

# 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 its 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



### RESILIENCE and FLOOD ACTION PLAN

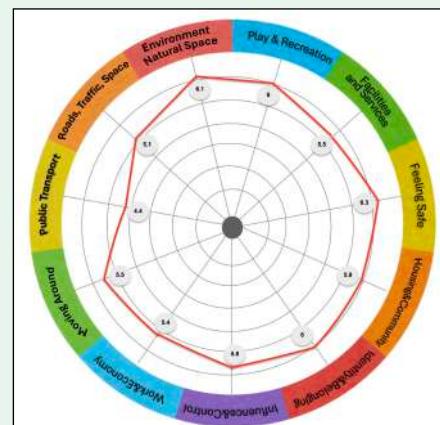
East Haven is a rural coastal community on the Angus coast lying approximately 3 miles north of Carnoustie and 5 miles south of Arbroath. It has a population of less than 100 residents living in a mix of private and rented housing. Crucially, the village is divided by the main north east railway line and access to the beach, coastal path and over 20 properties is restricted by a 2m high railway underpass. The only other means of access is across the railway line and farmers field necessitating special procedures.

East Haven is a great place to live and to visit. However, living in a rural coastal community brings many challenges and responsibilities for residents. This resilience and flood action plan highlights the key challenges facing the East Haven community and the actions taken to mitigate against the risks. East Haven works in partnership with the Angus Community Resilience Forum and a range of other partners and organisations across Scotland.

It should be noted that whilst the community will do everything possible to support the emergency services, key partners and other agencies their interventions do not replace the role of statutory and emergency services.

## 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



## Environment

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

By Mark Dowie  
Editor



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Heritage Potato's planted with the children



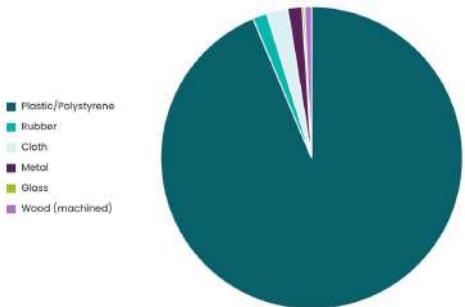
We have now collected more than 30 tonnes of waste fishing gear from the beach between Carnoustie and Arbroath since 2019. East Haven has had to obtain a temporary waste management licence from SEPA due to the amount of waste we collect along the coast

# Environmental Responsibility

# East Haven Survey

28th March 2025 - 9 a.m. Lynne Fotheringham

### Materials collected



## Recording and uploading survey data to Marine Conservation Society



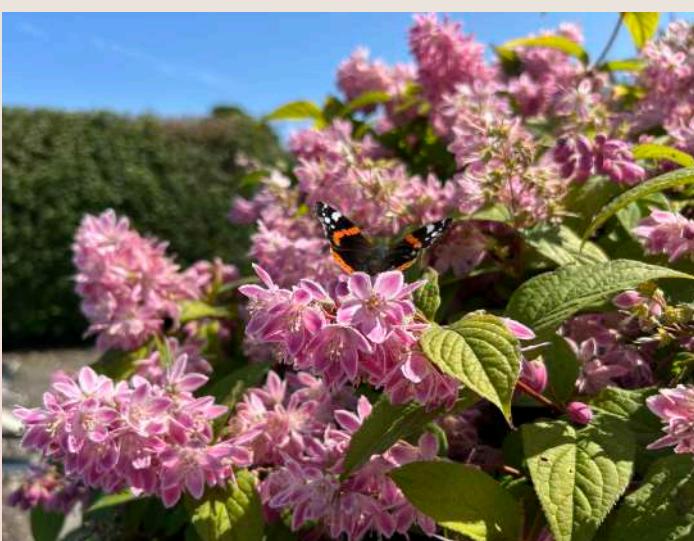
## Ten Years of Achieving a Community led Beach Award



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 irecord



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



## iRecord

Data  
Summary

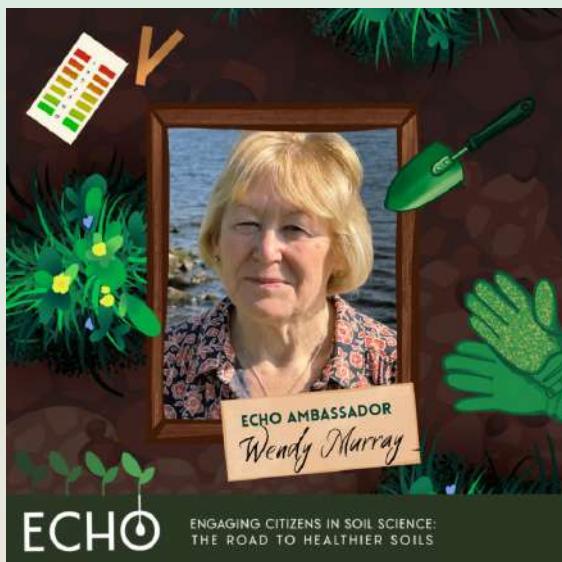
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Species 600

Sustrans  
Bumble  
Butterfly  
Transect  
2018  
-2025  
Data  
uploaded  
to UKBMS

Dog Share stations

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.

