



Haddington East Tenants & Residents Association

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Welcome to our Newsletter

Welcome to the Haddington East Tenants and Residents Association which covers half of Haddington from Abbots View area to Seggarsdean area.

What do we do?

Our aims are to:



To promote the rights of all tenants and residents in matters relating to repairs and maintenance, improvement of housing conditions, amenities, and their environment.

To uphold equal opportunities and to work for good relations among all members of the community, specifically prohibiting any conduct that discriminates or harasses on the grounds of race, religion, disability, age, political beliefs, gender or sexual orientation.



We are involved in Estate Inspections, inspecting the area with the Housing Officers and other ELC departments, to identify any repairs or improvements we would like to have done locally.

We attend the Local Housing Partnership (LHP) meetings on a quarterly basis with senior officials to put forward project proposals within the local area. This is facilitated by the Housing Manager with local Cllrs also attending and decisions being made in relation to this budget.

We represent the TRAs in the area, along with Haddington Central TRA on the Connected Communities meetings (formerly known as the Area Partnerships).



We attend meetings of the Community and Police Partnership (CAPP) to raise local issues ie. Antisocial behaviour, speeding etc., and influence the agreed action with the Police and others' for the area.

Every tenant and resident in the area can be a member of HETRA at **no cost** and come to a meeting to bring their suggestions, complaints and ideas.

When things go back to 'normal' we will meet again on the first Monday of every month at the Nungate Community Centre at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and have their say about any ideas and suggestion they have to improve the area we all live in



To take forward.....

We have identified the following to take forward next year:

- the repair to the wooden bridge to Riverside Drive
- to upgrade the Basket Ball Court on Gifford Road
- to explore ways to identify and take forward the provision of allotments

There may be many things you can think of to improve your local area. If so, I would be very happy to hear from you. For more information or a chat please call me, Alan Dunton, Chair on 01620 822533.

What's been happening?.....

Our tenants and residents group is not just about housing, but about people. The children, the adults, the elderly, the lonely and everyone in our community.....

In the last 3 years HETRA identified and created the Haddington Mental Health Peer Support group. This is a group for people that are living with mental health problems or have experienced mental Health problems. The group used to meet every week in the annex of Meadowpark School, however due to Covie-19 this had to stop.

The group have worked hard to adapt to the changes and guidelines introduced by the Scottish Government and they have continued to meet either in small groups or in pairs depending on the current guidance. They are currently piloting a 'buddying' project and have applied for funding from the local Connected Communities in order to continue peer support over Christmas and New Year and hopefully into the Spring of 2021. For more information please contact Susan at haddpeerproject@gmail.com.



Due to the covid-19 we may not have been able to have our monthly meetings, BUT plenty has happened:....

There has been a major works programme for the last few months in both Abbots View and Seggarsdean to repair roofing and cladding across the area.

A brand new play park has been created at the top end of Seggarsdean. A lot of work took place to enable this to go ahead with the help of Cllr Akhtar, HETRA and of course, the local community who voted and chose the design they wanted.

As a group we voted **not** to have the Whittingham Drive parking proposal go ahead; this was from feedback received from members of our local community and we are involved in much more.....

Getting Involved:

There are many ways that you can get involved to influence local issues.



Why Should You Get Involved?

- ❑ The more people that get involved the more we can achieve.
- ❑ A collective voice carries more weight.
- ❑ The opportunity to discuss local issues that are important to **YOU**.
- ❑ Your views will be listened to and taken forward as a group.
- ❑ Personal satisfaction from working with your local community.
- ❑ Meeting you neighbours and community
- ❑ A sense of belonging – being part of the local community



Don't Delay Get In Touch Today:

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me, Alan Dunton, Chair of HETRA on **01620 822533**.



From all of us at HETRA we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year