

Gullane Newsletter



Starting something new?

It's that time of year when we think about new starts, children starting school, moving on to new teachers or heading up to High School so we wish everyone a smooth transition as they take these next steps.

It is also a time for folk to think about starting a new thing, whatever that may be, to make the autumn and winter months pass quickly.

The GVA are starting their Sewcial classes again for those who wish to learn how to use a sewing machine and we are also starting a new group for those who love to chat about sport aptly named Sporting Memories. We hope this will be a lovely way to spend time sharing a cuppa with like minded folk. Details for both these activities can be found inside, as well as details for some of the other activities and groups currently running in the village.

The hardest part to starting anything new is to take the first step.

We thank all those who attended the Gullane Village Association AGM in July and our special thanks go to Fiona Jackson for sharing her experiences at Mount Everest Base Camp. Our next members event will be held in the autumn so please sign up to membership if you are interested in attending, the details are always on the back page.

Next June we are planning as a village, to be part of the Scottish Open Garden Scheme, which may seem a long way off, but gardens don't happen overnight so we want to give you the heads up if you would like to show your garden during the weekend. This is a great way for us to come together as a village and raise funds for local charity - again more details inside for you to express an interest in opening your garden, we are looking for all types of gardens to wow and inspire visitors.

A big 'thank you' to Claire Miller, (Captain) and Committee Members of Gullane Ladies' Golf Club for choosing to donate the funds raised from their Festive Frenzy to cover the cost of this newsletter. Read more about this on page 19.

Enjoy reading!

If we can raise enough funds we hope to continue delivering the newsletter free of charge, so however small your donation, it is gladly received. If you or your organisation would like to sponsor an edition, please let us know.

We would love to hear from you if you could help with deliveries.

On-line current & past versions are available to all on the 'Documents' section of the GVA website



Gullane Outreach Post Office & Mobile Bank

The Village Hall continues to host an outreach Post Office once a week on: **Thursday 10am to 12.30pm.**

Please make good use of these services so that we don't lose them.

The Royal Bank of Scotland mobile branch van is at the Old Clubhouse **every Friday 10.45-11.15am**



Another Wonderful Week of Gullane Games



Once again, our village came together to create another memorable Gullane Games, and none of it would have been possible without the incredible support of so many people.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to help organise, run and support the events throughout the week. Whether you were planning behind the scenes, volunteering at events, setting up, clearing away or simply cheering participants on from the sidelines, your contribution helped make the week such a success.

Our sincere thanks also go to our principal sponsors, Greywalls & Chez Roux, whose generous support helped make this year's Gullane Games possible.

From rounders, football, cricket and lawn bowls to crafting, quizzing and the ever-popular Treasure Hunt, there really was something for everyone. A particular highlight this year was the wonderful Horse Care Experience at Muirfield Riding Therapy, giving children the chance to get up close with some very special four-legged friends.

We are particularly grateful to the many local shops and businesses who so generously donated prizes for our raffle. Your continued support makes such a difference to the success of the Games. Thank you, too, to everyone who bought raffle tickets, you proved

once again that optimism springs eternal when there's a hamper or bottle of something nice to be won!

The Deliberate Mistake Competition once again had children (and more than a few adults) carefully inspecting every shop window in search of something that didn't quite belong. Our imaginative High Street businesses embraced the challenge with great creativity, leaving competitors to spot everything from subtle clues to wonderfully outrageous additions. It also confirmed that children can spot a rogue Christmas decoration in July faster than anyone can say, "Santa, get back up the chimney!"

Our thanks also go to Gullane Golf Club for once again hosting the golf competition, marking out the running track for Games Day and keeping the bar open for the prize giving. Such is their expertise that they somehow seem to iron out every lump and bump to produce the perfect surface for our speedy competitors.

We are also extremely grateful to Muirfield Riding Therapy, whose fantastic team kept competitors, officials and spectators fuelled throughout the afternoon with delicious homemade cakes, refresh-



ments and warm hospitality. We suspect a fair number of personal bests may have been powered by coffee and tray-bakes! Or perhaps it was the sizzling barbecue provided by the church volunteers throughout the afternoon.

One of the highlights of Games Day remains the spectacular Fancy Dress Parade. The children looked magnificent in their colourful and inventive costumes as they processed around the Kids' Golf Course to the unmistakable oompah sounds of the Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band before parading up the running track to officially declare Gullane Games 2026 open. Our thanks go to the North Berwick Rotary Club for their generous contribution towards the cost of bringing the band to Gullane Games Day and adding so much to the atmosphere throughout the day.

The tug of war once again showed that teamwork, determination and a strong grip are more important than size, with teams of all ages battling it out and spectators enjoying the occasional spectacular tumble when the rope gave way.

The traditional Wheat Sheaf Pitching brought the Games to a fitting conclusion. A true test of strength and skill, it remains one of Gullane Games Day's highlights and a memorable finale for competitors and spectators alike.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Gullane Games 2026 such a memorable week. The success of the Games depends on the many people who give their time and energy to make it happen, and we are incredibly grateful for every contribution.

For Gullane Games to continue each year, new volunteers are always welcome to help with the planning and organisation.

Anyone interested in getting involved with next year's events should contact:
gullanegames@gmail.com.



Thanks to Harry Jackson for these wonderful photographs taken over the Gullane Games week!





