

East Haven Together

Coastal Village in Bloom 2021



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 90 residents and is one of the earliest recorded fishing communities in Scotland dating back to 1214.

Since 2014 East Haven has been transformed from a run down coastal community to RHS Gold and best coastal village in category in 2018. A lot has happened since 2018 and East Haven has had to strengthen its resilience in response to a number of challenges including the discovery of ordnance, flooding, damage to infrastructure and the impact of negative behaviours during the pandemic.

This report is informed by the Beautiful Scotland three pillar framework which illustrates and celebrates the recovery of East Haven in 2021. It highlights how residents and friends have worked to restore and improve the area to ensure that East Haven remains an attractive place in which to live and visit. The village charity East Haven Together (EHT) has updated its sustainability strategy which links with Scotland's Environment Strategy and other national priorities. We want everybody to understand how every action we take as individuals and as a community contributes to achieving global outcomes. East Haven works collaboratively with other communities and organisations across Angus and further afield to share good practice. We are proud of our community and have developed positive partnerships and networks with a range of individuals and organisations who share our aspirations and pride in the village.

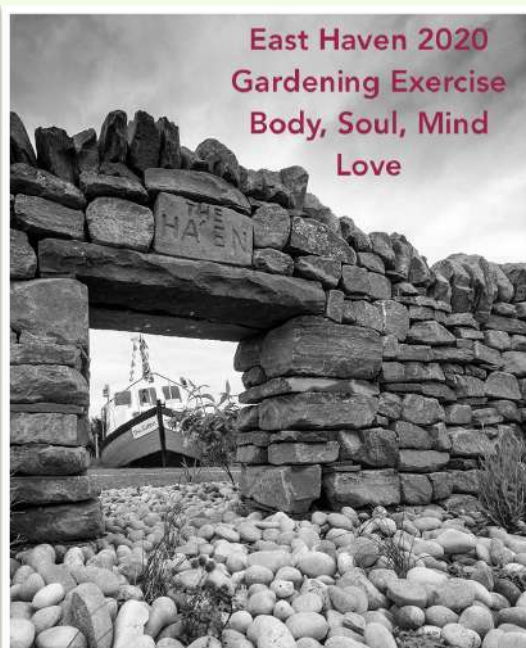


East Haven 2020

The Sisters boat became a symbol of our gratitude to the NHS and other Key Workers.

People used their daily exercise time to care for the area and maintain the gardens.

We achieved a beach award and recognised Beautiful Scotland's 20th Anniversary



Horticultural Achievement



Mowing rota from March to October ensures the grasses are maintained throughout the season.



Beautiful spring colour across the village

Horticultural Achievement

Summer 2021



Begonias brought on from plant plugs and planted out on 01 June 2021



July 21 and the Begonias are in full flower



Working in partnership with Local Authority Parks staff who cut the grass in the picnic area and in-front of Torrie Park



Part of the butterfly transect was decimated by the laying of a new gas pipe in 2020. The area has been fully restored and wildflower seeds planted

Horticultural Achievement



East Haven - Haste Ye Back Sustainable Boat Plants

The first boat installed on the traffic island was made of wood which eventually rotted. EHT was therefore delighted to receive a donation of an old fibreglass boat from Royal Tay Yacht Club. This was beautifully restored and painted by one of our residents. In a major exercise in November 2020 all the plants, soil and boules were removed from the traffic island and the new boat lifted into place. It was then filled with soil and new compost before the plants and bulbs were reinstated. All the plants survived and by spring 2021 the daffodils made a colourful display. The addition of a few bee friendly Antirrhinums to the herbaceous plants helped to fill spaces and provide more colour. (June 2021)



Horticultural Achievement



Right:
A new White Beam tree (Sorbus Aria) planted on the cycle path in 2021. This replaces a White Beam which blew down in a winter storm.



Regular hoeing and edging of the wave beds.



Sustainable coastal planting with all year round colour



Welcome to East Haven. Flower bikes on National Cycle Network 1 filled with bee friendly plants



Sustainable Planting along the Coastal Path.



Bee loving annuals grown from seed including Malva, Salpaglossis and Marigolds



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY



Flowering Kidney Vetch in East Haven (planted 2016). This is the sole food plant of the Small Blue Butterfly.



