

# Fa'side Area Partnership

## **Report on the first ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING of the Fa'side Area Partnership**

**7pm Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Ross High School, Tranent**

**Fa'side 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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# Fa'side Area Partnership

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

After looking at the evidence and working with residents and stakeholders across this local community the Fa'side Area Partnership has identified 9 priority areas for action across the three strategic objectives of the East Lothian Plan which will help deliver these outcomes locally.

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 each priority's outcomes; priorities that focus on the real differences we want to make.

## Our local priorities

### **One: Sustainable Economy across Fa'side ward**

#### **PRIORITY 1 – Improving our Town and Villages**

- Creating a Fa'side Identity and making more of the area's history.
- Villages and neighbourhoods within Tranent have attractive, central public spaces where people can meet and gather.
- Revitalise public spaces within Tranent Town Centre to create a more pleasant atmosphere for visitors and locals.
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#### **PRIORITY 2 – Supporting a thriving local economy**

- Local businesses receive the support they need to grow and provide high quality employment opportunities.

#### **PRIORITY 3 – Improve travel options and reduce traffic congestion throughout the ward**

- Congestion issues on the roads and car parks in Tranent Town Centre are improved.
- The overall volume of car traffic is reduced by making it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and public transport.
- Road and pedestrian safety is improved in all Fa'side villages and local neighbourhoods.

**The Fa'side Area Partnership, formed in March 2014, covers Macmerry, Tranent, Ormiston, Pencaitland, Elphinstone and everywhere in between.**

#### **Who is representing Fa'side on the Area Partnership?**

- Elected members from East Lothian Council
- Elphinstone Community Association
- Macmerry & Gladsmuir Community Council
- Ormiston Community Council
- Ormiston West Tenants & Residents Association
- Pencaitland Community Council
- Primary School Parent Councils
- Ross High School Parent Council
- Support from the Start, Tranent
- Tranent & District Community Sports Club
- Tranent & Elphinstone Community Council
- Tranent West 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 [faside-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:faside-ap@eastlothian.gov.uk)

## **Two: Resilient People across Fa'side ward**

### **PRIORITY 4 – Increasing opportunities for physical activity in day to day life**

- Increase number of people choosing walking or cycling to access local facilities and using the core paths for leisure and recreation.
- Improve the quality of our outdoor spaces, and promote opportunities for informal outdoor play for people of all ages.
- Improve access to sports and sports facilities for all: **but** with a particular focus on young women and girls, and older men who are often less likely to participate.

### **PRIORITY 5 – Supporting Families to create healthy environments for children**

- Ensure all Women have a Healthy and Positive Experience of Pregnancy and early motherhood.
- Ensure all children have healthy sleep patterns throughout their development.
- Increase parental involvement in all aspects of a child's life and learning.
- Ensure Parents have access to the support they need.

### **PRIORITY 6 – Making it easier to choose healthy and locally grown food**

- Increasing the availability of healthy food which is locally grown, including through involving more people in local food production.
- Improve people's knowledge and skills regarding home cooking and healthy eating.

## **Three: Safe and Vibrant Communities across Fa'side ward**

### **PRIORITY 7 – Improving Community information, facilities and resources**

- There are high quality facilities across the ward for recreation and learning.
- Improve the availability of community information.

### **PRIORITY 8 – Ensuring all Residents of Fa'side feel Safe and Secure in their Community**

- Local Communities, Police and other Public Agencies work effectively together to ensure Fa'side is safe and feels safe.
- Anti-Social Behaviour throughout the ward is tackled and its impact on the community is reduced.
- The impact of drug use in our community is minimized and those responsible dealt with accordingly.

### **PRIORITY 9 – Becoming a more supportive and inclusive community**

- Creating a community which supports and enables those living with dementia and other mental health disorders to live happy and independent lives.
- Support older people to access opportunities in their communities for as long as possible.
- Ensuring all young people in the area have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.
- Ensuring that people moving into the area are encouraged to integrate with the local community.

