

DUNBAR AND EAST LINTON WARD

COMMUNITY PROFILE

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Introduction and Sources

This profile has been prepared to coincide with the first Local Area Forum in the Dunbar Cluster area, developed as part of the Local Community Planning Framework for East Lothian.

The profile has been compiled in consideration of the East Lothian Single Outcome Agreement and to reflect the priorities identified by the East Lothian Community Planning Partnership.

In preparing this report every attempt has been made to use the most recent information publically available for each theme and therefore the information here has come from a variety of sources including :-

- **The East Lothian SOA**
<http://www.eastlothiancommunityplanning.org.uk/files/Final2009SOA.pdf>
- **East Lothian Customer Survey 2009** – conducted by MRUK (Market Research UK) for East Lothian Council and covering a range of issues including quality of life, community cohesion, social attitudes, community safety, contact with the Council and satisfaction with services.
- **Scotland's Census Results Online** - www.scrol.gov.uk
- **Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics** – www.sns.gov.uk - part of the Scottish Governments on-going programme to improve the availability, consistency and accessibility of small area statistics in Scotland
- **Community Health and Well-being Profiles** – produced by the Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) and comprising 61 indicators of health and wider determinants of health
www.scotpho.org.uk/home/Comparativehealth/Profiles/chp_profiles.asp
- **Scottish Schools Online** - www.ltscotland.org.uk/scottishschoolsonline/
- **Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)** – provides an analysis of the SIMD 2006 and, in particular, change in each of the domains between SIMD 2004 and SIMD 2006 by local authority
www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD/StatisticalCompendium
- **East Lothian Council** - Information provided by relevant East Lothian Council Departments and through the Committee Management Information System
- **Lothian and Borders Police** – Measuring our Performance
www.lbp.police.uk/freedom-of-information/pl_performance.asp
- **The Scottish Government** - www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/ where a range of government statistics are arranged under various key themes
- **Youth Vision – East Lothian** - <http://youthvisionel.net/>
- **Dunbar – the good, the bad and the future** - compiled in 2007 to summarise the results of an extensive piece of Community Action research conducted across the town

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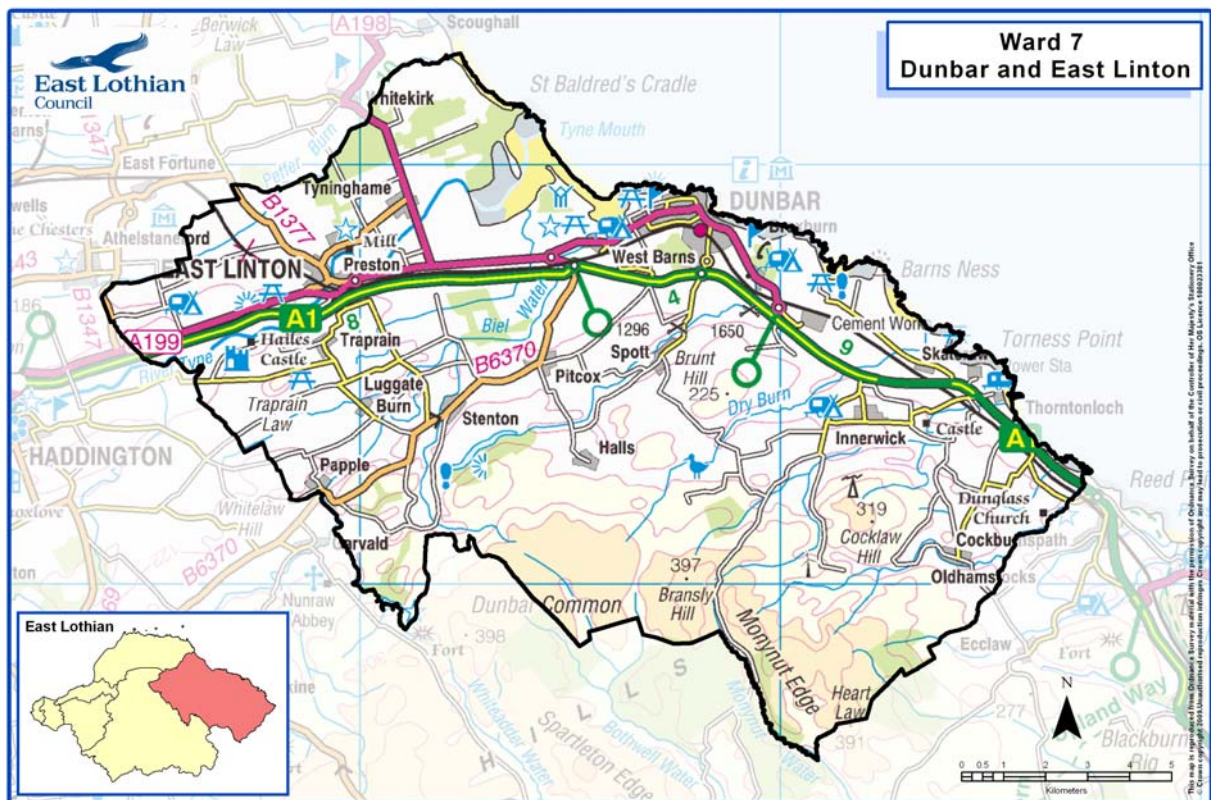
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The Dunbar Area

The Dunbar Cluster is situated at the eastern end of East Lothian.

It is defined by the boundaries of the Dunbar and East Linton Ward - Ward 7 within the East Lothian Council multi-member ward system. It is one of the largest wards in the Council area, stretching from East Linton in the west to Dunglass in the east and includes :-

- Dunbar
- East Linton
- West Barns
- Innerwick
- Spott
- Stenton
- Oldhamstocks
- Tynninghame
- and a number of other small settlements



The people of the Dunbar and East Linton Ward - a snapshot

- 12761 live in the Dunbar area, 13% of the population of East Lothian
- The ward's population has grown by 17% since 2000, faster than the rest of East Lothian
- 81% of the population was born in Scotland
- Almost ¼ of all people are children aged 0-15
- 1 in every 5 residents is of pensionable age – 65 or over

For more information about the people living in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward, and how they compare to the rest of East Lothian see page 7

Crime and Safety across the Dunbar area - a snapshot

- 98% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward said they felt safe walking alone in their neighbourhoods during the day
- 77% of young people felt safe in their local neighbourhoods
- 35% of people thought that crime had gone up across East Lothian, though only 12% thought it had gone up in their neighbourhood
- The number of reported crimes in the Dunbar area has increased over the last year – although the rate of crimes per 10,000 people is still significantly below that for East Lothian as a whole
- 28% of complaint calls made to Lothian & Borders Police between June and August 2009 were related to Anti-social Behaviour
- Less than half of all Anti-social Behaviour complaints were youth related

For more information about Crime and Safety in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward, and how it compares to the rest of East Lothian see page 8

Business and Employment in the area - a snapshot

- 7529 people of working age live in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward
- 84% of businesses across East Lothian employ less than 10 people
- In 2008 there were 2750 registered businesses in East Lothian - 9% more than there was in 2001
- Despite the current economic downturn East Lothian still has relatively low levels of unemployment compared to the rest of Scotland
- 1 in every 5 people in employment in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward commute outside East Lothian to work
- Twice as many people walk to work in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward than across East Lothian as a whole

For more information about Business and Employment in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward area, and how it compares to the rest of East Lothian see page 12

Education and Training in the Dunbar area - a snapshot

- Half of all working age people in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward are qualified to SVQ level 3 or higher
- 30% have undertaken some form of Higher or Further Education - more than across East Lothian as a whole

- Results for pupils at Dunbar Grammar School are generally higher than the average across East Lothian and Scotland
- 56% of school leavers from Dunbar Grammar in 2007/08 went straight into higher or further education or training
- 29% of school leavers went straight into employment

For more about levels of Education and Training in the Dunbar area see page 15

Health and Care in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward - a snapshot

- Across the area 66% of people describe their health as 'good'
- In Dunbar the average life expectancy for men is 75.1years and for women it is 80.3 years
- The Dunbar area has the lowest rate of emergency hospital admissions per ward across East Lothian
- Across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward 91% of people said it was easy to get to a GP's surgery
- 58% of young people surveyed across Dunbar said they would go to their parents for advice on a sensitive health issue
- 9% of the population in the ward provide unpaid care to a friend or family member

For more information about health, care issues and health inequalities across the Dunbar area and East Lothian see page 17

The Local Environment - a snapshot

- 71% of local people said that they were satisfied with the parks, gardens and open spaces in their area
- Ambient air quality across the ward is better than across most of East Lothian
- Young people across the area said that the most significant thing that could be done to help the environment is recycling
- 91% of people across the ward were satisfied with refuse and waste collection in their area – above the rate for the rest of East Lothian
- In 2007/08 from across the county 43,881 tonnes of waste was sent to landfill in Dunbar.

