

Gullane Newsletter



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Here comes the Summer!

Can you believe this is our 21st publication of the GVA's Gullane newsletter!!

Food glorious food! I hope you managed to join in with some of the fabulous events recently hosted at Gullane's very own Food & Drink Festival.

Our thanks go to the organisers and volunteers who were there, whatever the weather, to welcome everyone at each venue and for them bringing together so many varied stalls celebrating local and Scottish fayre and flavours.

The Gullane Village Association recently supported the 'More to Life' North Berwick initiative to showcase all the health and well-being classes that are available in the area . If you

attended any of the 'More to Life Festival' recently, we hope you felt the benefit of trying something new, stretched a few muscles or just enjoyed the sessions.

There are some lovely images below and inside from our recent Family Easter Event. Thanks to all who volunteered to help us run this much loved annual event.

Our next GVA members evening will be held on Saturday 23rd May, see inside for details and if you would like to become a member please email us. Enjoy your summer!



Lorna & Sarah - Editors since 2021



GVA Family Easter Event 2026



Gullane Food & Drink Festival



This year's Gullane Food and Drink Festival was another outstanding success.

Our talented food and drink producers truly shone, showcasing the very best of what Scotland has to offer.

Alongside our brilliant East Lothian producers, we were delighted to welcome makers and growers from further afield, bringing an even greater variety

of outstanding produce to the festival. Market day on the Smiddy Green was a particular highlight, with producers reporting brisk trade throughout the day as hundreds of visitors from near and far came to sample and buy their exceptional products.

Thank you to every volunteer and producer who poured their passion and hard work into making this year's festival such a memorable occasion.





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Happy 15th Anniversary!

We are incredibly fortunate in Gullane to have such outstanding optometrists right on our doorstep. Our heartfelt thanks go to Tracy, Gwen, and their wonderful team for looking after our eye health with professionalism and kindness for the past 15 years!

Business owner Tracy would like to pass on the following message -

“Celebrating 15 years in business is a moment I feel incredibly proud of.

What started as a vision has grown into something truly special, and

that’s all thanks to the continued trust and loyalty of our wonderful patients. Your support over the years has meant everything to us, and it’s been a privilege to care for the eye health of the East Lothian community.

As we mark this milestone, I’m filled with gratitude for how far we’ve come and excitement for the future.

Here’s to the next 15 years of looking after you and your families. “

Tracy Goldie



is celebrating 15 years in Gullane!

And to celebrate, we’re hosting a ‘**Summer of Celebrations**’ with exciting discounts, special promotions, and fantastic prize giveaways.

A huge thank you to all our loyal customers for being such an essential part of our story and helping us make this milestone truly special.

Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** for all the latest updates and offers.

To book your sight test or dispensing appointment, give us a call or visit our website.

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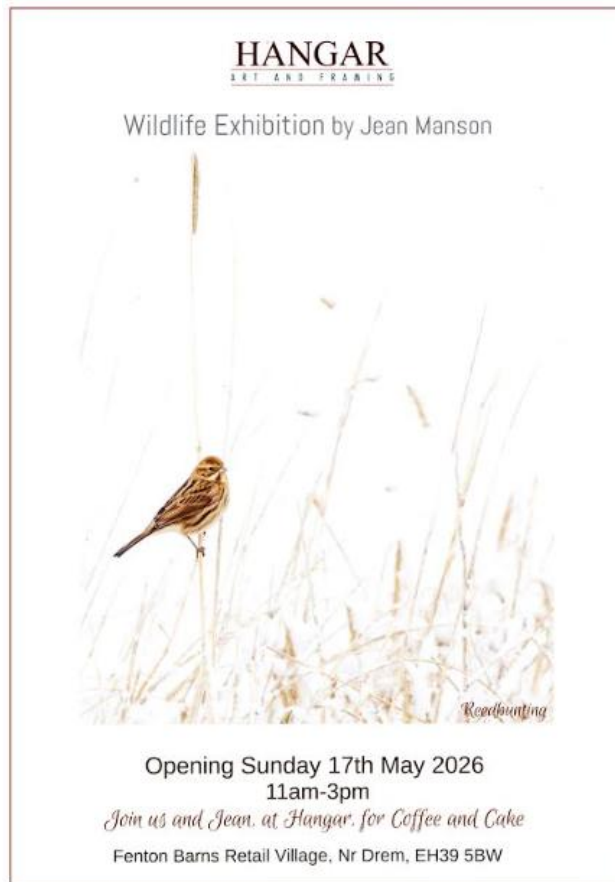
Hangar Framing

Wildlife Exhibition

At Hangar Art & Framing we are a dedicated team of three - plus Max the black lab who takes on more of a supervisory role.

We have the largest range of frames and mounts and work with you to produce fantastic results. Every framing option is possible with us - all work is undertaken and completed to the highest standard.

We are delighted to host Jean Manson's wildlife exhibition which showcases her experiences and passion for her work. With her keen eye she has captured her encounters with wildlife in Scotland, India and the Arctic in this stunning immersive exhibition. Please join us at Hangar on **Sunday 17th May 11am-3pm for tea and cake** which Jean will be present at if you'd like to talk to her about her work and experiences with wildlife. This exhibition will be running until Saturday 6th June.



East Lothian Foodbank

East Lothian Foodbank needs your donations - please give generously

As the cost of essentials continues to rise, many households need our emergency support. Your generosity will directly help local people.

Volunteers from Gullane uplift donations for the Foodbank from

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

There is also a collection point at North Berwick Tesco.