Gullane Games & Sports Week

*Beginning of August or end of July
Yellow T shirts being ironed, I thought i did spy
Can mean only one thing, Gullane Games Week
School summer holidays, about tae reach peak !*

*Deliberate mistake and the Treasure Hunt
No,, not what you're thinking,, we'll all take a PUNJ!
Sign up on the Green, timetable clear
Always anticipated - same every year !*

*Sundays, a fun run and bed pushes too
Doon the auld Fenton Rd and past Luffness New
It's no very far, 5 miles they said
We got tae the Avenue, I thought I was dead !*

*Mondays, its bowling and for me, the Ping Pong
Set up in the Hall, this should be a song.
Old codgers in tight shorts, old style gym shoes
Competitive me, im no heart tae lose.*

*Second again, some boy about sixty
But move he sure could, his forehand fair nifty.
Nae trophy this time but I get 50p
Next year ya auld b*stard, ma skills you will see !*

*Tuesday, its gowf night, Starters Two & Three
Pitch, putt and driving - ayeways for free
Long driving was great, Tattie Shaw was a fan
We were his coaches - just LEATHER it man !*

*Wednesday, volleyball was doon on the Green
Tattie sacks for the net, it sure was a scream.
Young yins and auld yins took part just for fun
Car headlights for the final, we'd run oot o Sun !*

*Thursday for sandcastles, back tae the beach
Toddlers and bairns do their Grandparents teach
The older yins bring shovels and even some beers
No past the Bleachers mind - beyond is for Queens !*

*Friday comes, weeks fleeing by
Marquee goes up and for Miss Gullane they'll try
Games Dance is the night, its aye in the Hall
Nae airs or graces, pure fun was for ALL.*

*Saturday mornin', Games Field all go
The Sun it is shining, huge crowds sure will show
By about half past one, it aw looks set up
Bring the Yellow shirts beers, disposable cups !*

*2 o'clock kick off, the big moment does land
Wi the Monktonhall Colliery, Silver/Brass Band
Frank on the microphone, Games Day compere
Brother Eck on the handouts- aye, the yin wi Nae hair !*

*Puttin' for tenners, can you beat Bat the Rat ?
Pillow fighting, Beat the Goalie, i mind all o that
Running races for aw sorts, sack races too
Whit a laugh it was watching, the Auld yins were foo !*

*Tea tents, tombola, Fhilean dancers on stage
Straw tossin' and Tug o War for them foo o rage !
Keep back from the Race Track, they're aw wearing spikes
Long jumpers and runners but never for bikes.*

*For Lucas and Whippy ice cream do they queue
Can rattlers for programmes, donations too
Ted Clark had his line up, big fancy cars
Bentley and Rolls Royce, mostly Jaguars.*

*Prizewinners announced over the loudspeakers
Winners far and wide - i never seen Sreakers !
Locals, visitors, aw Gullane Games fans
Even the posh yins, The Waddells wi tans.*

*Basket Suppers for tea, a big Games Day treat
The Mallard or Clubhouse - best reserve a seat.
You wolf yer tea doon - i really need tae go
It's Fancy Dress now - put on a show.*

*Circled round the green costumes auld and new
From grand works of art, to the very woff thought through
Then its off they do go, behind the big Band
Michael at the front, Steve ayeways tae hand.*

*Stop the traffic, close the road
Right up the Main Street, the Fancy Dress flowed
Can rattlers and grown men, dressed in Lingerie
In high heels and fishnets, they'd swagger and sway !*

*Up tae Middleshot Road then back tae the Green
That's it for another year, whit a week that its been
Now, up tae the Shows, the place was fair heaving
A grand week for all, naebodys leaving !!!*

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Sporting Memories Gullane

The GVA are delighted to have been working with Sporting Memories Scotland to start a group in Gullane in the Recreation Hall.

Launched in 2011, Sporting Memories supports a wide range of people aged 50-plus, including those living with dementia, living with depression or facing isolation and loneliness to improve their mental and physical wellbeing through our regular club sessions, situated within local communities across England, Scotland and Wales.

They are dedicated to bringing older people together with the aim of making a positive difference in their lives by providing them with a welcoming, supportive and structured environment where they can develop confidence to

improve their lives for the better.

Sporting Memories achieves this by offering a range of support mechanisms and unique products which are designed to aid the development and running of sessions in a range of locations including community and leisure centres, care homes, hospitals and a range of settings.

The Gullane group will be initially lead by a leader from Sporting Memories Scotland assisted by GVA trustees but we hope going forward that this group will be self-lead by enthusiasts within the group.

Refreshments will be available & a small donation on the day would be welcome.

www.sportingmemories.uk



North Berwick Sporting Memories group who meet at the Rugby Club

The group plans to meet at the Recreation Hall each Tuesday, 10.30am-12.00noon. The first meeting is scheduled for 15th September 2026.

Please email Andy Murray - andy3112@gmail.com if you are interested.

Golf in Society - Transforming Lives

A warm welcoming programme now running at Gullane Golf Club for people living with dementia, Parkinson's, stroke and frailty, and the families and carers who support them.

No golf experience needed.

Book a taster session, refer someone who would benefit, or get in touch to find out more.

Book a taster session email:

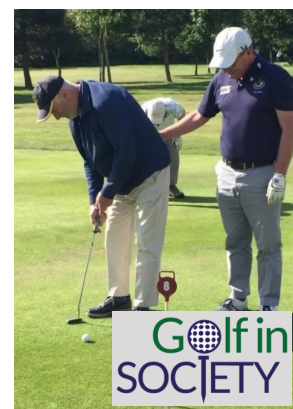
info@golphinsociety.com

For referrals, email:

refer@golphinsociety.com

These sessions take place every Monday 11am—1pm at Gullane Golf Club, West Links Road, Gullane.

All you need to bring is a willingness to give it a go!