Nature of Scotland Award - Dec 2019
'Back from the Brink' Small Blue



Planting Kidney Vetch at Elliot 2020



Kidney Vetch plants grown from seed 2020



New Small Blue Transect established in Carnoustie 2021

Species on the Edge
EHT has worked in partnership with a range of community groups and schools since 2015 to conserve and protect the UK's smallest butterfly the Small Blue which is a priority species. Two members sit on the Tayside Small Blue Working Group. Kidney Vetch has been grown from seed and planted up and down the Angus coast to form a food corridor. The group participate in walking Small Blue transects and monitoring the growth of Kidney Vetch in key areas. The group are now participating on the new 'Species on the Edge' project led by NatureScot



iRecord		
Count of	Total	Verified
Records	2057	
Species	579	

Species Data uploaded to iRecord every month



Sustrans
Bumble Butterfly
Transect
2018-2021
Data uploaded
to UKBMS



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY



Puffin rescue (left) 2020 and Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar (right) identified by one of one of EH's younger residents.

Monthly bird surveys carried out by wildlife recorders. EHT uploads the data to irecord.

EHT has worked to raise awareness of the plight of coastal birds entangled in monofilament fishing line.

(Photo Alex Shepherd)



A small pond with native aquatic plants to increase biodiversity and water for wildlife.



Moth Trapping more than 250 species of moth in EH and some County records



An extension to the Bothy in 2020 for the ATV was an opportunity to upgrade and improve the water recycling system. Water Butts now drain into a bespoke tap ready to fill watering cans



A member of EHT sits on the Tayside Coastal Partnership group.

We report cetacean sightings and also help to provide public information about coastal birds and mammals.

EHT maintains a seal rescue crate for British Divers Marine Life Rescue.



Dog Share stations to encourage people to pick up after their dogs.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY



Big Beach Clean February 2020 and mechanical removal of ghost fishing gear at Westhaven in April 2021

2100 kgs

Great Angus Beach Clean 28th May - June 12 2021

1303 kgs

Total mount of marine litter removed in 2021

3403kgs

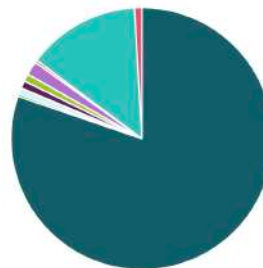
Dragging ghost fishing gear out of the burn with the ATV. Feb 21



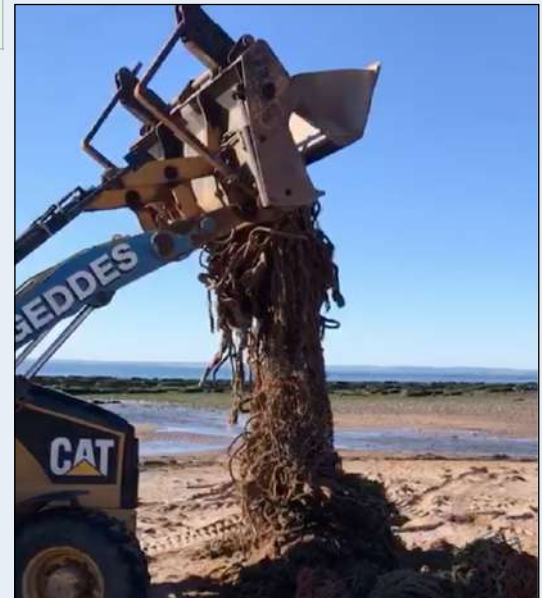
Materials collected

MCS

- Plastic/Polystyrene
- Rubber
- Cloth
- Paper/Cardboard
- Wood (machined)
- Metal
- Glass
- Sanitary
- Faeces



Above: EHT adopted 4 transects off the A92 and kept these clean during autumn -winter of 2020/21.
Data uploaded to KSB



Above: EHT obtained a grant to fund a contractor to remove ghost fishing gear in April 2021



Launch of the Great Angus Beach Clean in East Haven May 2021



Clean Up Scotland

PART OF THE
Keep Scotland Beautiful
CHARITY

East Haven became a KSB Litter Hub in 2020. Along with ACE we pledged and delivered more than 200 hrs for the KSB Summer Clean

*East Haven Together
Sustainability Strategy*

Fourth Report on the Great Angus Beach Clean

And
Recommendations for Action

Great Angus Beach Clean 28th-30th May 2021

Let's launch Scotland's Summer Clean with a massive clean of Angus beaches and waterways. Take a look at the www.greatangus.org.uk website for advice about getting involved and taking responsibility for your own safety. Use local bins. The ATV will be out to collect litter bags left above the high tide mark between Carnoustie and Arbroath.



