



East Lothian Cycle Forum

Project updates

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Staffing

Aileen Herraghty recently started as Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) Embedded officer within East Lothian Council.

Access to bikes and cycle parking

Community cycle parking / public repair facilities

ELC have appointed a contractor to install new public cycle stands at 10 locations around Macmerry, Musselburgh, North Berwick, Pencaitland, Prestonpans, Ormiston and Tranent. We expect those to be installed before Christmas.

A further list of locations is currently going through the planning process, ahead of installation early next year.

ELC are in discussion with Scotrail regarding repair stands and pumps being added at four stations in East Lothian this year.

To suggest locations for community bike parking and public cycle repair facilities please email activetravel@eastlothian.gov.uk.

Cycling UK Cycle Access Fund

Dunbar Medical Practice has now taken ownership of the bikes received through the Cycle Access Fund and supplied by Belhaven Bikes. They seem to be putting them to good use and haven't required any further training.

Funding for the Individual and Shared Use strands is still available in the SEStran Area.

Folding bike hire pilot

ELC are currently reviewing how to continue with this workstream, with mixed success at library hubs. However, the unstaffed lockers at Queen Margaret University are doing well. ELC are considering reallocating the bikes currently hosted in libraries to unstaffed lockers, if an appropriate location can be found.

Residential cycle storage

ELC have prepared drawings for locations in Dunbar and Musselburgh, which are now starting to go through the planning process. A further location in Dunbar is under discussion with the local Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group.

The active travel team would welcome further suggestions for shared storage. Residents can express their interest by emailing activetravel@eastlothian.gov.uk.

Workplace cycle storage

ELC have started procurement of new workplace cycle storage facilities at the George Johnstone Centre in Tranent. We expect these to be completed by the end of March.

Organisations can express interest in Workplace cycle storage by emailing activetravel@eastlothian.gov.uk.

Behaviour change and communities

Centre Line removal pilot project

Academics at our partner universities for the study are now working on the final draft of their report to the Road Safety Trust. The results of this small-scale trial are inconclusive. This is not unusual for small-scale intervention studies. If they are able, the academics would now like to gain funding for a larger study to have general confidence in the findings. This might, we believe, require a study of at least 40 Intervention sites across rural, peri-urban and urban locations on 20mph and 30mph speed limit roads.

Cycling UK – Connecting Communities in East Lothian

Led rides: fewer riders as the evenings have cut in and weather has turned.

Adult Cycle Training: 12 rides with 23 participants. From basic learn to pedal, to additional support for aspiring ride leaders. Excellent collaboration from Cycling Scotland instructors and Outdoor Learning Bikeability team has signposted some of the participants. Referrals also coming via local bike shops.

Dr Bike: 3 sessions. 28 bikes with minor issues fixed or advised of more challenging issues that required further work. Regular issues are flat tyres, brake adjustments, headsets.

Maintenance training: 21 trained at an evening with Aberlady Scouts

Pop-up events and bookable e-bike/trike trials: 242 people have tried out e-bikes and family cycles. These are weather dependent, with cancellations on colder wetter days but some hardy regulars enjoy their chance to cycle no matter what the weather.

Regulars at our Tuesday sessions include Stepping Out, Scottish Autism, an MS group and other individuals, as well as those attending for a one-off visit to try a range of e-bikes before borrowing the cycle that suits them best.

Cargo bike loans: steady monthly turnover of most of our cargo bikes and trikes, with potential loanees choosing which cycle's waiting list to join. More demand since council promotion.

Of our cargo bikes, the long-tail Tern GSD is still the most popular, with the traditional 'bakfiets' style least popular. The Tern handles much more like a regular bike, bakfiets take more training and practice.

Bike loans: 17 e-bikes, 1 regular, with cycling lessons where needed.

Learn to Pedal classes: since the last forum meeting, we have run another 8 learn to pedal sessions with 83 attendees. 22 more children now pedalling.

Fleet maintenance: as the busier summertime has finished, time has been taken up with bike and trike maintenance and repairs.

ELC Staff Travel Plan / Calcommuter

The 2025 CalCommuter survey closed at the start of November and early analysis indicated a slight decline in the modal share of the private car, and a rise in the modal share of cycling. 2026 will see implementation of the plan ramped up, with an associated modal shift the target for the 2026 survey.

Public transport

Dunbar Rail Station access

Network Rail are expected to begin work on their land in January, to connect the path to the southern platform. The gate into the station at the southern platform will remain closed until all works are finished.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Journey Hubs

ELC are in the process of upgrading three Journey Hub locations. They are Queen Margaret University, Cockenzie House and Pencaitland. Works will include replacing/installing new bus shelters (where required) and creating and installing map/totem style information boards (like those at Wallyford and East Linton).

A priority for this work is to ensure that the stops and shelters are in good repair and that the service information for each location is current. QR codes linking to real time passenger information will also be present.

North Berwick Rail Station improvements

ELC and Scotrail are discussing an alternative proposed location for new sheltered cycle storage, with Scotrail still to approve this. If an appropriate location can be agreed, discussion will then focus on whether improvements can be made by the end of March.

Route development

Blindwells to Prestonpans Rail Station active travel link

A design has been agreed in principle. Timescales for delivery are now the responsibility of the Developer, Hargreaves.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Coastal Feasibility Study

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust are carrying out some initial feasibility looking at National Cycle Network route improvements between Prestonpans and Aberlady. This is at an early stage and further information will be provided in future.

