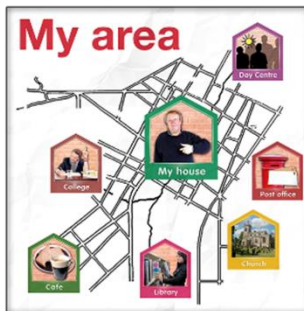


North Edinburgh Active Travel Connections Community Action Plan for walking, wheeling and cycling



Introduction



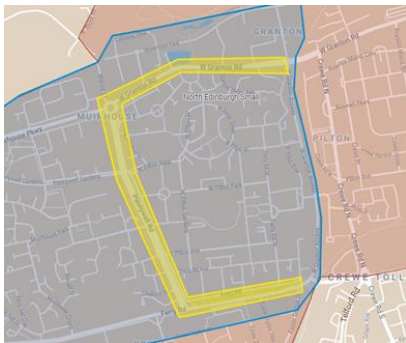
This plan was made with community groups and organisations in North Edinburgh as part of **NEAT Connections**.

NEAT stands for:
North Edinburgh **Active Travel**.

Active travel means travelling by walking, wheeling or cycling.

NEAT Connections is a City of Edinburgh Council project to make it easier to walk, wheel and cycle in North Edinburgh.

The roads that might change are Ferry Road, Pennywell Road and West Granton Road.



NEAT Connections is partly paid for through the **Places for Everyone fund**.

Places for Everyone supports organisations to make places safer and healthier by encouraging active travel.

A **fund** is money for a specific purpose.



Sustrans funds Places for Everyone with money from Transport Scotland.

The work we will do



- Speak to people who live, work and go out in north Edinburgh to find out what would help them walk, wheel and cycle.



- Get walking, wheeling and cycling to be part of everyday life for people who live, work and go out in north Edinburgh.



- Work with the mix of people of all types and backgrounds in north Edinburgh to have a mix of activities and support they need.



- Do work that makes people feel proud of the area and helps communities to connect across north Edinburgh.

How can someone get involved with this work?



Your local organisation can:

- join the NEAT Community **Steering Group**.

A **Steering Group** has people who make decisions about the work of a project and check it is going well.



- tell the Steering Group about:
 - events you are organising
 - events in North Edinburgh.

If you live in North Edinburgh you can:



- join the Steering Group
- volunteer to lead walks or bike rides or other activities
- organise a local event
- tell us what activities would support you to walk, wheel or cycle.

Email:

NorthEdActiveTravel@gmail.com



- to contact NEAT Community Steering Group
- or to ask for a list of organisations that the Steering Group works with.

What does the NEAT Community Steering Group need for this to work well?



- Someone will have a new job to make sure the work in the plan happens.

They will let the Steering group know if work is going well.



- Have NEAT Community Steering Group meetings over the year.



- Ask Edinburgh Council for money to do the work in the plan.

If they cannot pay for the work in the plan the Community Steering group can ask other organisations for money.

What work do we want to do in the community?



We want to see people of all types and backgrounds walking, wheeling, and cycling.

We will know this has worked well if:

- we see people like you walking, wheeling and cycling.
- there are places where anyone can walk, wheel and cycle.



- there are local places to get bikes and tools that people know how to use to keep their bikes working well.



Streets and spaces are safe and good to look at, and lots of people use them.

We will know this has worked well if:

- All people feel comfortable using public places.

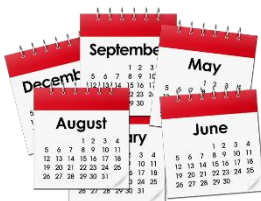


- There are spaces for people walking, wheeling, cycling or driving.

It is easy to see who should use each type of space.



Signs make it clear when the space is shared.



- There are lots of different community events through the year.



- There are police walking or cycling on the path networks.



- People have better places to live - especially young people.



- There is less noise from cars, vans, lorries, buses and motorbikes.



- There are not as many bikes stolen.



- There is no **antisocial behaviour**.

Antisocial behaviour is when people do things that make other people feel worried, annoyed or scared.

It could be things like:

- noisy motorbikes late at night
- dropping litter
- people being noisy and causing trouble.



- Local organisations work together to arrange lots of different events.