All donations are taken to the warehouse in Tranent where they are sorted and made into 3 day emergency food parcels.

Parcels are delivered throughout East Lothian.

Alternatively, look out for these pre-packed donation packs in Tesco.

Pick one up from the stand, pop it in your trolley and pay for it at the check-out, then leave it in the collection point.



DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED OUR HELP?

It's easy to access our support



Prefer to chat?
Call us on **07516 510 617**



Prefer text or whatsapp?
No problem, it's the same number
07516 510 617



Prefer to write? Email us on
info@eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk

Gullane Recreation Hall

GVA's Bike Maintenance Event



Following last year's successful Cycling UK bike maintenance weekend, a follow-up this year was a definite calendar fixture. Angie and Abi did not disappoint, by sharing their infectious enthusiasm and knowledge for all things bike.

They provided a hands-on 3 hours bike maintenance workshop where each participant worked on their own bike. Children and adults had signed up for the session, and it was fair to say the children were particularly quick on the uptake, no surprise there!

The look of delight on people's faces to be able to remove a back wheel from the cassette (gear rings) and replace after changing the tube was a delight to see.

When participants were asked to rate their pre- to post-workshop knowledge it had jumped from an average of 3 to 8 out of 10!

In the afternoon, people were able to book their bike in for a 15 minute bike check, advice and minor repairs. They were also shown how to run standard essential checks before riding their bikes.

All for free!



'More to Life' Festival

The GVA were happy to support the recent 'More To Life' Festival (27th April to 3rd May), a week long event highlighting the many activities for older adults going on across the North Berwick Coastal area.

Most of the classes or activities happen here in Gullane every week, so even if you perhaps missed out during the fes-

tival or couldn't muster the courage, we recommend using the newsletter & its 'What's On' guide to discover something that may be of interest to you.

We hear really positive feedback about these classes which are good for the soul as well as the body, whether it's Zumba Gold, Line Dancing, Meditation or Yoga, it's never too late to try something new!



GVA Members Event - Quiz Night

Our next members evening will be held in the Recreation Hall on **Saturday 23rd May at 7pm**, it should be a fun and entertaining evening with local quiz experts Glyn and Katie Aitkens testing our general knowledge or indeed lack of it!

If you would like to become a member, there's no joining fee you just need to be a resident of Gullane or West Fenton and over the age of 16, please email us:

gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com

GVA AGM - 2nd July 7pm

We hope for a quick AGM followed by our guest speaker, Fiona Jackson, newly arrived in Gullane, on her trip ago to Everest base camp a few years.

As always, there will be drinks and nibbles for all to enjoy.

Hope you can join us then.



Recreation hall hosts 7 Food Festival events!

The GVA was delighted to be able to host so many of the Gullane Festival of Food & Drink events in the Recreation Hall, including scone, dessert & bread making, tastings from Cairn O'Mohr Scottish wines, Fidra Gin & Dorchadas rum, a celebration of Seabuckthorn and The Slice Girls Kids' pizza making.

Just confirming what a really important community venue it is for such a wonderful festival.

Congratulations & thanks go out to the Festival team for the huge effort that goes into organizing and managing such a week of fabulous events!



GVA Family Fun Easter Event

Good old fashioned family fun!

The GVA hosted our 5th annual Easter event aimed at young families and were pleased to see so many regular happy faces as well as new ones to this very chocolatey and crafty afternoon.

Thanks goes to Andy & Gill who ran the outdoor activities, pretty much every child went home with armfuls of Easter eggs!

Our thanks go to Sally for running the Crispy Cake Café, to Tienieke, Elisa, Suzanne and Sylvia who ran the creative tasks and a special mention to Krish for creating Easter themed ball games and encouraging budding tennis stars of the future. Thanks goes to Gullane Tennis Club for once again allowing us to use court No.1.

See you next year, bring your friends!

We were also delighted to be joined by Cath from our Chair Yoga class who came along with her beautiful hand knitted baby clothes and husband's amazing tablet, to sell and raise money for a charity.



Chair Yoga with Janet Tuesdays 2.00–2.45pm

A gentle practice using a chair for support, making it ideal for people with limited mobility, balance issues or folk who simply feel more comfortable with extra stability.

Experience improved flexibility, strength and relaxation through modified poses that honor where your body is today.

This is a nurturing space where you can move, breathe and feel good. There's tea, biscuits and a blether at the end, space to catch up with friends and meet other folk in the community.

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

www.janetbaxter.com | 07967 275 962



Chair Yoga with Nicola

On a Wednesday there is a Chair Yoga class in the Recreation Hall at 11:15am - 45 minutes of Yoga followed by a cup of tea and a chat - time to connect with other people!

On Thursday in the Village Hall there is a Hatha Yoga class from 12:30 to 1:45pm.

All are welcome.

Nicola Bourke 07766174462

Nicola_bourke@hotmail.com

www.eastlothianyogaschool.co.uk

Connection in Yoga and Chair Yoga

Having just had a family bereavement, connection is the theme for Yoga classes this week. After all, what is Yoga? It's connecting body, mind, breath and spirit. Reconnecting what can feel disconnected. And the levels of potential disconnection are infinite. On a macro or global level in world politics the focus is on what makes us different, not what unites us. We are all human beings and we all share human experiences. I lost a family member and am very sad. Human experiences such as these are beyond religion or country or background and should help us to unite and thrive in this world. It's helpful at difficult times

to remember that I'm not the only one, this is a universal and human experience.

