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 just over 100 residents living in a mix of private and rented properties. East Haven is also one of the earliest recorded fishing communities in Scotland dating back to 1214. During our octocentenary year we undertook a number of projects aimed at improving our environment, promoting our heritage and strengthening our community. To ensure that we were able to take forward our achievements into the future we established the East Haven Heritage and Garden Group. This group encourages people of all ages and abilities from both within and out-with the village to work together on a range of activities related to the three pillars described by Beautiful Scotland. We are very 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 is a great place to live and visit.
Adding soil enricher to the bed on coastal path (November 2014)

Clearing and planting primulas (Oct 2014)

Planting spring bulbs in our flower barrels (November 2014)

A sustainable planting experiment. Half of our geraniums lifted and potted to protect for next year. The other half left in the ground to see if they will grow again next year. (Oct 2014)

Creating a new area of garden at the Bothy on the site of our new community potting shed (March 2015)

Our new herbaceous bed at the Bothy includes pollinators and other flowering plants to attract bees and butterflies (May 2015)

We have planted nasturtium seeds. Greener streets. Better lives. (May 2015)
We have developed a new area of community garden at the Bothy on a site which had been used as a rubbish dump over several decades. Complete with a wheelchair accessible path we have established a raised scented community herb bed. The fisherman's garden in front of the bothy represents art in the landscape and is a tribute to our former fishermen who worked at the site mending nets and repairing boats.

At the rear of the Bothy is a wildlife garden with compost heap and wildlife boxes.

We have developed a new border with locally grown herbaceous plants.

We have built a cairn of natural stone to celebrate 20 years of National Cycle route 1

We have planted wild flowers and other sustainable plants at the head of the cycle path

We have developed a new wave bed outside our heritage point with sustainable plants

We have planted more trees, fruit bushes, vegetables and shrubs

We are investigating the re-introduction of the sea pea
In March 2015 we made three of our own bird boxes and one hedgehog box from recycled wood. Birds are now nesting in all boxes.

Andy erects a bird box (L)

Rod with his completed hedgehog box (R)

We restained Eric’s Bridge which was built by residents for East Haven 800 (October 2014)

Environmental Responsibility

Working in partnership with SNH to protect our SSSI (September 2014)


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Children learn how to build a bug hotel
(June 2015)

The ‘wee gallery’ at our lovely new heritage point created by residents. A Community Partnership with Angus Council to prevent closure of the toilets and provide enhanced facilities for visitors. (May 2015)

We built a cairn and planted wild flowers to celebrate 20 years of National Cycle Route 1 and Scotland’s Year of Food and Drink. We also leave free refreshments on the cycle path and accept donations for the charity ‘Mary’s Meals”. Last year it raised over £600 (May 2015)

• We participated in a major new project with Angus Council and local businesses called ‘Prevent and Pick up 3’. Residents went on training so they could engage directly with the public about littering. The final outcome report highlighted that most improvement and behaviour change amongst the public was seen in East Haven.

• Children have built a bug hotel and learned how to plant bedding plants

• We have been out litter picking every day and carried out monthly organised beach cleans between February and September. We have carried out surveys for Marine Scotland. We have applied for a KSB ‘Rural seaside award’. We have obtained a ‘Recycling on the Go bin’.

• We developed a wild life garden and built our own compost unit out of recycled wood. We invited a local specialist in hedgehog protection to speak to residents about how we could create a wild life corridor to enhance biodiversity.

• We invited the Tayside Biodiversity Coordinator for Tayside to spend the afternoon with us surveying the whole area.

• Water butts - recycled garden waste (soil enhancer reaching PAS 100 standard). We developed a new partnership with Catchment Tay and now use bio-solid pellets as a slow release fertiliser.

• We have developed our own community sustainability strategy

• We have investigated the feasibility of a domestic biomass plant
Community Participation

Beautiful Scotland’s first planning meeting of 2015 held at 2 minutes past midnight on Hogmanay at the village party. (1st Jan 2015)

We hold garden parties every fortnight between spring and autumn - working and socialising together. Helping to build and maintain a strong community. (April 2015)

A hot cuppa after our beach clean in February 2015. Easter eggs for the children at our Easter beach clean.

We ran a successful face book campaign to identify the culprits of this extreme littering and barbecue damage. Within 24 hours we had a written apology from those responsible and help to carry out environmental projects which built positive relationships and promoted better understanding of our community and it’s aims. (April 2015)

We made it on to TV, radio and national newspapers when we discovered hidden treasure during one of our clean up events. We made the most of it - ‘Beautiful Scotland’ We have done additional radio broadcasts this year related to littering and also had articles in the Beautiful Scotland magazines. (March 2015)
We have delivered seven presentations to other organisations and community groups about our work with the Beautiful Scotland campaign and Pride in Place. *(March 2015)*

April - May 2015 - lots of consultation - we have applied to become a SCIO - East Haven Together. We have a new sustainability strategy.

We wrote our own leaflet to fill a gap in local information about walking and cycling in East Haven and Panbride! *(June 2015)*

June 2015

We held a Taste of Angus Cycle on 27th June to celebrate 20 years of National Cycle Route 1 and Scotland’s Year of Food and Drink.