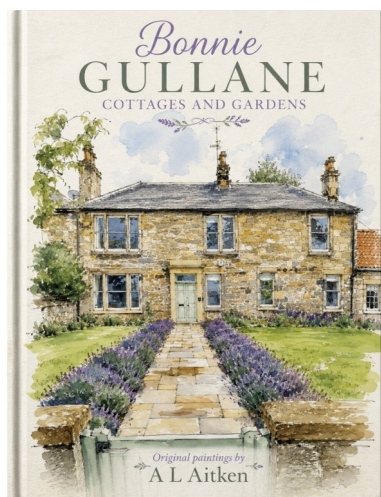
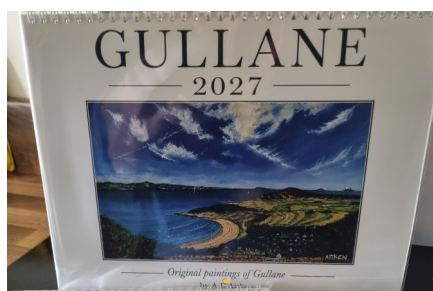


Alan Aitken's latest Gullane products

New range of Gullane related products, available direct or at the GVA Artisan Fair on 24th October.

- * Calendar 2027
- * Bonnie Gullane Cottages and Gardens book
- * Gullane Memoir Poems

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Spotlight on ...

Destined for Home



Opening Hours

Thursday, Friday,
Saturday and Monday
from 10am to 5pm,
Sunday from 12pm to
4pm.

Celebrating 10 years and our move to Gullane!

I'm Karen, and together with our shop dog, Harley, I'd love to welcome you to Destined For Home.

After 10 years in Edinburgh, we've recently relocated to Gullane following the sale of our former premises for redevelopment. We are delighted to begin this exciting new chapter in the heart of East Lothian.

At Destined For Home, you'll discover a carefully curated collection of unique, hand-picked gifts, lifestyle and home-ware, crafted in Scotland and across the UK. I pride myself on offering beautiful pieces you won't find on the High Street. Your purchases are always

beautifully wrapped.

We were honoured to have Lorna from Glorious Bloomers officially open the shop by cutting the ribbon, and we're thrilled to now be part of the Gullane community.

Harley & I look forward to welcoming you, and your four legged friends.

www.destinedforhome.com

Karen Greig



Gullane Bay Soap Co

You may have noticed a new little business emerging here in the village – Gullane Bay Soap Co.

I'm delighted to be making small-batch, handmade soaps right here in Gullane, inspired by the beautiful coastline and natural surroundings on our doorstep. Each bar is made by hand using the traditional cold-process method, with natural ingredients, nourishing oils and pure essential oils. Where possible, I also love incorporating locally foraged botanicals.

Starting a new business is always a bit of a leap of faith, but creating some-

thing locally, by hand and with a real focus on sustainability is something I've wanted to do for a while. I'm particularly passionate about offering a simple alternative to liquid soaps and the plastic bottles that come with them.

Everything is made in small batches, so each bar is individually cut, finished and packaged by hand.

As a new Gullane business, I'd really love the support of local residents. Free local delivery is available, so if you'd like to try a bar, simply order online and I'll happily bring it to your door.

Heulwen Hardie



Natural. Coastal. Considered.

You can find out more
at www.gullanebaysoap.com

Goose Green Coffee

It's so nice to see the café on the corner back in action. The café is part of the Edinburgh speciality coffee shops which include Kilimanjaro, Wellington Coffee, Press Coffee & Project Coffee.

We wish them success in their new venture!



Gullane Tennis Club

With the Club Championships finals nearly upon us, it has been a great Summer showcasing the fabulous talent we have playing at Gullane Tennis Club. This Summer has all been about playing tennis in the sunshine. From the Club Championships, the East Lothian Open, Gullane Games tennis to the Junior Tennis Camps, it's been a fantastic few months of tennis!

If you would like to get playing tennis again, or even try it for the first time, the tennis club always welcomes new members and our club coach Roddy Barbour has various coaching programmes to suit all - so please do think about joining us

The coaching blocks have now started back with group coaching available from Roddy and his team at Vantage Tennis Coaching. They run both term-time and school holiday sessions for Juniors, plus Superdrills, Beginners and Improvers Coaching sessions for adults throughout the year. For details see: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/vantagetenniscoaching

We look forward to welcoming you soon and you can find us on Hamilton Road, Gullane EH31 2HP. For more information please check out our Facebook page or email us at: membership@gullanetennisclub.com

UPCOMING VACANCIES: as some of our fantastic volunteers coming to the end of their terms, we need to recruit a treasurer and president by January next year to start in March 2027 and a safeguarding officer before then, if possible. Please do contact us (email above) if you can help.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

17th Aug - Coaching blocks start back

12th Sept - Charity event in aid of Brain Power @ 9:30am

Sept - Finals of GTC Club Championships all month

22nd Sept - GTC Committee Meeting : 7:30pm @ The Mallard

11th Sept - Charity event in aid of Brain Power @ [TBC]

7 Oct - Annual Burley Tournament @ 7pm

18 Oct - Vets(60+) Trophy #2 @ 10:30 for 10:45

Please check Facebook and website for timings and more details



We offer several club sessions :

- Monday social tennis 18.30 -20.30pm
- Tuesday Early Bird session 07.30/8am start
- Thursday social tennis 09.30-11am
- Sunday casual social tennis 09-10.30am

We also have an outdoor table tennis table, bats & balls and a pickleball set for members' use on a booked tennis court.

Annual Membership costs remain accessible at:

Adults £65, Family £135, Juniors & Youngster (3-18) £20, Concessions (over 65s) £35 & Students £30.