For more information about what people think about their local environment and green initiatives across East Lothian see page 20

What makes the Dunbar area a good place to live? - a snapshot

- 94% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live
- 63% of adults said that 'affordable decent housing' was the most important thing in making somewhere a good place to live
- Young people across Dunbar were most likely to say that 'more jobs' would make the most difference to improve their lives in the area
- 16% of people felt their neighbourhood had got worse over the last 5 years

For more information about what people in the Dunbar cluster think about their neighbourhoods and what would make them better see page 23

For more about access to services and facilities in the local area see page 27

Housing in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward - a snapshot

- There are 5673 dwellings in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward
- Detached housing is the most common form of housing in the area
- 62% of households in the ward own or are buying their own house
- 9% of East Lothian Council housing stock is in this ward

For more information about Housing in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward and how it compares to the rest of East Lothian see page 25

What people in the Dunbar area think of East Lothian Council and council services? - a snapshot

- 54% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward said they were satisfied with the way East Lothian Council were running their area
- 58% of adults felt that council services were efficient
- more than 50% of people surveyed were satisfied with 'parks, gardens and open spaces', 'swimming pools and sport centres' and 'libraries'
- twice as many people in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward said they had volunteered within their community over the past 12 months
- 26% of people said that they would like to be more involved in the decisions made which affect their area

For more information about what people across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward think about East Lothian Council and satisfaction with services see page 29

For more about how people in the area think about community participation and their ability to influence decisions in the area see page 31

People in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward

12761 live in the Dunbar area.

(2008 General Register of Scotland estimate provided by Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics www.sns.gov.uk)

- At this time 13% of the population of East Lothian lived within the Dunbar and East Linton Ward

Across the whole of East Lothian the population is growing – with a growth rate of 7% since 2001. The Dunbar and East Linton Ward however has seen growth at a much higher rate.

- In 2001 the population of the ward was 10931
- By 2008 there were 1839 more people – a growth rate of 17%

(www.sns.gov.uk)

So what are these 12761 people like?

How old are they?

	Dunbar and East Linton Ward	East Lothian	Scotland
% of the population are children & young people	22%	20%	19%
% of the population are of working age (16-74)	59%	60%	65%
% of the population are of pensionable age	20%	21%	16%

(www.sns.gov.uk)

- Overall the population in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward is younger than across the rest of East Lothian – with an above average percentage of children aged 0 -15 years
- Across the ward, and across East Lothian as a whole, there are proportionally fewer 'people of working age' (aged 16-74) than across Scotland
- Like the rest of East Lothian there are also more people of pensionable age (aged 65+) living in the ward than there are across Scotland

Are there more males or females?

(www.scrol.gov.uk)

In the Dunbar and East Linton Ward:-

- 48% of the population is male (the same as the Scottish average)
- 52% of the population is female

Where are they from?

(www.scrol.gov.uk)

According to the most recent census figures:-

- 81% of the population within the Dunbar and East Linton ward was born in Scotland (this is below the East Lothian and Scottish average of 87%)
- 15% were born elsewhere in the UK
- 4% were born elsewhere in Europe or in another part of the world – in line with the Scottish average

The results of the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) show that:-

- 57% of residents in the Dunbar & East Linton Ward have lived in East Lothian for over 20 years. This is slightly higher than across the rest of the county.

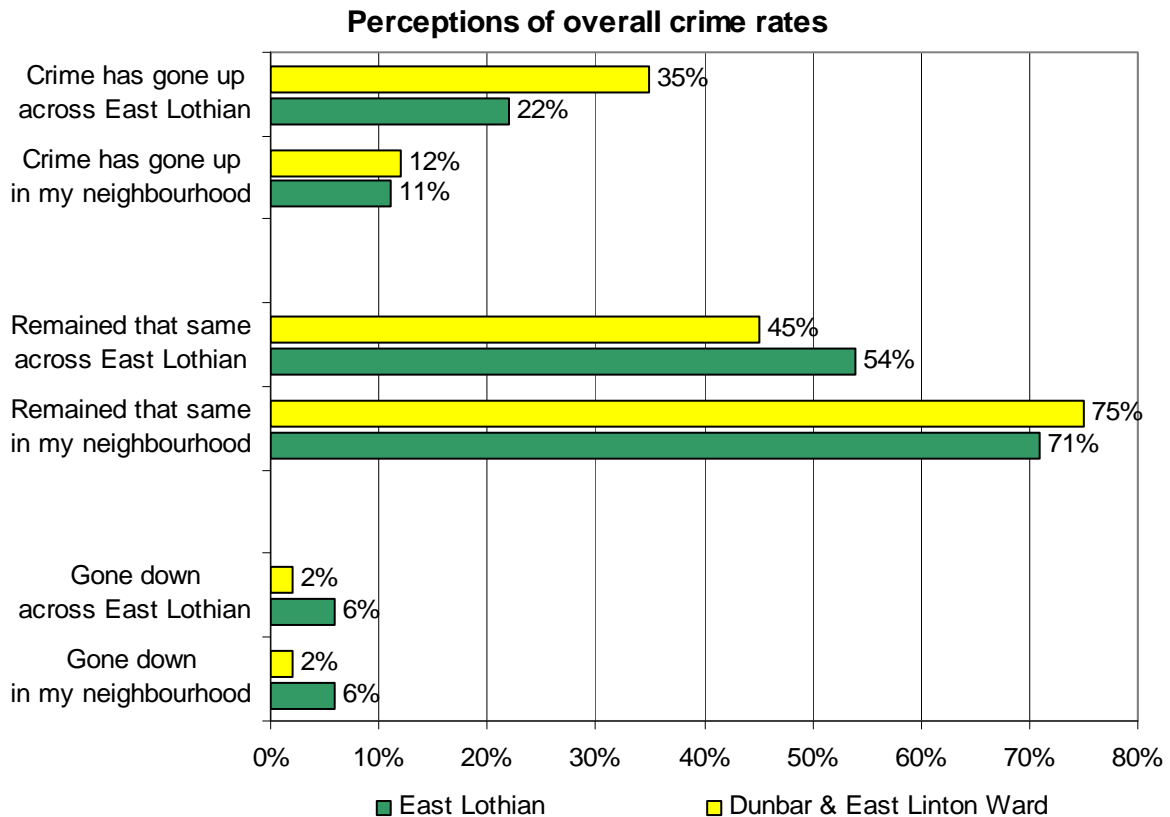
Crime and Safety

East Lothian is a relatively safe place to live, with levels of serious crime and disorder that are significantly below the Scottish average.

However crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime can undermine community cohesion and have an impact upon local people's quality of life.

How do people think crime rates have changed?

The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) asked residents how they thought crime rates had changed in their neighbourhood and across East Lothian.



(Graph created using data from the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009 - cello mruk research)

- People in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward were more likely to think that crime had gone up across East Lothian (35% vs 22%)
- They were also more likely to believe that crime had stayed the same within their own neighbourhoods
- People in this ward were significantly less likely to believe that crime had gone down, either in their own neighbourhoods or across the county.

How many crimes are reported in each area?

Lothian and Borders Police regularly publish the number of crimes reported in each ward area, organised in 5 crime groups. The table over the page shows the number of crimes:-

- reported in each area
- how many crimes are reported for every 10,000 people living in the area
- and whether the number of reported crimes has gone up or down compared to the previous year

	East Lothian - 2008/09			Dunbar and East Linton Ward - 2008/09		
	Number of reported crimes	Crimes / 10,000 people	% change from 2007/8	Number of reported crimes	Crimes / 10,000 people	% change from 2007/8
<u>Group 1:</u> Crimes of Violence	104	11	-28%	15	11.8	+25%
<u>Group 2:</u> Sexual Crimes	62	6.6	-31%	11	8.6	-35%
<u>Group 3:</u> Crimes of Theft / Dishonesty	2187	231.6	+22%	241	188.9	+39%
<u>Group 4:</u> Including Vandalism, Fire raising, malicious mischief etc	1534	162.4	-8%	161	126.2	-6%
Drug Related Crimes (selected from within <u>Group 5 – Other Crimes</u>)	300	31.8	-20%	24	18.8	-20%
TOTAL	4560	482.8	+4%	505	395.7	+19%

(from Lothian and Borders Police - Measuring our Performance, March 2009)

This Lothian and Borders Police publication shows that for most categories of crime the rate of reported incidences is dropping across East Lothian.

- Although most people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward felt crime had not risen in their neighbourhoods these figures show that the number of reported crimes in 2008/9 was up by 19% from the previous year. This compares to a 4% rise across East Lothian as a whole
- Despite this rise the number of reported crimes per 10,000 people remains significantly below the rate for East Lothian as a whole.
- 'Crimes involving dishonesty' - including theft, housebreaking, theft of and from motor vehicles, shoplifting, fraud etc – showed the most significant rise in incidences across all areas. Here there has been a 22% increase in reported crimes across East Lothian from 2007/08 and a 39% increase in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward.
- In the Dunbar and East Linton Ward there has also been a 25% increase in the number of reported 'Crimes of Violence' 2007/8 – compared to a 28% drop across East Lothian as a whole. The low numbers of these types of crimes in the ward however means that the rate of crimes of violence per 10,000 people is only just over the East Lothian average.

Domestic Abuse*

- In 2008/9 there were 1982 incidents of domestic abuse recorded by the Police across East and Mid Lothian – this is equal to 114 per 10,000 people.
- This is a 29% increase from the number recorded in 2007/8 (1511 incidents) but this increase may in part be due to the increased public awareness of the issues surrounding domestic violence and an increased willingness to report incidents.

