

East Haven Together Coastal Village in Bloom



2025

Introduction

East Haven in Angus is a small coastal community on the east coast of Scotland between Carnoustie and Arbroath. It has a population of 100 residents and is the earliest recorded fishing community in Scotland dating back to 1214. Residents celebrated the occasion of the village octocentenary in 2014 by making huge improvements to the village which had become blighted by litter, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. The Beautiful Scotland three pillars of horticultural achievement, community participation and environmental responsibility provided a framework within which to progress the ambitions of residents.

East Haven Residents Association subsequently became East Haven Together (EHT) a registered charity in 2015. A sustainability strategy linking to local and national outcomes and global sustainable goals underpins all the work carried out by the charity.

In December 2023 further consultation was undertaken to update the strategy and identify new priorities. These are very much focused on the twin crises of Climate Change and Biodiversity loss. This now forms a Community Action Plan for 2024-2026. Everybody is encouraged to play their part and understand how their contribution helps to make a difference both locally and globally.



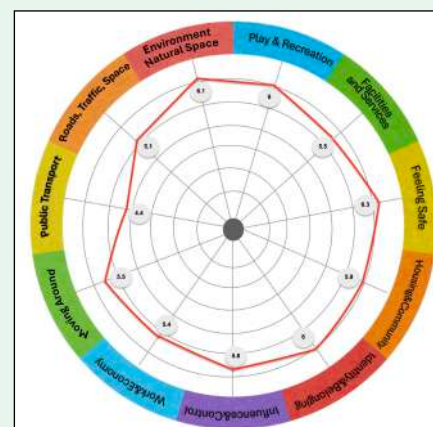
Community Resilience

Living in a coastal community presents many challenges and East Haven developed it's first Resilience Plan in 2017 when it became part of the Angus Resilience Forum. Like many communities across rural Angus, East Haven was significantly impacted over the winter of 23/24 by a number of storm related incidents. These included flooding, damage to key infrastructure and a sink hole on the railway line. Residents have worked continuously since January 2024 to manage the multiple impacts caused by the sink hole which has yet to be fully repaired by Network rail



Local Place Plan

Find out more about the work EHT has undertaken to develop a Local Place Plan on our web-site at <https://www.easthavenangus.com/about-5-1>



Activities undertaken within the three pillars of Community, Environment and Horticulture evidence EHT's commitment to maintaining East Haven as a good place to live and visit.

Environmental Responsibility



Planting Kidney Vetch the sole food plant for the Small Blue Butterfly with children from the village. November 2024



Painting street furniture and emptying our own bins during busy periods (May 25)

Litter picking in and around East Haven and local towns



We have now collected more than 30 tonnes of waste fishing gear from the beach between Carnoustie and Arbroath since 2019. East Haven has had to obtain a temporary waste management licence from SEPA due to the amount of waste we collect along the coast

Environment

East Haven Together recognised for collecting tonnes of litter during annual campaign



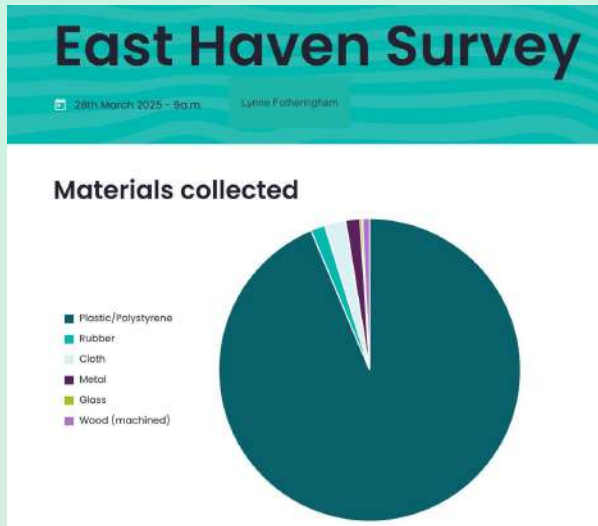
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Heritage Potato's planted with the children

Environmental Responsibility



Recording and uploading survey data to Marine Conservation Society



Ten Years of Achieving a Community led Beach Award



Schools, artists and Gardeners regularly take items for up-cycling and learning exercises.