Supporting the Big Summer Clean in Scotland 28th May - 20th June 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY



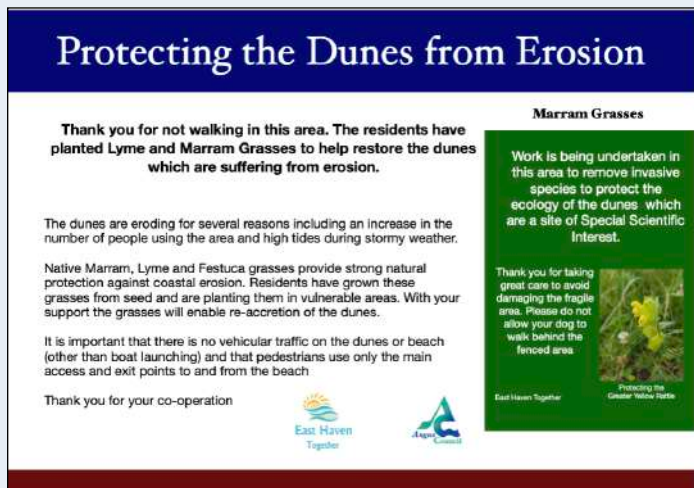
Left: One of our residents grew hundreds of Lyme and Marram grasses from seed. These were planted out on the dunes in eroded areas between late 2019 and 2021.

Garden escapes have been removed from the Site of Special Scientific Interest in 2021.

EHT has applied for a licence from NatureScot to sow original Greater Yellow Rattle seeds from Battleby back to the SSSI at East Haven.



Above: One of our EHT Trustees achieved Carbon Literacy Standard following completion of an accredited training course for Communities with KSB in 2020



Above: EHT is the driving force behind Angus Clean Environments (ACE) and built a new web-site in 2021. www.aceangus.co.uk

One of our Trustees sat on the Review Group for Scotland's Litter Strategy in 2020/21



Above: East Haven Together has achieved a community-led beach award for the sixth year in a row. This represents a huge effort from across the community as it is necessary to meet multiple criteria across three key areas; Access, Facilities and Safety Local Environmental Quality Community and Heritage

Right: A new project in 2021 aims to recycle the belongings people leave at the beach instead of sending them to waste.



EHT is supporting a young resident to do some volunteer beach cleaning for her Duke of Edinburgh award



ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Heritage



Fishermans wood carving. Installed and maintained by residents to recognise East Haven's important fishing heritage



A front facing garden in Station Row where a talented resident has created a stunning entrance - punk art



WW1 Monument - Airedale Terrier Dogs of War. We welcomed Club members back in May 2021 and provided a Pop up Cafe



Winches Heritage Project 2021 - Celebrating Scotlands Year of Coast and Waters



Climate Change and Pollution

United Nations Global Goals



Climate change is a real and undeniable threat to the planet. Could this be East Haven in one hundred years? Record breaking temperatures, summer fires, a huge rise in sea levels. Pollution from land affecting the air that we breathe, the food that we eat and destroying our seas. Scotland's new Environment Strategy highlights that if everyone on Earth consumed resources as we do in Scotland, we would need three planets. The effects are already visible and will be catastrophic unless we act now.



A flourishing life on land is the foundation for our life on this planet. In East Haven we work to protect wildlife and promote biodiversity. Community gardens contain plants to support pollinators and Kidney Vetch is planted up and down the coast to protect the UK's smallest butterfly. Conservation work is carried out annually to protect and conserve the fragile dune system. Residents are out litter picking every day to prevent all types of pollutants from entering the sea.