* figures available from Lothian and Borders Police combine East and Mid Lothian

Racist Incidences and Racially Motivated Crime*

- There were 48 racist incidents recorded across East and Mid Lothian in 2008/9
- There were additionally 95 racially motivated crimes recorded in 2008/9

*figures available from Lothian and Borders Police combine East and Mid Lothian

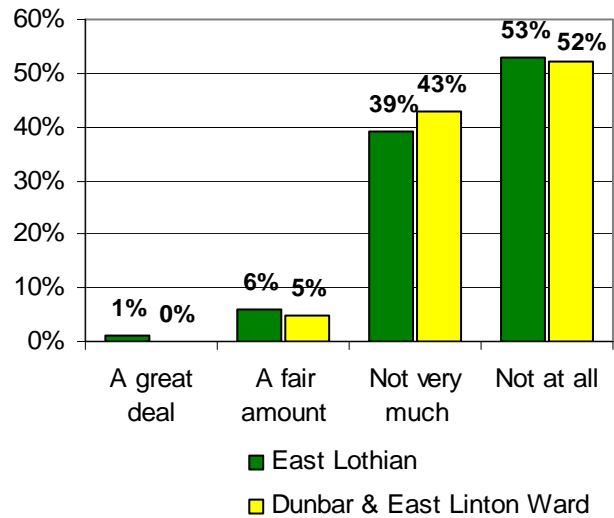
Fear of Crime

People's fear of crime does not always reflect the actual rate of crime occurring in their local areas. The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) asked residents –

To what extent do you feel threatened by crime in your neighbourhood?

These results show that:-

- 95% of adult residents in the ward did not feel significantly threatened by crime in their neighbourhoods
- No respondents in Dunbar & East Linton felt threatened 'a great deal' by crime in their neighbourhood



For the East Lothian Youth Vision young people across East Lothian were asked about how safe they felt in their local environments.

Across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward only 77% of the young people surveyed reported that they felt safe, compared to 83% across East Lothian.

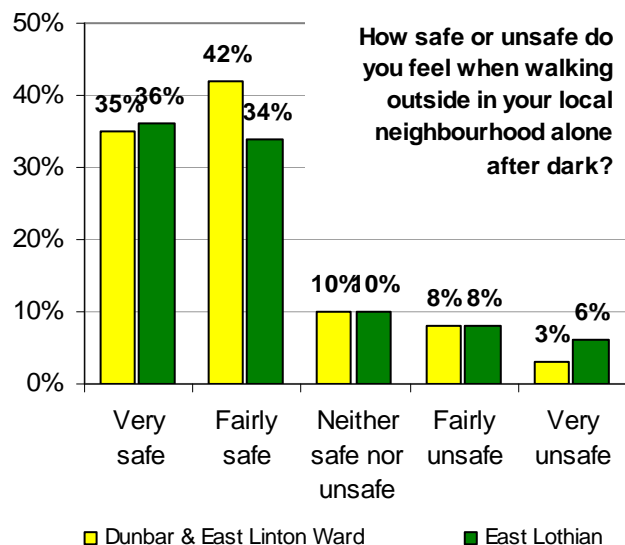
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Things that made young people feel unsafe in the Dunbar area included:-

- Drug users - 35% (compared to 57% across East Lothian)
- Walking through dark areas – 31%
- Drunks in the street - 31% (compared to 46% across East Lothian)
- Individual young people known to be bullies - 30%
- Groups of young people they didn't know - 23%
- Areas which are known for being unsafe - 22%
- Walking through areas where they don't live - 14%
- Groups of adults they didn't know – 14%

The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) showed that how safe people felt also depended on the time of day.

- 98% of respondents in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward said they felt safe walking alone in their neighbourhoods during the day – with 86% in saying they felt 'very safe'
- After dark the situation was different, with only 35% of those in the ward reporting that they felt 'very safe' walking alone
- However only 3% reported feeling 'very unsafe' which is half the rate reported across East Lothian



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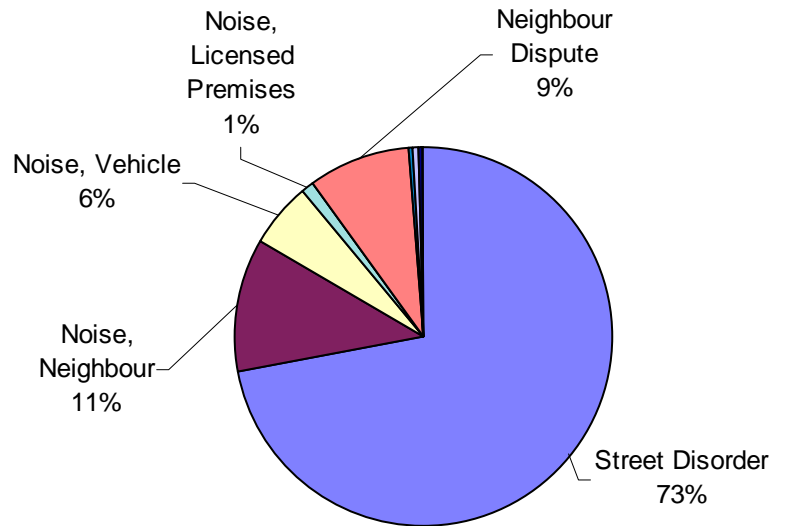
Anti-Social Behaviour

Although often dismissed as 'lighter crimes' anti-social behaviour plays a big part in making people feeling threatened and/or unsafe within their communities. Anti-social behaviour was also one of the key issues highlighted in 'Dunbar – the good, the bad and the future' as detracting from people's enjoyment of life in the area.

- Between June and August 2009, of the 957 complaints calls made to Lothian & Borders Police, 272 were related to Anti-social Behaviour – that's 28%

This chart, prepared by the East Lothian Council's Anti-social Behaviour Team, gives a breakdown of all anti-social behaviour related complaints in the Dunbar area from June - August 2009.

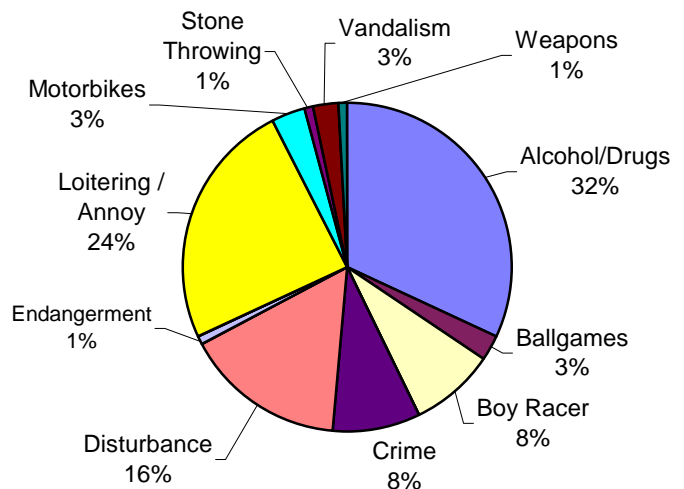
- 73% of call related to Street Disorder
- Other types of Anti-social Behaviour complaints not able to be shown on the graph were:
 - Litter / Fly tipping
 - Hate Crime – Age
 - Hate Crime – Race
 each with 1 recorded incident



- Youth complaints accounted for 45% of all of the complaints received
- 55% of all anti-social behaviour calls (and 50% of youth complaints) were received over the weekend - Friday, Saturday and Sunday – with Saturday being the busiest day
- 72% of anti-social behaviour complaints are received between 6pm and 2am
- 78% of all anti-social behaviour calls between 6pm and 2am were youth related calls

This graph gives a break down of all youth complaints made to the Police during June, July and August 2009.

- Alcohol / Drug related calls accounts for the majority of complaints recorded - 32% of all youth calls
- Young people loitering / causing annoyance is the next most common reason for calling, this was particularly the case around Victoria St and John Muir Country Park



In addition to the complaints made to the Police there were 29 calls made to the Anti-social Behaviour helpline from Dunbar and the surrounding villages:-

- 41% of these calls were noise related
- 7% were youth related

Business and Employment

What are businesses like across East Lothian?

- 84% of businesses across East Lothian employ less than 10 people
- 28% of the total workforce in East Lothian are employed by small businesses (with 1-10 employees)
- This is much higher than the average for Scotland and also higher than within the Edinburgh & Lothian's region (16%)



What are the main business sectors?

In 2008 there were 2750 registered businesses in East Lothian (excluding central and local government). This is an increase of 9% from 2001.

Of these:-

- 25% were in the 'Financial Intermediation, Real Estate, Renting and Business Activity' sector. The table shows that this sector has been the fastest growing in East Lothian - up 52% since 2001
- 'Wholesale and Retail Trade and Repairs' was the next largest business sector (18%), followed by 'Construction' (12%), and 'Primary Industries' (11%)
- The number of 'Primary Industries' registered within East Lothian fell significantly since 2001 (a drop of 22%), reflecting the changing character of the county
- Although it is only a small sector overall the number of 'Health and Social Work Services' grew rapidly – up 36% since 2001

Registered Businesses in East Lothian *	2001	2008	as % of total
Primary Industries	405	315	11%
Manufacturing	165	155	6%
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	5	5	0.2%
Construction	290	340	12%
Wholesale and Retail Trade and Repairs	525	505	18%
Hotels and Restaurants	215	225	8%
Transport, Storage and Communication	90	110	4%
Financial Intermediation, Real Estate, Renting and Business Activities	450	685	25%
Education	20	30	1%
Health and Social Work	110	150	5%
Other Community, Social and Personal Services	250	230	8%
TOTAL	2525	2750	

* Excludes central and local government.

www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/statistics/browse/business/corporate

