

COMMITTEE:	Common Good Committee
MEETING DATE:	12 March 2026
BY:	Doug Haig, Connected Communities Manager
REPORT TITLE:	Antique Lamppost Restoration North Berwick Council Chambers
REPORT STATUS:	Public

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present outline information on a proposal for the restoration of the antique Provost's lamppost in Quality Street North Berwick and seek approval for restoration.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve that the Connected Communities Manager for North Berwick Coastal ward engage with North Berwick Community Council and the BBC's Repair Shop tv show procedures to establish the feasibility and practicality of the lamppost outside the mothballed Council Chambers in North Berwick being restored as part of the 2026 Christmas Special and;
- 2.2 Give consent for the proposed restoration work to be undertaken.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The BBC approached East Lothian Council in February 2026 looking for potential community projects to form part of the 2026 Christmas Special. The lamppost restoration proposal had been put forward to the show for consideration by North Berwick Community Council at approximately the same time.
- 3.2 The lamppost is an old Provost's lamp. These were traditionally placed outside town chambers and the house of the Provost at the time.

- 3.3 Estates advise that ownership of the lamppost is assumed under the North Berwick Burgh Charter by North Berwick Common Good.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 RESOURCE AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Finance: It is to be confirmed what the Repair Shop's financial contribution would be towards the restoration and upgrades may be. There is a power supply going to the lamppost, and the lamp is in working order. Common Good has a responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of properties and other items that appear on the Common Good Asset Register.

- 5.2 Human Resources: None.

- 5.3 Other (e.g. Legal/IT): Road Services have advised that the correct permits for road or pavement closures/works will be required. Details of how to apply for these would be passed on to the show's producers, should the proposal proceed.

The Communications Team have stated that they will advise/support how to progress permissions and arrangements for filming if required.

- 5.4 Risk: There is a concern that damage could be caused to the post if trying to lift/remove it from the ground. Given its age, there is uncertainty as to how it's secured into the ground. Colleagues in Road Services have suggested that the most practical way to restore the lamppost may be to restore the post in situ but remove the lamp case for restoration and modernisation.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Not applicable.

Select the statement that is appropriate to your report by placing an 'X' in the relevant box.

An Integrated Impact Assessment screening process has been undertaken, and the subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on: equality and human rights; tackling socio-economic disadvantages and poverty; climate change, the environment and sustainability; the Council's role as a corporate parent; or the storage/collection of personal data.



or

The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and impacts have been identified as follows:

Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
Equality and human rights	N/A
Socio-economic disadvantage/poverty	N/A
Climate change, the environment and sustainability	N/A
Corporate parenting and care-experienced young people	N/A
Storage/collection of personal data	N/A
Other	N/A

7 APPENDICES

7.1 Not applicable.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Not applicable.

9 AUTHOR AND APPROVAL DETAILS

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