Non-members are welcome to try tennis with low court booking fees - £6/hr for singles & £12/hr for doubles. A supply of rackets & balls are available for guests to use.

East Lothian Foodbank - please give generously

At East Lothian Foodbank we recently held a survey about our space and services and asked the people we support and our key partners how we could make our service even better for our community. We were delighted with the engagement and ideas that followed and are happy to announce we will be making changes to our service to best reflect the wishes of those we support and our key partners. Recently we transformed our warehouse to have a bigger welcome area and space for our new services.

These new services include:

Our Space - We've been working to transform our space to become more of a community hub for everyone.

Pick-your-own parcel - Soon the people we support will be offered the option

to come into the foodbank and choose your own items rather than receiving a pre-made parcel.

Drop-in advice sessions - We're expanding on the advice session we already offer by bringing in more specialist advice partners, providing more support under one roof.

Community food club - we invite members to 3-month subscription plan that would see them pay a small fee to receive weekly fresh and frozen foods as well as some store cupboard items. Food Club offers a transitional, alternative path to food parcel referrals.



To stay in touch and to find more information of our changes check our social media and website,

eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk

Volunteers from Gullane uplift donations for the Foodbank from:

- * Gullane Parish Church vestibule
- * Gullane Library and
- * Gullane COOP during opening hours.

Gullane Glorious Bloomers



Exciting times ahead as we prepare to enter Beautiful Scotland Competition for the first time! We have been involved in the RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme' for the last 8 years, which is non competitive and judged only on our efforts year on year. We have had "Outstanding" awarded for the last 4 years and as such decided along with a bit of persuasion from ELC to enter the Scottish competition. This will now look at the full village from The Golf Club, Gullane House, the Allotments at Hill Road, The Bents, Goose Green, Children's Golf Course, Blue Stane area, Main Street and all around the village, including the Millenium Woods.

We have been busy tiding up all areas as well as assistance from ELC workers to refurbish the public toilets.

Thanks to local businesses and all who have donated. We now have 7 triple planters, an extra-large one at the golf club, 23 barrels, 29 planters and 43 hanging baskets. We also water, feed and maintain the community garden, Traffic Lights Project and the Blue Stane area.

Fingers crossed, with a bit of sunshine and luck, we will impress the RHS Judges who arrive on Friday 7th August to take a tour of the village which I am proud to say is looking glorious.



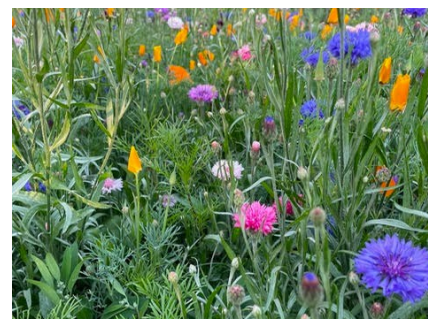
The Traffic Lights Project phase one has come to fruition and created a new seating area and floral display of wild flowers for all to enjoy.

We welcome new recruits and any donations are always gratefully received to enable us to continue to keep Gullane Glorious!

Glorious Gullane Bloomers |
Business 83-18-47 A/c 10892867

Lorna Raeburn, Glorious Gullane Bloomers Team

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Scotland's
**GARDENS
Scheme**
OPEN FOR CHARITY



Gullane Open Gardens 12th & 13th June 2027

Gullane will be hosting a weekend of Open Gardens next year 12th & 13th of June from 1-5pm each day.

This is the time when hopefully all our gardens are at their finest.

This is a real opportunity to bring the whole village together to share in its summer splendour!

The GVA is supporting in the planning & volunteering at this event and would love to hear from anyone with

knowledge of special gardens in the village. This can be any garden, whatever the size, that would be of interest to garden enthusiasts.

A venue for hosting refreshments is currently in the planning stages.

This is a charity fundraising event of which 60% goes to chosen charities, with funds raised from the entry fee.

Please contact us on

gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com

Royal Voluntary Transport Service

We are a transport service open to all East Lothian residents age 65+ who struggle to get to health appointments (for whatever reason).

Our volunteer drivers can take people to health appointments (and back) across East Lothian or into Edinburgh and beyond.

Journeys are charged at very reasonable rates.

To register or to book a journey, people should call 01875811011

Phone lines answered Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm.

We are also always on the look-out for more volunteer drivers for the service.

Fuel expenses are paid.

Drivers use their own cars.



If you are unable to drive or use public transport, due to limited mobility or health conditions, our patient transport service can help you get to and from health appointments.

Our volunteers use their own vehicles, are fully-trained and have PVG background checks.

All journeys are reasonably priced. We can provide a quote at the time of booking. Give us a call, and we will help support your independence.

To register for this service or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact us on **01875 811 011** or email **EastLothian@RoyalVoluntaryService.org.uk**

Musselburgh CAB comes to town!

As part of the GVA's Health & Wellbeing focus for this year, we have invited Matthew & Kirsty from Musselburgh Citizens Advice Bureau to come along to the Recreation Hall on Wednesday 19th August between 1-4pm for a drop in session to provide you with advice & guidance.

This is free, confidential, independent and impartial advice.