The following pages reproduce the information that was presented at the Annual Public Meeting of the Fa'side Area Partnership on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

They give more information about the 9 priorities identified in the draft Fa'side Area Plan and illustrate some of the things that the Fa'side 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 Fa'side Area Partnership to inform the next stage of developing the Fa'side Area Plan and help guide the allocation of resources locally.

# 1. Improving the appeal of our Town and Villages

**What Fa'side Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this...**

## **Our Gateway Signage project...**

Fa'side Area Partnership has committed resources to improving the entrances to our town and villages by:

- Providing consistent signage welcoming people to each settlement
- Creating or renewing floral displays at each gateway site
- Exploring sculptural/cairn options to highlight the heritage of each area
- Combining this with speed reducing measures

Consultation is currently underway with local communities about what would be best in each area (and what is possible in each location). Residents should begin to see the results appearing in the next few months...

### **Signage:**

We want to see clear and attractive entrance signs to all villages.

It would also be possible to include village crests or symbols (where they exist), and possibly something identifying all of the settlements in the area as part of the Fa'side ward.



### **Floral enhancements:**

In some areas it may also be possible to add a stone planter bed at the base of the sign to make it more of a feature.

In other areas a herbaceous bed (like this one from Tranent) might work better.



### **Cairns or sculptures:**



It would also be possible at the main entrance to each place to look at adding a sculpture piece or cairn that highlighted aspects of the area's mining, agricultural or industrial history as this example from Pencaitland shows.

**Traffic calming** find out more about our plans for this on the posters focussing on **3) Road safety and reducing traffic speeds**

# 1. Improving the appeal of our Town and Villages

## What Fa'side Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this...

### Tranent Town Centre Charrette

In March 2015 Fa'side Area Partnership and East Lothian Council brought in Kevin Murray and Associates to lead on a Town Centre Charrette for Tranent – a intensive, design led consultation and planning event that brought residents, businesses and council officers together over 3 days to come up with solutions to local concerns about the town centre.

The main things the Charrette focussed on were:

- Traffic congestion and parking in the town centre
- The overall look of the High Street
- Revitalising Civic Square
- Making more of the history and heritage of the town
- Improving links between public buildings – eg Library, Health Centre, Loch Centre

The report from the Charrette is now complete and the Fa'side Area Partnership is now considering the suggestions it makes for local improvements before making our recommendations to East Lothian Council.

### Recommendations from the Charrette report include:

**A new park and car park** - between Lindores Drive, the George Johnstone Centre and the Crookston Centre – which would improve links between the High Street and this area and could include play areas and community garden.



**A new look Civic Square** – creating a more modern space with a mix of residential and commercial properties replacing the existing unused or underused buildings.

**Improvements to the backside lanes** – Improvement to these paths could make them more appealing for people to use and increase feelings of safety. Fences could be replaced by hedges and murals and better lighting installed along the paths. In some areas there may also be options to widen the paths and even include seating as well.








View the full report from the Tranent Town Centre Charrette at [http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16854/tranent\\_town\\_centre\\_charrette-report\\_from\\_kevin\\_murray\\_associates](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16854/tranent_town_centre_charrette-report_from_kevin_murray_associates)

# 1. Improving the appeal of our Town and Villages

## 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.

### Tranent Town Centre Projects

<p><b>Investigate options for ELC owned and vacant / underused building in Tranent Town Centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- including the old Tranent Infants School, Civic Square, Tranent Town Hall</li> </ul>		8
<p><b>Improve Refuse and Recycling Facilities in the Town Centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including 'on the go' recycling points</li> </ul>		8
<p><b>Enhance Civic Square:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To make it a more attractive and user friendly public space</li> </ul>		7
<p><b>Establish additional town centre parking area:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Potentially at Balfour Square or at Foresters park</li> </ul>		4
<p><b>Creation of a new, integrated greenspace and parking area space between the George Johnstone Centre and Lindores Drive:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Options might include: Play Space; Community Gardens; etc</li> </ul>		3
<p><b>Restoration of Tranent Tower creating public access/ awareness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make use of it as a visitor attraction with heritage info including its role in Battle of Prestonpans</li> </ul>		3
<p><b>Provide better Heritage information and update the 'finger point signage' in the town centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some exists but limited and not located in obvious points</li> </ul>		2
<p><b>Improve links between Loch Road and the High Street:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating simpler walking routes linked to crossing points and rationalising parking</li> </ul>		2
<p><b>Improvements to buildings within Tranent Conservation Area:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using CARS funding and working with property and business owners</li> </ul>		1
<p><b>Improvements to the Backside paths:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including additional lighting and work to widen the paths</li> </ul>		