So, what does this mean in Yoga? In the classes this week I have been asking attendees to connect movement and breath, and to tune in and notice on the micro level. How does this movement feel? What does it feel like when I also consider my breathing? And afterwards to reflect "How does my body feel? How does my breath feel? How does my mind feel?" All to bring us back to ourselves and to reconnect.

You see, Yoga is more than just being bendy. Yoga brings us back to ourselves. Connection within and with each other.

Communication Skills and Children's Wellbeing



Communication skills play a key role in children's social and emotional development and lay the foundations for friendships and learning. Difficulties are common, with more than one in ten children experiencing long-term speech, language and communication needs (SLCN), placing them at higher risk of problems with mental health. Research combining several studies found that 81% of children with emotional and behavioural disorders had underlying language difficulties. This highlights the importance of early identification and support.

Some difficulties are more evident than others, such as unclear speech sounds. Others are easier to miss, and may show up as difficulty with:

- * Paying attention when others are talking
- * Following instructions
- * Giving relevant answers to questions
- * Participating in conversations
- * Talking about experiences and ideas
- * Learning and using new words
- * Learning to read

- * Behaviour
- * Friendships
- * Mood/mental health.

Many children mask their difficulties at school, only to have a big emotional release when they get home. It can be tricky to know whether difficulties are simply part of childhood and growing up, or a sign of an underlying need.

As a speech and language therapist, now working independently in Gullane and across East Lothian, I'm passionate about helping parents, educators and club leaders support children with SLCN so that they can understand others, be understood and thrive. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or enquiries about my services, I am happy to signpost anyone concerned to trusted websites and helplines.

Stephanie Goldwater, Speech and Language Therapist

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hello@understandbeunderstood.com

Instagram:

@understandbeunderstood_SLT

Gullane Primary School

An update from the Head teacher

As we begin the final term of the school year, Gullane Primary enters a busy and important period. The summer term provides an opportunity to reflect on learning across the year, complete attainment work, and begin planning priorities for the next session.

There is much for pupils and families to look forward to. A range of class trips will support learning beyond the classroom, while events such as Gullane's Got Talent and Sports Day offer enjoyable opportunities for pupils to come together. We will also support our youngest learners through P1 transition activities, and later in the term we will mark an important milestone as we say farewell to our P7 pupils during their leavers' events.

One of the highlights of the term is the **Summer Fayre on Saturday 30th May**. This event brings our school community together, and we hope many families will be able to join us and help make it another successful day.

I would also like to thank the many community groups and local partners who have supported the school throughout the year. Their contributions have enhanced learning across a wide range of areas, including sport, outdoor learning, creativity, wellbeing, and community engagement. In particular, I would like to thank the Gullane Village Association, Gullane Table Tennis Club, Gullane Library, Gullane Church, Gullane Bloomers, Gullane Golf Club, the Gullane Food and Drink Festival, and our local businesses.

These partnerships are highly valued, and we look forward to continuing our work together in the coming year.

With best wishes for a happy and restful summer

Steve Wood | Headteacher

Gullane Primary and ELC



Summer Fayre - Saturday 30th May

**The Gullane Primary School
Summer Fayre
Saturday 30th May, from 12pm
to 3pm at Gullane Pavilion and
Sports Pitches**

Join us for a fantastic day of family fun. Bounce your way through the afternoon on the bouncy castle and inflatable assault course, browse a wide range of stalls, from pocket money gifts to beautiful plants, and take part in lots of exciting games and activities. Treat yourself with delicious BBQ, home baking, and ice cream throughout the day.

Don't miss out on our kids' and adults' tombolas, packed with amazing prizes, and enter our grand raffle for your chance to win something special.

We are kindly asking for donations to help make the day a success:

- * **Raffle prizes**
- * **Tombola items (both adult and kids' tombola)**
- * **Plants for the plant stall**

If you can donate, please get in touch with the PTA on gullanepa@gmail.com.

There's something for everyone - crafts, games, competitions, and much more. We can't wait to see you there!



Gullane Village Hall

Become a Friend of your Village Hall



How to make a donation

For bank transfers, the account details as follows:

Business Name : GCA Gift Aid

Account Number : 00453238

Sort Code : 80-08-22

Bank : Bank of Scotland

For regular donations, please set up a scheduled payment (standing order) with the amount and frequency you would like to donate using the bank details above.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to make your donation worth 25% more with Gift Aid, please email

gullanecommunityassociation@gmail.com and we will send you a Gift Aid Declaration Form to sign.

If you'd prefer to pay by cheque please email the hall treasurer at gullanecommunityassociation@gmail.com, or contact the bookings secretary by email -

gullanevillagehallbookings@gmail.com or phone 07789 324 656 and leave a message.

We are pleased to say that our village hall continues to increase in popularity and the diversity of events have been well attended. We hope you like the latest improvements – upgraded lighting, refurbished wooden floor and the stage lift in the main hall, and blinds in the meeting room.

This year we want to:

- * Renew the audio-visual equipment to bring back Little Big Screen as well as prepare for this year's Pantomime
- * Redecorate the main hall, lobby and stage
- * Install comfortable seating – we all know the blue seats have definitely done their time!

The hall is entirely self-financing, with income raised through booking fees, external grants and fundraising events. To support this, donations from local people are vital, particularly as monthly running and maintenance costs are always rising – as we all know.

Book your event at the Village Hall

The huge variety of public and private events that take place in the village hall every year pay testament to just how flexible the hall is as a venue.

Alongside all the clubs and classes that take place daily in the hall, last year's village hall calendar included Scottish country dances and ceilidhs, pop-up restaurant events, a music workshop, bridge fundraisers, an accordion concert, a Beavers sleepover, the Gullane Christmas market, quiz nights, a wedding, dozens of parties, and lots more!