We have welcomed multiple community groups to the village as early as 2nd January in this new year. We even opened up our own homes to provide toilet facilities as the village toilets were closed over the winter. *(March 2015)*

We continue to exploit social media to engage with a large audience and encourage participation. We have approx 2,000 followers a week on our blog. www.easthavenangus.com
Finance

EAST HAVEN RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION
FUNDING SOURCES 2015

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A Sustainable Funding Plan

Since our octocentenary in 2014 we have taken steps to secure funding for future years in two ways. Firstly, by making an application to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). East Haven Residents’ Association has served us well over 19 years but potential funders do not immediately recognise this form of organisation as having the level of governance they can be confident in. We will go forward in our new SCIO as ‘East Haven Together’ assuring potential funders of our ability to manage and meet agreed funding outcomes.

The second way in which we have secured long term funding is by entering into a Community Partnership with the Council to clean and manage our public toilets. We receive a small budget for doing so and we can spend this in any way we wish. Approximately two thirds of the budget is spent directly on the building and the remaining funding is available to support expenses such as public liability insurance and web-site costs. Donations from the public in support of our efforts go directly back into garden and heritage projects.
In planning the way forward and taking greater responsibility for our environment we want to ensure that first we do no harm. By that, we mean that everything we do to enhance the environment also promotes bio-diversity and protects the delicate eco-balance of our coastal community. It would be very easy to continue to develop garden beds or wild flower areas but this might not best protect and enhance bio-diversity and our environment. We have therefore sought advice from experts in bio-diversity and intend to start by undertaking a BioBlitz in 2016. They agree, that we face many challenges, not least because part of our community inhabits a 500m stretch of SSSI.

We have also developed a sustainability strategy linking our new charitable aims to the ‘2020 Challenge for Scotland’s Bio-diversity’ key outcomes, and also the ‘Community Action for a Sustainable Scotland Themes’. These high level outcomes also link directly with Angus Council’s Single Outcome Agreement with the Scottish Government and ultimately the Scottish Government’s own objectives.

We want everybody in our community to understand why sustainability is important and how the work we do helps to meet wider objectives across Scotland, the UK and the rest of the planet. Next year we will continue to maintain and strengthen partnerships and networks with other people. Contact has already been made with organisations such as Buglife Scotland, British Dragonfly Society, Bat Conservation Trust and Tayside Swifts, SNH, Dundee University and Angus Rangers to see if they will work alongside us to carry out an extensive BioBlitz.

This, along with other specialist advice from SNH and Tayside Bio-diversity co-ordinator will inform future management and developments.

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### Plans for the Future: A Sustainability Strategy

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**Partnerships**

- Local food producers
- Angus Council
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- Beautiful Scotland
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- Angus Council
- VisitScotland
- Angus Council (AC)
- Beautiful Scotland
- Angus Council
- VisitScotland
- Police S
- Local Farmer - James Porter
- Angus Council
- Catchment Tay Ltd.
- SNH
- Angus Environmental Trust
- RSPB
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- Beautiful Scotland
- Marine Conservation Society
- Tay Estuary Forum
**Easthaven’s hospitality is set in stone**

Residents raise cairn to mark anniversary of route which links village with Europe

GRADAM STRACHAN

Residents in an Angus village have marked the 15th anniversary of a cycle route which links it with Europe.

Easthaven resident Ron Brown led the building of a cairn which will welcome the visitors on their arrival to the historic village.

Funding to build a 1.5m-high cairn was made possible through lifetime generated by the Tour de France, a project administered by Beautiful Scotland.

The cairn has been built to celebrate 20 years of the National Cycle Network which now extends over 14,000 miles and covers millions of people by cycling just every single day.

The cairn is located at the junction of the National Cycle Network which stretches up the coast from St Andrews and is also part of the North Sea Cycle Route - a 5,200km loop linking all the countries bordering the North Sea.

Angus Council has also supported residents by designing an interpretation board highlighting the coastal routes and key points of interest.

Resident Sandy Wright said: “Many people are not aware that National Cycle Route 1 passes through eight different countries and Easthaven to Gifford is arguably one of the most beautiful sections of the network.”

“Sustained support from residents is present in the planning of the project and provided funds for changing the original path.

A stone table has also been built alongside the cairn to provide food, water and benches for cyclists and walkers in support of Mary’s Meals.

The cairn was officially launched by Allan Scott, the chairman of the Easthaven volunteers.

The event was supported by local businesses, volunteers and residents to encourage the community to bring their families out to enjoy the area.

The project, funded by the Scottish government, encourages local residents, cyclists, walkers and others to enjoy the paths and place them in their own ways.

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**Rubbish banished from Angus coast**

At Fingask, Provence, near Forfar, a group of residents and volunteers have been cleaning up the area for the past few months.

The event was part of the Great British Economic Survey, which aims to improve the local environment.

Resident David, who has been involved in the project, said: “We have been working hard to keep the area clean and make it a more pleasant place for everyone.”

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