## Other ideas...

- Put extra bin at east end of Blawearie Park so that dog walkers walking from Lammermuir Terrace to Carlaverock Grove can put the dog bag in the bin

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### Other parts of the ward

<b>Elphinstone 'Stone' Community Garden:</b> - Investigate ways to enhance the greenspace opposite Elphinstone Primary School to create a community garden and make a feature of the 'stone'	12
<b>Support the next stage of the APOGI project in Muirpark:</b> - APOGI - A Place Of Great Importance	5
<b>Support the creation of an entrance feature at Ormiston Park:</b> - As part of the planned expansion and developments of Ormiston Park	4
<b>Look at ways of increasing community access to the garden space at the rear of Trevelyan Hall, Pencaitland</b>	2

### Other ideas...

- Cut grass from Penston to Macmerry towards flower bed
- Wildflower swathes as you approach towns ie from new roundabout as you come into Tranent from Macmerry – in front of new houses (and the Heugh)
- There's so much history in and around the Parish Church, linked to the Battle of Prestonpans etc. We get emails from all over the world from folk asking about ancestors. Could we have a historical information board in the town centre, pointing down to the Church/Graveyard/Heugh?
- Could we get a more visible, legible sign pointing from Church Street into the Parish Church? The black, narrow signpost is hardly visible when driving so people often phone me to say they can't find the Church!
- I think the Gateway Signage idea is great!



## 2. Supporting a thriving local economy

### What Fa'side Area Partnership is doing to achieve this goal...

The Fa'side Area Partnership wants to make sure local businesses receive the support they need to grow and be able to provide high quality employment opportunities.

Here are a couple of things we are already looking at that we believe will help achieve this:

- **Supporting the development of the Tranent Business Association**

An active Business Association has a key role to play in strengthening local economies.

Already the Business Association reaches out way beyond the High Street shops but we think there is scope for it to widen out even further to cover the whole Fa'side ward.

- **Supporting local businesses to make the most of the opportunities offered by the Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) funding**

We want to ensure that local businesses, particularly those within the building trades, are best placed to be able to benefit from the money being spent on improvements within the town. This means that the money spent stays within the local economy, creating additional knock on benefits for other businesses.

- **Working with other Area Partnerships and Community Broadband Scotland to bring superfast broadband to rural areas of the ward**

The availability of superfast broadband would not only support existing businesses to operate more effectively but also allows more people to work from home, keeping their daily spending within the area. It would also enable small scale accommodation providers to be more competitive, as this is becoming an expected service for visitors.

# 3. Improve travel options and reduce traffic congestion in the ward

## What Fa'side Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this...

### Options for reducing congestion on Tranent High Street

While many of us agree that the long-term solution to congestion in Tranent High Street is an effective by-pass route for through traffic, we also realise that this is not something that is going to be achieved in the short term.

As part of the Town Centre Charrette report a number of options were put forward for reducing the impact of traffic congestion in the High Street and making it safer and more pleasant place for road users and pedestrians alike, including:

- measures to reduce traffic speeds and prioritise pedestrians in the area;
- opportunities to create a new road connection from Loch Road to the High Street;
- the possibility of closing the High Street to traffic altogether.

All of these options present different scales of change in the heart of the town and open up new possibilities to consider.

### The recommended approach from the consultants...

Their recommended approach for the High Street is based on shared space concepts that modify driver behaviour and allow pedestrians to be in greater control of the town centre environment.