- It is easy to find information you can understand on the events.



- There are nice places in the area to stop and chat.

Water, seating and toilets are always near.

- It feels fun!

There are lots of green natural spaces for people to be in.



We will know this has worked well if:

- There are spaces like wildflower meadows, trees and wildlife for people to enjoy.
- The area feels green instead of grey.



- There are plants and flowers near and on top of bus stops and waiting areas.
- There are seats, water stations, shelters and places to play.



- The air is cleaner and smells fresh because there are more flowers.
- People can see beautiful local views of the sea and land.

Things that can be done in the community



Work with young people and schools to encourage walking, wheeling and cycling.



Work with North Edinburgh Community Market to have:

- bike repair
- cycle training
- walking groups
- a regular information stand so people can sign up to other events from organisations across the North Edinburgh Area.
- **buddy schemes**



A **buddy scheme** is when two people link up to go for walks or bike rides.

They can share paths they know about with each other, or if one person is scared about going out, the other person can go with them to help and show them the way.



- All **community hubs** share information about active travel, routes, services and events.

A **community hub** is a place where people can meet and do things together like North Edinburgh Arts, community centres or libraries.



- Have local walking, wheeling and bike tours.

Link these with other activities about things like food, health, photography, and history.



- Have 'come and try' events so people can try different types of bikes.
- Set up ways for people to share bikes or lend their bike to other people.
- Have cycle training.

Things the community that could be done by the council or another organisation.



Edinburgh Council and Police Scotland

Work with the community to have a good place for people to ride their motorbikes.

Lothian Buses



Decide if a regular minibus service would help people get from their home to local services.

This would help people with mobility issues who do not live near a bus stop.



Police Scotland

When police are in the area they can have pop-up spaces where people can register their bike and get safety advice.

Things that could happen, or happen more if we get money for the work in the plan.



- A Sustrans Bike Officer working with Craigmoynton High School on the bike maintenance qualification.

Teachers and volunteers can be trained to deliver the qualification.



- Regular talks in local schools to stop young people getting involved in antisocial behaviour with motorbikes.
- Police at Drylaw police station will keep investigating motorbike antisocial behaviour.

This takes up a lot of police time.



- Police regularly patrol the walkways on foot and by bike.

They also have officers on off road motorbikes when needed.



- Police have events to provide **Bike Register** bike security marking.

Bike Register are a company who provide identity numbers that can be stuck or etched on to bikes.

The bike owner puts their contact information on an online database.

This means the police can find who the bike belongs to if it is stolen.



Bike Register use Police social media to tell people about these events.



- Work with Granton Primary School and local Scouts groups to pick up litter.



- Pilton Community Health Project can support people to make active travel trips.
- support people or families take part in local walking events.
- give families get extra support to go on walks.



- National Galleries Scotland can have walking events that use the arts, storytelling and food to make sure walks are fun for local people.



- **Foraging** walks with the organisation Grass Roots Remedies.

Foraging means looking for food that grows in the wild like berries.



- Spartan's Community Football Academy walking football every week.



- **Dr Bike Sessions** every month at the Shed.

Dr Bike Sessions have a trained mechanic who checks bikes to make sure they work properly and are safe to ride.

They fix small things and tell people if there are bigger things that need to be fixed at a bike shop.



- Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Council have a regular led bike ride.



- Convert the Tuk Tuk van at Granton Hub to be electric powered.

The work we want to do for the environment

Streets and public spaces are kept clean and are well looked after.

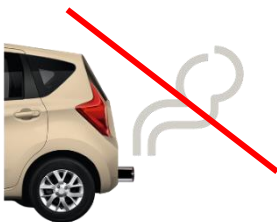


We will know this has worked well if:

- There are enough bins and they get emptied often enough.
- The council and community work together to keep areas clean of litter.
- People can get large items taken away by the council for free.



- Paths are cleaned and gritted when needed, and bushes and plants are cut back often.



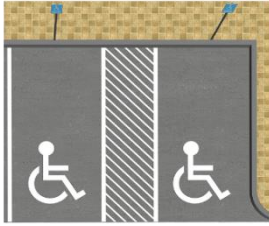
- The air is cleaner.

We want there to be good links to the wider transport network.



