# MINUTES – Meeting of the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership,

# 9th September 2014, 7-9pm Gullane Recreation Hall

#### Meeting Chaired by :

David Small, Director of Health and Social Care, East Lothian Council (DS)

#### Members (and substitute members) present

Cllr. David Berry (DB) Cllr. Jim Goodfellow (JG) Carl Hamer, Dirleton Village Association (CH) Sheila Sinclair, North Berwick Community Council (SS) Hilary Smith, North Berwick Community Council (HS) Linda Hall, North Berwick Community Council (LH) Elma Danks, North Berwick Community Council (ED) Rosanne Ainslie, Gullane Area Community Council (RA) Tim Harding, Lime Grove TRA (TH) JF, Gullane Primary School Parent Council (JF) Laura Forrest, Law Primary PTA (LF) Lesley Kay, North Berwick Area Children and Youth Network (LK) Ian Watson, North Berwick Area Children and Youth Network (IW) Eric March, Association of East Lothian Day Centres (EM) Evelyn Watson, NB High School Parent Council (EW) Isla Mackay, NB High School Pupil Council (IM) Rhiordan Langan-Fortune, Scottish Youth Parliament (RLF) Ian Donald, East Lothian Association of Day Centres (ID)

# Others in attendance

Kaela Scott, Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (KS) Rurigdh McMeddes, Assistant Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (RM) Stephanie Carr, Assistant Local Community Planning Officer, East Lothian Council (SC) Lynne Martin, North Berwick High School (LM) Sandra King, Community Learning and Development, East Lothian Council (SK)

# **Apologies received**

Cllr Tim Day (TD) Brian Verth, North Berwick Community Sports Hub (BV) Chloe Doris, NB High School Pupil Council (CD) Donald McDonald, Gullane Area Community Council (DM) Ellen Stevenson, NB High School Pupil Council (ES) Eric Thomson, Gullane Village Hall Management Committee (ET) Gordon Gray, Dunpender Community Council (GG) Grace Cain, NG High School Pupil Council (GC) Ian Malcolm, Gullane Area Community Council (IM) Jeremy Findlay, Gullane Area Community Council (JFin) Niall Bradley, Aberlady Primary School Parent Council (NB) Zoe Laidlaw, NB High School Pupil Council (ZL) Irene Galloway, Law Residents Association (IG)

Agenda Item	Key discussion points	Action
1. Welcome	DS welcomed everyone to the meeting. All present introduced themselves and apologies were noted.	
2. Approval of the minutes	Minutes were approved without amendment. Cllr DB requested further information on the points regarding access deprivation in the ward area.	ACTION - Staff to provide further clarification as an appendix to the minutes.
3. Matters Arising	<ul> <li>Engagement with Young People IM was present at the meeting representing the NB High School Pupil Council, and was supported by a member of staff (LM). IM and LM explained that there were plans to carry out engagement with young people on issues considered by the APs, but that the pupil councils were not ready for full consultation yet this school year. Nonetheless some consultation has been done by show of hand surveys with classes regarding opinions on the accuracy of several statements about the NB area. (a selection made by the young people from the statements used in the last Area Partnership meeting) LM reported that for the most part pupils were very positive about their area. However she reported that: <ul> <li>S4 were unsure regarding the availability of Opportunities for Young People, while;</li> <li>S3 – S5 were unsure about the Thriving Nature of Town and Village Centres in the area.</li> <li>A summary of the initial results are attached as an appendix to the minute.</li> <li>KS stated that the partnerships were still very new, and highlighted that the school is far from behind on its engagement activities.</li> <li>DB stated the necessity of defining terms effectively. He gave the example of 'Thriving' as in 'Thriving Town Centres', stating that it may be appropriate for the group to define what this means in our context.</li> </ul> Broadband KS provided a brief explanation of the East Lothian Next Generation Internet Connectivity Strategy. She stated that some areas within the NB ward may benefit from the</li></ul>	
	roll out which aims at providing 95% of properties in Scotland with Next Generation Connectivity (NGC). However, some rural areas across this, and other wards are unlikely to see benefit – even to the	