This begins with vehicle attenuation zones at either end of High Street that physically signal to drivers that they are entering an area with a different set of 'rules'. Vehicle lanes are narrowed through widening the pavements and introducing a median strip, again to slow down drivers.

Benefits to pedestrians include crossing points that are pedestrian priority areas that have been aligned with the routes people want to travel from the areas to the north and south of High Street.








Wider pavements create more space and freedom for movement. This would create an improved pedestrian environment encouraging people to spend more time in the town centre and wider pavements creating the opportunity for outdoor seating or displays.

The benefits they see for town centre businesses are that this layout retains bus stops, passing traffic and parking (although this may be slightly reduced). This could be counteracted though with additional signage to let people know where there was available parking behind the High Street and improved pedestrian links from these parking areas.

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## Options for reducing congestion on Tranent High Street

The Fa'side Area Partnership is continuing to explore the feasibility of all of the options put forward in the Tranent Town Centre Charrette Report with East Lothian Council's Roads Services but we would like to know which option(s) you prefer....

		Preferred options
<p><b>Retain existing road plan - but introduce shared surfaces, wider pavements, a central traffic island and more crossing points</b></p> <p>The aim is to slow traffic and make it move more smoothly through the town – with less stop and start.</p>		<p>9</p>
	<p><b>Introducing a 1 way system with a connecting road through Civic Square</b></p> <p>Here traffic travelling east would continue up the High Street while traffic going west would use Loch Road.</p>	<p>9</p>
<p><b>Introduce a roundabout at the A199 and Ormiston Road Junction</b></p> <p>Combined with traffic calming measures on the High Street itself this should enable traffic to move more freely.</p>		<p>2</p>
	<p><b>Pedestrianise the High Street</b></p> <p>In this option all traffic would be diverted through Civic Square onto Well Wynd and Loch Road.</p>	
<p><b>Leave the road layout as it is.</b></p>		

# 3. Improve travel options and reduce traffic congestion in the ward

**What Fa'side Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this...**

**Reducing the overall volume of car traffic by making it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and public transport**

Fa'side Area Partnership is working with East Lothian Council at the moment on the **East Lothian on the Move** project – which aims to make it easier for people throughout the area to choose to use smarter forms of transport when they travel.



This project is all about making sure that the projects and initiatives that local people identify as being able to make a difference are incorporated into the Council's Local Transport Strategy and Active Travel Improvement Plan – and therefore have a better chance of actually being delivered.

The Partnership also established an **Active Travel Working Group** which has worked with the Council and SUSTainable TRANSport (SUSTRANS) to begin identifying and delivering key local improvements to the walking and cycling network that will make it easier for people to choose to use these paths for local journeys.

## **Recently completed Core Paths, Walking and Cycling Route improvements**

- Tranent to Ormiston B6371 - Phase 1 – new shared use
- Improvements to the Pencaitland Railway Walk (NCN196)
- Improvements to The Howden core path between Elphinstone and Ormiston

## **Improvement works programmed for 2015-16**

- Upgrading of the core path network around Elphinstone
- Path linking Glenkinchie Distillery to the Pencaitland Railway Walk
- Feasibility Study on a Segregated Active Travel Corridor on the A199 (former main A1 trunk road) and continuing to Edinburgh/Midlothian; to be submitted - Autumn 2015
- Tranent to Ormiston B6371 - Phase 2 new shared use

## **Projects already identified to be explored and progressed in future years**

- Path from Elphinstone village to football field and core path
- Improvements to the core path from Fowler Street to Church Street, Tranent
- Tranent to Ormiston B6371 - Phase 3 new shared use
- Improvements to surfaces of Pencaitland Railway Walk
- Tranent – The Heugh core path – improved route and surface to Prestonpans Rail Station
- Tranent to Pencaitland via New Winton - B6355 – shared use improvements



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## Proposed projects...

