

Your “3 Wishes” for the North Berwick Coastal Area

- a report of your responses

This report details the responses received from the “3 wishes” exercise carried out by the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership who wanted to find out directly from local people and groups what they wanted to make their communities better places to live. The Area Partnership members wanted to give people an opportunity to participate and influence the Area Plan which will detail all of the actions that need to happen to make the area an even better place to live, visit, and get around.

The exercise was carried out from July to September 2015 and the form was available in either paper format or online. Area Partnership members also spoke directly to some local people and groups who may not have participated otherwise, such as residents in local care homes.

The Respondents

Over 56 people and groups completed the questionnaire (42 via survey monkey and 14 on paper). Not all of the people and groups left their name but those that did were:

- **The Beach Wheelchair Project**
- **The Arts Centre Group**
- **6 year pupils at North Berwick High**
- **Local Care Homes and Older people**
- **North Berwick Day Centre members**
- **Gullane Area Community Council (GACC)**
- **Dirleton Village Association**
- **Law TRA**
- **Lime Grove TRA**
- **NB Youth Network**
- **Older Peoples Working Group**
- **North Berwick Youth Project**
- **Aberlady Village**
- **Drem Parents**
- **The Abbey Care Home**
- **Dementia Friendly North Berwick**



Three Wishes

North Berwick Coastal
Area Partnership

What we wish for our children to lead happy, healthy lives

We wish for more opportunities for children to play both indoors and out by developing more soft play type activities and using models such as “the Play Ranger” that use challenging and risky play opportunities in safe environments. This should include providing opportunities for parents to socialise and play together too!

*“Soft play” “Soft play centre for the kids” “Support for outdoor play”
“Play ranger service” “More opportunities for children to play together”
“More support for early learning and play” “More opportunities for parents to get together”
“Make the Lodge safe by fencing the big drop down to cemetery and Law Road so that toddlers can't fall down there” “children from surrounding area get out onto the beach”
“When Nursery moves to Primary School Campus the Community Centre could expand into that space, increasing capacity and breadth of activities. One room would be permanently used for Playgroup, who could leave everything set up, rather than setting up and packing everything away every day”*

We wish for more support and education for families from the start of parenthood...

*“Support for mothers with post natal depression”
“More family support” “Support for children living in poverty”
“Young people taught more about parenting”
“Encourage groups (especially those who have long waiting lists) to help children from chaotic families to access their club/group/service, then to actively support them to participate. Groups may need training or support to understand the benefits this could bring to their organisation and the community as a whole”*

We wish for our young people to be able to participate in a range of activities

We wish for more and better facilities across the area that can offer a range of activities and services along with more relevant community events aimed at young people. We wish for these to be inclusive and supportive

*“Maintain Existing Youth Provision” “More activities for young people”
“More facilities for teenagers” “More focus on the older youths age group in the town with perhaps water based activities for them to use, ie, floating platform in West Bay to allow/encourage swimming away from the harbour area”
“Improve facilities for young people in the area including school”
“Cinema for young people” “More area where youth to play”*

*“Hold a dedicated youth event, possibly a mini music festival and hold it annually”
“An Annual Youth Event for young people” “Music festival aimed at teens”
“An annual youth event – Mini festival – Music event in the lodge”
“Hold a dedicated youth event, possibly a mini music festival and hold it annually”*

This includes upgrading or building new premises for the North Berwick Youth Project so it can offer a wider range of activities and have technology to show films. It should also be promoted so that more young people use it.

“Re-decorate the youth project – paint, new lights, new chairs, serving area with Coffee machine and facilities for light snack” “Proper advertising, signage for outside the building” “Residentials” “Upgrade of the kitchen in the Hope Rooms – Better work space, new cooker to meet the needs of all users and new equipment – Baking, pots etc” “Youth cafe doesn’t attract enough people – larger space, targeting all groups of people not just one particular group”

Replace the Space is a common wish for young people in the area. A replacement facility could include a dedicated youth project.