Installation of new flood gate Community Resilience



Monthly Bee and Butterfly Transect walks. All records uploaded to UK Butterfly and irectord



Race against Time- Rescuing plants before NR unexpectedly boarded up our Community Garden

Environmental Responsibility



EHT worked with Carnoustie High School and supported an S6 pupil in 2025. to do a field survey for their advanced Geography higher. Soil sampling, coastal observations and visitor surveys. Also student from Edinburgh University. Photo dune measuring



Dog Share stations

iRecord
Data
Summary

Records 2580

Species 600

Sustrans
Bumble
Butterfly
Transect
2018
-2025
Data
uploaded
to UKBMS

Species Data uploaded to
irecord every month
(Data as of July 2025)



Soil Ambassador-James Hutton Institute



Landscaping to enhance areas used for recycling bins



Peat free Compost used across the area. Waste Coffee grounds from our local Co-op used as a slow release fertiliser, enhancing soil health.

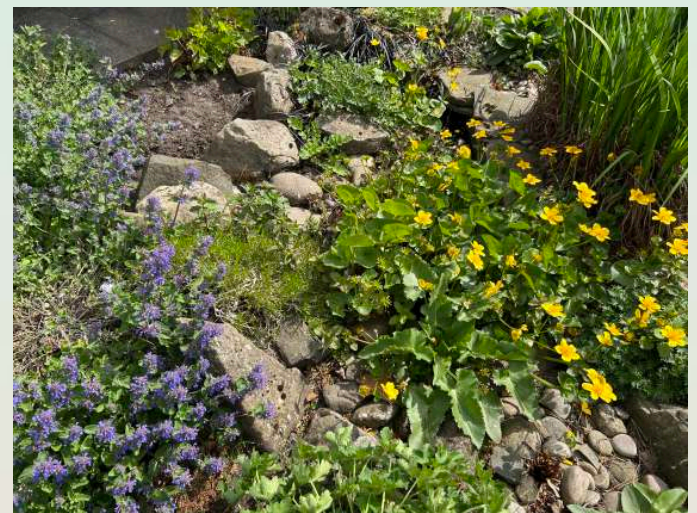


WaterButt Planter
Harvests 19,200L of rainwater per year

Horticultural Achievement



A Glorious Spring Welcome and Gardeners at the ready !



Blossom on the Cherry trees in May



Propagating hundreds of tiny plug plants over the winter and spring

Horticultural Achievement



Eryngium Sea Holly and Biodiversity info to raise awareness



Sisters Garden - June 2025



Plants around the tiny pond in the Bothy



Planting Sunflowers - May 2025



Coronation Rose - June 2025



Sambuca Nigra, Commonwealth Rose, and Rambling Rose Rector. June 2025

Horticultural Achievement



Sisters Garden - June 2025



Herbs and edibles



Welcome boat with recycled plants in 2025. Drought and wind resistant due to exposed location.



A welcome to visitors and a KSB silver thread on the cycle path



Cutting back and strimming along the road verges to make it safer for vehicles and pedestrians at the cycle path corner. May 25



A number of Downy Birch '*Betula pubescens*' have been planted over the last few years. Native to east coast of Scotland. May 25

Community Participation



Story Walks about History and Heritage, Gardens and Growing. Connecting People to Place. Encourages Regenerative Tourism and provides opportunities for both residents and locals to engage with their communities.



Above: East Haven Together in Montrose and Arbroath meeting with local residents to raise awareness about community resilience.

Right: East Haven Together worked with Angus Creatives to commission an artist to hold a workshop on 26 May. Members of the public created twenty art works out of waste fishing gear raising awareness about marine plastics.

The works can now be seen in an Art Exhibition in Carnoustie Library called Making Waves. Using art to raise awareness about marine litter and source to sea.



Community Participation



We welcomed Co-op managers from across Scotland and Northern Ireland to learn more about sustainable communities. June 2025



Delivered presentations about coastal community-led activity to visitors, seven Dundee and Angus groups, a Communities Conference and a National Conference in York



Painting boats and hanging the flags



Big Picnic on the Croft - June 2025



Welcome to East Haven
New Notice Board and planting by Dick



Outdoor Learning in the Classroom on the Croft for local school children

Community Participation

The Public Toilets (Wee Gallery) are Highly Valued by Residents.

298 visitor surveys were carried out and 263 (88%) said the toilets were very important. The public are indebted to the people of East Haven for providing such a clean and welcoming facility. The visitors book highlights the enormous impact they have on health and well-being.



EHT has developed strong partnerships both locally and nationally



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OurEastHaven

Grants and Donations

2013-2014	£85,000
2014-2015	£5,585
2015-2016	£14,105
2016-2017	£29,338
2017-2018	£12,000
2018-2019	£30,059
2019-2020	£11,501
2021-2022	£9,619
2022-2023	£23,728
2023/2024	£18,146
2024/25	£24,369
10yr Total	£263,450.00