

# DANDERHALL AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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# SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Midlothian Moving Forward, the Community Planning Partnership, is committed to placing communities at the heart of community planning. This involves producing neighbourhood plans in each of Midlothian's sixteen Community Council areas.

This plan is focussed on the Danderhall & District Community Council area.

A Neighbourhood Plan describes the area it serves and lists the changes, developments and improvements local residents would like to see happen. This is done through consultation involving both public meetings and questionnaires aimed at finding out the most important issues that need to be addressed. The process is designed to help a variety of agencies to work together with local people to build strong, safe and attractive communities.

A steering group consisting of community representatives working in partnership with different agencies was formed to develop and undertake the consultation process and to take forward this plan.

In setting up the Community Planning Partnership process, Midlothian Moving Forward has established the following priorities:

Adult Health and Social Care

Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

Maximising Business Opportunities

Ensuring the Local Area is a Safe Place to Live, Work and Visit

Improving Opportunities

Conserving and Improving Midlothian's Environment

These priorities have guided both the process of consultation and the reporting of findings described in this document.

This document summarises the outcomes of the consultation undertaken in 2012.

The Danderhall Neighbourhood Plan recognises and values the strengths of local communities and local residents, and seeks to build upon their knowledge, skills and expertise.

# SECTION 2: DANDERHALL AND DISTRICT AREA



The area is a group of villages within Midlothian, situated just outside the city of Edinburgh. The main villages include a large number of council housing – although much of this is now privately owned by the occupiers.

The area provides a variety of amenities for the people who live there. All the shops in the area are situated on Newton Church Road, Danderhall. These consist of various retail outlets including Co-operative Food, RS McColl (which also contains a Post Office), a pharmacy and hairdressers. There is also a Medical Centre.

There is one church in the area, namely Newton Church (which has a cemetery attached). The church runs groups for the locals, such as Boys Brigade.

There is also Danderhall Community Centre which now incorporates 'Annie's Café'. The Centre provides facilities such as a gymnasium, a sports hall and another hall for recreation (parties etc) purposes. There are also numerous activities available to the public, which include karate, badminton, dance classes, amongst many others. There is also a highly successful boxing club, which has produced a junior Scottish champion.

Danderhall Library provides reading facilities, public computers and access to Midlothian Council and other local information. The Library staff also organise many regular events including craft groups, reading groups and activities for young people.

There is a children's nursery attached to Danderhall Primary School, an out of school childcare service at Danderhall Primary School, a playgroup at Danderhall Pavilion and a toddlers group at Newton Church Hall. Danderhall Primary School is the only school in the area and has recently celebrated 50 years service.

There are two playing fields at either end of Danderhall. One has two five-a-side pitches. Both have marked out full size football pitches.

The area also has one public house, The Edmonstone Inn, The Danderhall Miners Club and two restaurants: The Cockatoo near to Millerhill and Beijing Banquet on Old Dalkeith Road, near to Maulsford Avenue.



The area also has a frequent bus service into Edinburgh and the Lothians, the main arterial route being the A7 which runs along one edge of the area, beside Danderhall. There is also a park and ride nearby.

Danderhall Community Council area also takes in the area of Millerhill, Newton Village, Hilltown and various farms. These are all small residential areas and have no shops in the locality other than those close by, in Danderhall.

The Edinburgh to Galashiels railway is currently being constructed on farmland passing through the area.

There were initially plans to build a new town between Newton Village and Musselburgh but there is no further information on actual plans or timescales at this stage



# SECTION 3: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATIONS



Throughout the process of the Danderhall Neighbourhood Plan a series of consultations took place with the local community. These included 'Planning for Real Events'; a questionnaire to every household in Danderhall and District; and a community consultation event (Open Day). In all of these consultations, residents and those working in Danderhall were invited to give their views and opinions of Danderhall and what they wanted to see change.