We thank everyone who has become a Friend of the Village Hall over recent years, making a monthly or annual donation, to help the hall to be more sustainable.

We are now reaching out to ask more people to come on board as donors. Your support will play a vital part in helping to continue to maintain and develop the hall, ensuring its long term position as a community hub that the whole village can enjoy and benefit from. The level of support is entirely up to you – it could be just £5 a month or £50 a year; equally one-off donations or legacies would also be welcome.

Another way to become a friend of the village hall is with your time – could you become a trustee and share your knowledge and skills at our monthly meetings or perhaps help out with particular projects? We would particularly welcome skills in communication, fundraising, finance, as well as practical support.

If you're thinking of organising an event, get in touch and we'll be happy to tell you more about how the village hall could be the ideal venue for you.

You'll find lots more information on the hall website too, as well as details of all the clubs and classes on offer. Visit gullanevillagehall.org.uk or email gullanevillagebookings@gmail.com.



The John Goldie Trio - Saturday 30th May

Following on from the very successful Adam Holmes gig in February we are delighted to welcome Scottish guitar virtuoso THE JOHN GOLDIE TRIO to John is, without doubt, one of the best acoustic guitar players in the world right now.

Drawing on a rich stream of musical influences, his ability to combine bass, chords, melody, and groove is quite remarkable.

As in demand in the studio and workshop space, as he is on the touring circuit, John has played with the who's who of talent from around the globe, including George Benson, Ronnie Wood, Bill Wyman, Martin Taylor, Tommy Emmanuel, and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Teaming up with Adam Bulley and Chas MacKenzie this exciting trio was formed to perform music written during the lockdown, influenced by old-timey Bluegrass and the Nashville scene, past and present.

The songs are an eclectic mix of break-neck speed picking, heartfelt ballads, and some quirky takes on old favourites. Throw in some on-stage banter,

and we're all set for an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

Tickets are available at **Vintage Rare & Retro Guitars shop** on Lammerview Terrace, Gullane, or on the website shop: vintagerareandretro.co.uk. Over 18s only – doors open at 6:30pm.



THE JOHN GOLDIE TRIO
Plus special guest Andrew Leslie

Gullane Village Hall
 Saturday 30th May 2026
Tickets £20

- Doors Open @ 7pm - Licensed Bar / Over 18s Only -

Tickets available from Vintage Rare & Retro Guitars, Gullane and online at vintagerareandretro.co.uk



Local Small Ads

Maple Cottage Bed & Breakfast

Situated in the heart of the village - four ensuite bedrooms, two on ground floor.

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Email gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com by 3rd August 2026



GULLANE DAY CENTRE

Contact

Manager Margaret Mack
on **01620 843084** or pop
in for an application form
Gullane Day Centre,
Hamilton Road, Gullane



Gullane Day Centre

The Gullane Day Centre is all about improving the quality of life for older people who live independently in and around Gullane, Dirleton and Aberlady areas.

Our activities help people learn new skills and hobbies, rediscover old ones, build confidence and have fun.

We also provide a little bit of help and support and a nutritious meal – all the ingredients to help people live longer and more happily and independently in their own homes.

There are many activities at the Day Centre, where we can look after body, mind and soul!

You can have a chat over a cuppa and then enjoy a tasty nutritious lunch. We have a variety of activities available which include a sing along or dance to

gentle exercises, bowling, quizzes, dominoes and board games and a range of arts and crafts.

We have all recently enjoyed some home baking with Agnes, exercising our sit and get fit with Tracey Craig, some lovely bus runs and beach front walks.

Our service users are often asked their choices and we regularly do feedback surveys.

We then tailor our activities to suit our service user's needs and wishes to ensure they have the best health and wellbeing.



Gullane Scone Café

Alternate Saturdays from 10.30am to midday in the Gullane Day Centre.

Scone Café runs at Gullane Day Centre every other Saturday 10:30am until noon.

We put the kettle on, make fresh tea or coffee, and serve homemade scones with butter and jam.

It's just an easy place to sit, chat, and be around people for an hour or so. If you're curious, new to the area, or sometimes feel a bit on your own, you're welcome.

No need to bring anything - just drop by, have a scone, and enjoy being a bit active from time to time or getting involved in a fun quiz.

Hope to see you there soon.

We make no charge but all donations are welcome.

For more information ring

Di on 01620 843178 or Margaret on 07907 999967

Written by Emily Hoddinott on behalf of Gullane Scone Café.



Aberlady & Gullane Parish Church

Gullane Church was full on Easter Sunday when Rev Lis Stenhouse led her final service before beginning a well-deserved retirement.

Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church is now embarking on recruiting a new minister. We are also busy preparing for major refurbishments, these will make Gullane Church and Church Centre a warmer and more usable space for the church and the wider community. Look out for updates!

While we search for a new minister, services will be led mostly by our Worship Team and Rev Brian Hilsley.

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



Annual Plant Sale

SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2026

10 - 12.15 pm

ABERLADY COMMUNITY HALL

Entry £1.50 Cream Teas £3.50

Cake and Candy stall Raffle

Cash and card sales accepted

10% profit to Christian Aid

Hall will be open
Friday 8th 4-5.30pm
to receive donations

Scottish Charity Number SC005237

Gullane Bowling Club

Gullane Bowling Club is celebrating an incredible 125 years of bowling in the village, and we'd love for you to be part of the celebrations - there's lots going on!

