in the libraries has grown beyond the capacity of staff to deliver, the uptake of Bookbug at Home is negligible in the area – in part because there is a lack of trained staff and volunteers to work with families to get them started.

This is what this funding is going to change.



## 4) Building an achieving culture across the ward that will improve attainment and aspiration levels for people of all ages

### Proposed projects...

Please help the Area Partnership set its priorities for the next year by voting for the projects you think will have the most impact on achieving this goal.

Seek the appointment of a dedicated attendance officer in the Musselburgh Cluster	18
Develop and pilot a voluntary school drop-off scheme offering practical support to families experiencing short term difficulties in getting a child to school due to illness in the family, birth of a new baby or some other crisis.	14
Develop the Attendance Matters Campaign to the next stage to focus on transition to High School	10
Support the expansion of the Musselburgh Skills for Work Programme – providing training locally for adults in fields of employment demand that provide opportunities for attaining qualifications.	7
Musselburgh Achieves Campaign – highlighting the achievements of Musselburgh residents and former Musselburgh School pupils (not only career achievements) - ? poster campaign / web based / tied in with Citizen of the Year Award	3
Develop a programme of Primary School careers fairs which introduce children to a wide range of potential career options in a fun and interactive way – taking an earlier approach to building career ambitions	3
Increasing the opportunities for young people to achieve accredited awards outside of the school curriculum – a targeted approach through the Sports Hub to see 50 existing youth volunteers receive Youth Achievement Awards.	3
Roll-out the Children’s University Project to make it available to all children in the Musselburgh Area	1

### other ideas ...

- Sponsor attendance award programme for Musselburgh Grammar School



## 5) Ensuring our community has the knowledge, opportunity and tools at-hand to make healthy lifestyle choices and improve health outcomes.

### What Musselburgh Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this goal...



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### Funding Crossreach Counselling Lothians to provide a weekly counselling service for Musselburgh Grammar School

Musselburgh Area Partnership has provided funds which, along with a grant already awarded from the Red House Home Trust, will enable Crossreach Counselling Lothians to offer a counselling clinic for Musselburgh Grammar School for a year.

Crossreach Counselling Lothians supports young people with issues such as self-harm, depression, suicidal intent, family breakdown, stress and anxiety, abuse - just some of the presenting issues that many of our young people are faced with.

They have been offering counselling in Musselburgh for a number of years now and over that time have seen demand grow to the point that young people have been waiting 4 – 5 months for a counselling appointment. We all agree that this is way too long for people who are often in crisis. The biggest area of growth in demand has come from children and young people, many of them pupils at Musselburgh Grammar.

Providing a counselling clinic directly for a High School has already proved very successful at a number of East Lothian schools. We are therefore very pleased to be able to support the establishment of this service for Musselburgh Grammar for one half day a week, allowing Crossreach to offer 4 counselling appointments within that time.

### Other things we have begun to do include:

- **Understanding opportunities for local food growing** We are undertaking an audit of what opportunities there are in the local area for people to get involved with to grow their own food – allotments, community projects, projects in schools etc.

We are doing this so that we can have a better understanding of what gaps there are in provision so that we can develop sensible projects / actions to make enable more people to take part.

- **Developing a Healthy Lifestyles working group** Some of the Partnership members took part in a training session about Understanding Health Inequalities. We did this because we want to get a better understanding of what are the challenges in this area and what can be done to improve people's ability to take control of their own health.

Following this we have established a Healthy Lives Working Group which will use this understanding to keep developing effective actions for the Area Plan in future years.

# 5) Ensuring our community has the knowledge, opportunity and tools at-hand to make healthy lifestyle choices and improve health outcomes.

## Proposed projects...

Please help the Area Partnership set its priorities for the next year by voting for the projects you think will have the most impact on achieving this goal.