“Activity hub – similar to Ryze / Space for young people aged S1 - 20 years/ purpose built Youth Project” “A new facility to replace The Space” “A new Youth Centre (the Space has gone)” “Help The Space to re-establish itself in North Berwick. This was a great community facility for kids of all ages” “Provide a facility like 'the space' for young people/kids” “Something to replace The Space” “Youth club for about age 10+. Now space has closed there's a big gap” “Purpose-built facility for the Youth Project” “youth centre like the space” “Community "space" (similar to The Space/ now closed and replaced with housing)” “More indoor facilities and hang out areas now that the Space has closed”

We wish for young people to be included and supported and cost must not be a barrier to their participation. We can do this by reducing the cost of access to leisure activities and expanding the existing bursary scheme to include sports and leisure activities. We wish for public transport that supports this.

“Fund bursaries through all sports clubs, classes and activities, so that children from all backgrounds have the chance to learn new skills, exercise regularly and have a sense of belonging in their community” “Expand the bursary scheme to allow access to sport and other activities” “Activity budget for young people to try sports in the local community – sailing, tennis, golf etc (For young people whose families are on low income)” “Reduce the cost of access to leisure activities and expand the existing bursary scheme to include sports and leisure activities” “Crazy golf sports centre discounts for high school students” “Secure the future of the Healthy Respect Drop in at the High School” “Introduce Raising Children with Confidence” “Hold a SAFE event” “An Outreach Programme” “unemployed youth into volunteering” “ARTS CENTRE WITH ACADEMY for young people to learn new skills and gain work experience” “Academy for young people - employment and work experience” “Out of school Opportunities for young people to expand their horizons”

“For our children and their children to be more involved in decisions about their futures - including decisions that affect their old age like care homes and services”

We wish for better public transport for young people so they can access education, leisure and social opportunities

“Improve public transport for young people by improving timetables, more comfortable/cleaner busses, cheaper (i.e for those in full time education or under 18)”

“Better public transport so young people can participate”

We wish for older people to be included in their communities

We wish for services and facilities to be accessible, inclusive and supportive of older people and for local residents to help older people feel part of the community through being neighbourly and volunteering with local organisations

“Work with the Area Partnership to recruit a link worker who will inform older people in the community of the services and resources that are available to them”

“For every event and place in the community to be welcoming and accessible to people with dementia and their families and friends - all it takes is a bit of understanding and empathy” ***“For people with dementia to feel able to speak out about their desires and experiences and not be discriminated against or feel embarrassed by their condition”***

“Care for the elderly at home needs to be better monitored by the council, they are not getting the best service” ***“To secure the future of " The Eddington Hospital "***

“More sport targeted at older people. Eg table tennis club”

We wish for North Berwick Day Centre...

“A bigger budget” ***“Bigger premises”*** ***“Sensory room”***

“More free entertainment for day centre” ***“More volunteers (male and female) across all age groups”*** ***“More outdoor activities”*** ***“More diverse activities for the elderly”***

“Mix with other groups and speakers from them” ***“New large screen TV for day centre”***

“The Day Centre will need to expand to accommodate our ageing population....a bigger facility is needed”

There are distinct wishes for older people which include transport options that suit their needs, especially to access health services, social activities and local shops.

“older people less mobile to get out and about” ***“Transport for outings”*** ***“Bus to Tesco to do the shopping”*** ***“Improvements to cross county transport (buses)”***

“Develop voluntary car schemes and expand through the Ward”

For older people to feel included and involved by increasing their access to leisure time activities and to IT equipment so they can keep in touch with friends and family.