Whether you've never picked up a bowl before or you're looking to get back into the game, this is the perfect chance to have a go in a relaxed and friendly setting.

It's a great way to meet new people, enjoy some fresh air and exercise, and discover a new hobby right on your doorstep.

Contact

bowlsforgullane@gmail.com for more information.



Glorious Gullane Bloomers



The whole of Gullane is now a riot of colour thanks to the new additions at the east end of the Village. Starting with the 2000 crocus and daffodils planted last October at Muirfield Park which brightened up February, to the fantastic two new triple planters at the entrance to Gullane and Cherish. This alongside the five new barrels at Muirfield Drive, Fenton Road and College Way has ensured a colourful display all along Main Street.

We now have six triple planters, an extra-large one at Golf Club, 17 Barrels, 27 Planters and 31 Hanging Baskets, plus the Community Garden and the Blue Stane area to water, feed and maintain! Millenium woods looked wonderful too with the many bulbs and daffodils planted.

At the Village Hall and Recreation Hall we have also planted up bulbs with the Beavers and Scouts, and donated plants to cheer up around this area. The Village Hall have also added 2 Planters to add a welcome at their entrance.

The Old Clubhouse, The Mallard and Margiotta now benefit from hanging baskets and tubs supplied by ELC / Bloomers to brighten and cheer up their frontage too.

We also planted a further 8000 purple crocus bulbs all around Gullane. This is an initiative from North Berwick Rotary

Club to help "End Polio Now" and to provide protection against Polio worldwide. This took place in October last year and we enjoyed a wonderful purple display early Spring and will continue to grow every year going forward. We also took on the challenge of fixing, sanding and painting the 18 Benches around Goose Green and Main Street which all badly needed some TLC. It was completed thanks to having a few new recruits volunteering to help with this task. It is a great to see folks relaxing and enjoying the renovated seating areas and enjoying the painted quotes from Alan of Aitken Art.

Alan also sold some images of our floral displays that he had painted and kindly donated from these sales to us. Along with Gullane Games Week donations this enabled us to plant up a variety of bulbs around Goose Green and daffodils down Fenton Road which created a fabulous spring welcome.

We are now concentrating this year in bringing The Traffic Lights Project to fruition and create a new seating area and floral display for all to enjoy.

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

Glorious Gullane Bloomers | RBS Business 83-18-47 | account 10892867

Lorna Raeburn, Glorious Gullane Bloomers Team

e3lor@me.com 07740987116



Gullane Open Gardens 2027

Judy and William Thomson hope to open their beautiful garden again next summer for the village to enjoy, and they've asked the GVA to help organise, including finding volunteers to run the tea tent and admissions tables.

In addition, we'd love to hear from anyone else—whether your garden is big or small—who might be interested in opening their garden for the community to enjoy.

Please email:

gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com

Gullane Open Gardens has been a wonderful event in the past, and with your help, we'd be delighted to bring it back.

A percentage of the admissions fee will be donated to national & local charities.

Gullane House 2025 -

"As well as the impressive herbaceous borders and roses at this time of year the vegetable garden now boasts raised beds and the barbecue area has been decked. To the east of the house we have created a landscaped area with paths separating newly planted beds, a seating area and a water feature."

For more information about the garden go to **www.scotlandsgardens.org**

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New Bike Hub Coming to Archerfield Walled Garden

A new cycling hub is set to open at Archerfield Walled Garden this summer, bringing bike sales and servicing to the local area.

North Berwick Bikes is a new venture from local business owner Tina O'Rourke (Ezee Riders) and experienced mechanic Tom of The Bike God. Combining years of experience, they are creating a friendly, welcoming space for local riders of all levels.

A new showroom and workshop will open in July 2026, offering carefully

selected bikes from leading brands including Scott, Orbea and Cannondale, alongside professional servicing and repairs.

Servicing and repairs are available by appointment now from our existing workshop at Archerfield.

Book for servicing or arrange a sales appointment.

Email:

info@northberwickbikes.co.uk

Website: northberwickbikes.co.uk



St Adrian's Scottish Episcopal Church

Our church gardens are looking lovely in the spring with the blossoms on the trees and people are very welcome to come into the gardens and enjoy them during the day-time.

We have been doing actions to enhance the wild-life and you might see the odd deer! Come and sit on the bench and enjoy the peace.

Our regular **Sunday church service is at 9.30am** and the Rector, Simon Metzner, can be contacted on **simonmetzner@sky.com**.

During the summer we will have volunteers opening the church during the day, so do pop in and enjoy it.

St Adrian's is planning to celebrate the centenary of our church opening in 2027. We are planning a number of upgrades to equip our church for its second century. You can follow our progress on our St Adrian's Facebook page and look out for events this summer including our annual pet service in the gardens.



Local Sporting Activities



Gullane Tennis Club

- We offer club nights on a Monday 18.30-20.30pm
- Tuesday morning early bird sessions 07.30/8am start
- Thursday social tennis 09.30-11am
- Sunday casual social tennis 9-10.30am

We also have an outdoor table tennis table, bats and balls

More information on the club is available on our website:

clubspark.lta.org.uk/
GullaneLTC



Now that the weather is warming up, it is great to have fun outdoor activities to tempt us off our armchairs and get us moving. The tennis club always welcomes new members and our club coach Roddy Barbour has various coaching programmes to suit all - so please do join us!

It's been a lively few months at the tennis club with a Mexican Fiesta Fund-raiser raising £777 for Sarcoma UK, a Vets Doubles Trophy and a Juniors Easter Camp keeping the courts busy. Thanks again to all the organisers!