	<ul> <li>standard of 'useable' broadband.</li> <li>ELC have developed a strategy to assess how support can be provided for those areas not included.</li> <li>It is of note that some communities within 'white spots' are already moving forward with strategies, and ELC will aim to facilitate affected communities linking up to work together on this issue.</li> <li>For those interested the full strategy is available here: http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/site/scripts/google_results.php?q=far.rpoint (please follow the link "Farrpoint Document Template")</li> <li>Answering a question regarding the availability of a 'simplified map' detailing areas affected, KS stated there was not a useful map available at present but explained that BT do have a postcode finder which is able to give an indication - on http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when From this it is possible to explore how different areas will be affected. For example, it seems from this that the corridor between Gullane and Drem is unlikely to see any benefit.</li> <li>DB accused BT at this point of 'obfuscation' stating that there are some communities in this area that already feel they have been previously misled by BT as regards broadband availability. He continued that the rollout of NGC is vital as EL has a sophisticated rural community, who require good internet connectivity.</li> <li>KS stressed that while a general overview can be seen from the strategy, for many areas they are still surveying, stressing that more information will be made publicly available as soon as possible.</li> <li>KS further explained that at this stage it is clear that some areas are definitely not going to benefit, and it is important to start working with those areas straight away. There are other areas however, where the situation is still uncertain.</li> <li>JG provided a brief explanation of the rollout, explaining that the target of 95% was from BT and was in addition to the commercial rollout which included all towns in East Lothian</li> <li>JG stated that NB was</li></ul>	
	However he stated that his research suggests the rollout will come	
	Other Matters	
	KS stated that there was still no engagement from Aberlady Village Hall with the invitation for membership despite a number of	
	attempts to contact them. It is unclear whether this is due to	
	communication issues, or a decision from AVH not to take part.	
4. Building	a) Confirming the Themes	
Understa	KS indicated that key themes had been sent out with the minutes of	
nding of	the previous meeting, and that these themes attempted to	
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Themes	previous meetings.	

<ul> <li>The themes that had emerged included:</li> <li>Poverty and Inequality</li> <li>Access to Affordable Housing</li> <li>Access Deprivation</li> <li>Localising Services</li> <li>Sustainable Economy</li> <li>Increasing Older Population</li> <li>Greenspace and the Environment</li> <li>Community Safety</li> </ul> KS asked if these themes accurately represent the main issues from discussion at the previous meeting. In particular inquiring as to any	
<ul> <li>other themes that attendees believe had been a priority during discussion but were not included.</li> <li>DB stated that themes seemed to capture the previous discussion. However he cautioned that some terms, eg 'Affordable Housing'</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>should be understood relatively.</li> <li>DB continued stating that when it comes to 'Access Deprivation' it is important to be "on the same page" as Transport, and that this can present difficulties. He indicated that the same was true of Planning, stating that at times planning decisions were made which "ticked all the right boxes" but nonetheless resulted in poor outcomes.</li> <li>DB highlighted a correction to the descriptions re Greenspace and</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>the Environment stated that 'Coos Green' had never been under threat, instead it was the area by Tantallan Terrace.</li> <li>Two additional themes were suggested by the group.</li> <li>1. The first was Mental Health. It was indicated that this was noted under 'Localising Services' and that references to this</li> </ul>	ACTION -
<ul> <li>could be enhanced in a re-write</li> <li>2. The second was Opportunities for Young People. It was stated that North Berwick is an area that tends to focus on Older People, but that there also are above average numbers of young people living in the North Berwick Ward, and there were concerns that these young people could be 'lost'.</li> </ul>	Staff to re- write the themes based on feedback and distribute with the minutes
KS suggested adding 'Opportunities for Young People as a ninth theme, and this was supported by those in attendance. Decision: 'Opportunities for Young People' was added as a ninth	minutes
priority of the North Berwick and Coastal Ward. Following this decision KS highlighted that these themes are broad, and not set in stone. They are meant to inform discussion at coming meetings and will evolve as the Partnership evolves.	
LK asked for explanation of how discussions by the AP actually led to change in the area, indicating that understanding this may influence	