## 3.1 PLANNING FOR REAL

"Planning for Real" is a "hands on" process which, by using a large scale map of Danderhall and District, local people were able to discuss issues in detail, put forward suggestions to 'show' how the area could be improved and to highlight specific issues. The 'Planning for Real' events

were held in Danderhall Leisure Centre, Danderhall Library, and Danderhall Church Hall. A total of 56 local people attended these events and gave their comments and feedback.

The main issues identified by local people in the 'Planning for Real' events were:

Public Transport – lack of services between villages and lack of timetabling information

Improving Environment – dog mess in streets and lack of dog poop bins

Facilities for Young People and Community Safety – need for more facilities eg skatepark

Night noise and young people hanging around

## 3.2 QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire was delivered to every household in Danderhall and District in February 2012, along with businesses and Danderhall Primary School. 106 responses were received and the majority of these responses were highly detailed with significant quality feedback to open questions. An analysis of the responses is presented below:

### Respondents

The majority of respondents were adults between 46-65 (50.5%) and 26-45 (24.2%). 96.1% are from Danderhall and 16.3% worked in Danderhall.

### General Responses

People feel largely positive about the village with 8.8% thinking it excellent, and 49% thinking it is "very good".



**Parking**

3% of people feel that disabled access is 'fair' with 29% thinking it is very good or excellent. 44.9% think that parking is fair. 34.7% think it is excellent or very good.

**Cleanliness**

The majority of people (74.1%) feel that the cleanliness of the area is fair, good or excellent.

**Public Transport and Roads**

Although 30.4% thought it was fair and 32.4% felt it was very good, reactions to transport were much more varied.

There were more negative reactions to road conditions with 37.1% thinking they were bad or very bad.

**Cyclists Facilities**

31.6% felt that facilities for cyclists were 'fair'. 10.5%

felt they were very good. A high proportion was unsure, indicating that they were not cyclists.

**Health Services**

Health services are viewed very positively. 47.9% felt they were very good and 24% felt they were excellent.

The majority of people felt that there were adequate services and facilities that kept them healthy. 45.5% thought they were fair, while 32.7% felt they were very good or excellent.

**Education**

Education is viewed positively with 36.1% saying it is very good and 9.3% feeling it is excellent.

**Accommodation and Housing**

27.8% feel that their rented accommodation was fair and

24.7% felt it was very good. Due to numerous variables, the written responses are more important.

**Library and Community Centre**

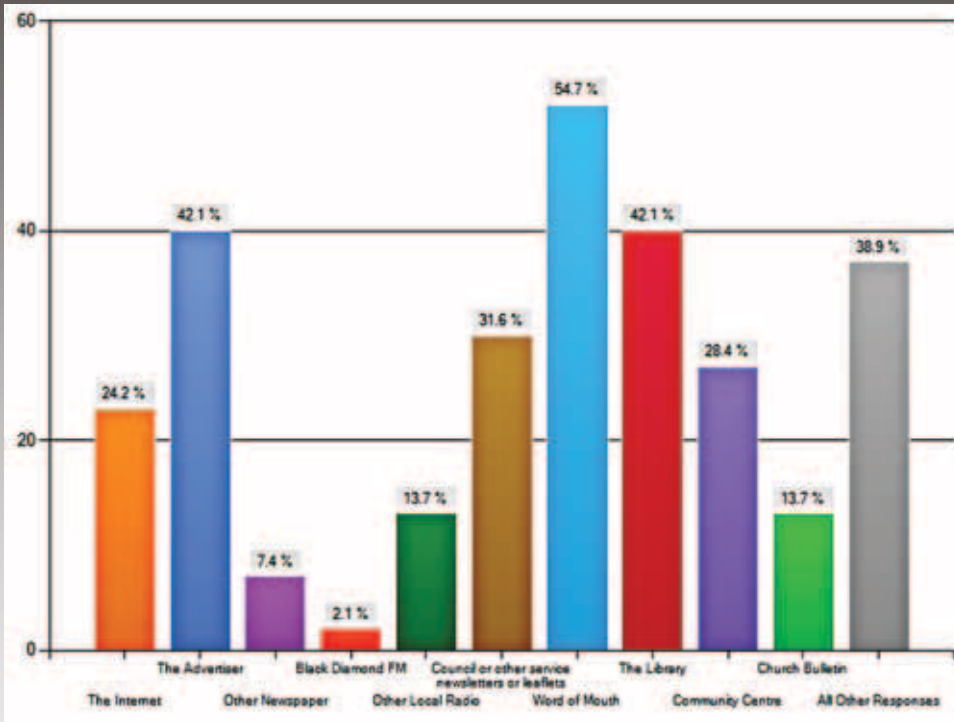
The Library service is viewed very positively, with 44% feeling it is very good and nearly everyone else feeling it is either excellent or fair.