Reducing the overall volume of car traffic by making it easier for people to choose walking, cycling and public transport

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<b>Campaign for price reductions to bus fares for next stage journeys beyond Tranent:</b> - Including all villages in the ward	17
<b>Improve Heugh Path to Prestonpans Train Station:</b> - Need to ensure people feel safe and secure using path with better lighting and signage and secure bike storage at the station	6
<b>Install Pavement along east side of B6363:</b> - To ensure safe walking routes from Boggs Holdings to nearby settlements Pencaitland and Macmerry and access to onward transport links, etc	6
<b>Establish the car park at the Heugh as a long-stay / park and ride car park for commuters:</b> - With links to the bus network and improved links to Prestonpans station	5
<b>Install/ Improve shared use paths between settlements throughout other parts of the county including:</b> - Pencaitland to Haddington along A6093 or River Tyne - Tranent to Haddington/Wallyford on A199 - Pencaitland/Ormiston to Musselburgh and Dalkeith	5
<b>Install path to link Glenkinchie Distillery with the Pencaitland Railway Walk:</b> - To improve tourism and provide visitors to the distillery with easy access to local hospitality businesses in Pencaitland and Ormiston	5
<b>Establish a 'Park and Ride' facility at the eastern/southern side of Tranent to minimise through traffic in the Town Centre</b>	4
<b>Provide Secure Bike Storage in Tranent Town Centre:</b> - Lack of safe cycle storage within the town centre may put people off cycling into town to access work and public transport	3
<b>Improve Paths from Tranent Town Centre to Macmerry and the Industrial Estate:</b> - Shared-use paths to provide safe walking and cycling routes to school, employment and to public transport	3
<b>Improve paths from Tranent to Pencaitland via New Winton - B6355:</b> - Shared use improvements	3
<b>Improve Paths from Tranent Town Centre to Elphinstone:</b> - Shared-use paths to provide safe walking and cycling routes to school, employment and to public transport	2

# 3. Improve travel options and reduce traffic congestion in the ward

## What Fa'side Area Partnership is already doing to achieve this...

### Road safety and reducing traffic speeds

As part of the Gateway Signage project the Fa'side Area Partnership is also looking at traffic calming measures at the entrances to each of the villages in the area.

Where appropriate we will create or renew road markings to delineate the change in speed restriction as part of these projects.

We are also looking at purchasing a number of solar powered speed reactive signs for the ward. At present our plan is to install mounting posts and sockets at each entry way to our villages so that the signs can be rotated throughout the area. This seems to be the best solution as we have been advised that they tend to lose their effectiveness if they are permanently located in a single site.



## Other proposed projects...

### Road safety and reducing traffic speeds

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<b>Increase Road Crossing Safety in Macmerry:</b> - Deliver safe crossing over main road between Primary School and new housing in north of village to ensure safe access to school for children in the village	6
<b>Reduce Speeds along Boggs Holdings Roads:</b> - 40mph speed limit on B6363 from Penston to Pencaitland, and 30mph speed limit on C road through Boggs Holdings	5
<b>Supporting the 20's Plenty initiative in Muirpark:</b> - Supporting public awareness raising and possibly through using speed reactive signs	4
<b>Identifying additional residential sites appropriate for introducing the 20's Plenty model:</b> - If so, where?	1

### Other ideas...

- Increase car parking at Loch Centre or this side of town.
- Would like to see a bus stop around the jet garage area.
- Possible long stay car park at Polson Park?
- Pavement from Tranent Parish Church to bus shelter on Church Street (right at bottom of Church Street.) is impossible for wheelchair / disability scooter / double baby buggy due to very high kerbs?
- No. 26 bus should re-instate its old route – OAPs having to carry shopping long distances.
- Synchronise the crossing and lights at Ormiston Road and Farm Foods - Cross Roads.
- Better signage and early signage to ALL sporting clubs and facilities, traffic and pedestrian.
- Improved and early signage to existing parking i.e. on Blawearie Road and Kings Road, to parking opposite Ross High School / Doctors and Loch Centre and astro pitch.
- Would like to see Council deliver car parking enforcement.

