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**Everybody should have access to clean toilets.**

### ***What We Do***

Manage and maintain public toilets.  
Septic tank management.

Local and National Strategies and Plans



**East Haven**  
Together

**End Scotland's contribution to climate change and secure the well-being of people and the planet for generations to come.**

### ***What We Do***

Encourage walking and cycling.  
Energy saving initiatives.  
Grow & share food.  
Conserve and recycle water.  
Reduce waste.  
Promote healthy seas.

**East Haven is a good place to live. Inclusive, Strong, Resilient and Safe. Everyone is respected and there are opportunities for people to contribute and achieve success. We are open and connected. We make a positive contribution locally nationally and Internationally.**

### ***What We Do***

Promote good environmental practice.  
Robust resilience planning.  
Build strong partnerships.

**Scotland's nature is protected and restored with flourishing biodiversity, clean air, water, seas and soils.**

### ***What We Do***

Beach cleaning.  
Prevent marine pollution.  
Protect marine ecosystem.  
Protect wildlife.  
KSB Beach Award.  
Coastal adaptation.  
Great East Coast Beach Cleans.

**Enhance and protect the natural and built environment.**

### ***What We Do***

Dune management.  
Protect biodiversity and natural habitats.  
Community gardens.  
Litter picking and litter share stations.  
Wildlife ID recording  
Care for heritage and street furniture.  
Avoid adverse impacts on land and sea.  
Education and behaviour change.

# **East Haven Together - Sustainability Strategy**

## **Community Action Plan 2026 -2030**

PRIORITY	MAINTAIN EAST HAVEN AS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE STRONG - SAFE	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
<b>REASONING</b>	East Haven is a rural coastal community with around 100 residents living in 55 properties. Whilst East Haven is a beautiful place to live there are many challenges. As a result residents have to remain strong, resilient and connected. They have to support each other and also ensure they maintain a strong voice locally and nationally.	New Residents Welcome pack developed and ready to trial from January 2026
<b>ACTIONS</b>	The LPP highlighted a need to improve the quality and format of the Residents' Welcome Pack. A new hard copy and digital leaflet will contain all key information to enable residents to feel informed and supported. EHT employs a range of support and communication methods. EHT web-site, Facebook page, Resilience plan, Defibrillator, Village Emergency Telephone scheme (VETS) Village WhatsApp, Volunteering Handbook, Newsletters (Ha'en Matters).	
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Residents,	

PRIORITY	MAINTAIN STRONG VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
<b>REASONING</b>	There is a strong desire to maintain the village and all spaces to a high standard. This requires residents and the wider community to continue to give some of their time to helping with one of the many activities which achieve this. More info will be made available about the ways in which people can contribute in the new residents welcome leaflet.	Volunteer Leaflet updated Jan 2026
<b>ACTIONS</b>	Update Volunteer Handbook. Continue to support and encourage all Volunteers so everybody feels they can make a contribution and play a part.	
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Keep Scotland Beautiful. VAA.	

PRIORITY	INCREASE PUBLIC SUPPORT TO REDUCE DOG FOULING	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
<b>REASONING</b>	Residents would like to refresh and review strategies to increase the number of people picking up after their dogs.	Short, Medium and Long Term
<b>ACTIONS</b>	Strategies used over the last 11 years to be reviewed and reconsidered	Funding may be required for new signage
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Clean up Scotland (KSB). Angus Council	
PRIORITY	COASTAL ADAPTATION Managing and adapting to coastal erosion	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
<b>REASONING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rising sea levels and more frequent storm surges cause erosion. A need to continue to build community resilience and engage with key partners and agencies. Ensure the community remains at the forefront of community-led activity. Support the community to adapt and manage the changing coast line.</li> <li>Of principal importance for biodiversity conservation. Sand dunes are on the Scottish priority biodiversity list of habitats requiring conservation and protection. The dunes play an important role in increasing the resilience of the dunes by reducing and absorbing wave energy.</li> </ul>	Short- Medium and Long Term activity
<b>ACTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to measure the dunes from the fixed points as agreed in 1993 with NatureScot. Maintain accurate data records to monitor change.</li> <li>Grow native coastal grasses from seed and plant on eroded dunes to strengthen the dune structure.</li> <li>Remove non-native invasive species from wild and vulnerable areas.</li> <li>Raise public awareness of the importance of dune management. Scotlands Outdoor Access Code. Visitor Management Strategy in place.</li> <li>Action to educate public about wildfires and mitigate against risks.</li> <li>Work with all partners, policy makers and academics. Participate in research and encourage people to understand the changing coastline.</li> <li>Storm Erosion Reporters</li> <li>Coastal Grasses workshop</li> </ul>	Funding required for various adaptation activities including signage
<b>PARTNERS</b>	Angus Council. Angus Climate Hub. Verture. Coast-R-Network. Angus Resilience Forum.	