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	<ul> <li>how discussions at the present meeting were conducted.</li> <li>KS explained that the principal role of discussion was to feed into the development of Area Plans.</li> <li>that the Area Plans will be ten year strategic plansidentifying actions that will have a local impact on achieving the outcomes set out in the East Lothian Plan – and incorporate both long term approaches to improving local outcomes and short term actions focused on improving service delivery;</li> <li>She stressed that all actions that are in the plan will have intent to deliver on the part of service providers, stressing that the Area Plan is "not a wish list" but will have been negotiated with service providers prior to finalisation</li> <li>are likely to include actions for service providers to implement, actions for the community / community based groups to lead on and also opportunities for co-designing and/or co-producing different ways of delivering services.</li> <li>Further there is approx. £600K budgeted across the 6 APs in the next financial year that can be used to help fund some of the actions identified in the Area Plans, while others may be able to secure external funding based on this approach.</li> <li>DB stated the need for the community to see something happen, and the need of the AP should not just be limited to the Area Plan.</li> <li>DS stated in response that as new bodies the consultee role of Area Partnerships was still evolving. Further although not necessarily statutory consultees they would be playing key roles in major upcoming consultations eg Plans for the integration of Health and Social Care and the Local Development Plan.</li> <li>The minutes of the first meeting of the NBC AP which set out the role, remit and the outline of the Area Plan process can be found at: http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/5486/east_lothian n_partnership-north berwick coastal area partnership</li> </ul>	
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Prioritising the themes	KS introduced an informal voting exercise, which was intended to gauge priorities for discussion at the present meeting and to help set the agenda for future meetings During this exercise attendees were given five 'Green' voting stickers, and three 'Amber' voting stickers with which to express their priorities. It was highlighted that those themes which attracted fewer votes would not "drop off the bottom" and would still be discussed and acted upon.	

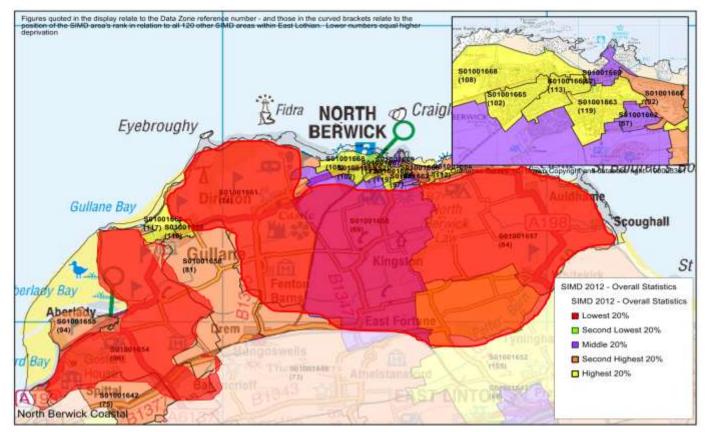
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each of the discussion groups, to allow the whole group to get a record		record
sense of each topic for future discussions.	sense of each topic for future discussions.	