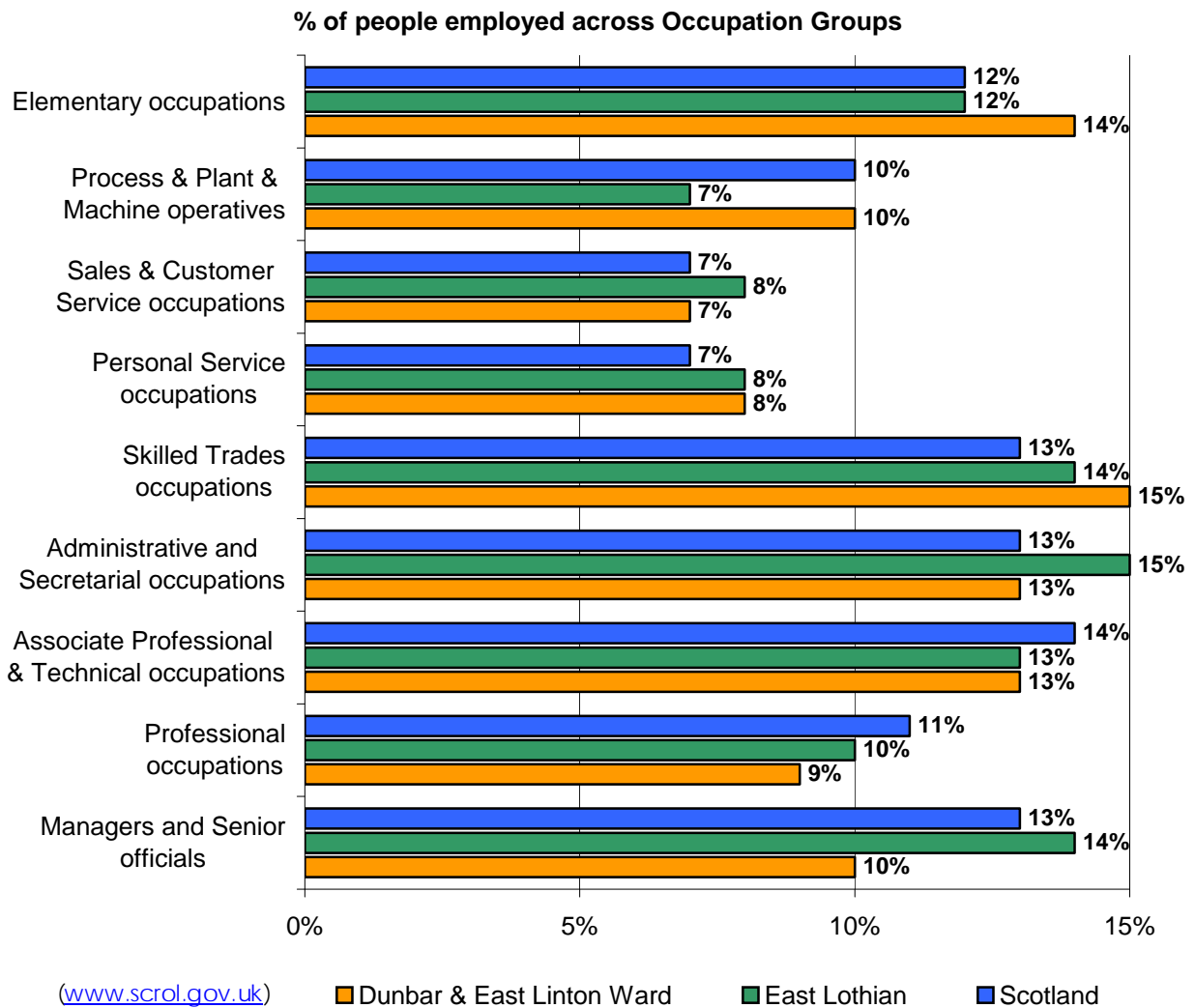
Employment Patterns in the Dunbar Area

Latest population estimates (2008) suggest that 59% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward are aged 16 – 74. This means there are 7529 people of working age living in the area.

Rates of employment across the different industry sectors are generally comparable with the rest of East Lothian however:-

- In the Dunbar area a significantly higher percentage of people work within agricultural, hunting, forestry and fishing than across East Lothian as a whole – 11% compared to 4%

- In this area a higher percentage of people work within Electricity, Gas and Water supply than across East Lothian as a whole – 5% compared to 2%.
- Across occupational groups, as the graph below shows, there were more obvious differences - with notably fewer people in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward employed in Managerial and Senior Officer posts than across East Lothian as a whole
- The rate of people employed in ‘Process, plant and machine operative positions’ and ‘Elementary Occupations’ was significantly above the East Lothian average
- 11% of the working age population reported that they were self-employed – significantly above the East Lothian average of 8%



Unemployment in East Lothian

Despite the current economic downturn East Lothian has retained relatively high levels of employment and economic activity compared to the rest of Scotland.

- In June 2009 however Jobcentre Plus released figures showing that 2.9% of the working age population in East Lothian (1619 people) were claiming unemployment benefits.
- This is significantly below the Scottish average of 4% but it is up 0.6% from the previous month and more than double the same time last year.
- This means that East Lothian has seen one of the highest annual rates of growth in unemployment across Scotland (a growth of 157% compared to an average national growth rate of 74%)

Economic Activity in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward

The most recent census indicates that:-

- In the Dunbar and East Linton Ward 68% of residents of working age (16-64 years) were economically active
- 51% of the people who were economically active were employed full-time, and 13% were working part-time
- Of those people who were unemployed and looking for work 27% were aged between 16 and 24 years. Within the town of Dunbar this figure rose to 32%, indicating youth unemployment rates significantly above the Scottish average

	D & E L Ward	East Lothian	Scotland
% of the working age population who were 'Economically Inactive'	68%	68%	65%
Of those who were Economically Inactive :-			
% who were Retired	15%	15%	14%
% studying	2%	2%	4%
% looking after home / family	7%	6%	7%
% permanently sick / disabled	5%	6%	4%

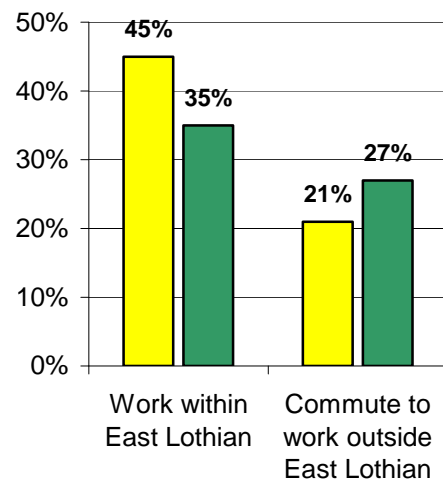
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Commuting to work

Jobs density is particularly low in East Lothian. In 2006 there were 0.67 jobs for every person of working age, compared to an average density of 0.91 across Scotland as a whole.

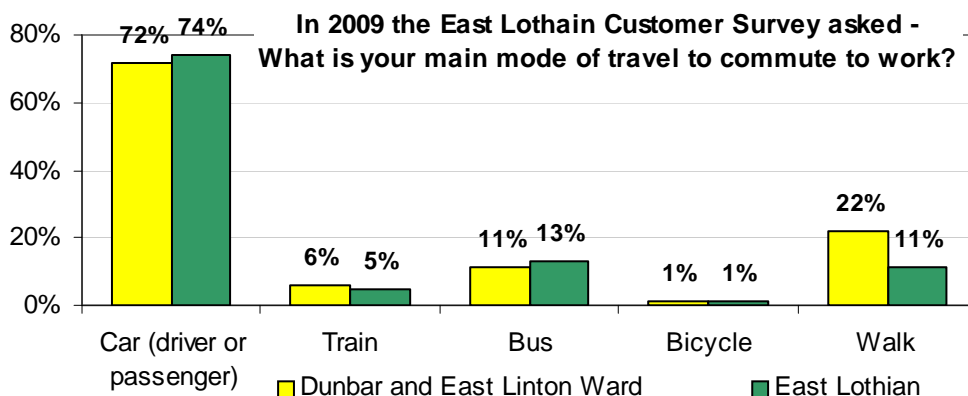
This low jobs density is reflected in the number of people who commute out of East Lothian for employment.

- According to the results of the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) significantly less respondents in Dunbar & East Linton commute to work outside East Lothian than overall
- However the average distance traveled to work or place of study is higher than the East Lothian average - 14.4 miles vs 10 miles overall
- While travelling by car was the main form of transport used by people to commute to work it is worth noting that twice as many people within the ward walk to work than across East Lothian as a whole



■ Dunbar and East Linton Ward
■ East Lothian

(Graph created using data from the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009 - cello mruk research)



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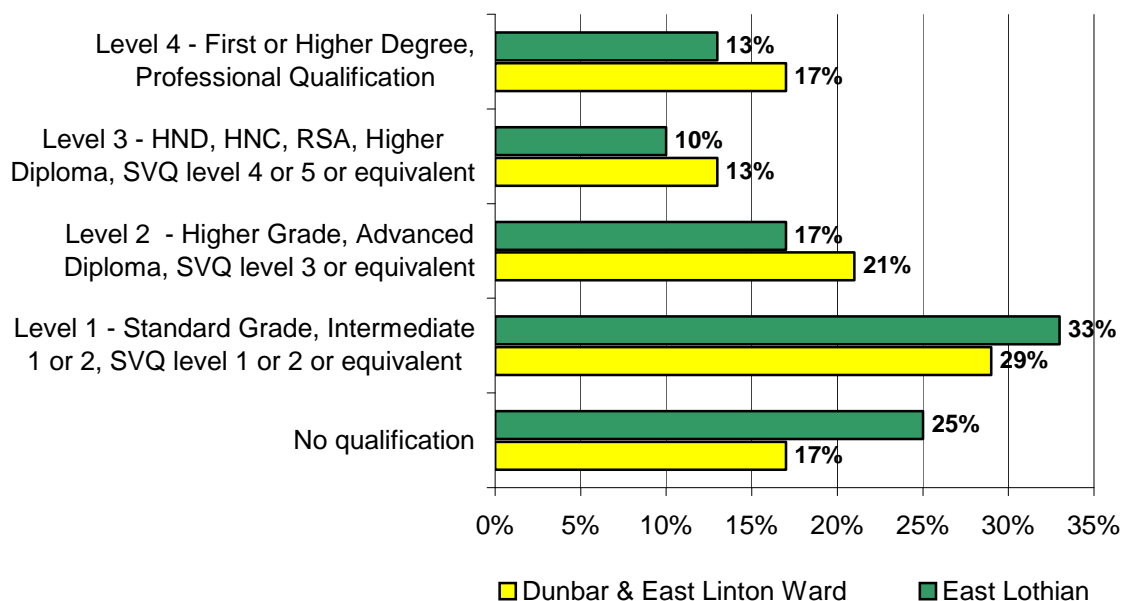
Education and Training