We are aware that you may miss this event if you are away or the newsletter reaches you too late but don't worry as you can contact them directly on 0131 653 2748 or look for information on their website—

musselburghcab.cas.org.uk



Gullane Village Association

CITIZENS ADVICE EVENT

Wednesday 19th August 2026 1-4pm

Gullane Recreation Hall

Matthew & Kirsty are visiting from Musselburgh CAB for this drop in session to provide you with -

ENERGY ADVICE & SUPPORT

BENEFITS & INCOME ADVICE

DEBT & MONEY ADVICE

HOUSING & CONSUMER ISSUES

SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

& GENERAL ADVICE & GUIDANCE

For more information

www.musselburghcab.cas.org.uk



Gullane Village Association

GVA AGM & Recreation Hall Update



We held our well attended Annual General Meeting on 2nd July. After the important business of the evening was shared, we finished the evening with an interesting talk from Fiona Jackson on her experience of her trek to base camp Everest. It is so nice to see our members come together & socialise for these events. Our next Members Event is now in the planning stages & we hope this will be happening mid-October.

If you have an interesting talent or topic to share with the group please email us on gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com.

The GVA trustees are still in conversation with East Lothian Council on becoming an early adopter of their new Community Benefit Subsidised Lease policy which we hope will allow us to continue improving and running the Recreation Hall for community use.



Adult Sewing Classes

After the success of our previous beginners classes, GVA volunteers Sarah & Lorna are planning on the next 6 weekly sessions to begin on Tuesday 1st September from 4-6pm for over 18 year olds.

Our 6 weekly Beginners Sewing sessions start with an introduction to the

sewing machine itself and moving on next to making for example, an envelope cushion; tote, Japanese knot, peg bags & make up bags and in this next session a Christmas item. Cost is £60.

If you are interested, please email us at gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com or pop a note through the door with your contact details to the Recreation hall.

Hosting Gullane Games events



The GVA were delighted to donate the use of the Recreation Hall as part of our contribution towards the amazing Gullane Games week as well as providing chairs & our gazebos for the Games Day.

The Children's Arts & Crafts sessions looked like great fun and was so well attended & shows once again the importance of this valuable community space.

A huge 'thanks' goes out the volunteers who made this activity possible.



Katie's Lego Science workshops

The GVA invited the wonderful Katie & Michael from East Lothian Council to return again to run their STEAM workshop. The focus this year was on the engineering theme using Lego to create structures that would stand both tall and stable. It is amazing what Lego creations can teach you.

These sessions were open to all local & visiting children free of charge.

A big 'thank you' to the GVA volunteers who assisted in the sessions. Hopefully we will be running a similar event again next year and hope for more budding young enthusiasts to join us.



Chair Yoga with Janet Tuesdays 2.00–2.45pm

A gentle yoga class using a chair for support, making it perfect if you have limited mobility, balance concerns or simply feel more comfortable with a little extra stability. Through gentle, adapted movements you'll improve flexibility, build strength and enjoy a chance to slow down, breathe and relax.

This is a welcoming, nurturing space where everyone is encouraged to move

at their own pace. We finish with tea, biscuits and a blether - time to catch up with friends, make new ones and enjoy being part of the community.

Gullane Recreation Hall | Tuesdays 2.00–2.45pm | £5 drop-in | All ages, everyone welcome

"I love Janet's classes, she is knowledgeable, and so lovely, she makes you feel really well cared for. Highly recommend." AE Smith



www.janetbaxter.com
07967 275 962

Chair Yoga with Nicola Wednesdays 11.15am

'Love of Life' is the theme for this year's Fringe by the Sea in North Berwick. It will all be over by the time you read this newsletter but as I write this just before the festival starts I am looking forward to a few days of volunteering, teaching a fundraising Yoga class in aid of North Berwick Day Centre and Leuchie House and enjoying some sunny days in the Lodge grounds taking in the atmosphere.

Love of Life is an amazing theme and it's absolutely what we celebrate every time we practice Yoga or meditate or move and breathe with awareness. I notice how my shoulders move, how it

feels to stretch tight muscles, I notice my breath as it comes and goes, I notice the state of my mind when I draw awareness inwards. All these things remind me that I am alive today and keep me in the present moment.

Come practice Yoga with me in Gullane. On Wednesdays I teach **Chair Yoga in Gullane Recreation Hall at 11:15** and the kettle will be on for tea afterwards. On **Thursdays I teach Hatha Yoga in Gullane Village Hall at 12:30 until 1:45**. All are welcome for a calming class where I will draw our attention back to what gives us life, our breath and bodies.



Nicola Bourke / Nicola_bourke@hotmail.com / 07766 174462 / www.eastlothianyogaschool.co.uk



GULLANE DAY CENTRE

Want to attend the Day Centre?

Contact **Manager Margaret Mack on 01620 843084** or pop in for an application form for yourself or a relative/friend Gullane Day Centre, Hamilton Road, Gullane



Gullane Day Centre

Summer of support

What a summer we have been having, what lovely weather!

It has been nice for all our members to be able to sit in our lovely garden. Thanks to Ian and Bob Paterson, Margaret McSorley and Agnes for looking after it.

We have had lots of donations and are grateful for all. Our thanks goes to Dr Agnes Durie for her annual plant sale (£1140), to Maureen Hunter and family (£570) from Gus's funeral donations. We miss him dearly. Maureen has supported the Day Centre over the years with her beautiful flowers. This money will help us with new things for the garden, planned outings, musical entertainment and new IT equipment. Thanks to Bob Jones for helping us set it all up and keep us running.

We held our annual Golf Tri am and thanks to all who supported our event and all the volunteers who make it happen.

It also would not happen without the generosity of Gullane Golf Club and all who gave to our raffle and auction. We made £2500, which is a fantastic amount.

Thanks to all our drivers who give up their time, our members would not be able to come to the centre or go on our trips without you.

We have had a few outings to The Mallard and always receive great service. We will be planning more trips.