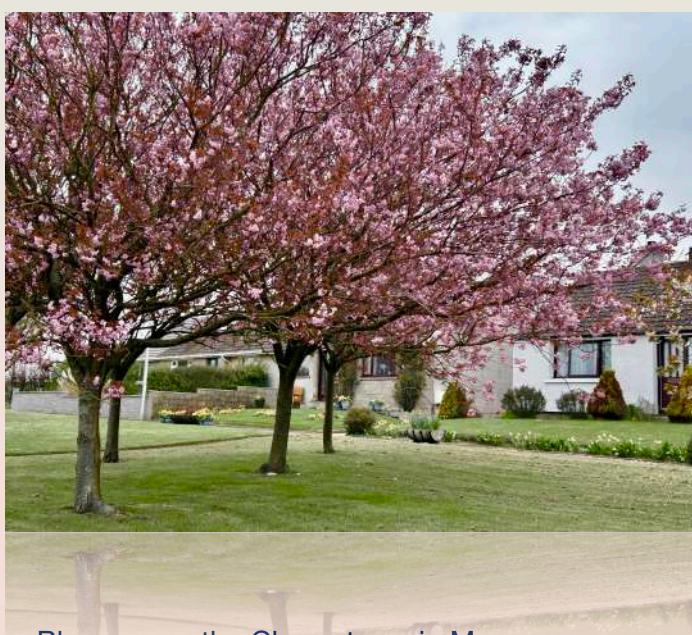


WaterButt Planter  
Harvests 19,200L of rainwater per year

# 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

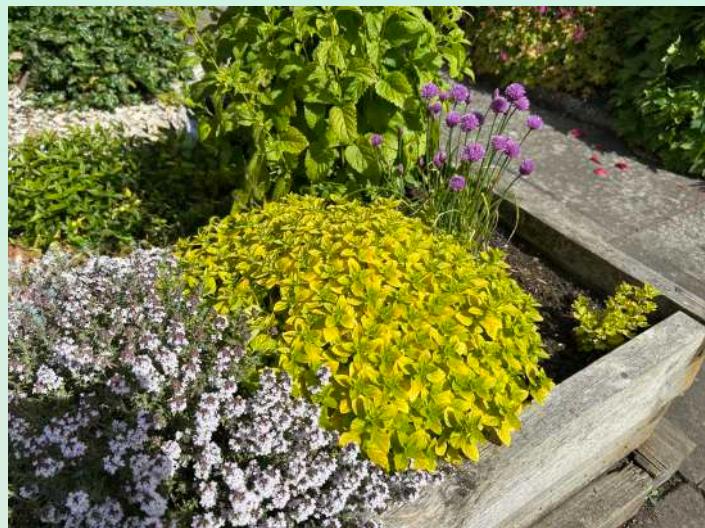


Sambuca Nigra, Commonwealth Rose, and Rambling Rose Rector. June 2025

# 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.

The Angus Food & Growing Network

## EAST HAVEN WALK AND TALK

Gardens, Growing, Nature and Biodiversity  
Friday 30 May 2-4pm

Join East Haven Together for a guided walk to explore local planting work for biodiversity, native plants and coastal protection.

A new initiative by the Angus Climate Hub, the Food & Growing Network hopes to create spaces for good chats, shared learning, and collaboration between food projects and community growers of all things across Angus.

Events are free and open to all, and refreshments are provided.

Meet at the Red Boat for a 2pm start

This walk takes an accessible route but if you have any questions about access please contact [easthaventogether@gmail.com](mailto:easthaventogether@gmail.com)

### East Haven Story Walk

Find out more about the history and heritage of the village

What connects past with present?



Friday 13th June 2pm - 4pm  
Refreshments provided.  
Meet at the Red Boat in the main community gardens.  
Please let us know if you would like to attend.  
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# 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



[www.easthavenanauis.com](http://www.easthavenanauis.com)



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## 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
<b>10yr Total</b>	<b>£263,450.00</b>