Education and Training among adults

- Overall the working age population of East Lothian are more highly qualified than the Scottish average.
- In East Lothian the proportion of the workforce with no qualifications is similar to the Scottish average and falling
- At the time of the last census there were 323 people above school leaving age in the Dunbar area who were in full time education – that’s 4% of the working age population

(www.scrol.gov.uk)

Highest Qualification Attained (working age population)



According to the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009:-

- In the Dunbar and East Linton Ward 51% of working age people are qualified to SVQ level 3 or higher and 30% have undertaken some form of Higher or Further Education. This is higher than across East Lothian as a whole.
- People in this area were also significantly less likely to have no formal qualifications than elsewhere in East Lothian.

School Education

The quality of the schools was one of the things highlighted in the report ‘Dunbar – the good, the bad and the future’ as something people valued about their local area.

At Dunbar Grammar School results for pupils at the end of S4, S5 and S6 have been generally higher than both the East Lothian and Scottish average over the past 3 years.

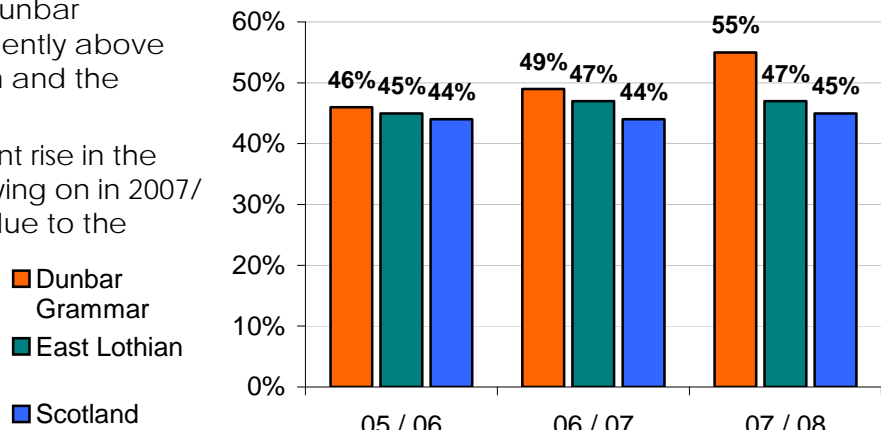
In 2007/ 08 :-

- 98% of the S4 year group achieved five or more awards at Level 3 (Standard Grade Foundation level or equivalent) or better
- 86% of the S4 year group achieved five or more awards at Level 4 (Standard Grade General level or equivalent) or better
- 40% of the S4 year group achieved five or more awards at Level 5 (Standard Grade Credit level or equivalent) or better

www.ltscotland.org.uk/scottishschoolsonline

The graph to the right shows Staying on Rates to S6.

- Staying on rates at Dunbar Grammar are consistently above both the East Lothian and the Scottish average.
- There was a significant rise in the number of pupils staying on in 2007/08 – possibly in part due to the shrinking job market.



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When young people from the Dunbar area were surveyed for the Youth Vision Strategy:-

- 61% reported that they participated in activities outside school which contribute to their informal learning – including participation in youth clubs, sports, uniformed organisations, volunteering and non-vocational classes (eg drama, art or music lessons)

School Leavers

Across East Lothian more school leavers are entering higher and further education than ever before but this figure still falls below the Scottish average.

- 56% of school leavers from Dunbar Grammar in 2007/08 went straight into higher or further education or training
- This is marginally above the East Lothian average of 52% and below the Scottish average of 61%
- 29% of pupils from Dunbar Grammar went into employment on leaving school – above the Scottish average of 25%

2007/08 School Leaver Destinations

	Dunbar Grammar	East Lothian	Scotland
Full-time higher education	31%	31%	31%
Full-time further education	24%	19%	25%
Training	1%	2%	5%
Employment	29%	31%	25%
Unemployed, seeking employment	12%	13%	11%
Unemployed, not seeking employment	3%	3%	2%

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- 12% of pupils however were unemployed and seeking work

Health and Care

Life Expectancy

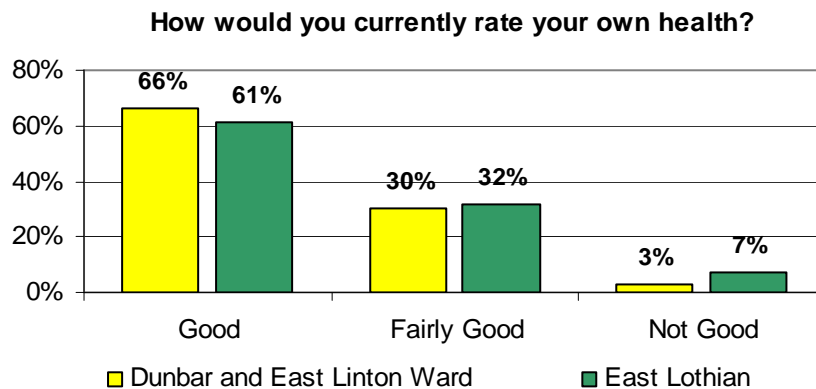
Across East Lothian male and female life expectancies are significantly better than the Scottish average, and have been rising steadily over time.

- The average man in East Lothian can expect to live to 75.8 years age - and expect, for 69 of those years, to be in 'good health'
- The average woman can expect to live to 80.3 years of age - and expect 72.6 years of 'good health'

(East Lothian CHP - Community Health and Well-being profile 2008)

Across the Dunbar area a person's average life expectancy does not vary significantly from the East Lothian average:-

- In Dunbar the average life expectancy for men is 75.1 and for women it is 80.3 years
- There is however variation within the ward area - in East Linton, for example, life expectancy for both males and females is more than 5 years above the average for East Lothian - with men living an average of 80.1 years and women 85.5 years.



(Graph created using data from the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009 - cello mruk research)

Across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward the overwhelming majority of people (96%) described their own health as either 'Good' or 'Fairly Good' when asked as part of the recent East Lothian Customer Survey.

In the same survey however 19% of respondents in Dunbar & East Linton reported that they, or someone in their household has a long term illness, health problem or disability. This is higher than the reported rate across East Lothian overall which was 16%.

Illness and Hospital Admissions

Rates of hospital admissions (reported as an age standardised rate per 10,000 people living in the area over 2 years) are generally lower in the Dunbar area than across East Lothian.

- With only 737 emergency admissions per 10,000 people the Dunbar area had the lowest rate across East Lothian (the average across the wards was 851)
- There is however variation within the ward - in East Linton the rate of cancer admission rises to 238 per 10,000 people - just above the East Lothian average
- Again in East Linton the rate of hospital admissions attributed to self harm / suicide falls to under half the rate for the ward as a whole

Hospital admissions per 10 000 people (age standardised)

	Across the Dunbar area	East Lothian
Alcohol related	77	81
Cancer	199	234
Heart Disease	67	70
Stroke	10	12
External causes	174	188
Suicide / self harm	19	21
Diabetes	47	42
1st Psychiatric admission	15	16

(East Lothian CHP-Community Health Profile 2004)

Local Access to Health Services

As part of the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) residents were asked how easy was it to access a range of health related services using their normal means of transport.

- 91% across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward stated that it was easy (or very easy) to get to a GP. This compares to only 71% of people across East Lothian stating it was easy.
- 90% reported that it was easy (or very easy) to travel to a chemist or pharmacy.
- In this ward only 40% of people said it was easy (or very easy) to access local hospital services (compared to 71% across East Lothian) and 12% reported that it was 'very difficult'.
- Further only 1% of respondents stated that health services in the area were something that most needed to be improved locally

Maternity and Child Health

Estimates provided from the general Register of Scotland indicate that in 2008 there were 890 children aged 0 – 4 years living in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward.

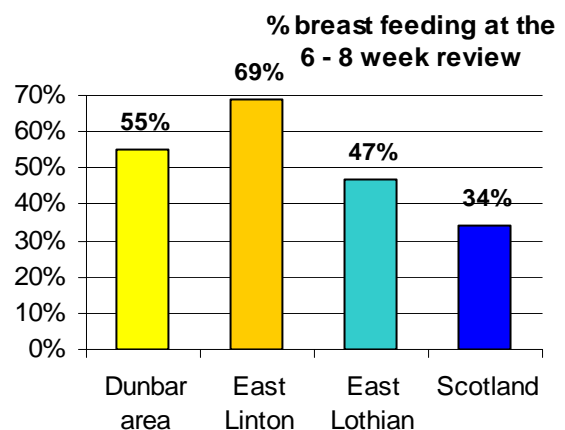
Births across the area

(East Lothian CHP-Community Health Profile 2004)

- The average age of a first time mother in the Dunbar area was 27.3 years of age (although there is no significant difference to the East Lothian average of 27.2 years it is older than the Scottish average of 26.4 years)
- When East Linton is looked at separately the average age of a first time mother however rises to 29 years
- Birth rates across the ward are very similar to the East Lothian average – with 53 births per 1000 women annually (compared to 48 across Scotland)
- Teenage pregnancy rates across the ward are below both the East Lothian and the Scottish average – with 10 teen pregnancies over 3 years per 100 females aged 13-19. (compared to 12 across Scotland)

Health data regarding children in East Lothian is, in the main, very positive, including breastfeeding rates well above the Scottish average and a similar situation regarding child dental health in primary 1.