From all at Gullane Day Centre, thank you for your continued support and donations.



Baby & Toddler Group needs your help



To keep this wonderful group up & running we are looking for funding and support.

We need friendly volunteers to join our welcoming team on Fridays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Gullane Hub.

Whether you can help with:

- ☺ Setting up before the session
- ☺ Serving tea and coffee
- ☺ Welcoming families
- ☺ Tidying away afterwards
- ☺ Chatting with parents, carers, and little ones
- ☺ Fundraising

...every helping hand makes a real difference!

Our Baby & Toddler Group is a warm, family-friendly place where children can play, parents and carers can make friends, and everyone is made to feel welcome.

No special experience is needed—just a friendly smile and a willingness to help!

Interested? We'd love to hear from you.

Email:

gullanebabyandtoddler@gmail.com

Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church

We are hopeful to have a new full-time minister soon and we remain busy as planning permission has now been granted for the refurbishment and hope this will make Gullane Church and Church Centre a warmer and more usable space for the church and the wider community.

A children's club runs during the service at 9.45am most Sundays. All are welcome! See the website and the church noticeboards for service times as some services are held in Aberlady Church.

We hold a community coffee morning every Wednesday morning 10.30am-12noon in the Church Centre, again, all are welcome.

The Church Centre is also available for community bookings, please contact us via the website.



Website www.aberladygullaneparishchurch.co.uk

Email agpcsecretary@outlook.com

Children's activities email agpcchildren@gmail.com

Facebook @aberladyandgullaneparishchurch

St Adrian's Scottish Episcopal Church

The Foundation Stone for St Adrian's Church Gullane was laid on 14th December 1925 and the church was consecrated for worship on 27th January 1927. So next year, St Adrian's Church, Gullane will be celebrating its 100 birthday. As part of those Centenary celebrations, an extension is being built on the church over the Autumn period which will improve the kitchen and toilet facilities and hopefully enable us to improve this beautiful church for worship and for community events.

Anyone who wants to come is of course, very welcome to our regular 9.30am eucharists. Access may be through the garden later in the autumn

as the path may be blocked by the building works. We may also be holding a quiz in the autumn and further details can be found on our Facebook page or the church noticeboard. All being well, we will still be holding our children's Crib and Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

We are on Facebook and anyone who would like to, can contact the **Reverend Simon Metzner on 01620 892154 or simonmetzner@sky.com**.

We look forward to welcoming people into a refurbished church in the New Year!



St Columba's
Hospice Care



If you are interested, you can contact the St. Columba's Volunteer Services team at volunteer@stcolumbahospice.org.uk, or by calling the Hospice on 0131 551 1381.

St. Columba's Hospice Café

St. Columba's Hospice Care's North Berwick Café and Bookshop recently celebrated its 1st birthday, and we wanted to extend a huge 'thank you' to our Gullane-based volunteers specifically.

Over the past year the bookshop and café have become a busy and popular community hub, all to support the work of St. Columba's Hospice across Edinburgh and East Lothian.

The café and bookshop simply wouldn't be able to function without our volunteers; from serving customers and sorting stock to making book recommendations, getting to know our regulars and generating the

warm, welcoming atmosphere that makes our North Berwick location so special, they truly are at the heart of what we do.

We welcome volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, including those completing their Duke of Edinburgh Award, and offer flexible opportunities to fit around work, study or other commitments.

Whether you are looking to gain some experience, meet new people, or simply dedicate some time to an important community cause, we would love to welcome new volunteers to our friendly and supportive team.



Pregnancy relaxation classes

The Recreation Hall welcomes Heather Milne, a certified hypnobirthing teacher who will start classes in the Autumn. Cost is £60 for a block of 4 sessions.

OCT Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd

NOV Fridays 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Heather guides you gently through her hypnobirthing course, teaching you tools and techniques to help you feel calm, confident and prepared for your birth journey.

These sessions are intentionally small, so it always feels personal and never overwhelming.

"Clients tell me they didn't think they could switch off and relax, and were surprised how much the breathing techniques helped, leaving each session 'feeling calm and cared for'."

Heather Milne

If you are interested please contact Heather by emailing her on:

heathercalmhypnobirthing@protonmail.com



New Gentle Adult Ballet class

Fiona Skene is starting a new Gentle Adult Ballet class in Gullane Village Hall on Wednesdays from 1.30 - 2.30pm, beginning on 19th August.

Join us to gently stretch, strengthen and tone whilst moving to beautiful music.

All are welcome to this class designed primarily for older adults which draws on the 'Silver Swans' programme created by the Royal Academy of Dance.

£10 per class, £9 when a block is purchased in advance.

Contact Fiona for more information and to book a place in the class.

f.skene@outlook.com

Ebb and Flow Dance Classes

07939215729

 **Ebb & Flow**
Dance classes by Fiona Skene

MRT - Be part of our Team

"Feelgood." "Friendly." "Fun." Just some of the things our volunteers say about their time spent with us each week.

We are looking for people interested in being part of a joyful and inclusive hub providing an extensive range of equine-assisted therapy sessions and opportunities that support and uplift our participants of all ages. From riding to groundwork to quiet moments in a calm space, we aim to offer diverse experiences to nurture physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

Not essential to have equine knowledge or experience with people with additional support needs

You will need -

- * willingness to learn (at your own speed, with one of our training mentors)
- * enjoy being part of a team

- * kindness and compassion
- * 2-3 hours free each week

We are especially looking for people who could volunteer on one of the following days -

Tuesday & Friday afternoons

Thursday & Saturday mornings

Established in 1989, we are the official centre for RDA in East Lothian. Thanks to community support and our 200+ volunteers, we deliver over 2,500 therapy activities annually from our West Fenton centre, all free of charge to participants and families. This ensures that access to life-changing therapy is determined by need, not ability to pay.