PRIORITY	PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT Promoting Biodiversity and conserving habitats	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	<p>Biodiversity loss has now been recognised as a national security issue by the UK Government. It is likely to have a catastrophic impact on many aspects of human existence in years to come. There is a need to do everything possible to reduce negative environmental impacts and help promote biodiversity. Locally, most of our coastal birds are on the red list of species at risk of extinction. Habitat conservation is crucial as East Haven is home to vulnerable protected waders. The Ringed Plover normally nests on the beach between EH and Arbroath but no nests have been seen in the last couple of years. The Curlew, Wheatear and Corn Bunting are also declining and need support to conserve their habitats. Fish and lobster on our section of the east coast are also on the red list. The Small Blue Butterfly is an endangered species and at risk of extinction.</p>	Ongoing
ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pollinator Friendly Plants</b> to be selected for gardens and green spaces</li> <li>• <b>Butterflies and Bees</b> Monthly walks along a 1km designated transect to identify numbers and types of Butterflies and Bees (1st March to end of October). All species data uploaded to Bumblebee Conservation Society and UK Butterfly.</li> <li>• <b>irecord</b> By Dec 2025 East Haven had recorded 600 species of wildlife. Records continue to be uploaded to irecord to maintain knowledge about how species are changing over time.</li> <li>• <b>Species On The Edge (5.5 year project)</b> EHT has undertaken a lot of work to help create a food corridor of kidney vetch along the Angus coast for the Small Blue Butterfly. Kidney Vetch surveys are carried out in East Haven and survey work carried out along the coast. (Nature of Scotland Award award 2018)</li> <li>• <b>Seals</b> Support British Marine Dive Rescue by storing a rescue crate for vulnerable seal pups.</li> <li>• <b>Support Wildlife</b> - Maintaining habitats - monitor impacts - upload species data</li> <li>• Participate in Citizen Science projects such as the ECHO project with the James Hutton Institute (2025).</li> <li>• Maintain coastal dunes and remove non-native invasive species who undermine biodiversity.</li> </ul>	Funding may be required from time to time for specific projects within this area
PARTNERS	Butterfly Conservation, Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Scottish Wild life Trust, Local Wildlife recorders, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Angus Climate Hub, Coastal Communities network, James Hutton Institute	

PRIORITY	EAST HAVEN TOGETHER TO CONTINUE TO TRY AND OBTAIN WATER TESTING	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	Residents and wild swimmers would like to know how clean the sea water is and whether there is evidence of any pollutants	Short to medium term
ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in any community led water testing technology projects if they become available and are financially viable. 26-2030</li> </ul>	Funding will be required
PARTNERS	Coastal Communities Network.	

PRIORITY	PROTECT THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT Removal and prevention of marine litter/pollution	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	The following are Scotland's strategic approach to environmental policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that preventative action is taken to avoid environmental damage.</li> <li>Environmental damage should as a priority be rectified at source</li> <li>Ensure that polluters bear the cost of pollution control and remediation</li> </ul>	Short, Medium and Long Term
ACTIONS	<p>East Haven Together is a member of the Coastal Communities Network (CCN) and a representative on Scotland's Marine Litter Strategy Steering Group and Marine Litter forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach cleaning activities are carried out almost everyday.</li> <li>ATV purchased in 2019 to enable EHT to uplift heavy marine litter from an extended area of the Angus coast.</li> <li>Community Led Beach Award from Keep Scotland Beautiful achieved every year since 2015</li> <li>Marine Conservation Society Surveys carried out and the data uploaded to the MCS portal.</li> <li>EHT volunteers always try to trace marine litter and pollution incidents back to source. e.g. Dowrie Works, Nato War ships and Construction work on NCN1.</li> <li>EHT works to change policy and legislation if this is required to reduce pollution and better protect the marine environment.</li> </ul>	ATV may need replaced within 5 years. It is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain.
PARTNERS	CCN, MCS, SEPA, Clean up Scotland (KSB) Angus Council	

PRIORITY	WATER CONSERVATION	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	Water shortages and droughts are increasingly likely in the future. Residents will need to adapt and use more sustainable practices both privately and across the village	Ongoing
ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conserve and reduce the use of mains water in the community gardens.</li> <li>Increase capacity of poor sandy soil to retain moisture and nutrients. e.g soil enhancer, leaf mold.</li> <li>Comprehensive rainwater collection system installed at the Bothy and Resilience shed. Water drains into three butts which have taps for filling watering cans. Water reused in other areas.</li> <li>Reduce mowing patterns to allow the grass to grow longer and provide more moisture. One person takes responsibility for grass management and advising frequency of cuts to others on the rota. Electric mower used in main gardens.</li> <li>Future plant choices include: coastal plants which do well in drought conditions e.g Echinacea, Sedum, Catmint, Lavender, Salvia, Hebe, Veronica, Loosestrife.</li> </ul>	
PARTNERS	Angus Climate Hub. Keep Scotland Beautiful	