The coaching blocks continue 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, Improvers Coaching and cardio tennis sessions for adults throughout the year. For details see: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/vantagetenniscoaching

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP costs remain accessible at:

Adults £65, Family £135, Juniors & Youngsters (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.

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

membership@gullanetennisclub.com

UPCOMING VACANCIES: due to 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 (see email above) if you can help.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

16th May - Deadline for entries to GTC Club Championships

13-17th July - Juniors Summer Camp

30th July - Gullane Games tennis event

10&11th Aug - Juniors two day Summer Camp

Please do check Facebook and website for timings and more details.

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.

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



For more information about the club please check our website for details:

www.gullanetabletennisclub.wordpress.com



MRT Fundraising

Muirfield Riding Therapy would love to share with you some of their summery events!



Sunday 10th May, 1pm - 5pm

Tickets £8/kids free - on-the-day proceeds to

Muirfield Riding Therapy

Awarded 'Outstanding' for every category in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes of Scotland, don't miss this opportunity to visit Tyninghame. The formal walled garden combines the lawn, sculpture and yew hedges, an Apple Walk, extensive herbaceous planting including roses and peonies with an informal arboretum.

Tea Tent with delicious home baking run by Muirfield Riding Therapy.

5th Annual BIG BARN DANCE

Saturday 13th June, 6pm - 9.30pm
Muirfield Riding Therapy, West Fenton, EH39 5AL

Tickets £12 / kids £5,

www.muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/events

Get your cowboy boots at the ready, your bike/designated driver/taxi booked, it's Big Barn Dance time!

Celebrate the summer at our 5th annual Big Barn Dance!

A little bit Country, a little bit Ceilidh, a lot of fun!

Live Band, Bar, Games, Raffle!

Line Dancing instructor Heather Baxter will take you through your paces, learning a dance to Luke Combs.

Prizes for Best Wild West Dress and Best Picnic!

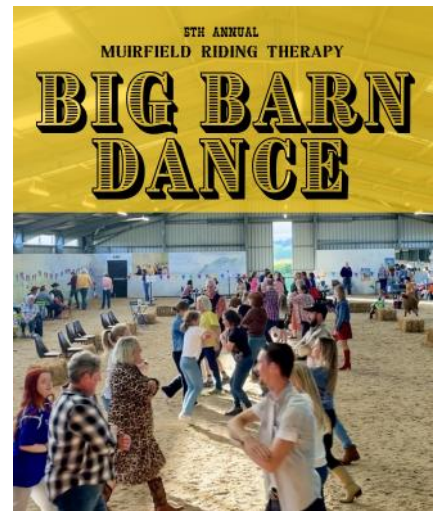
By supporting this event you are supporting a charity that quite literally changes lives every day. Thank you.



Joy | Belonging | Empowerment | Excellence

The Indoor Arena, West Fenton, North Berwick, EH39 5AL
 01620 842 502

Registered charity no. SC028674



Gullane ECO Group

Gullane Eco Group aims to support our community's nature connection for the health and well-being of people and planet.

We have a few events planned and more in the pipeline for the year ahead.

If you are interested in joining Gullane Eco Group or would like to offer a nature friendly talk/skill, please contact: jenkirland@hotmail.com

Our first of the planned events was a Marine Conservation Beach Clean in February, which collected 188 items in one hour. Many of these are small enough to be mistaken by birds and fish for food, and plastics in particular are now commonly found in bird and fish stomachs! See the graphs for the sort of things that were found.

Please look out for more information on Gullane News Facebook page.

Future events

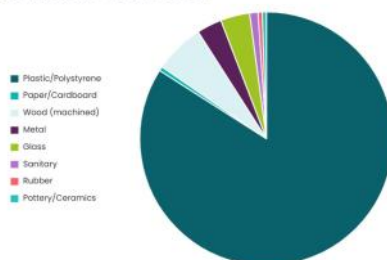
Saturday 9th May: Guided Bird Watching Walk, Aberlady Nature Reserve, 9:30-12:30. Meet at Gullane Bents carpark, bring binoculars, snack and water.

Sunday 7th June: Community Beach Clean, Gullane Beach, 18:00-19:00. Meet at Gullane Bents carpark. Litter pickers, bags and gloves provided.

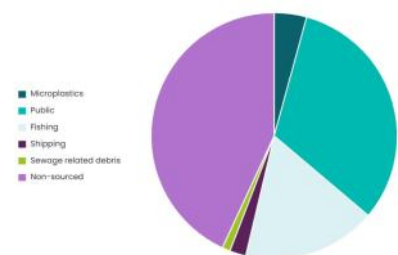
To be arranged: Gullane/Aberlady Dunes walk and talk with East Lothian Ranger



Materials collected



Sources





FIND THE MUSEUM

Coastal Communities Museum
School Road
North Berwick
EH39 4JU
Scotland
01620 894313

FREE ENTRY
(donations appreciated)

OPENING TIMES

We are open from
Wednesday – Saturday
11am until 4pm
every week
until 31 October.

The Coastal Communities Museum

Located in the heart of North Berwick, the Coastal Communities Museum is a welcoming space where visitors of all ages can connect with the rich heritage of our local area. Whether you're a history buff, a local resident, or just visiting the area our museum offers something for everyone and our friendly volunteers will be delighted to show you around.

30,000 Years of History

Agricultural life is an important part of the Coastal Ward in East Lothian and we have a new display of historic farm implements. These include seed broad-casters, sheep shears, a hand plough and even a 'foster mother.' Come along and find out more about this curiously named device!