Interested? Visit our website

muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer
or contact Daryl
personnel@muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk



**Muirfield Riding Therapy,
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by 1st October 2026

What's on in Gullane Village Hall



Classes and Clubs

Joining the line up of classes at the village hall from August is a new Gentle Adult Ballet class, alongside callanetics, Zumba, pilates, yoga, karate, table tennis and line dancing.

There's also Sew Forth's crafting sessions on the first Saturday of the month, and Gullane Folk Club on the last Thursday.

On Friday mornings you can pop into the hall to listen to the Gullane Ceilidh Band's weekly rehearsal, guaranteed to get your toes tapping.

There's a new class for kids too, with **Sparks Creative Club** joining the weekly activities for children and young people in the hall. You will find all the details at www.gullanevillagehall.org.uk.



Gullane Community Table Tennis Club

Table tennis is a great sport for all that is good for both body and mind.

We are a friendly village club that welcomes new members, whether you are a beginner, a rusty bat, regular player or hoping to play competitively in one of our two league teams.

Our men and women members range from 10 years to over 80 years.

We play most **Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall between 6.30pm to 9.00pm** plus additional team training sessions.

Book your event

With a bright and spacious main hall, a separate meeting room, a wheelchair accessible stage, fully equipped kitchen and more, the hall is the perfect venue for all kinds of activities and events. Find out more on the hall website or email gullanevillagehallbookings@gmail.com.

Hogmanay availability

Unfortunately, due to player availability there won't be a Hogmanay ceilidh at the village hall in 2026 - hopefully back next year.

This does mean that the hall is now available for hire on 31st December. If anyone is interested in running a Hogmanay event, please get in touch.

We are an associate club of both Table Tennis Scotland and Table Tennis East Lothian.

The GVA has collaborated with us to purchase 2 brand new fold up table tennis tables for use in the Recreation Hall by both the club, Youth Club & hosting competitions.

For more information about the club please check our website for details:
www.gullanetabletennisclub.wordpress.com

Sew Forth



www.sewforth.org.uk

We are a group of Sewing and Textile Art and Craft enthusiasts who wish to share ideas and techniques with as many interested people as possible.

Please come along and join us.

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits available at all our meetings.

You are welcome to come even if you are just coming for the company, or you can come and see what everybody is involved in.

Meet others with sewing and craft interests. We regularly have hands-on

mini workshops which everybody can take part in.

We meet on the first Saturday of the month in Gullane Village Hall which is situated on Hamilton Crescent, where you can find parking directly outside.

The first session back after the summer will be on Saturday 5th September 2-4pm.

For this session we will be hand stitching a sampler which could be made into small felt books for reference, or using a circle in a hoop as a sampler.

Dave Arcari - 29th August 2026

Following on from the sold out shows with Adam Holmes and then John Goldie we have stepped it up again with AWARD WINNING SLIDE GUITARIST & SONGWRITER DAVE ARCARI.

Dave's alt.blues sounds owe as much to trash country, punk and rockabilly as they do pre-war Delta blues and have been showcased via eight internationally-acclaimed solo album releases on labels including Buzz (UK), Dixiefrog (France) and Blue North (Finland). After a successful Kickstarter campaign his latest album Still Friends was released on limited edition vinyl and CD in November 2025 landing a featured album slot on BBC Radio Scotland and a pick of the month tag from the Independent Blues Broadcasters' Association. Subsequently – and despite only having been released in the final two months of the year – the album charted at 17 in the association's most played album chart for 2025. A top three finalist in UK Blues Federation's UK Blues Awards 2023 Arcari's music features in numerous BBC TV programmes as well as popular USA series The Deadliest Catch.

While continuing to build his audience in the USA with once or twice annual tours since 2013 – including official showcases at SxSW in Austin, Texas – Arcari maintains his presence on the UK and European touring and festival circuits with regular live shows throughout the year. The ultimate validation for Arcari's music and performance came in 2019 when National Reso-Phonic Guitars launched the 'Dave Arcari signature model' guitar. Arcari joins an elite and exclusive group of players who have signature models and is the first – and only – musician outside the USA to be honoured by the iconic instrument maker whose name is synonymous with the development of the blues genre. And he is bringing all this to GULLANE VILLAGE HALL for one night only on **Saturday 29th August 2026**.

Support on the night will be provided by East Lothian's very own Rhys Heaven – Doors open at 6pm with entertainment starting about 7:30pm.



Tickets available at Vintage Rare & Retro Guitars' Gullane shop, or online at vintagerareandretro.co.uk

Gullane Line Dancers Summer Stomp

Heather Baxter, the Gullane Line Dance teacher decided to hoedown some of her class to a country themed line dancing trip and offer something a little different to the local village hall.

Driving down the A1 to Cambridgeshire we joined the team at Summer Stomp who created a rustic barn conversion to get our boots ready for hours worth of dancing from boot scoot boogie to jumanji!

From living room tutorials to wagon wheeling all the way to England, Dirt Road Dancing flew in from the USA giving the event the real authentic American aesthetic.

A big shout out to Melissa Sanderson, who only joined the class last year, not only danced the nights away but also

came home as a double winner in the beginner and improver categories.

Coming home with two buckles, medals and prosecco!

A new type of line dancing is taking over the U.K. filled with honkey tonks, workshops and competitions.

Our hope is to spread the word to get more local groups to get on the highway and ride on down for Summer Stomp 2027!