	<ul> <li><u>Opportunities for Young People</u>:         <ul> <li>Lack of premises in the NB ward for activities for Children and Young People and the potential loss of SPACE</li> <li>Lack of employment opportunities in the area</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Access Deprivation – Travel and Transport:</u></li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Congestion due to growing population and reliance on cars: need for more cycle routes and core paths</li> <li>No inter NB bus service, further adding to car reliance: perhaps this could be paid for by planning gain from house builders</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>lack of Transport Strategy from ELC also raised as a key issue</li> <li><u>Increasing Older Population</u>:         <ul> <li>Difficulty accessing hospitals by public transport if sick, or if visiting a sick friend</li> <li>Disparity in funding/support for the two day centres in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
	ward			
5. Next steps	DS thanked everyone for their time, noting the high quality of the discussion that had been had, before outlining plans for coming meetings. He explained that due to the timeline for the MIR consultation the next meeting will focus on those themes which are relevant to the Local Development Plan, with a view to these discussions informing the APs involvement in the official consultation process. Furthermore DS indicated that there was also a planned Health and Social Care Consultation which would also be happening throughout the coming months, and suggested that the following meeting might focus on matters relevant to that. KS highlighted that the notes from this meeting would be distributed within 2 week and asked members to take the themes discussed back to the groups they represented to add ideas and potential actions.	ACTION: Members: to take the themes discussed back to their groups for addition and comment		
6. AOCB	KS highlighted the <b>'Resilient Communities Workshop'</b> on Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October, distributing a copy of the invitation from Sandy Baptie. She asked for Community Councils and TRA's intending to participate to confirm their attendance to Sandy and encouraged other partnership members with an interest in attending to contact Sandy directly <u>sbaptie@eastlothian.gov.uk</u>	ACTION: Members: confirm attendance to Resilient Communities workshop:		
Date of Next Meetings	<ul> <li>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October , 7-9pm, Venue tbc         <ul> <li>Themes for Discussion: Economy, Green Space and Housing with a view to informing discussion during the MIR consultation period later this year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 7-9pm, Venue tbc</li> </ul>	Please send any apologies to: <u>nbc-</u> <u>ap@eastloth</u> <u>ian.gov.uk</u>		
Contact: Kaola	Scott, Local Community Planning Officer			

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#### Access Deprivation\* in the Ward

(From North Berwick Coastal Ward by Numbers)



- 4 datazones in the North Berwick Coastal ward- covering Whitekirk, Lochhouses, Ballencrieff, Kingston, East Fortune, Fenton Barns, Dirleton and parts of Aberlady- are among the 20% most access deprived datazones in Scotland.
  - o 26% of the population of the ward live within these datazones.
- 9 of the datazones in the ward are among the 50% most access deprived in East Lothian.
  - o 58% of the population of the ward live within the most access deprived parts of East Lothian

Pupils asked on a scale of 1 to 5-5 being completely agree.

1. "We all have the opportunity to live healthy lives."

2 said 3

- S2- 55 pupils asked. 51 said 5
- 4 said 4 53- 44 pupils asked. 32 said 5 5 said 4 2 said 3 2 said 2 54 - 47 pupils asked. 36 said 5 4 said 4

Across all year groups the majority completely agree or agree with this statement.

- S5-17 pupils asked, 17 said 5
- "Young people in this area have the opportunities they need to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens."

52-	28 said 5	S5- 10 said 5
	24 said 4	3 said 4
	1 said 3	4 said 3
53-	3 said 5	The majority in each year group
	19 said 4	agree or completely agree with statement. However, 54 have a
	12 said 3	majority who are unsure/ don't
	3 said 2	really know whether to agree with this or not.
S4-	13 said 5	
	21 said 4	
	6 said 3	

Appendix B – notes from initial quick survey with young people

 "Our town and village centres are thriving and well maintained places where people want to be."

52-	6 said 5	54-	0 said 5	
	25 said 4		17 said 4	
	17 said 3		18 said 3	
	1 said 2		6 said 2	
53-	1 said 5		1 said 1	
	10 said 4	55-	1 said 5	
	21 said 3		5 said 4	
	4 said 2		7 said 3	
	4 said 1		5 said 2	

This is more mixed- S2 mostly agree with this statement however S3 and S5 are undecided.

4. "Our area is a safe place- indoors and out."

S2-	8 said 5	S4-	13 said 5
	20 said 4		6 said 4
	12 said 3		20 said 3 Majority of all year groups agree
	4 said 2		3 said 3 with this statement.
	2 said 1		1 said 1
53-	5 said 5	S5-	12 said 5
	24 said 4		3 said 4
	9 said 3		1 said 3
	1 said 2		1 said 1
	2 said 1		

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# Key themes for the NBC Area Partnership In the order prioritised for attention at the meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014

#### 1. Opportunities for young people

Young people across the area have the chance to benefit from a wide range of opportunities on offer across the ward, both at North Berwick High School and in through community based services and provision. The challenge is to make sure that ALL young people are able to benefit from these opportunities – particularly given the challenges associated with rural isolation and/or affordability for some families. It is also the case that while the majority of pupils leaving school in the ward move onto positive post-school destinations the most recent figures suggest that 5% are still trying to find a sustained employment / training path 9 months after leaving school.