We also have a beautiful collection on loan of button hooks in our Collectors' Corner. Among them are several examples of 'trench art' — everyday objects transformed with creativity and care, each with its own story to tell.

Detailed models of the old shops in Aberlady will remain with us for another year, as will our exhibit celebrating North Berwick's award-winning Gaelic choir.

And for those who enjoy the chance to spot a familiar face, our North Berwick Law Race exhibit returns. The video footage is a favourite with visitors who are delighted to see themselves, friends, or family taking part.

In the Children's Area, our much-loved (and very well-worn!) pirate costumes have been topped up, ready for another season of imaginative adventures on Treasure Island. We've also restocked our ever-popular colouring postcards along with our Seabird and Geology quizzes.

Coastal Communities Museum
(Above North Berwick Library)
www.coastalmuseum.org

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
[coastalcommunitiesmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/coastalcommunitiesmuseum)



LANDSEAPEOPLE Stories

Gullane Baby & Toddler Group

Hello! We are a group of parents with young children who meet **every Friday from 10 to 11:30 am at the Children's Hub, next to the Gullane library.**

Our aim is to build a community of parents, in a child friendly environment.

The Hub is a great space with lots of toys, as well as opportunities for role play, and art and crafts.

There is also a wonderful garden, plus a snacks and kitchen area.

We ask for a contribution of £3 per family, which includes a selection of small snacks to the children, and tea & coffee for the adults.

Whether you are new to Gullane or have been here for some time, we would love to meet you and get to know you more!

Please join us whenever you are free. :)

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please get in touch at gullanebabyandtoddler@gmail.com



Gullane Community Children's Hub

The children have returned very happily to the Hub for the Summer Term. We are looking forward to lots of time outdoors and have already planted out potatoes and sown pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds and wild-flowers. The children have also chosen vegetables and fruit bushes to add to our patch.

Recent themes and areas of interest have included the garden (as above), Spring, pets, minibeasts, the weather, birds and most recently life cycles as we prepare to hatch another brood of chicks!

We are about to begin allocating Play-group places for August. If you are interested in your child joining Play-

group please complete our online application form (available on the website under the Parent Zone tab) or contact the manager on

manager@gullanecchub.org

www.gullanecchub.org



Jog Scotland

There are plenty of people out running in the village these days. Many choose to run on their own.

However, if you are someone who would like to jog, but would prefer the motivation and company of others, you are welcome to join Jogscotland Coasters.

We are a small group that run gentle, 5km routes in and around Gullane, Dirleton and North Berwick.

Andy, the jog leader, is happy to sup-

port individuals through couch-2-5k for beginners.

We currently have one regular meeting - Sunday morning at 8.30am, at Archerfield Walled Garden.

It is completely free to join. Register with Jogscotland at www.jogscotland.org.uk/joggers/join-jogscotland

To join the group, contact **Andy - andy3112@gmail.com**



GULLANE GAMES 2026: 24th July - 2nd August

Fri 24th

4pm - 5:30pm | Village Rounders Match | Memorial Park (next to school)

7:30pm - 11pm | 18+ Quiz Night* | Gullane Village Hall

*£25 per team, teams of 4, BYOB. Book on gullanegamesquiz@gmail.com

Sat 25th

10am - 12pm | Gruffalo Building Competition | Millennium Woods (next to school)

What3Words: ///match.head.promising

2pm - 3:30pm | U16 Football | Memorial Park (next to school)

Sun 26th

10am - 12pm | Fun Cricket Session (all ages) | Astro Turf (next to school)

2pm - 4pm | Village Treasure Hunt* | The Mallard Hotel

*£5 per team, max of 5 in a team, all primary age children and younger must be accompanied by an adult

Mon 27th

6:30pm - 8pm | Children & Adult's Fun Bowling Night (P5 and above) | Gullane Bowling Club

Tue 28th

6:30pm - 8pm | Long Drive and Pitching & Putting Competitions* | No.2/3 Starters Box

*Children & adults, £1 entry per competition

Wed 29th

1pm - 3pm | Sand Modelling Competition | Gullane Beach (car park end)

4pm - 6pm | Table Tennis Competition (P3 and above) | Village Hall

7pm - 9pm | U14 Junior Disco (£1 entry & tuck shop) | Gullane Games Marquee (on children's golf course)

Thu 30th

10am - 11:30am | Children's Arts & Crafts (£3 per child) | Recreation Hall (behind village hall)

4pm - 5:30pm | Fun Tennis Session (P4 and above) | Gullane Tennis Club

7pm - 10pm | Family Ceilidh* | Gullane Village Hall

*Donations on entry, BYOB, tuckshop. Book on gullanegamesceilidh@gmail.com

Fri 31st

10am - 12pm | Tartan Touch Rugby (all ages and families invited) | Memorial Park (next to school)

12:30pm - 2pm | MRT Horse Care Experience | Muirfield Riding Therapy, West Fenton

2pm - 3:30pm | Beach Volleyball (P3 and above) | Gullane Beach (car park end)

Deliberate mistake competition:

All week local shops will display a deliberate mistake in their windows. Forms can be collected from Alasdair Good Pro Shop. Completed forms to be submitted in the post box by the tennis club entrance gate by 4pm on Friday 31st July.