## 4. Improving health across our communities

### What Fa'side Area Partnership is doing to achieve this goal...

When the Fa'side Area Partnership started looking at health statistics for our ward we realised that the overall health outcomes for people living in this area were lower than many other places in East Lothian. We felt this was something we had to look into further.

In January members of the Partnership took part in a workshop focussing on Health Inequalities to begin to identify what could be done to improve health in the ward.

We established a Working Group which is looking at the Challenges to Living a Healthy Life in this area. Looking at the question of what it means to have a 'healthy life-style' in the widest context, we have identified a number of themes we want to research further and develop local initiatives that will help make a difference.



One of the key groups we wanted to focus on was young families and some of the things we are looking at include:

- Working with Support from the Start and schools throughout the cluster to **increase parental involvement in all aspects of a child's life and learning.**
- **Ensuring parents have access to the support they need to sustain healthy lifestyle choices for themselves and their families** – some needs already identified include greater availability of counselling services, the need for a service like First Step in this area, expanding the Dadswork project to Tranent
- **Ensuring all children have healthy sleep patterns throughout their development – we know many adults in the area** work irregular shifts (early mornings or late nights) which may have an impact on family sleep patterns. There are also issues around the impact of using Personal IT devices, such as iPads/ games consoles at night which need to be explored.
- **Establishing a Maternal Health Working Group** – while there is already work being done in the area, by Health Visitors and through Support from the Start, but there is more that could be done to address smoking during pregnancy; low breastfeeding rates; post-natal depression, etc.

# 5. Increasing opportunities for Physical Activity in day to day life

## 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.

<b>Provide a Skate Park in Tranent:</b> - A skatepark in a central location in Tranent would provide young people with an outdoor space to socialise and encourage greater physical activity – maybe next to the Loch Centre	10
<b>Bursaries for Active Schools Programme and other sports clubs:</b> - Need to ensure cost is not a barrier for children being able to take part	7
<b>Support the planned expansion and development of Ormiston Park:</b> - Working with the Friends of Ormiston Park	5
<b>Implement the improvements planned to Polson Park Pavilion:</b> - To support sport use and provide public toilets	5
<b>Development of an Activity Playground:</b> - For 8-12 year olds at the eastern edge of the Foresters grounds	4
<b>Extend footpath from Elphinstone Village to Elphinstone Football Pitch:</b> - Need to extend footpath to village edge as far as football pitch to make it safer for young people to go there	3
<b>Pencaitland Park upgrade:</b> - Working with the Friends of Pencaitland Park	2
<b>Improve security of bike storage at Ross High School:</b> - A perception that bikes are not safe at the current cycle parking in front of the building has been identified as a barrier to cycling to school	1
<b>Ross High School cycle leader programme:</b> - Identify and train senior pupils at Ross High School as cycle leaders who are able to lead 'cycle bus' rides from villages and outlying areas of Tranent for junior pupils	1
<b>Improve awareness of and signage of current recreational path network:</b> - Need to install consistent signage throughout ward including destinations and distances	1
<b>Implement improvements to Macmerry Park:</b> - Identified by the Community Futures programme	

## Other Ideas...

- Regular maintenance of pitches/playing fields
- No dogs allowed in Ross High field and pitch in Polson Park
- Improved toilet facilities where sports played
- Better upkeep of current play facilities ie pot-holed football/basketball area next to Ross High School
- Increase walking groups in Fa'side



# 6. Making it easier to choose healthy and locally grown food

We want to ensure that everyone in the Fa'side ward has easy access to affordable healthy food and the skills they need to prepare it for themselves and their families by:

- Increasing the variety of food outlets throughout the ward selling healthy food which is locally grown;
- Increasing the number of people in the ward involved in growing their own food;
- Improving people's knowledge and skills regarding home cooking and healthy eating;
- Ensuring all children have access to nutritious meals.