***“To grow flowers and vegetables” “To be able to go to things in the town - music, plays etc” “to see the opera again” “More time with children and YP doing things together”
“To be able to access gardens like Dirleton gardens” “Dancing”
“Befriending services for older people and their carers across the Ward”***

***“Lap tops/ipads, in particular to talk to family and friends far away”
“Projector screen at the Abbey” “IT and i pads” “Computers”***

We wish for our villages to have the facilities and services that residents need

For Aberlady we wish for fun play places for children and young people with safer roads and spaces for socialising for everyone

***“New swings in the play park beside the school” “Outdoor facility for skaters and scooters” “Covered area for young people to congregate” “Soft play facilities”
“Improvements to school building and facilities”***

“Better public transport to enable residents to access services and facilities in neighbouring villages” “A safe cycle route between Ballencrieff and Aberlady” “Improved speed enforcement measures at the west entrance to the village, by Waterston House”

“Access to allotments to allow residents to grow fruit and vegetables” “Picnic tables in communal areas and play parks” “More bins for rubbish and dog mess”

For Dirleton we wish for children to be able to access local services for minimal cost and for the school to have the facilities and resources it needs

“Free access to all school children to attend Dirleton Castle. Currently only Dirleton Village Association members can do this for £10 per year but this excludes Dirleton School children who live outside the village”

“Support Dirleton Playgroup who pay huge rental fees for Church Hall- over £3,500 whilst other local groups pay less than £100”

“Cost of playpod store at school and any associated planning, erection and filling costs in line with government recognition of outdoor interactive play”

“Dirleton primary needs a new shed for their play pod initiative. They need more bike racks (1 family can fill the current facility)”

“Funding for school receptionist to work 8.30-3.30 in keeping with the requirements of the head teacher from a work load point of view & also to facilitate best use of their time in able available for parental interaction, discussion, form filling and daily matters”

“School to have outdoor tap re-instated that was taken away without permission by buildings who carried out extension”

We wish to be able to get about the village, to the beach and beyond

“Construction of a roadside path and cycle track to Yellowcraig. The road to Yellowcraig is busy and the first section has no roadside path. Construction of this and upgrading of the existing path at the Yellowcraig end would improve safety for both pedestrians and cyclists” ***“Dirleton Village - footpath from Ware Road to Yellowcraig clear and make good”*** ***“Bicycle rack in school playground with a Perspex shelter to cater for current school children and encourage others”***

“To facilitate proper use of Drem train station by ensuring a cycle path is created from Dirleton to Drem via Fenton Barns and also Gullane to Drem”

“To ensure that the John Muir pathway from Abbotsford road can be taken safely by children travelling to Dirleton School by bicycle which only requires a short distance of pathway to be cleared out properly”

We wish for improved social and leisure spaces for residents and visitors

“Enhancement of the Village Toilet facilities. These are situated near the entrance to the Castle and are the only public facilities in the village. Their current condition is very poor to the point where most visitors would decline to use them”

“Dirleton Village public toilets – refurbish”

“Reorganisation and improvement of the area adjacent to the Castle Entrance. Apart from the Toilet Block (see above) the car park and play area have also declined into a poor condition and become overgrown with trees to the point where they detract from the amenity. Some of the bench seating in the area around the bus stop area also needs replacing. This area needs redesigning and landscaping appropriately”

“Dirleton Village Green benches - refurbish/repair and maintenance or replace”

“To patrol and enforce dog walkers to keep Yellowcraigs beach, play park and surroundings area a dog dirt free zone including the erection of a fence to stop dogs enter in play area with clear signs that dogs are NOT allowed in this area”

“Junction of the North Berwick/ Fenton Barns road junction – pavement required for pedestrian/safety reasons etc”

For Gullane we wish for better play areas for our children and young people and support for our local groups

“Gullane recreation park needs redesigning as a place for all especially for young people”

“Improve the children's play areas at Goose Green and sports field”

Support for ***“Gullane village hall”*** ***“Gullane sports development trust”*** ***“Gullane athletic”***

“Gullane Playgroup” ***“Gullane nursery”*** ***Gullane School***

We wish the community had the facilities and social spaces it needs

“Installation of broadband to the village hall (Gullane) to allow us to offer new opportunities to the community users”

“Installation of a biomass boiler in Gullane village hall to allow us to reduce our carbon footprint and to sustain a viable and ecological heating system for the future of the hall”
“Installation of a mobile hoist to make the disabled toilet in the village hall (Gullane) fully accessible” ***“Create a community garden in the space between the tennis courts and village hall”*** ***“Better toilets at beach in Gullane”***
“Facilities - a proper toilet block near the beach car park”
“the sight of an occasional policeman” ***“Improve the lighting in side streets as some have very little or low levels of street lights”***

We wish to get around our local area safely and be able to use sustainable transport options. We want to achieve this by....