**Community Centre**

38.6% felt that the community centre was 'fair'. There was a range of other response.

**Crime**

The majority of people don't feel particularly affected by crime.



## OPPORTUNITIES & INFORMATION

### Employment

Employment opportunities were seen as quite low, with no-one saying they were very good or excellent.

### Youth Facilities

Similarly poor feedback was given for youth facilities with very few thinking they were very good or excellent and 26% thinking they were 'bad'.

### Older Peoples Services

The majority (37%) felt that older people's services were 'fair'.

### Mental Health/Physical Health Problems

For the few who were able to respond, the feeling was that services for people with mental and physical health problems were poor. 16.7% felt they were fair, 88% felt they were bad.

### Heritage and Leisure

A range of responses were given as to how heritage was celebrated.

### Parks

Parks were viewed relatively positively with 43.4% viewing them as fair and 35.4% as very good.

### Involvement in Political Process

67.3% were aware of how to raise an issue with their elected member, with the majority using surgery or phone.

Similarly (61%) were aware of how to get hold of their community council.

More (79%) were aware of how to get hold of their GP, police and other statutory services.

### Local Information

52% felt that access to information was 'fair'. The chart below shows the breakdown.

The chart above shows where respondents get information.





### **3.3 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EVENT**

An Open Day was held involving partners from Lothian and Borders Police, 'Toot for Fruit', Midlothian Council: Community Safety, Environmental Health, Public Transport, Regeneration, Community Learning and Development. Consultations were included in the Action Plan.

A prize was offered as part of the questionnaire and the draw took place at the Open Day.

Councillor Jim Bryant drew the winning entry by Annette Smith, who won a voucher for the Beijing Banquet Restaurant, Danderhall.

On the same day, Danderhall Library ran their Big Picnic event which included a Young People Consultation in the form of a poster competition. There were many entries and these are available for viewing at Danderhall Library. The winning entries appear on the following page.

## I ♥ Danderhall

<p><b>One thing I like</b></p> <p>The parks          The green thing          Shoot          Swings</p> 	<p><b>One thing I don't like</b></p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Put litter in the bin          Bin          Don't do it          Do it          Put litter in the bin</p> 
<p><b>One thing that would make Danderhall better</b></p> <p>Stop people doing graffiti!</p> 	<p><b>One thing I would change</b></p> <p>The community center by upgrading it making it bigger and better</p> 

## I ♥ Danderhall

<p><b>One thing I like</b></p> <p>Having the x-box and facebook in the library on Friday afternoons</p>	<p><b>One thing I don't like</b></p> <p>Bus services          Danderhall weather          need more stuff to do          Basically everything I don't like</p>
<p><b>One thing that would make Danderhall better</b></p> <p>Get a swimming pool          have more youth clubs for all different ages.</p>	<p><b>One thing I would change</b></p> <p>Have lots more clubs and activities to do for all ages during the week.</p>



#### **4. Reporting and Review**

Reports from the lead agencies will be provided to the Steering Group to allow progress to be monitored. The Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed in September 2013.

#### **5. Community Planning Partners**

The Midlothian Community Planning Partnership brings together statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations to work together to plan and deliver services. Progress of the plan will be reported to the Partnership.

Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service  
- NHS Lothian - Lothian and Borders Police -  
Scottish Enterprise - Midlothian Voluntary Action  
- Midlothian Federation of Community Councils  
- Midlothian Council - Midlothian Chamber of  
Commerce and Enterprise - Jewel and Esk  
College - Job Centre Plus - South East Scotland  
Transport (SEStran) - Skills Development  
Scotland - Scottish Water

#### **6. Acknowledgements**

The Danderhall and District Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group wishes to thank all those local residents, including young people, who attended the events and the drop-in session.

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# SECTION 8: ACTION PLAN

	Key Issue	Action Proposed	Action Status	Timescale	Lead Group/ Agency
<p><b>Community Planning Priority</b>  <b>- Ensuring the local area is a safe place to live, work, visit and grow up in</b></p>	<p>Investigate possibility of increased bus services to local supermarkets in Dalkeith/ Musselburgh and Fort Kinnaird by bus.</p>	<p>Trial alternative routes. 328 route to be diverted to include Tesco, Musselburgh and Tesco, Dalkeith. Diverting existing route via Fort Kinnaird is not feasible at this time as it would result in reduced overall service to outlying villages.</p>	<p>Pending completion.</p>	<p>Medium Term 6-12 months</p>	<p>Midlothian Council/Public Transport</p>
	<p>Need for extra bus stops Northbound from Edmonstone Road.</p>	<p>Convene a Bus Stop Working Party to review locations of bus stops.</p>		<p>Medium Term 6-12 months</p>	<p>Midlothian Council/Lothian and Borders Police</p>
	<p>Destination Displays on buses to Fort Kinnaird and Asda confusing.</p>	<p>Liaise with bus operator to discuss clearer displays where intermediate destinations would be more helpful than end destination.</p>	<p>To be considered when bus route is reviewed.</p>	<p>Medium Term 6-12 months</p>	<p>Midlothian Council/Public Transport</p>
	<p>No information display at Edinburgh bound bus shelter at The Wisp.</p>	<p>Information display to be installed.</p>	<p>Operator informed, now awaiting completion.</p>	<p>Short Term 0-6 months</p>	<p>Midlothian Council/Public Transport</p>
	<p>Munro's of Jedburgh buses not stopping at northbound bus stops in Danderhall.</p>	<p>Contact operator to remedy.</p>	<p>Operator has informed staff.</p>	<p>Short Term 0-6 months</p>	<p>Midlothian Council/Public Transport</p>

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<b>Cont. Community Planning Priority</b> – Ensuring the local area is a safe place to live, work, visit and grow up in	<p>Potholes in car park area of Danderhall leisure centre/library.</p> <p>Parking on both sides of street causing problems for vehicles and crossing.</p>	<p>Work started 29/10/12. Completion not yet confirmed.</p>	<p>Medium Term 6-12 months</p>	<p>Midlothian Council/ Roads</p>
	<p>Arrange walkabout with Council staff to look at issue and possible actions to remedy. Include list of examples from consultations.</p>		<p>Medium Term 6-12 months</p>	<p>Regeneration/ Community Learning and Development/ Steering Group/ Community Council/ Lothian &amp; Borders Police</p>
<b>Community Planning Priority</b> – Conserving and improving Midlothian's environment	<p>Dog fouling/dog mess in streets.</p>		<p>Medium Term 6-12 months</p>	<p>Midlothian Council/ Environmental Health / Danderhall Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group</p>
	<p>Work with local school to carry out local campaign/poster design competition.</p>		<p>Medium Term 6-12 months</p>	<p>Regeneration Development Team/ Community Learning and Development/ Danderhall Parent Teacher's Association</p>

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<b>cont. Community Planning Priority - Conserving and improving Midlothian's environment</b>	Awareness raising campaign to inform public that waste bags can be placed in ordinary litter bins.		Short Term 0-6 months	Midlothian Council/ Environmental Health/ Communications	
	Lack of dog bins in certain areas.	Organise walkabout inspection of Danderhall inviting Environmental Health.	Medium Term 6-12 months	Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group	
	Litter and dumping.	Organise a community litter pick.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Danderhall Community Council/ Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
	Overgrown hedges and untidy gardens.	Provide clear information by poster campaign of who to contact within council.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Community Safety/ Environmental Health
	Signage at Community Centre needs replaced.	Investigate how to have signage repaired.	Complete.	Short Term 0-6 months	Community Learning and Development
	Roof leaking at Community Centre.	Investigate possibility of remedy.	Repair work started January 2013.	Medium Term 6-12 months	Community Centre Management Committee