#### 2. Access Deprivation - travel and transport

While public transport from North Berwick to Edinburgh was considered to have improved over recent years there were still issues relating to cost, reliability, timetabling and flexibility that were highlighted in discussions – leading to calls for an affordable, integrated public transport service across the area (incorporating bus/train/bike/walking strategies).

The discussions also emphasised the difficulties in using public transport to travel outside the North Berwick - Edinburgh corridor - eg to Haddington or Dunbar. Remembering that 4 datazones in the ward - covering Whitekirk, Lochhouses, Ballencrieff, Kingston, East Fortune, Fenton Barns, Dirleton and parts of Aberlady- are among the 20% most access deprived datazones in Scotland, and recognising the difficulties of providing a commercially viable service in these areas, the discussions emphasised the need for a serious response from ELC to developing an effective community transport strategy.

#### 3. Sustainable Economy

Discussions relating to a sustainable economy in the area ranged widely and highlighted some specific different issues in North Berwick (e.g. the role of the Business Association, the desire for more tourist information, and potential for a Town Centre Plan) and the surrounding villages (where sustaining local shops and facilities were key issues). One common issue across all areas however was the goal to improve the potential for local employment and reduce the need to commute outside the area –through increasing the space allocated to business/office space in Local Development Plan, improving access to flexible, serviced office space and improving the speed and reliability of broadband.

# 4. Localising Services

Across all the topics there was a general feeling that there was a need to reverse the current trend of centralise services and move services closer to the people they are designed to benefit – particularly in relation to health and mental health services. Highlighting that approximately 1/3 of the ward's population live in rural areas or villages within some of the most access deprived parts of East Lothian the discussions also emphasised the difficulties in accessing centralised service (especially in Haddington) if you do not have private transport.

#### 5. Increasing Older Population

The proportionally high percentage of older people in the area, and the growing numbers of older people aged over 85, present challenges and opportunities for both service providers (particularly in relation to health services) and for communities themselves. It was identified that there was a need to map service provision for older people, test where there were pressures (existing and expected) and explore opportunities for social enterprises in the social care field, opportunities

which could also support local employment. Opportunities to develop community strategies to help older people remain / become active and included within the community – eg Dementia Friendly initiatives were also highlighted, as was the benefits of having high numbers of retirees in the area (both over 65 and under 65) providing a pool of people who may be able to take up expanded volunteering roles.

#### 6. Greenspace and the Environment

Access to open / green spaces and the high quality of the natural (and built) environment in the area is a key reason that people choose to live in this ward – and recent local campaigns (eg by Tantallon Terrace) have demonstrated an increased public awareness and valuing of this. Protecting, maintaining and enhancing this needs to be balanced with pressures for increased housing and infrastructure developments – both in relation to new greenfield sites and infill building.

#### 7. Access to affordable housing

There is high demand on the proportionally low number of social houses available in the ward leading to an increased reliance on the private rental sector where, local intelligence suggests, rents are very high and that it can be difficult to sustain long term tenancies due to pressure from the holiday rental market. There was agreement that there is a need for more social and affordable housing in the area – and that this needs to be in areas with good access to transport and services. However the building of new housing (affordable or commercially driven) will have an impact on infrastructure and services, as demonstrated already by pressure on school places and buildings in some villages. How can the demand for more housing be balanced with pressures on services and the desire to maintain the character of the town and villages in the area? What can be done to ensure existing housing stock (social, owner occupied and rented) remains accessible to local families?

#### 8. Poverty and inequality

While acknowledging the relative affluence of the ward as a whole, the discussions highlighted the need to recognise that there were examples of real deprivation and poverty across the area (eg 1 in 5 children living in poverty in parts of North Berwick, ¼ of private households in the rural East of the county living in fuel poverty). Recognising that these are actual issues in the ward, rather than simply cases of relative deprivation in comparison to those around them, is key to ensuring that crisis and support services are available locally for those in need.