Placing traffic calming measures in Gullane High street

“Gullane Village – A198 speed limit extension westwards/ traffic calming measures”
“Safer crossing by lane at main road in Gullane” ***“***
Installation of new pelican crossing on Gullane Main Street at the lane leading to the Medical Centre and Day Care Centre. This would assist all age groups including children outwith school hours and term times in crossing the busy main road on the way to the new all weather sports facility next to the school”
“perhaps a lower speed limit in the main street in Gullane”
“lower speed limits in ALL villages”

Improving our access in and around the local area by creating or upgrading paths for cycling

“Cycle path upgraded from Gullane to North Berwick” ***“Cycle path to Drem from Gullane”***
“A safe cycle route linking the villages would be wonderful. A safe route from North Berwick to Dirleton to Gullane then onwards to Drem station would also be fantastic”
“I want safe cycle paths for families. The pavement from Dirleton to North Berwick is not a safe cycle route for kids”
“Help catchment kids cycle to school by Improving the path under the power lines between ware road and the 9th tee corner of the west links. It takes an hour to push and cycle from Westerdunes park it could take 30 minutes and provide a very healthy start to the day. I wish for this 3 times”

Making it easy for us to choose public transport

“Improve public transport across the county as currently most routes are only east to west not north to South”
“Increase public parking at the railway stations at Drem and Longniddry”

For Drem we wish for more social spaces and activities in our community

“A play park for the children”
“A safe cycle route away from the road from Drem to Gullane”
“A shop and/or a cafe at that station that creates a social space for people to meet”

For North Berwick Town we wish for.....

The Lime Grove Area to have a way of communicating with residents, more bins, traffic calming measures and the securing of a derelict site

“A small community notice board (a resident has agreed it can be placed on their fence)”

“At least one waste/litter bin (street has none, but is very popular with dog walkers)”

“Road narrowing or similar traffic calming at the Tantallon Road gateway to NB”

“Tidying up and securing of former Rhodes ground-care site (increasingly derelict)”

The Law Area to have better off road parking, safer roads and more support from the community for local events

“Improve off-street parking opposite Law View in Lochbridge Road”

“Safer vehicular access from Lochbridge Road onto Dunbar Road”

“Tidying up of recycling area beside Loco in Lochbridge Road”

“Support from the community” “support to help at Open Days”

North Berwick Harbour to have changing facilities which includes showers and toilets, and for the railings to be replaced

“Harbour / Beach changing facilities (showers & toilets included) that are not connected to the yacht club” “Changing rooms at the harbour” “Changing units for people using the harbour area” “Replaced corroded handrails around harbour area”

The beaches to have drop off parking, swimming facilities including places to change/shower and a restriction on when dogs can use the space too. We wish that beaches were protected from erosion by having appropriate coastal defences in place

“Tidal pool for swimming in” “Reinstate the outdoor swimming pool at the harbour”

“A drop off area at the beach where you can park for 5 mins to unload people/ things”

“Make a designated area of the beach dog free. I'm fed up of dogs stealing my kids food and sniffing around their faces when we're having a picnic” “No dogs on parts of the beach during summer season”

“Outdoor showers at beach” “Public toilets/changing facilities by the East beach”

“Outdoor showers at the beaches” “Changing facilities for beach, water sport users”

“bring back the old beach huts”

“Costal defences. road and pavement repairs” “Extend costal defences”

The Beach Wheelchair Project to recruit staff and volunteers, and for the project to roll out across the Coastal Ward and beyond. We also wish that they project had a permanent home with the facilities in needs to provide an even better service

“To find a part time volunteer co-ordinator for beach wheelchairs (seasonal)”