Develop and promote free and accessible walking activity/treasure trails for families eg trails with things to do and find – using what already exists whilst developing new interactive routes	9
Develop a pilot to extend free holiday swimming to parents with Leisure Pass Plus cards – possibly just up to the age of it being compulsory that they are in the pool with their child.	7
Develop a bike loan programme	5
Encourage local community facilities to provide healthy food, locally grown where possible eg Musselburgh Sports Centre, Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre.	4
Local delivery of the Growing Confidence secondary school training package which includes: training for staff, training for young people and Raising Teens with Confidence course for parents and carers.	3
Installing free exercise / outdoor gym equipment appropriate for people of all age groups at Fisherrow Links	2
Creating a more supportive environment for people with Dementia and their families and carers in Musselburgh Town Centre	1
Support the delivery of peer mentoring initiatives such as Decipher Assist (a smoking prevention programme) within Musselburgh Grammar School	1
Installing free/accessible equipment - concrete table tennis tables /giant chess / outdoor gyms ... for people of all age groups in local parks	0
Develop a Pupil driven competition / rewards / star system for take away shops / cafes who offer healthy eating and/or locally sourced options for lunchtimes	0



## other ideas...

- Walk and gossip group
- Trim trail instead of gym equipment (The Grove)
- Healthy choices are severely limited by growth in traffic through Musselburgh – air quality. New housing requires alternative infrastructure in place before planning consent is given
- There is a ten year waiting list for allotments in Musselburgh. The Community Empowerment Act places obligations on local authorities to meet the demand for allotments



## 6) Making the Musselburgh Area a safe place to live, work and travel in.

### What Musselburgh Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this goal...

Musselburgh Area Partnership is continuing to work with the CAPPs (Community and Police Partnerships) in our wards to look at how the community can:

- play a greater role in reducing antisocial behaviour in our areas
- contribute to meeting the objectives identified in the Police Scotland's Multi-Member Ward Plans for Musselburgh.

**Police Scotland's Multi-Member Ward Plans** outline the priorities the community identified during their consultation and inform the community of how they plan to address these throughout the year. These priorities have also been adopted by the Musselburgh Area Partnership and integrated into our draft Area Plan as they are issues that we all need to help address if we want to make the Musselburgh area a safe place to live, work and travel in.

The community priorities identified in the Police Scotland Multi-Member Ward Plans for this area are:

#### 1. Antisocial Behaviour

In Musselburgh East and Carberry you told us there were problems with antisocial behaviour, violent conduct and vandalism.

In Musselburgh West you told us there were problems with antisocial behaviour, violent conduct, young people causing disturbance, rowdy drunken behaviour and dog fouling.

#### 2. Violence

In Musselburgh East and Carberry you told us that the levels of violent crime including street robbery and domestic abuse/violence concerned you.

#### 3. Substance Misuse

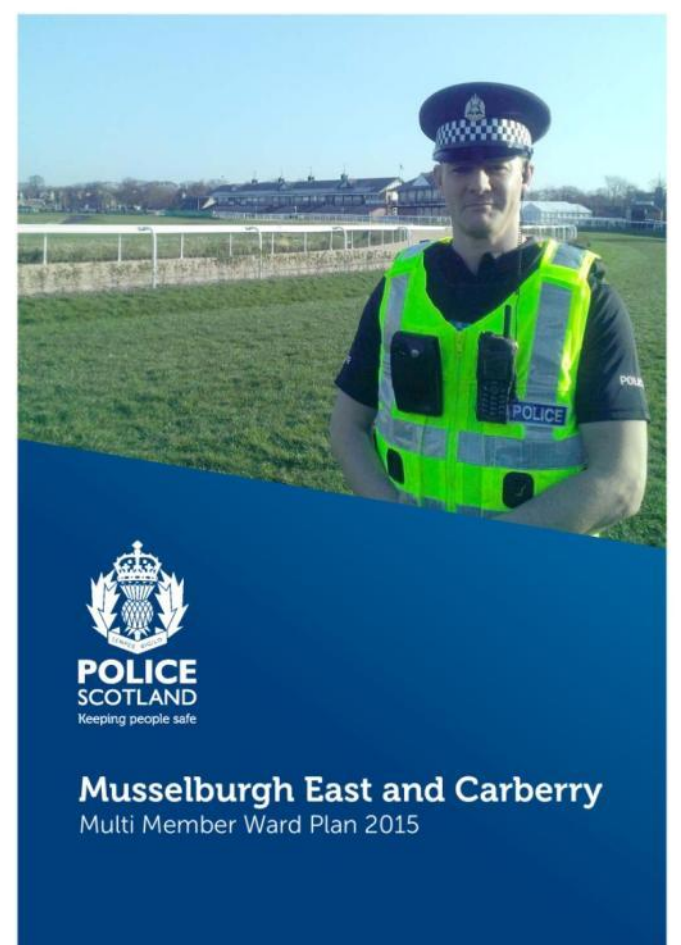
Across both wards you told us you were worried about people using and dealing drugs in the Musselburgh area, and their subsequent behaviour and offending.