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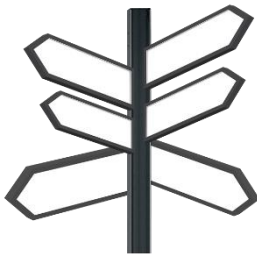
- People know how far they can go without using a car.



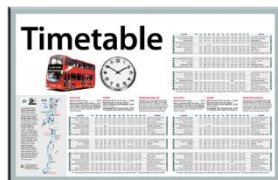
- People know it is safe and easy to walk, wheel and cycle.
- Bike racks, car club spaces, disabled parking and bus stops are near each other.
- Bus stops are accessible, easy to get to and nice to wait in.



- Regular minibus service that people can get from their home to local services.



- There are signs to make it clear how off road cycle paths join up.



- Bus timetables can be printed and sent to people's homes or emailed.



- Public transport is quiet and regular and uses electric power instead of petrol or diesel.



We want it to be easy for people to report problems.

We will know this has worked well if:

- Everyone knows how to contact their **local representatives.**

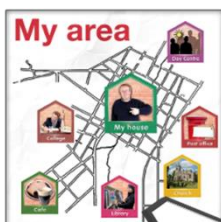


A local representative could be:

- a councillor
- community councillors
- Member of Parliament (MP)
- or Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP).



- Information on how to report problems is easy to find and easy to understand.
- There are people and community groups who can help to give people the information.



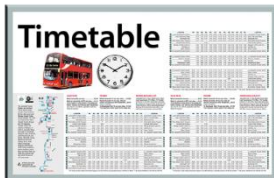
We want good information on local routes, services and interesting places.

We will know this has worked well if:

- There are clear signs and maps that are easy to understand.



- It is clear what kind of travel is allowed in what area.



- Bus timetables are kept up to date.
- Bus stops have digital displays showing bus times.

Things that can be done in the community or by the community.



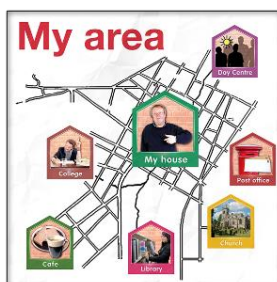
Have plans to encourage people to be proud of the area and keep it clean and free from litter.

Organise local street clean-ups, regular litter picks and do things that tell more people about our work.

Local maps are in print and online.

They are easy to find and understand and show:

- how to get to services and interesting places
- paths that wheelchair users can use
- where toilets are
- where to fill up water bottles.



Things the council or another organisation could do



Project Team and Edinburgh Council

Make sure pavements are wide enough and are wheelchair accessible especially around bus stops.



Project Team

Work with community groups to ask them where these things should be:

- seats and shelters
- places to fill water bottles
- green spaces like parks and gardens
- bins
- signs and information boards



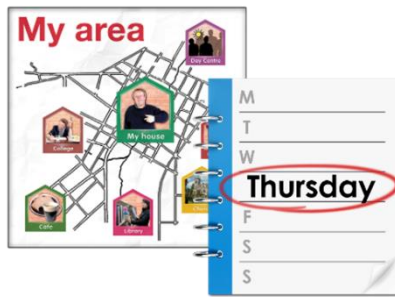
Ask groups what they want signs and info boards to look like.



Edinburgh Council

- Work to keep the area clean and working well is given to local groups.
- Give community groups money to make green spaces look better.
- Work with the community to decide where more bins and rubbish collection are needed.





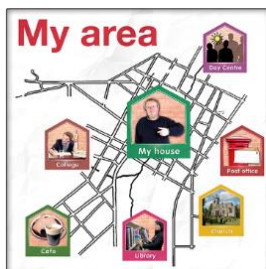
- The council takes away large items for free on one day a month.

There would be a cost for items collected on a different day.

Things that could happen if there is money for the plan.



[Granton Goes Greener](#) and the [Social Bite Village](#) could organise a litter pick every month



Maps could be given out to people in the community.



Granton Grows Greener could do surveys to find out what people think about this plan.



Skips could sometimes be put in the community for people to throw away big things like old mattresses so they are not left in parks or other local places.

How much will the plan cost?



We need to raise £47990 to do the work in this plan.