***“To fund a part time booking line co-ordinator for beach wheelchairs”
“To roll out beach wheelchairs along the coast” “More locations for beach wheelchairs -
Yellowcraigs for instance” “Development funding to roll out Wheelchairs on the beach”
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***“Would be great for the Beach Wheelchairs to have a permanent home”
“Purpose built facility for wheelchairs on the beach with hoist” “Hoist facility for beach
wheelchairs” “Better building than a beach hut so they could have power - hoist and
electric beach chairs” “The sand wheelchair”***

***“Support for beach wheelchairs by: disabled parking space for people who had booked a
beach chair” “People park on Tantallon terrace and near harbour where disabled people
could park”***

North Berwick was an accessible town with access to the beach and harbour, the shops and high street, and the Law

***“North Berwick to work towards becoming an accessible town”
“More access for disabled” “Disabled toilets (wheelchair access)” “disabled toilets at the
harbour” “Easy access to the beach for wheelchairs” “To provide a purpose built disabled
toilet with a hoist within the harbour/ seabird centre area” “More disabled parking in
Fourth Street and next to the beach hut for disabled wheelchairs” “Access on to boats for
disabled people” “Disabled access to Galoways Pier”
“Wheelchairs on country paths too, safe ones e.g. Curling the Law fenced up & down”
“Better access to e.g. swimming pool” “Changing rooms for disabled and signage for
library disabled toilet facilities (that has a hoist) as visitors will not know about this”
“Wheelchair access to local shops and Why Not (Tourist info)” “To have an accessible
information point- not the library”
“Wider pavements – audit of pavements and plan to widen. Particularly Law Road and
High Street”***

North Berwick High Street was pedestrianised at peak times and that there was greater variety of shops, more small business and an information centre

***“Pedestrianisation of the high street (weekends only)” “Pedestrianise the high street”
“close off high st pedestrian only and park and ride properly”***

***“Better shops (not charity ones)” “Men's clothes shop in town”
“Encourage small businesses and shops by lowering rates and rents in high street”
“easily accessible info centre that covered more” “proper easily accessible info centre”
“Trees planted in the High Street (Where possible)”***

We wish for the Lodge.....

***“Get rid of the birds in the Lodge”
“Fun activities in the lodge grounds ie, Trampolines” “A permanent cafe in the lodge
grounds”***

Other wishes for the Town are

“To reinstate the fallen gravestones in Kirkports Graveyard” “More police on beat”

For North Berwick Coastal Area we wish.....

That everyone living in and visiting the Coastal Area has a range of social and leisure facilities and services they can use at times that suit them. This includes making better use of existing social spaces such as the Sports Centre and building new spaces such as an Arts centre. We would like a wider range of activities, events and groups along with more seating, bins and toilets too

to improve sports and leisure facilities...

***“Longer opening hours at the sports centre, especially at the weekends would help various sports clubs” “Cheaper hire of sports hall would also make sports clubs more accessible”
“Flumes to be added to the swimming pool” “Squash courts” “A yoga centre”***

That we had a multi-use facility for the Arts

“£20,000 for second phase of feasibility study - site investigation” “Attract Fundraisers and patrons (friends of the Arts Centre Group)” “Clarity re possible sites to investigate (so many variables due to future development in the town)”

***“Arts Centre” “Arts centre for groups to use and put on shows with a proper stage and audience area” “Vibrant Arts Community”
“North Berwick has fantastic facilities. Converting an existing building into a community arts hub would be great” “Cinema/Theatre/Dance/Performing Arts” “Cinema/theatre space” “State of the art technical arts spaces “ “Exhibition space” “Art Centre/ Cinema” “An arts centre for visual, music and drama” “Cinema” “A small theatre/arts centre” “proper cinema, theatre, arts hub, gardening hub, art workshops”***

For more activities, events and groups

***“A rock choir!” “Bingo” “more community initiatives that get people together such as community gardening, theatre, cinema”
“Indoor curling rink” “Winter ice rink/curling rink”
“free and comfortable place to meet” “outdoor fresh produce market “
“events promoting local crafts”***