- In the Dunbar area child health indicators routinely exceed the East Lothian average, for example:-
 - above average rates of immunisation uptake
 - below average rates of low birth weight babies
 but there is still variation within the ward.
- Smoking during pregnancy across Dunbar is slightly above the East Lothian average at 25%, although in East Linton rate falls to only 13%.



(East Lothian CHP-Community Health Profile 2004)

Young People's Attitudes to Health

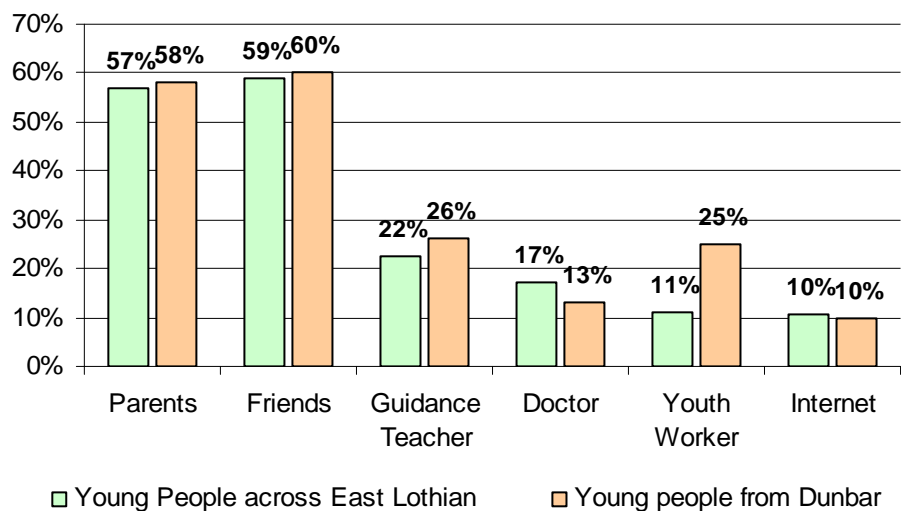
As part of developing the East Lothian Youth Vision young people across Dunbar were asked - 'What would help to improve your health?'

- 18% of those surveyed believed that free sports activities would improve their health
- 16% thought that more health promotion in schools would help
- 12% said that Health Drop-in Services for young people make a difference
- Other suggestions included - 'Close all chippies and give away free humous & crudities'

Young people were also asked -

'Where do you go for advice and information regarding sensitive health issues?'

- In the Dunbar area 'Friends' was the most popular choice, followed closely by 'Parents'
- Young people across the Dunbar area were more than twice as likely to go to youth workers for help / advice than across East Lothian as a whole



Care and Carers

- The average age of a person with a life-limiting long term illness in the Dunbar area is 60 - this is above the Scottish average of 58
- Across East Lothian 8% of the adult population is unable to work due to illness and/or disability (across Scotland as a whole this rises to 10%)
- In the Dunbar area this falls to 7%
([East Lothian CHP - Community Health and Well-being Profile 2004](#))

According to the most recent census figures:-

- 9 % of the population across the Dunbar area provide unpaid care to a friend or family member
- 2.4% of these carers are providing more than 50 hours of care per week
- 16% of households have 1 or more carers in residence

Who is providing this care in the Dunbar area?

- the average age of a person providing voluntary care is 48
- 3% are aged under 16
- 20% are aged 65 or over
- 62% of carers are female
- 52% are also employed
(www.scrol.gov.uk)

The Environment

East Lothian has a range of public open/green spaces including coastal and countryside sites, woodlands, parks, amenity open spaces, green corridors, village greens, play areas, school grounds and civic spaces.

In 'Dunbar – the good, the bad and the future' the quality of their local environment, particularly the beaches and coastal landscapes, was one of the things local people highlighted as something they 'loved' about their area.

The county is also rich in natural heritage and much of the coast of East Lothian is designated a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) for its outstanding natural features. As well as its natural heritage value the East Lothian coast is important as a visitor destination. An estimated 2.5 million visitors annually visit both the rural and urban sections of the coast and it is a challenge for local communities to support tourism developments while at the same time ensuring that the natural heritage, diversity and quality of their coastal areas are protected and enhanced.

Well-managed, accessible urban open spaces, countryside sites and woodlands provide formal and informal recreational opportunities for local populations, improving physical and mental well-being.

Access to the East Lothian countryside is provided through a network of paths for the benefit of all user groups (walkers, cyclists and horse riders) of all ages and abilities. One of the main paths is the John Muir Way, a coastal route that extends from Musselburgh to Dunglass. There are also a range of medium distance paths between and around local communities.

The quality of the local environment

When asked in the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) only 3% of respondents from the Dunbar and East Linton Ward thought that pollution was an issue that most needed to be addressed in their area (just below the East Lothian average of 4%)

Ambient air quality across the ward is significantly better than across most of East Lothian, exceeded only within the North Berwick and Coastal ward. Indicators of air quality include:-

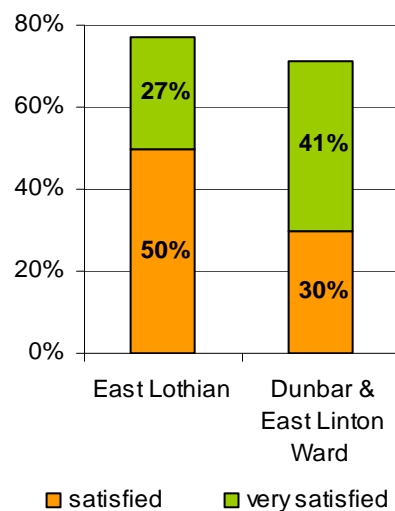
- NO₂ (Nitrogen Dioxide) concentration / m³. For this indicator the concentration in the Dunbar and East Linton ward was 7.8 micrograms / m³ in 2002-4 (less than half that recorded in other areas of the county)
- PM₁₀ concentration / m³ (particle pollution generally caused by diesel combustion, construction, mining and quarrying). Here the concentration was 11.8 micrograms / m³ compared to 13.1 micrograms / m³ averaged across East Lothian

The cleanliness of East Lothian's open spaces and streets is measured through LEAMS (Local Environmental Assessment & Management System). In 2007/08 East Lothian achieved an LEAMS score of 73%.

At a neighbourhood level environmental quality concerns – like dog fouling, litter, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, and noise nuisance - affect people's perceptions of their environment.

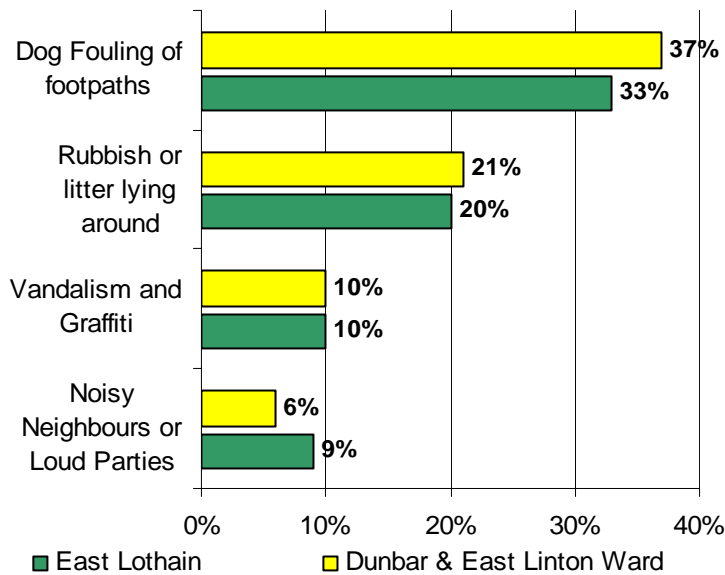
The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) asked residents which environmental complaints were common or very common in their neighbourhoods.

Community satisfaction with parks, gardens and open spaces



Graph created using data from the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009 – cello mruk research

The Environment continued...



Graph created using data from the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009 – cello mrk research

The results, in the graph to the left, show that residents across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward reported that dog fouling and litter were common in their local area more often than it was reported across East Lothian as a whole.

When asked elsewhere in the survey 'What most needs improving in your local area?'

- 14% thought 'cleaner streets' were a priority
- 5% thought traffic congestion was a key issue
- 1% thought access to the outdoors needed to be improved in their area

Being Green

Ecological footprinting provides a picture of the impact of our consumption patterns and the resources that we use by measuring the amount of land area required to meet our energy, transport, food and water needs.