#### 4. Parking

Across both wards you told us you were concerned about inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

#### 5. Antisocial Driving & Speeding

In Musselburgh West you told us that inconsiderate driving and speeding motorists, especially near schools, worried you.



## 6) Making the Musselburgh Area a safe place to live, work and travel in.

**The Police Scotland Multi-Member Ward Plans also highlight some of the actions that the Police have been taking locally to address these priorities.**

### **Robbery**

Reacting to a spate of street robberies in Musselburgh where the victims were elderly, we set up a squad to successfully catch the people responsible. Our Community Safety Team delivered letters to raise awareness of the risks to elderly people.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

We have staff embedded in East Lothian Council's Antisocial Behaviour Team and we have targeted those who commit antisocial behaviour. In some cases this has led to the eviction of tenants in Musselburgh.

### **Violence**

We have targeted repeat violent offenders and have prioritised incidents where people were seriously injured through violence. We have used specific resources to combat domestic abuse/violence and ensure the victims are as safe as possible.

### **Parking**

We challenged dangerously parked drivers around all schools in the Musselburgh area. We also initiated action in seriously congested areas.

### **Licensed Premises**

Our East Lothian Licensing Officer targeted problem licensed premises, in order to tackle violence and antisocial behaviour caused by young people illegally accessing alcohol. We contribute to Licensing Boards and report on problem premises.

### **Housebreaking**

East Lothian now has its own Housebreaking Investigation Team which is situated at Musselburgh. East Lothian also has its own Community Safety Team which monitors all crimes on a daily basis and implements prevention strategies to reduce crime.

### **Substance Misuse**

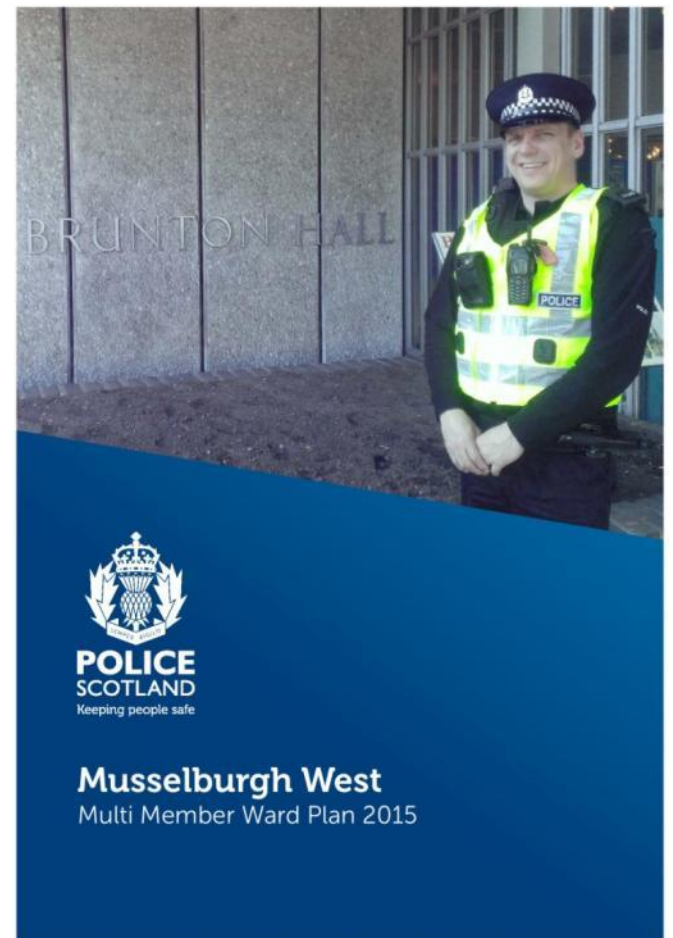
There has been a huge amount of investigation into drug dealing in Musselburgh. Significant recoveries of illegal drugs and cannabis cultivations have resulted. Council tenants risk eviction if caught in possession or supplying drugs.

### **NPS (New Psychoactive Substances)**

We have been raising awareness of the risks of New Psychoactive Substances in Musselburgh Grammar School and elsewhere. We have worked with partners in Health, Trading Standards, Environmental Health and Legal Services to take action on suppliers.