Was also nice to see some friendly familiar faces, Adam Munro and his wife Liv who live at the venue.

For further information email gullanelinedancing@gmail.com or message 07722 244739.



Dates for your Diary

Further details of all events can be found on individual organisation's Facebook pages and websites. Please check details with organisers as all events are subject to change.



Gullane Apple Festival

Gullane Apple Festival will be back at the Village Hall this year on the morning of **Sunday 4th October from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm**, with the usual delicious apple baking and fresh apple juice. Look out for more information nearer the time.



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August 2026

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| Sat 15th | Aberlady & Gullane Parish Church Coffee Morning 10-12noon Village Hall |
| Wed 19th | Citizens Advice Bureau drop in - Recreation Hall 1-4pm |
| Sat 29th | David Arcari Live Music event - Gullane Village Hall from 6pm |

September 2026

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| Tues 1st | GVA Beginners Sewing Classes begin - 4-6pm Recreation Hall |
| Sat 5th | Sewforth Craft group - Gullane Village Hall 2pm |
| Tues 15th | Sporting Memories group - Recreation Hall 10.30am-12noon (weekly) |

October 2026

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| Sat 3rd | Sewforth Craft group - Gullane Village Hall 2pm |
| Sun 4th | Gullane Apple Festival 10-12noon - Gullane Village Hall |
| Sat 24th & Sun 25th | GVA Autumn Artisan Fair 11am-4pm Recreation Hall |

November 2026

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| Sat 7th | Sewforth Craft group - Gullane Village Hall 2pm |
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Gullane Ladies' Golf Club fund this newsletter!

Gullane Ladies' Golf Club is one of Scotland's historic women's golf clubs, founded on 1 December 1904. Home to three outstanding championship links courses, Gullane is known around the world for its traditional links golf, stunning coastal views, and rich golfing history.

We are extremely fortunate to have a very active membership that enjoys a full calendar of competitions throughout the year. Alongside our competitive programme, we have a range of social events, fostering friendship and community.

One of the highlights of our calendar is the annual **Festive Frenzy competition**, where we come together for a fun day of golf while raising money for a local charity. This year, we were delighted to support the Gullane Village Association.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members and the hard work of the Committee, we raised a fantastic £850 on the day.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and helped make the event such a success.

Your support will make a difference, and we're proud to be able to give something back to our local community.

Claire Miller, Captain and Committee Members

On behalf of the Gullane Village Association trustees our thanks go to the ladies of Gullane Golf Club for generously donating the money raised at their Festive Frenzy! As agreed with them, we have used the funds to pay for this edition of the Gullane Village Newsletter which, as a result, can be delivered to every household in the village free of charge.



On-going support for the GVA

As a committee, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have donated to the GVA over the last few months. This kindness has allowed us to distribute these newsletters free of charge to everyone in the village and support the community use of the Recreation Hall.

If you would like to support us with this and other forthcoming projects that benefit the village in positive ways,

please help us by:

- * Making a donation, however small
- * Signing up to the East Lothian Lottery as this gives us regular income & you get a chance to win for just £1 per week!
- * Donate your time or services - we'd love to hear from you!

Bank Details:

Gullane Village Association
A/c: 21755961
Sort Code: 80-22-60

Send cheques:

Krish Bissoonauth -
GVA Secretary, Gullane Recreation Hall, Hamilton Road
Gullane, EH31 2HP

You can help the GVA by signing up to the East Lothian Lottery

You may have already signed up to the East Lothian Lottery, but we need many more to help us raise the funds to contribute toward on-going community projects. East Lothian Community Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in East Lothian. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit East Lothian and its residents.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a

week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a **top prize of £25,000!** That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery.

There will be a **draw every Saturday night** when a six digit winning combination will be picked.

To start supporting us, visit:
www.eastlothianlottery.co.uk and search for: **Gullane Village Association**





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How to get your organisation or advert included in the winter newsletter?

We issue the Gullane Village Newsletter quarterly and will be working to the deadline for the next copy of: **1st October 2026 (delivery late October)**

Articles should be a maximum of 100 – 200 words, with photo or logo if possible, and should take the form of a news article. Email us at: gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com.

Please see our Facebook page or website for updated information.

We will also be looking for events to include in our 'What's On' section.

Thinking about hiring the GVA's Recreation Hall or our Gazebos?



Are you looking for a hall to hire for a group, meeting or children's party? Then how about considering the Recreation Hall, situated just behind the Gullane tennis courts.

The hall hourly rates are currently £15 for not-for-profit organisations or individuals and £20 for businesses. Check out availability on our on-line diary on the GVA website & download a booking form to send on to:

bookings.recreation.hall@gmail.com

Our XL gazebos are available to hire per day for 1 gazebo £30, 2 gazebos £50 & 3 gazebos £70.



Why not become a member of the GVA?



Membership is open to any permanent resident of Gullane & West Fenton over the age of 16. All you need to do is send us an email with your details, post a note or sign up on our website.

All details will be held confidentially by the Secretary in accordance with GDPR.

Members event get together to be announced shortly!

Interested in helping the GVA committee, forming a sub-group or having your group represented? Then please get in touch with us below:

You can keep up to date online with the GVA or contact us on:

Website: www.gullanevillageassoc.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GullaneVillageAssoc

Twitter: twitter.com/assocgullane

Instagram: www.instagram.com/gullanevillageassoc

Email us at: gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com

Hall Bookings Email: bookings.recreation.hall@gmail.com

Mail: Krish Bissoonauth, GVA Secretary, Gullane Recreation Hall, Hamilton Rd, Gullane EH31 2HP