PRIORITY	EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS - COASTAL INCIDENTS	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	Communities must adapt and mitigate against the impact of changing weather patterns.	Ongoing
ACTIONS	<p><b>Extreme Weather Events - Coastal incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EHT is a member of the Angus Community Resilience Forum and has a Community Resilience plan in place to mitigate against the impact of the challenges faced by our coastal community.</li> <li>The charity works in partnership with local and national groups, organisations, and universities</li> <li>The ATV is on the Community Asset register. Registered Named drivers in the village drive emergency service staff when required.</li> <li>Continue coastal adaptation plans</li> <li>Flood gate purchased to protect the underpass at Long Row.</li> <li>Trailer purchased for ATV to enable the SFRS to transport pumps and other equipment in the event of wild fires.</li> <li>A range of resilience equipment including pumps and inflatable sand bags have been purchased. A list fall items and whirr they are held is in circulation.</li> </ul>	
PARTNERS	Angus Resilience Forum, Angus Climate Hub, SFRS, SEPA, Angus Council,	

PRIORITY	HELP MAINTAIN NCN1 and INCREASE ACTIVE TRAVEL	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the possibility of lighting along the East Haven to Carnoustie stretch of NCN1.</li> <li>Mitigate against the unintended impact of thorn bearing shrubs on coastal paths</li> <li>Obtain funding for Cycle Repair Station</li> <li>Work with partners to establish EV Charging point in car park</li> </ul>	
REASONING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active travel reduces carbon emissions and reduces the volume of cars in the village.</li> <li>There is an increasing need for EV charging.</li> <li>A cycle repair station would benefit thousands of cyclists who pass through the village</li> <li>Walking, wheeling and cycling improves health and well-being.</li> </ul>	Short, Medium and Long Term
ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EHT provides cycle racks to enable people to store bikes safely whilst using the amenity.</li> <li>EHT works to maintain the bus service in East Haven and also car share where possible.</li> <li>Monitor and evaluate impact of new demand led bus services in Angus.</li> <li>Continue to support Walk, Wheel and Cycle Trust in maintaining coastal path (NCN1)</li> <li>Volunteers clean and manage the public toilets to support health and well being. Maintaining public toilets also encourages more people to walk and cycle rather than visit by car.</li> </ul>	Funding Required
PARTNERS	Angus Council. Walk, Wheel and Cycle Trust	

PRIORITY	RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	Reduce reliance on grid energy and help achieve Scotland's target of zero emissions by 2045	Medium and Long Term
ACTIONS	<p><b>Renewable Energy Sources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of average monthly solar radiance and corresponding energy for ascending systems undertaken in 2022.</li> <li>Solar powered lamp posts installed by residents in 2022</li> <li>Public toilet roof structure needs assessed to evaluate solar panel weight bearing</li> <li>Investigate installing electric charging point in car park</li> </ul>	Funding to evaluate solar panel weight bearing capacity of toilet roof
PARTNERS	Angus Climate Hub, Angus Council	

PRIORITY	FOOD SUSTAINABILITY AND SECURITY	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	There is a need across the UK to develop greater food security. Communities can help in a number of ways	Ongoing
ACTIONS	<p><b>Sustainable Food Sources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage people to shop local, support local food producers and buy from organic farmers where possible.</li> <li>Grow and share food within the village. Eliminate food waste.</li> <li>Grow/share fruit, veg and herbs.</li> <li>Work with school children -teach them how to grow their own food - future resilience</li> </ul>	
PARTNERS	Local Food producers. Keep Scotland Beautiful. Angus Climate Hub	

PRIORITY	COMMUNITY GARDENS Maintaining East Haven's Beautiful spaces	TIMESCALE/PROGRESS FUNDING
REASONING	East Haven Together works within the Beautiful Scotland/RHS 3 Pillar framework of Horticulture, Environment and Community to develop Pride in Place and a sustainable approach to managing the amenity.	Ongoing
ACTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers meet every Thursday at 10am to maintain garden areas</li> <li>Coastal plants and plants for pollinators have been planted extensively throughout the community gardens.</li> <li>Use of Angus Council's recycled soil enhancer (Meets PAS 100 standards)</li> <li>Peat free compost and use of natural fertilisers such as biosolids</li> <li>Hand weeding and raking. No pesticide, herbicide or fungicide use.</li> <li>Conserve and manage native trees and shrubs</li> <li>The Sisters boat in the main community gardens requires assessment and a plan to remove and replace.</li> <li>Mowing rota developed annually following review of mowing equipment.</li> </ul>	Funding is an ongoing requirement
PARTNERS	Keep Scotland Beautiful, Angus Council,	