### **Antisocial Driving & Speeding**

Community police officers have targeted 'hotspot' areas for speeding using speed detection technology. We also have used the specialist resources from the Traffic Department and Trunks Roads Policing to enforce Road Traffic legislation on the roads around Musselburgh.



## 6) Making the Musselburgh Area a safe place to live, work and travel in.

The Musselburgh Area Partnership supports all of the initiatives Police Scotland has put in place to address these community concerns (as reproduced on the previous poster). Where do you think the focus should be to make a difference in addressing these problems in our area.

<b>Addressing Antisocial Behaviour</b>	8
<b>Tackling Antisocial Driving and Speeding</b>	7
<b>Stopping Inconsiderate and Dangerous Parking</b>	5
<b>Preventing Substance Misuse</b>	4
<b>Combating Violence</b>	3

### Is anything missing?

- Stopping Ur turning in High Street!
- School Liaison Officer.
- CAPP meeting, lack of. Can we have someone to take over from Jeff please. Whitecraig residents pulling my ears off!!!
- Community Police to attend Primary 7 school camps to get to know children as they become teenagers.
- Joining up – Pinkie St Peter’s school to encourage Pinkie/Wallyford links
- New development - Pinkie – to work with school communities



## 7) Ensuring individuals and the Musselburgh community have the confidence, capacity and resources to be supportive, inclusive and resilient.

### What Musselburgh Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this goal...

The Musselburgh Area Partnership has identified 2 projects that we intend to begin developing after summer 2015.

These are projects that we think will:

- Help improve the availability of local information
- Strengthen connections within this community; and
- Assist local groups to expand their reach, recognition and impact in the area.

### Refreshing and re-launching this community website



In the Musselburgh area we have the bones of what could be a very good website for providing:

- community news;
- what's on information;
- celebrating our successes; and
- linking different groups and organisations together.

The problem is that it has become tired, neglected and a bit dated.

We are going to be reviewing, refreshing and re-building this site to revive the functions it is able to provide. At the same time we will be establishing a group who can become active in managing and contributing to the site.

**If you are interested in becoming part of this please leave your name and contact details here.**

### Musselburgh Area Communities Day

We want to organise an area wide 'Fair Day' that will bring all of the local community groups and organisations together – from sports club, to history societies, from church groups to horticultural organisations. The aim is to give them all a space to showcase what they do.

We know that there are so many people across this community involved in voluntary work to improve their local area, and beyond. We think that they deserve the opportunity to celebrate the difference they are making to a wider audience.

It will also be an opportunity for groups to let the wider community know how they can get involved - and hopefully attract new members and volunteers.

We are intending to hold the event early in 2016 and need to get planning soon.

**If you are interested in becoming part of the working group to take this project forward please leave your name and contact details here.**





## 7) Ensuring individuals and the Musselburgh community have the confidence, capacity and resources to be supportive, inclusive and resilient.

### Proposed projects...

Please help the Area Partnership set its priorities for the next year by voting for the projects you think will have the most impact on achieving this goal.

Set up a dedicated youth cafe / youth facility in the area to provide social and recreational space and support young people's development	15
A 'Get into Sport' leaflet produced by the Musselburgh Community Sports Hub for distribution as part of school induction packs providing information on all local clubs. - <i>Particularly focussing on opportunities for younger children</i>	9
Supporting Community Councils, Tenants Groups, Village Associations etc to develop Community Resilience Plans in localities across the Musselburgh wards. These put local action plans in place to assist vulnerable members of their communities in times of severe weather or other emergencies.	8
New residents info-pack - <i>For distribution to Council and private tenants / homebuyers that are new to the area</i>	7
Youth Friendly awards - <i>Involving young people in rating and rewarding the spaces and venues across the area that make them feel welcome and that they want to use</i>	7
A 'What's what' guide to the Musselburgh Area produced as a poster and distributed to all local households - <i>Including key contacts for East Lothian Council services, local groups, and businesses – and designed to be displayed on fridges / backs of doors</i>	5
Youth Philanthropic Initiative – a programme to build youth citizenship skills by: - involving groups of young people in researching local charities - choosing 1 to champion and presenting this information to their peers - donating funds locally on the basis of this youth vote.	5

### other ideas...

- Priority must be the Youth Cafe, which has already been mooted and not delivered.
- Make more use of library as a community hub for information.