# 9. Community Safety

Despite police and ELC figures showing that the ward is one of the safest places to live in East Lothian, with proportionally low rates of crime and disturbance, there is still a need to reduce people's perception that it is not a safe place. The question was raised that since there is much more public awareness and local reporting of crime rates and initiatives (through CAPP and police reports at community meetings) does this make for safer or more worried communities? Is more community intervention eg Neighbourhood watch schemes the answer or would promoting the good news stories further have more impact?

Key theme: Increasing older population					
What is the specific issue?	What (if anything) is already being done to address this?	Who is involved?	What else (if anything) do we need to know to be able to work on this issue effectively?	Ideas for action.	
Inequality of funding for Day Centres.	Lobbying by Association of Day Centres.	ELC Day Centre management.	A clear picture of finance and needs.		
Access to services. Eg visiting people who are ill.	Car service to Haddington? Doctors appointments.	,	Bus timetables. Way consultants give appointment times at Roodlands etc		
Shortage of supported housing at level 2.		Lothian Health Board.		Looking at by Health and Social Care Partnership.	
Can the skills and knowledge of the older population be used to benefit the community more.	Links with local schools.	Local Primary School.	Skills out there! Probus? Link.		
Keeping people in their own home – lack of home help.	Carers being bused in.		Social Care.		
Isolation.	Volunteer library service delivering books.	Churches?	Who the isolated are.		

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Lack of employment				Corporate responsibility from
				local employers. Giving
				opportunities to young people
				to enable them to move on to
				work in the city or further
				away. More information on
				travel concessions.

#### Appendix C – Discussion Summaries

Lack of training.	Youth Project/NB Area Youth Network. Training courses being discussed.	East Lothian Works needs to develop opportunities in the east of the county.	SQA qualifications done by youth project workers.
Sustainable youth provision (losing SPACE). Looking for youth space.	Nothing.	Need to know if there is funding available to make an all encompassing area with different sorts of opportunities for young people.	
Mental health problems.			
Inappropriately used social media.		What is the effect on the pupils at the school?	

Key theme: Combating access deprivation – travel and transport					
What is the specific issue?	What (if anything) is already being done to address this?	Who is involved?	What else (if anything) do we need to know to be able to work on this issue effectively?	Ideas for action.	
Perception that some buses are dirty. Buses are very expensive.					
Integrated transport – buses meeting trains.	Community Rail Partnership looking at every station – integration.	Community Rail Partnership (CRP)	Launch of CRP later in October. Limitations on lengths of platforms or number of carriages.	Town route painted on pavement. Better walking route to school. Dedicated footpaths (kids footprint).	
Need to get more people to travel by train.					
Lack of strategic policy on	Meeting with Councillors.	ELC Transport Department.	Meeting discussed transport	Need support form	

public and community	Day Centres.	with councillors re: Day	Haddington.
transport. Means no	Cycling group. Particularly in	Centres. Scottish Government	Developers should fund bus
discussion of routes etc.	NB – code of conduct.	prepared to put £3 million.	service.
		ELC did not apply. Community	Cycle paths/walkways
		transport back on agenda.	between towns – particularly
			to school.
			Cycle and designated slow
			roads.
			Cycle paths to stations,
			especially Drem.
Reliance on car transport out		Some track to Drem is	
of towns. Need alternative.		tarmaced.	
South of NB, Kingston			
(dangerous road).			
Lack of safe travel for		Drem: cannot cross lines in	
wheelchair users (into		wheelchair.	
Edinburgh) or sight deprived.			
No NB town bus service. No			NB bus service needs to be
service for new homes. Will			frequent. Appropriate cycle
cause new congestion.			routes.
Poor pavements.			Complete open zone "free for
			all" in NB. Get rid of
			pavement. "Democratises
			space".
Loss of Traffic Wardens			Traffic needs more policing.
Cannot hear cyclists.			Cyclists "speak" code of
			conduct.
Cannot get to Dunbar by train.			Integrate better.
Weekend buses are very poor			
<ul> <li>cannot get to Haddington on</li> </ul>			
Sunday.			