## Proposed projects...

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<b>Identify community kitchen facilities within Tranent and a programme of classes:</b> - Where people of all ages can learn to cook - big enough to cater to small/medium classes	11
<b>Investigate the possibility of establishing additional allotments and community gardens:</b> - Perhaps at schools or within other areas of parks and green space.	5
<b>Provide 'Kitchen Starter Packs':</b> - Put together starter packs with eg mashers, blenders etc and distribute to households lacking equipment	5
<b>Enhance the impact of the current allotments in the local community through:</b> - Linking in with the Foodbank, greater links with Schools, accepting food waste from community for composting etc	4
<b>Cooking sessions in people's homes:</b> - Teaching people how to use their own kitchen, particularly maybe for new tenancies	3
<b>Myth-busting regarding the cost of healthy food:</b> - Raise awareness of affordable and easy healthy options.	3
<b>Local Community Food Gala:</b> - Linking in with farmers and businesses in the area - a celebration of food growing, cooking demos, eating and community	3
<b>Work to improve uptake of free school meals:</b> - Currently very high levels of young people taking packed lunches - Need to investigate potential causes and improve awareness	3

# 7. Improving Community information and facilities

## What Fa'side Area Partnership is doing to achieve this goal...

The Fa'side Area Partnership has identified a number of steps that we think will help achieve this goal:

These are projects that we think will:

- Help improve the availability of local information;
- Strengthen connections within this community;
- Make it easier for people to use existing local facilities; and
- Improve the range of facilities available in our area

### Developing a community calendar and website for the ward



Meetings will begin taking place in October to start forming plans for a new community website that will cover the whole Fa'side ward.

The Website will hopefully:

- Have a community events calendar
- Link to different groups and organisations web-pages or other contact details
- Have a local news feed
- Include links to social media

Setting this up and keeping it up to date will however require a core group of volunteers.

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

### Directory of Community Facilities

Earlier this year the Area Partnership undertook an audit of what facilities were available for community use across the ward.

We have used this information to compile a directory of facilities – which includes how to contact them and what they have available.



We are now beginning to promote the directory across the area. You can find it on-line at [http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16413/community\\_facilities\\_in\\_faside](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/16413/community_facilities_in_faside)

It will soon be available in libraries and council offices and if you have any suggestions for other locations please let us know.

# 7. Improving Community information and facilities

## 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.

<p><b>Support the Fraser Centre to deliver enhancements to their building:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing the space into a larger, multi-purpose community facility for the use of the Tranent community and beyond</li> </ul>	42
<p><b>Help Recharge Identify a suitable long term home:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central Tranent location - possibly utilising one of the currently unused or underused spaces within the Town Centre.</li> </ul>	23
<p><b>Investigate options for ELC owned and vacant building in Tranent Town Centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including the old Tranent Infant School and Civic Square</li> </ul>	16
<p><b>Develop a Fa'side wide community information website:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including links to existing websites and social media</li> </ul>	4
<p><b>Establishing a Community Cafe in Macmerry Miners Welfare Club:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To establish a local, family friendly space for the community to meet and network</li> </ul>	3
<p><b>Investigate the long term future of underused ELC buildings within the villages:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could they be repurposed, made more attractive to local use or sold and some of the revenue used to improve other facilities?</li> </ul>	3
<p><b>Improve access to and opening times of Elphinstone Community Centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to develop a local management structure that can promote increased use of the centre in a financially sustainable way</li> </ul>	2
<p><b>Enhance the range of activities available at Ormiston Community Centre:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to develop a local management structure that can promote increased use of the centre in a financially sustainable way</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Work towards the building of a new community centre in Macmerry:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To replace the existing village hall and better integrate existing local facilities</li> </ul>	

## Other ideas...

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## What Fa'side Area Partnership is doing to achieve this goal...

Fa'side Area Partnership is continuing to work with the CAPP (Community and Police Partnership) 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 Plan for Fa'side.

**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 Fa'side 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 Fa'side 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 Fa'side you told us there were problems with violent conduct, young people causing disturbance, antisocial behaviour and rowdy drunken behaviour.

### 2. Substance Misuse

In Fa'side you told us you were worried about people using and dealing drugs in the Tranent and surrounding area, and their subsequent behaviour and offending.