Sat 1st - GAMES DAY

1:30pm | Games Day Fancy Dress Parade to open the games (Theme: Space & Beyond) | Meet at Children's Golf Course

2:30pm | First Race (races for all ages) | Children's Golf Course

Approx. 4:30pm | Tug of War | Children's Golf Course

Approx. 5pm | Wheat Toss | Children's Golf Course

Plus:

Music from Dalkeith & Monktonhall Brass Band

Tea Tent

BBQ

Face Painting

Beat the Goalie

Bouncy castle & inflatables

Tombola

Raffle*

*Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the week at the various events, but can also be purchased online from 1st July onwards. Scan the QR code below to purchase from 1st July.

Visit:

<https://shorturl.at/pZNOU>



Sun 2nd

5:30pm - 7pm | Evening Jam by Gullane

Church | Crafts, stories, pizza & chips |

Gullane Games Marquee

Book on agpcchildren@gmail.com

Disclaimer:

A nominated adult must stay and be responsible for each child in attendance at ALL events. Gullane Games assumes no responsibility for the care of children attending these events.

The Gullane Games Committee disclaims all responsibility for any damage to persons or property during Games Week unless caused by its negligence.

With HUGE thanks to our official sponsor:

Greywalls
City Race

MUIRFIELD & EDINBURGH

Can you help with Gullane Games 2026?

GULLANE GAMES 2026:

Support Needed for Gullane Games Week

We're gearing up for another fantastic Gullane Games Week and reaching out to local businesses and community members to help make it extra special.

Local Businesses – Get Involved

We would love your usual support with our Deliberate Mistake Competition and would hugely appreciate prizes – whether in the form of vouchers, gifts or other generous contributions.

Volunteers – We Need You

Can you lend a hand?

We are looking for help throughout Gullane Games Week and on Games Day itself. Volunteers are particularly needed to help run the events during the week.

On Games Day we also need help to:

- Set up activities
- Marshall the fancy dress parade & races
- Donate raffle and tombola prizes

Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.

**If you would like to contribute or volunteer, please contact
gullanegames@gmail.com**

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.



St Columba's Hospice Care invite you to join us for **Sunday 14th June for a special Flower Arranging workshop**

We will be joined by Isla from Wild Flower to guide you through the art of flower arranging and build your very own Bouquet to take home. Tickets are £60 and will include:

- * All materials for flower arranging including all the fresh flowers
- * Learn the art of flower arranging from an expert
- * Light refreshments

All profits from the event go to continuing to support hospice care across East Lothian and Edinburgh. Please contact:

kcoutts@stcolumbahospice.org.uk or call 07353964670 to book your place!

✂ Cut out & keep

May

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| Sat 9th | Gullane & Aberlady Church Plant Sale - Aberlady Community Hall 10-12.15pm |
| Sat 9th | Guided Bird Watching Walk, Aberlady Nature Reserve, 9:30-12:30pm |
| Sun 10th | MRT Fundraiser at Tynninghame House Open Gardens event 1-5pm |
| Sun 17th | Hangar Art & Framing Wildlife Exhibition—11am - 3pm |
| Sat 23rd | GVA Members Night Quiz - Recreation Hall 7pm |
| Sat 30th | Gullane Primary School PTA Summer Fayre 12noon-3pm |
| Sat 30th | The John Goldie Trio - Gullane Village Hall 7pm |

June

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| Sat 6th | Sewforth Craft group meetings - Village Hall at 2pm |
| Sun 7th | Community Beach Clean, Gullane Beach, 18:00-19:00pm |
| Sat 13th | MRT Big Barn Dance 6-9.30pm Indoor Arena, West Fenton, EH39 5AL |
| Sun 14th | St. Columba's Hospice Flower Arranging event 1.30-4.30pm |
| Fri 26th | School term ends |

July

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| Thurs 2nd | GVA AGM Recreation Hall 7pm |
| Mon 13th-Fri 17th | Gullane Tennis Club Juniors Summer Camp |
| TBC | Discover Science for 4-8year olds with Katie Reid - Recreation Hall |
| Fri 24th | Gullane Games Week begins |
| Thurs 30th | Gullane Games tennis event |

August

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| Sat 1st | Gullane Games Day |
| 10th & 11th | Gullane Tennis Club Juniors two day Summer Camp |
| Wed 12th | Autumn School term begins |

Gullane Village Association

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

Highland Broadband

Highland Broadband support several of the village's community spaces by providing free Wi-Fi for users.

They recognise the benefit that a community hub provides and are now offering the GVA £50, and a £125 voucher for you, if you use the QR code or link:



Simply scan the QR code
or use our unique link
to sign up

refer.highlandbroadband.com/gullanevillageassociation-7

Scan Me

Please help us by signing up to the East Lothian Lottery

Thank you to those of you who have gifted their winnings back to the GVA over the last few months!

You may have already signed up to the East Lothian Lottery & even won a prize, 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!**

Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 and 9. There is a **draw every Saturday night** when a six digit winning combination is picked.

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



Enter our
Super Draw

Win a Nintendo Switch 2
Mega Bundle!
OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE

East Lothian
Community Lottery
Supporting local communities & causes

GULLANE
VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



*Developing,
enhancing &
connecting the
village
community*

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

We issue the Gullane Village Newsletter quarterly and will be working to the **deadline for the next copy of: 3rd August 2026 (delivery September)**

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.

If your article is for local business advertising purposes, it will be subject to approval & small charge.

We will also be looking for events to include in our 'Dates for your Diary'

Hire the Recreation Hall or XL Gazebos from GVA



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 at the GVA website & send for a booking form to our new booking email:

bookings.recreation.hall@gmail.com

Our XL gazebos are also available to hire per day - 1 gazebo £30, 2 gazebos £50 & 3 gazebos £70. This does not include delivery & installation!



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.

Interested in helping the GVA trustees, 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



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