

# THE DIRLETON COMMUNITY WISHLIST SURVEY

## RESULTS OF THE OPEN DISCUSSION DAY 27 AUGUST 2022

Dear Resident

In 2017 the DVA organised a village survey to find out what the community's environmental and social priorities were at that time. A Community WishList was produced, and that formed the basis of the DVA committee's plan of action for the period 2017- 2022. Many of the wishes on that list have now been realised and new opportunities and challenges have arisen, and so a new Community Wishlist would be useful for the forthcoming period. An open discussion day was held on 27 August 2022 as the first stage of this process.

In addition, the DVA intends to submit a Local Place Plan (LPP) for Dirleton in accordance with the Scottish government's new planning legislation. This is required by May 2024. The relevant community views and priorities from the 2017 and 2022 surveys will be fed into this. A special community meeting about the LPP will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Details of this will be issued separately.

The suggestions or wishes received from you at the 2022 drop-in session are set out below. The LPP open session will have the same 'scrolls' available for mark-up again, and in addition, there will be a new 'scroll' for you to add your comments to entitled 'Heritage Conservation and Housing'.

<b>A Dirleton Community WishList Feedback from the 27 August 2022 community open day</b>	Wishes from the village discussion day
<b>Community Building: The derelict Village Hall</b>	
A basic low cost project to make 'wind and water tight' only, for use as a common village storage space by all village organisations: (eg: fete and games items, village market items, school sports equipment, bags of winter grit, Christmas lights etc.) (Would allow development to a habitable standard at a later stage)	<b>18</b>
Demolish	<b>7</b>
Refurbish to a habitable standard for a new use or uses. (eg: multi-use, a crafts centre, a small businesses hub, etc.)	<b>8</b>

<b>Road Safety</b>	
Progress the road safety suggestions for the Castle Inn and the Castle garden tower blind corners generally	<b>16</b>
Widen the path around the castle wall tower for buggies and wheelchairs	<b>8</b>
Reinstate basic white road junction lines around the Green	<b>3</b>
Plant a hedge with fence around the Play Park	<b>2</b>
<b>Environmental Improvements</b>	
Complete the upgrade of street lighting on the historic greens by continuing the heritage type of street lights around the whole of the main green.	<b>6</b>
East end road junction: replace the broken deviation sign with a new traditional chevron sharp deviation of route sign	
Relocate the blue tourist signboard to a less dominant position and paint supports black	<b>1</b>
Remove the redundant plastic bollards outside the Open Arms	<b>1</b>
Improve the bus shelters	<b>3</b>
Reroute the telephone wire from over the war memorials	
In partnership with private owners: remove (destructive) ivy from stone walls	
Maxwell Road: replace concrete seats with hardwood seats to match the rest of the village	
Ruthven Road and Gylers Road: Improve concrete and brick walls	
Upgrade litter bins, bases and signs	
Repair the broken stone wall sections along Foreshot Terrace	
Archerfield boundary: In partnership with the owners: Repair broken sections of the stone	

boundary walls along Kirk Wood and Hareup Plantation	
Litter Tidy-up: Support an annual early spring clean-up day	
New entry signs to the village: Dirleton A Conservation Village	1
If/when the Gullane to Drem station cyclepath is completed, campaign for a Dirleton linking section	5
<b>Landscaping and Nature Conservation</b>	
Protect all public green spaces in and around the village and enhance for wildlife	7
'Re-wilding': Lease or acquire land around the village and create native woodlands and other habitats for wildlife	
Seek partnerships with surrounding landowners to carry out wildlife habitat projects on neighbouring farms	
Restore the curling pond and wood for wildlife	
Protect the deer	1
<b>Social Activities</b>	
More community use of the Castle Grounds	
Support the Lunch Hub	1
Monthly social afternoon get together for the duration of the winter fuel crisis	1
Support the Dirleton Market	
Support the Scarecrow Competition	
Support and develop the Bowling Club	1
Support the Fete and Games day	1
Support the History Society	
Support the Open Gardens Scheme	
Winter activities: Quiz Nights	
Winter activities: Card Games	
Winter activities: Film Screenings	
Winter activities: Beetle Drives	
Winter activities: Board Games	1

The Bowling Club: winter activities: Table Tennis	<b>1</b>
The Bowling Club: winter activities: Bingo Nights	
The Bowling Club: winter activities: Pool Nights	
A community plant sharing group	
Support the school partnership's autumn orchard festival	<b>3</b>
Restart the village bonfire	<b>5</b>
Start a village-wide Christmas party	<b>3</b>
Support the carol singing	<b>4</b>
Restart a village Burns Supper	<b>1</b>
Start an orchard visiting wassailing event ( Januarys)	<b>1</b>
Start a Dirleton car sharing scheme	
Start mini-bus trips for Christmas shopping	
Start mini-bus trips for events in Edinburgh ( eg. the theatre, the Festival etc)	
More children's activities (eg. kids' archery etc)	<b>1</b>
More facilities for toddler age group	<b>5</b>
More facilities for teenagers	<b>5</b>
<b>Communications</b>	
Better mobile phone reception	
Install wi-fi in the Kirk Hall	