For more seating, bins and toilets

“More public seating” “More public seating” “An additional seat outside the hope rooms (on other side from existing seat which should also be repaired)”

“Picnic benches at recreation park”

***“More bins and recycling bins which are emptied more often” “More Big Belly bins”
“more bins around the beach and play parks” “more dog poo bins generally”
“Seagull proof waste bins” “Seagull-proof bins and better facilities for recycling for
visitors to the area”***

***“Better toilet facilities” “Toilets at West End/ Railway” “Toilets at the station in North
Berwick” “Toilets at the beach and at the station” “Toilets all year round in lodge
grounds” “Public toilets at putting green on west beach. Not possible to pack up beach
stuff and kids, then head to quality street just to use the toilet” “Toilets at West Beach
and East Beach in north Berwick”***

Making the North Berwick Coastal Ward easier to get around by improving....

Parking, signage and enforcement measures

***“Better parking” “Improve parking options” “Extend town centre parking” “Improving
parking facilities, park + ride, proper signage, better bus service, shuttle bus from station”***

***“More parking in the town Tourist information /signage in the Town” “Good signage for
car parking facilities” “Better signage for parking at weekends eg Rugby Ground,
community centre” “Better signage to stop parking on single yellow lines during day”***

“No paying for neighbouring coastal car parks” “No parking fees for beaches”

“More traffic wardens”

Pavements

***“To improve pavements in North Berwick” “Improve the pavements, reduce the parking
and put in crossings in the High Street” “Wider pavements”***

Public transport

“Reliable affordable quality and frequent buses and similar for trains”

***“Better public transport across East Lothian” “Better public transport to Edinburgh Royal
Infirmary”***

***“Frequent town bus service that would encourage people to park and ride or leave their
car at home” “Local North Berwick bus service for around town” “Transport service to
regularly connect edges of towns (e.g. north Berwick) and nearby villages to town Centre -
to reduce reliance on car and provide greater freedom for elderly residents - e.g. electric
mini-bus or similar”***

“Re-extend Edinburgh bus services to start/terminate opposite Lime Grove”

“Increasing train provision for commuters” “Provision of a later train service on Fridays and Saturdays to North Berwick from Edinburgh like the one during the festival all year round would be great” “far earlier start to Sunday train service”

“Park and Ride facility for high season” “Park and ride scheme with either regular shuttle buses or a tourist train”

“Car ferry to Fife”

Our options to choose cycling and walking and making more routes and making existing routes and roads safer

“Anything to decrease car use”

“Dedicated cycling facilities” “Provide safer cycle routes” “Improved cycle paths”

“More cyclepaths and safer active routes to schools”

“Audit of paths in 'recreational' areas such as the Glen to ensure safe access for all”

“Integrated path network that would allow for pedestrians, dog-walkers and leisure cyclists to travel throughout the area without having to use the roads”

“Provision of a good quality off-road or dedicated cycle path network to provide safe cycle routes throughout towns and to connect towns and villages in area - as well as safe cycling environment for locals encouraging health and wellbeing, it could be promoted as a facility for tourists in addition to our other tourist attractions”

“Safe off-road paths for cycling and walking along the coast” “Off road cycle paths linking cluster towns and villages to high school” “Cycle paths linking towns and villages not on the train line to major stations”

“Make the high street more pedestrian friendly” “20mph speed restrictions in residential areas” “20mph speed limit throughout the town or at least every major road near the school”

“More zebra crossing at key points ie the rec, 3g pitch, tennis courts, beach road etc...”

“ Safe road crossings as part of an improved traffic management policy in North Berwick and other towns that encourages cars being left at home”

Finally we wish for more attention to be given to our roads

‘Far more attention given to pot-holes on side roads - some are very bad’

We wish for improved health facilities including general practice, mental health, support and dental services across the Coastal Ward

*“New Doctor's surgery and more doctors” “Additional GP surgery”
“new larger health centre” “A larger, more accommodating doctors surgery” “Increase access to locally provided services and provide space for consultation and treatment”
“Replace local health services that have been lost such as chiropody and physiotherapy”*

“If we took a wider view of who mental health issues affect- ie not just a parent- but their children, (now and in future,) perhaps as a community we could offer a more comprehensive support package to try to break cycles of illness and distress, and to respond appropriately” “More services for mental health”

“A cafe for people with support needs,(ie mental health issues) staffed by people with support needs. Offering peer support, crisis support, help from relevant services, reducing social isolation, training to help people become more employable”

“Expansion to school NHS dental services”

For local housing development we wish for...