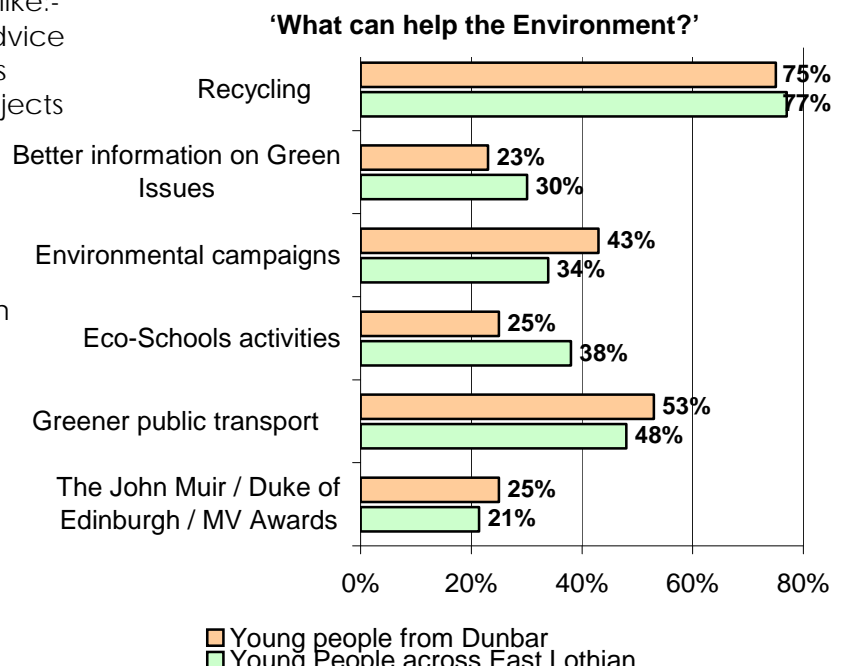
- East Lothian's ecological footprint equates to 5.31 global hectares per capita ([East Lothian SOA](#)).
- That means that if everyone in the world consumed resources as we do in East Lothian, we would require 3 planets to supply all our resources and consume all our waste.

Creating a sustainable future for East Lothian, recognising that we live in an interdependent world where climate change and finite resources are serious challenges to the ways we live our lives, is of growing importance to our local communities.

Within this area efforts to move towards a greener future also benefit from the ongoing work of Sustaining Dunbar. This organisation is bringing local people together to build a creative, low carbon, locally resilient community for everyone living or working in the Dunbar and East Linton ward through initiatives like:-

- the BeGreen energy advice shop and energy audits
- community garden projects
- the 2025 Vision – mapping and action plan project
- a programme of Community events, training and information initiatives.

As part of developing the East Lothian Youth Vision Strategy in 2008 young people across the county were surveyed on a number of issues including what they thought could help the environment.



Waste and Recycling across East Lothian

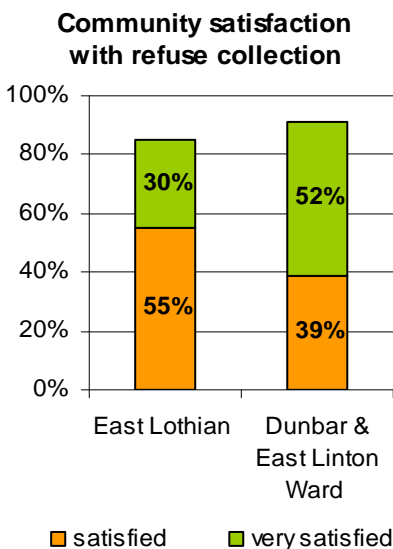
Achievements so far:-

- Across East Lothian the amount of bio-degradable waste sent to landfill was reduced by 12% - from 32.3 kilo tonnes in 2004/5 to 28.3 kilo tonnes in 2007/08
- The percentage of Municipal Waste that is recycled / composted has increased from 6% in 2001/02 to 35% in 2007/08. This rate of increase has been notably above the Scottish average
- The volume of waste produced by individuals however has increased – from 711 tonnes per 1000 people in 2004/05 to 741 tonnes per 1000 people in 2007/08

- Weekly refuse collections are made from over 40,000 households and nearly 1,400 trade premises across East Lothian. In 2007/8 37% of waste collected was recycled / composted, but 43,881 tonnes of waste was still sent to landfill at Dunbar. (www.sns.gov.uk)

East Lothian households who recycled in the last month			
	2003 / 04	2005 / 06	% increase
Glass Bottles	47%	67%	43%
Plastic	8%	50%	525%
Metal Cans	18%	53%	194%
newspaper / paper / card	72%	81%	13%
one or more of the above	77%	84%	9%

www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/statistics/browse/Environment



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Almost 90% of households in East Lothian have access to a regular kerbside recycling collection. East Lothian Council also provides:-

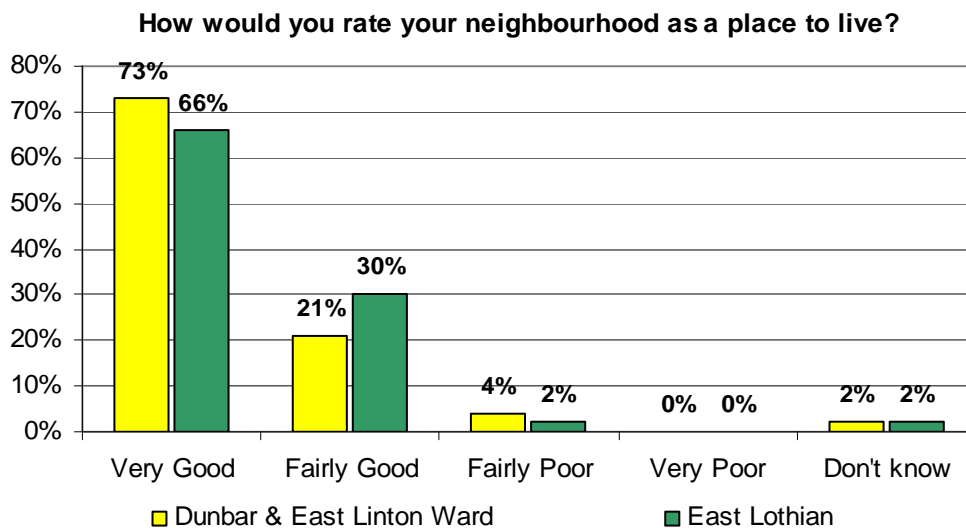
- a network of over 80 Recycling Points with facilities to recycle glass and cans - around 40% also having facilities to recycle paper and textiles
- four Recycling Centres within the county where over 20 different materials are separately collected for either reuse or recycling

There appears to be generally high levels of satisfaction with refuse collection across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward, with 52% reporting that they were 'very satisfied' with this service when asked during the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009).

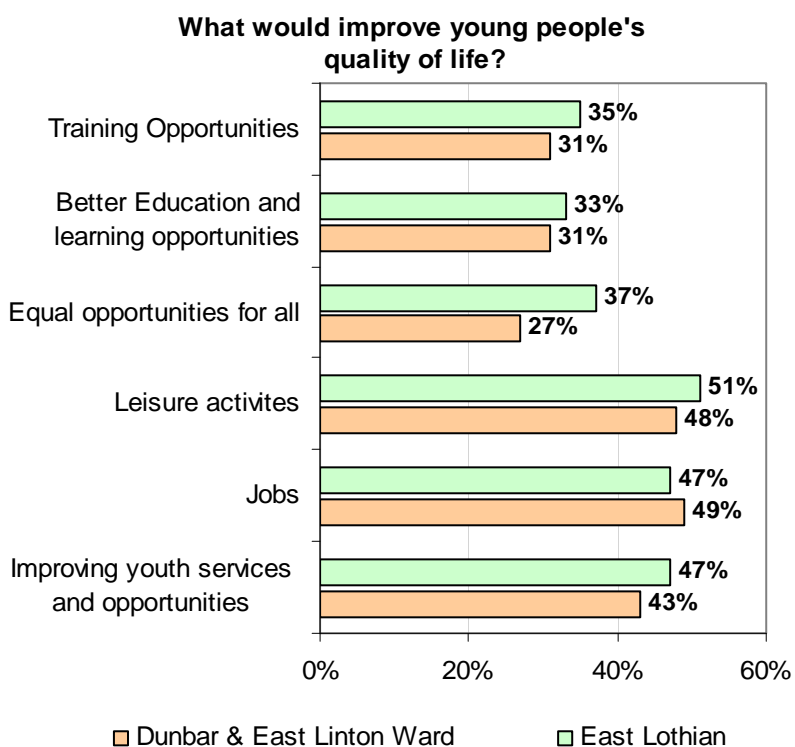
Neighbourhood and Place

The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) showed that 97% of people surveyed thought that East Lothian was a good place to live.

- The results were generally similar when people were asked about their own neighbourhoods
- 94% of people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live.
- More than in any other area the residents of this ward rated their neighbourhoods as 'very good'
- within the ward area however more residents than average rated their neighbourhood as 'fairly poor'



(Graph created using data from the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009 - cello mruk research)



For East Lothian Youth Vision young people were asked what things could be done to improve the quality of their life in East Lothian.