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<b>cont. Community Planning Priority – Conserving and improving Midlothian’s environment</b>	Lack of information for local community events and history.	Seek funding for a Community Display Board. Establish a Danderhall Information facebook page and/or Community Newspaper.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Community learning and Development/ Steering Group/ Library/Community Council/Newton History Society
		Seek space in Midlothian News.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Councillor Jim Bryant
<b>Community Planning Priority – Maximise business opportunities</b>	Lack of less expensive and variety of local shops.	Arrange for “Toot for Fruit” van to regularly visit Danderhall & District. Publicise service.	Van has started visiting the area each Wednesday. Flyers are available in the library. Further publicity to be considered.	Short Term 0-6 months	Regeneration Development Team/ Community Learning and Development
	Lack of employment opportunities.	Explore with Jobcentre plus the possibility of holding job clubs in Danderhall.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Regeneration Development Team/ Community Learning & Development
<b>Community Planning Priority – Improving opportunities Midlothian</b>	Lack of educational opportunities.	Explore with Community Learning and Development, the possibility of promoting and holding adult learning classes in Danderhall. (eg over 50s computing).	A course has been introduced at library covering production of CVs and applying for jobs online.	Medium Term 6-12 months	Community Learning and Development
		Establish a course in the community for all those interested in becoming community activists.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Community Learning and Development/ Regeneration Development Team

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<b>Community Planning Priority</b> <b>- Ensuring the local area is a safe place to live work and visit</b>	Anti social noise and behaviour.	Police to work with young people locally.		Short Term 0-6 months	Lothian and Borders Police (via School Link Officers) and Community Learning and Development
		Carry out bike marking.	Actioned at Big Picnic event.	Short Term 0-6 months	Lothian and Borders Police
<b>Community Planning Priority</b> <b>- Getting it right for every child</b>		Explore with Community Learning and Development, Streetworkers to work in Danderhall.		Short Term 0-6 months	Community Learning and Development
	Lack of activities for young people.	Community Learning and Development to provide a drop in youth club at the library on Monday evenings and Friday afternoons.	Started August 2012.	Short Term 0-6 months	Community Learning and Development
		Establish a youth led newsletter to promote a positive image of young people in Danderhall and surrounding areas.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Community Learning and Development
		Scope out site and funding for a Skate Park in Danderhall.		Long Term 12-18 months	Danderhall Community Council/ Community Learning and Development



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<b>cont. Community Planning Priority – Getting it right for every child</b>	Local people would like to see the re-establishment of Danderhall Gala day.	Advertise locally for volunteers to run a Gala. Facilitate first meeting.	Initial advert – no responses. Further advert to be placed.	Short Term 0-6 months	Steering Group
		Scope out funding for Gala day.		Short Term 0-6 months	Regeneration Development Team
	Danderhall Library to increase funding by applying externally for special/themed events.	Arrange funding workshop for staff members to help with applications.	Completed December 2012.	Short Term 0-6 months	Regeneration Development Team/
	Lack of funds at Danderhall Playgroup.	Offer help to source funding and provide support with applications. Contact Surestart.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Regeneration Development Team/ Midlothian Voluntary Action
<b>Community Planning Priority – Adult Health and Social Care</b>	Danderhall Cancer Support Group lack of funding for meeting room.	Assist to find less expensive/free accommodation.	Completed – now meet in the Library.	Short Term 0-6 months	Library Service
	Lack of disabled access at local Post Office.	Establish a working group to remedy/seek support from Midlothian Disability Panel.		Medium Term 6-12 months	Steering group members





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