Healthy oceans and seas are essential to our existence. They cover 70 percent of our planet and we rely on them for food, energy and water. Yet, we have managed to cause the most tremendous damage. How many items of litter can you see in this painting? Approximately 80% of all these items originate from land. Single use plastic is the second largest and fastest growing source of industrial greenhouse gas emissions. Small pieces of micro plastics are filling the sea and being ingested by the fish that we eat.

Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters

Painted by a resident to highlight the impact of climate change and pollution.

United Nations Global Goals
13 Climate Action
14 Life Below
15 Water Life on land

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



Restoration of the Sisters Boat

The red boat in the Community Gardens was salvaged from the beach in St Andrews where it had been wrecked in 2013. It was named after an old East Haven boat, 'The Sisters' and required extensive restoration in 2021. Photographs show the boat being washed and rotten wood being removed and replaced before being painted.

All Welcome on a Thursday morning

Group gardening sessions are held every Thursday morning between April and September. This was a very 'spaced activity' in 2020 and not very sociable for volunteers. However, in 2021 people have been able to work in small groups whilst still maintaining social distance which has been much more enjoyable.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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Operation Calm Waters

East Haven Visitor Management Strategy 2021

A plan to improve the visitor experience for both residents and those who we welcome. Key themes; Engagement and Information, Infrastructure and Services and Enforcement

EHT obtained funding from NatureScots Better Places Green Recovery Fund 2021

Collaborating with other organisations and communities across Scotland.



East Haven is one of the Co-ops Community Causes in 2021. We have purchased water rescue equipment as the number of people using the sea for wild swimming and other water sports has increased greatly.



Celebrating Beautiful Scotland's 21st Birthday
A great opportunity for socially distanced
coffee and cake with all our volunteers at the
Bothy. 10 May 2021



East Haven has its own resilience plan. When emergency workers found that they could not get their vehicles under the bridge they asked if EHT would place the ATV on the Emergency Services Asset Register. Subsequently they asked if named drivers would undertake online training to support emergency services attending incidents along the coast.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



The Wee Gallery at the Heritage Point
Volunteers look after the public toilets which were named the 'Wee Gallery' after residents and friends hung their own paintings in the toilets. For a long time during lockdowns the East Haven public toilets were the only ones which were open between Broughty Ferry and Arbroath. EHT undertook considerable work to make the facilities Covid safe and have spent extra funds on touch free hand sanitiser units and signage.



Painting the Heritage Point and Street Furniture 2021 (left)
Interpretation Boards
Information, Education, Heritage



Gardening is the Cake
Thursday morning at the Bothy 2021 (Left)



Making it Safe
Cutting the verges
July 2021

Grants and Donations

YEAR	Grants-Donations Pop-Up Cafe
2013-2014	£85,000
2014-2015	£5585
2015-2016	£14,105
2016-2017	£29,338
2017-2018	£12,000
2018-2019	£30,059
2019-2020	£11,501
TOTAL	£187,588

2021

£966 - Nature Scot Better Places Fund
£100 Donations at the Wee Gallery
£80 Pop up Cafe
£336 Community Clean up Fly-tipping Grant
Co-op Community Group 2021

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



STV; Launch of the Great Angus Beach Clean in East Haven May 2021



BBC Landward's Arlene Stuart in East Haven in 2020 as the programme makers highlighted the importance of Public Toilets

PRESENTATIONS

East Haven Together made a presentation at a Litter Summit in Loch Lomond National Park - March 2020
At Lunan Bay in August 2020
Several zoom presentations over 2020-2021

Future Plans

We will continue to progress work to:
Obtain a fresh water drinking station.
A Cycle Puncture Repair Station.
New Railings in the car park.
Improved landscaping.
Resolve flooding

Value of Volunteer Hours Sept20-Sept21

Professional Hours = 86	Skilled Hours = 1137	Unskilled Hours = 913	Total Volunteer Hours 2136
£43.75	£18.75	£9.36	
£3762.5	£21318.75	£8545.68	£33626.93



New Web-site

East Haven

<https://www.easthavenangus.com/>

New web-site built in 2021
www.easthavenangus.com

Village Newsletters



Our EastHaven

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