Law path, North Berwick

ELC have been supporting Law Primary Parent Council with delivery of this project. ECR Surfacing have been appointed to carry out construction of the Law Path, which is under way. This will connect the east and west of the town, providing a route to the school campus.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Musselburgh Active Toun

Routes 1, 2 & 5 outwith the Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme footprint – internal discussions to be held regarding the detail of materials, finishes, street furniture, potential impacts on existing trees and proposals for new trees.

The making of three draft Traffic Regulation Orders to enable the designs for Routes 1, 2 & 5 was approved by the ELC Cabinet meeting of 11th November. These are for:

- new and amended waiting and loading restrictions on various roads
- a speed limit change from 40mph to 30mph on Haddington Road
- permitting two-way cycling on Shorthope Street.

Planning application required for a short section of widening on Route 2 Haddington Road. Documents are in development.

Detailed design of west end of Route 2 – Edinburgh Road between New Street and LA boundary in progress.

MFPS team continue to progress designs for the Eskside section of Route 5 and Route 3.

Planning applications are being developed for sections of MAT route within the general footprint of the MFPS but which are not covered by the Scheme's consenting process. The first planning application will be for the section of Route 5 alongside Station Road.

An online consultation for Route 5 Station Road opened on 3rd November and will run until 15th December -

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5057159838054a1cba6ada53ceadda36>.

Pencaitland – crossing of A6093 at Woodhall Pit

ELC are in the process of arranging a contract, which will see a spray applied high friction surface and a new handrail both added at the recently resurfaced area near the crossing.

Prestonpans to Levenhall

Location / description: development of an improved active travel connection between Prestonpans and Musselburgh along the B1348. See [Levenhall to Prestonpans / Projects / East Lothian Council](#).

Additional consultation has been carried out on revised options at the Levenhall end of the route, including with local organisations and the Tenant's and Resident's Association.

ELC will provide further information on the outcome of this consultation in due course.

Prestonpans Cemetery Park

Community engagement is now complete, with a summary of that process available alongside the initial proposals [here](#).

A first phase on construction will begin in early 2026, focused on widening and resurfacing some of the existing paths to improve accessibility. Benches will also be added to the park.

Town Centre audits

An initial package of works has been awarded for this year, which will focus on dropped kerb accessibility improvements around East Linton, Musselburgh and Prestonpans, as well as minor surfacing improvements in Musselburgh.

Additional design works are under consideration for North Berwick.

Wallyford Toll active travel improvements

East Lothian Council have engaged Akela as the construction contractor, who will start work at the Wallyford Toll roundabout on 24th November.

The roundabout will be made more accessible for active travel which will also improve traffic flows. Being a large interchange with a focus on motorised vehicles, the

Wallyford Toll roundabout is currently a barrier to travel on foot, in wheelchairs or by bike. The pedestrian approaches to the roundabout are severed by the traffic, and there is no easy way for partially sighted people, or people with limited mobility, to make a connection across it.

The installation of new toucan crossings will facilitate both pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road at the same time creating additional opportunities to negotiate the arms of the roundabout. Widened pavements and cycle paths will also allow people to walk, wheel and cycle safely around the road network.

The majority of the work will take place at night to minimise impact on traffic flow. It is hoped that works will be complete by the end of March 2026. ELC will liaise closely with bus operators to ensure that services can continue to run. All traffic management will be removed and the roads kept clear over the Christmas period from 20/12/2025 to 04/01/2026.

The project is being managed by AECOM and funded by Transport Scotland through the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund.

Further information on this project can be found [here](#).

Wallyford Route to School

ELC are working with Wallyford Parent Council to construct a new path which will make it easier for people to walk and cycle from the west of Wallyford to the new schools. Construction will start in the new year.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Schools

Cycle and scooter storage

Works to relocate a shelter at Pencaitland Primary School are complete. Major works are due to take place in February, replacing all eight of the shelters that were damaged by Storm Eowyn at Pinkie Primary School.

School Travel Planning

Over 30 primary schools across East Lothian now have an active school travel plan (85%). Target for 2026 is over 90%. ELC have also recently started to work high school on travel plans also. Currently 40% of our high schools have a draft plan. Our aspiration is to reach 90% in 2026.

Sports Development

Pump tracks

The Dunbar pump track continues to be highly popular with over 100 users every day and a great mix of demographics. ELC have delivered a Shipping Container in partnership with SPACE CIC who have been trained up by Scottish Cycling to deliver sessions and events. SAPCE now have a range of bikes including Adapted Bikes that they can loan out to families who don't have or can't afford a bike. The official opening event will now be held in April / May 2026.

The North Berwick pump track continues to be highly popular with over 100 users every day (and 50 plus before school each morning!) The official opening event will now be held in April / May 2026.

A Drainage Plan Proposal has just been accepted by planners for the Musselburgh pump track and we look forward to this project receiving Planning Permission in the coming weeks. With funding in place, building works are likely to start March / April 2026.

Funding is in place for the Haddington pump track and work has started on the planning application which is likely to be submitted early 2026.

Prestonpans and Tranent pump tracks both have a significant funding shortfall. Sports Development plan to meet Connected Community Managers for these wards early in 2026 to seek to address this.

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