More

*“Good quality affordable housing - lots of it!” “Build affordable housing for local people”
“With holiday rentals booming it is essential that local people on lower incomes can rent property at a reasonable price and with secure tenancies. (Everything built should have a sensible mix of social and private housing together)” “Local people should be offered local ELC properties” “More affordable housing for young local people”*

And less

“Absolutely NO MORE houses built on the exterior of North Berwick without thinking and acting on the infrastructure first” “Stop building large, expensive houses” “Stop building more housing estates- our local services are in danger of being overwhelmed” “No more new houses!” “No more homes built in North Berwick” “No further new house building unless social housing”

For our communities we wish for...

Better local information and opportunities to participate in local decision making

*“Booklet to say what is on”
“Area Partnership to be consulted on any aspects of “change” across the Ward”
“democratic, transparent town decision-making processes”*

Equality and cohesion

***“Less stigma” “Community spirit” “Community bonding” “No class difference”
“For poor folk All ages Keep area down in price or where it is”
“Creation of free adult education provision (so that poorer can access rather than paid
night classes)”
“Reduce the socio-economic divide or at least remember there are people living in poverty
IN NORTH BERWICK”***

More people to volunteer

***“Big shortage of volunteer parents to run cubs/guides/swimming. Maybe offer some
incentives?” “More help and accessibility for elderly and disabled folk”
“Would love to see more people encouraged to volunteer at Beavers, Cubs, Scouts,
Rainbows, Brownies etc... - there are waiting lists for them all and a lot of people with
time on their hands”***

More local office spaces

“more office space with flexible hot-desking arrangements”

More funding and support for local groups

***“Community fundraising and volunteering” “Help and advice to access funding”
“Funding to support vulnerable groups..” “more funding” “More funding for groups of
young or old folk- perhaps transport wise”
“Community centre to support groups by offering free space for first year to help New
projects flourish” “Sustainability” “Promotion of their work, who's doing what and
where?”
“ELC should commit to funding key voluntary organisations with 3 year funding rather
than the current one, which does not encourage good forward planning and increases
stress. They cannot keep expecting the same level of services with static budgets”
“Co-ordination so that groups can share information and resources”
“Organisational development support for village halls on site so they can become
sustainable”
“A go-to person to help groups set-up to provide guidance for formalities, financial
support available and legal requirements”
“Coordinated help for groups to access premises or find means of creating new premises
suitable to requirements”
“Help groups with communication/promotion - including communication/links with
similar groups throughout county and beyond to share ideas/solve problems”***

To increase tourism we wish for.....

“Work to understand just what features of North Berwick (and other such towns) cumulatively attract visitors and residents alike and attempt to preserve and enhance those features in a pro-active way, especially with the current pressure on growing our towns and villages - not easy I know”

“A tourist attraction, such as a road train, providing transport for visitors and residents in summer and at weekends - e.g. might link North Berwick station and town centre to castles at Dirleton and Tantallon, or link golf courses...”

For our greenspaces we wish for..

inviting social spaces where people can meet, grown their own food and access fresh drinking water

“Free outdoor play opportunities for people of all ages in all green spaces - encourage inter generational mixing”

“Allotments” “more allotments/community growing space including community orchard”

“Drinking water fountains, easily accessible, as a feature of the coastal area” “Drinking water fountains in high street/Lodge/beach”

“More protection for our green spaces, parks etc to stop damage by parked cars”

*“halt overdevelopment, retain green spaces resident parking permits for town centre teamed with 15 minute parking bays in High St Fair,
“less unnecessary public adverts”*