### 3. Speeding

In Fa'side you told us speeding motorists and inconsiderate driving, especially near schools is giving you concern.

### 4. Housebreaking

You told us you were worried about home security and people breaking into houses.



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

## **Housebreaking**

East Lothian now has its own Housebreaking Investigation Team based at Musselburgh. The Team has been successful in catching housebreakers especially those who travel into the area from elsewhere to commit crime.

## **Crime Prevention**

East Lothian also has its own Community Safety Team based at Tranent which monitors crime on a daily basis and implements prevention strategies to reduce crime. This team can give crime prevention advice, on request from home owners, business managers or crime victims.

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

We have staff embedded in East Lothian Council's Safer Communities Team which targets those who commit antisocial behaviour and warn tenants, issue Acceptable Behaviour Agreements or Anti Social Behaviour Orders. In some cases this led to eviction.

## **Licensed Premises**

We targeted problem off-licenses and licensed premises, in order to tackle violence and antisocial behaviour caused by young people illegally accessing alcohol. We attend Licensing Boards and report on problem premises.

## **Substance Misuse**

A huge amount of investigation has gone into drug dealing in the Tranent area. This has resulted in good recoveries of drugs and identification of cannabis cultivations. We have also been raising awareness of the risks of New Psychoactive Substances in Ross High School and with partners to reduce the supply.

## **Speeding**

Community police officers have targeted 'hotspot' areas in Tranent and surrounding areas for speeding. We also have used the specialist resources from the Traffic Department and Trunks Roads Policing to enforce Road Traffic legislation especially on the A1.

## **Licensing**

We have supported East Lothian Council in the process to licence taxi drivers and window cleaners. The Community Safety Team and Licensing Officer also support initiatives like Best Bar None and Pubwatch.

## **Visibility**

We will maximise opportunities to be visible within Tranent, Ormiston, Macmerry, Pencaitland and all outlying areas, increasing the number of foot and cycle patrols carried out and undertaking specific operations. Musselburgh Group Area Community Policing Team will target problem areas.

## **Campaign Against Violence**

We will use additional officers to target repeat violent offenders and to assist regular officers with licensed premise dispersal in Tranent and out with. Unfortunately some serious incidents have occurred in the area but overall violence is reducing.

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The Fa'side Area Partnership supports all of the initiatives Police Scotland has put in place to address these community concerns.

....but we want to know what else you think would make a difference in addressing these problems in our area.

<b>Preventing Substance Misuse</b>	3
<b>Combating Housebreaking</b>	3
<b>Addressing Antisocial Behaviour</b>	2
<b>Campaigning against Violence</b>	2
<b>Tackling Antisocial Driving and Speeding</b>	2

### Is anything missing?

- Boy racers - vehicles gathering in Factory store car park - concerned they will use new Aldi car park also.

# 9. Becoming a more supportive and inclusive community

We want the Fa'side community to be one that:

- supports vulnerable community members to live happy and independent lives;
- enables older people to access support and opportunities in their communities for as long as possible;
- welcomes people moving into the area and encourages them to get involved with the local community.

## 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.

<b>Establish more social events for older members of the community:</b> - This could include Tea Dances, Intergenerational events, eg: Film Nights @ the Fraser Centre	5
<b>IT Sessions with Young people teaching older community members:</b> - Learn more about IT and become more independent	4
<b>Develop a Men in Sheds Project in Tranent:</b> - Similar to project already running in Macmerry	4
<b>Support the provision of work opportunities for those with low level mental health disorders</b>	3
<b>Working with sports clubs to set up a system where isolated older men can be picked up and taken to watch local sports games</b>	3
<b>Provide additional resources and support for carers in the community</b>	3
<b>Increase community awareness of issues around dementia, old age and mental ill-health:</b> - For example through leaflets and training for shopkeepers and business owners	3
<b>Establish Community Resilience Plans:</b> - In villages and neighbourhoods which put measures in place to support and protect vulnerable residents in the event of severe weather or emergencies	1
<b>Establish sporting memories groups in all communities</b>	