- Young people in the Dunbar area were most likely to say that jobs would make a difference than across East Lothian (49% vs. 47%)
- They were also least likely to say that Equal Opportunities were important (27% vs. 37%)

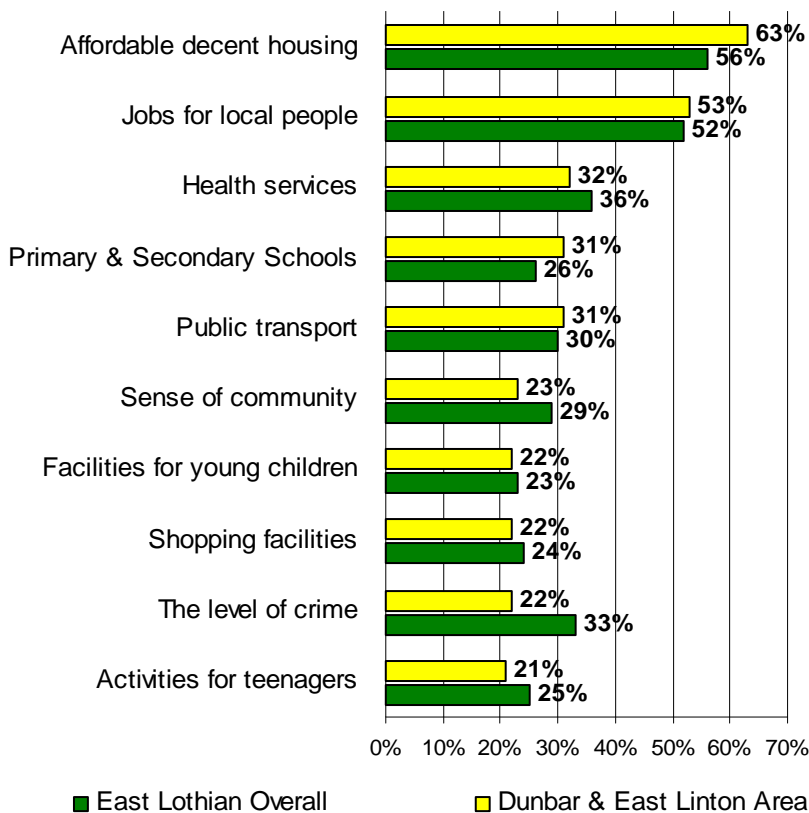
Other suggestions made by young people in the Dunbar area included:-

- Good housing
- More places for young people to go

The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) asked people :-

What was most important in making somewhere a good place to live?

The graph below shows the top 10 responses from people in the Dunbar and East Linton ward to this question:-



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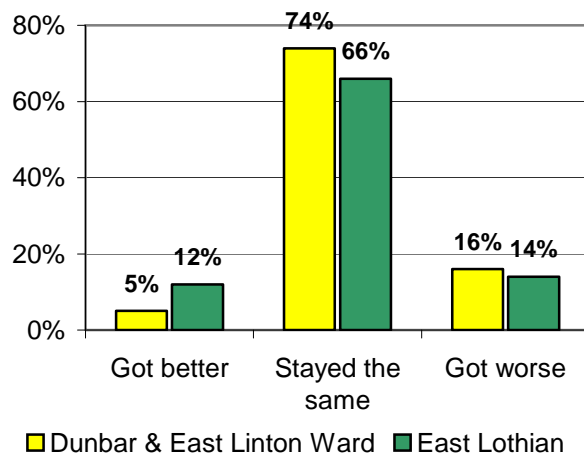
- Affordable decent housing was highlighted as the most important thing, rating higher than across East Lothian as a whole
- People in this ward were also marginally more likely to rate 'jobs for local people' and 'public transport' higher than they rated in the rest of East Lothian
- The importance of primary and secondary schooling was also noted by an above average number of respondents
- 5% or less of the people surveyed in the Dunbar and East Linton ward felt that cultural facilities, levels of pollution, embracing people from different cultures or levels of traffic congestion were among the most important factors in making somewhere a good place to live.

'Dunbar – the good, the bad and the future' also highlighted a number of things people wanted to see improved across their area including:-

- more places for young people to go – including a youth café, cinema and longer opening hours for existing leisure facilities and youth clubs etc
- the appearance of the High St and the range of shops and services located there
- cleaner streets – with more bins and less dog fouling
- more policing, especially at weekends

The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) also asked people how had their neighbourhood had changed:-

- significantly fewer people across the Dunbar and East Linton ward thought their neighbourhoods had 'got better' over the last 5 years
- Almost ¾ of people in the ward believed their neighbourhood had stayed the same
- Slightly more than average felt that their neighbourhood had got worse



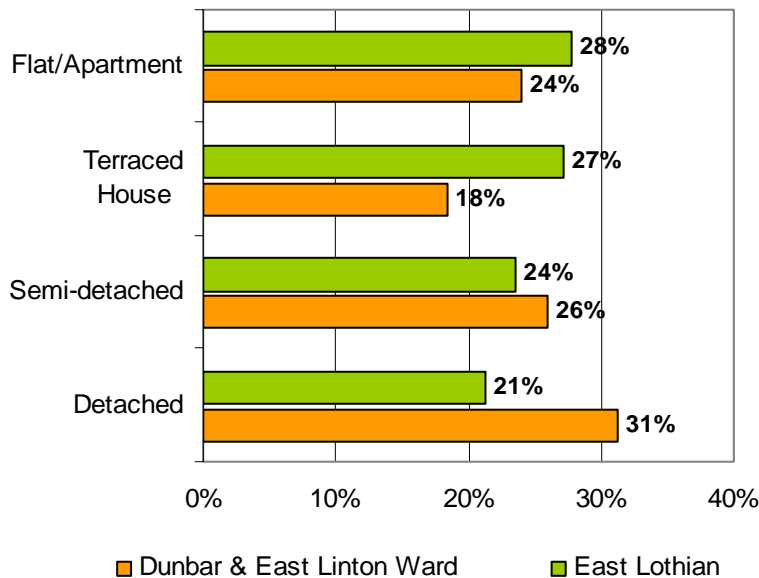
Housing

There are 5673 dwellings in the Dunbar and East Linton ward.

- 2% of those dwellings are 2nd or holiday homes
(2008 General Register of Scotland estimate provided by Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics www.sns.gov.uk)

What types of housing is most common in the ward area?

(www.sns.gov.uk)

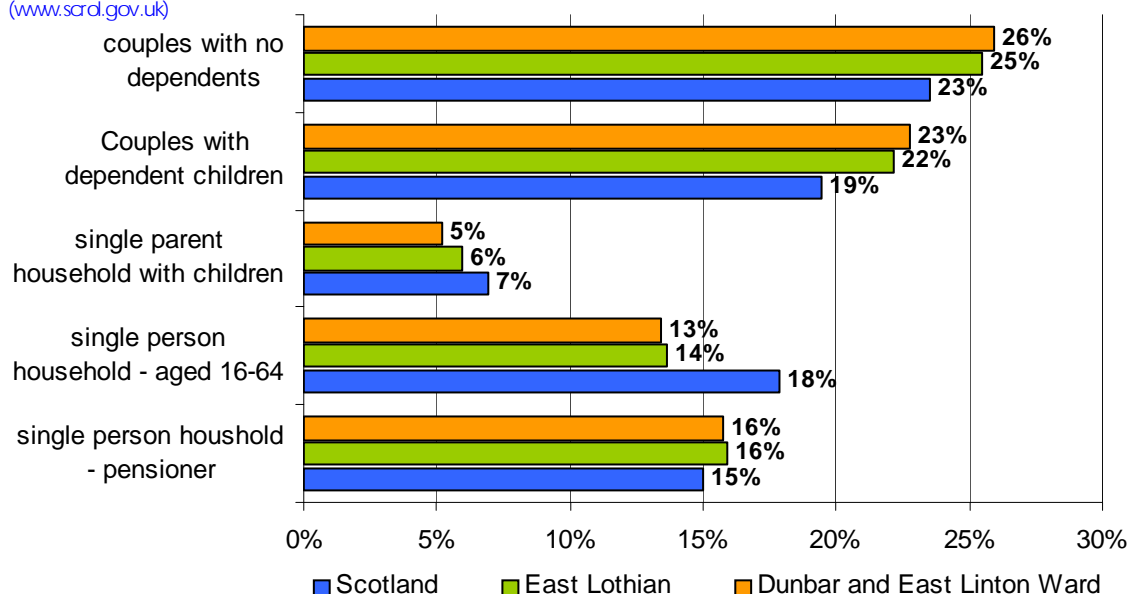


- Detached housing is the most common form of housing across the ward, with a significantly higher percentage of detached housing evident than across East Lothian as a whole (31% vs 21%)
- The average number of rooms per dwelling across the ward is 4.9 (equivalent to the East Lothian average) – although in East Linton this raises to 5.3 .

- Within the ward area there is an average of 2.37 people living in each household – this is very similar to the East Lothian average of 2.33.
- 8% of households in the ward report overcrowding - having too few rooms per resident - compared to 9.5% across East Lothian.
(www.scrol.gov.uk)

How are these households made up?

(www.scrol.gov.uk)



Do people own or rent their houses?

The Local Authority Housing Bulletin June 2009 reported that:-

- There were 108 homes bought/sold in East Lothian in April 2009 – this is 40.3% lower than the number sold 1 year previously
- The average house price in East Lothian April 2009 was £156 837 – 19% lower than 1 year previously
- The average house price in East Lothian however remains 12% higher than Scottish average
- East Lothian as a whole has a higher proportion of houses in the upper Council Tax Bands (band F-H) than is average across Scotland (19% vs 12%) This contributes to pushing the average house price in the area up.
- In the Dunbar and East Linton ward this percentage is even higher – with 22% of houses lying in bands F-H and only 50% of dwelling falling into Council tax bands A-C

As the table to the right shows however :-

	Dunbar & East Linton Ward	East Lothian
% owned (either outright or with a mortgage)	62%	64%
% rented from the Local Authority or another Social Landlord	24%	27%
% privately rented	13%	5%

- Rates of home ownership in the ward are very similar to the rates across East Lothian
- When the data is separated out for www.scrol.gov.uk the 2 main settlements variation in patterns of housing tenure across the ward becomes obvious. For example - rates of home ownership are much higher in East Linton – 72% while rates of social renting are higher in Dunbar at 29%
- Across the whole ward however there are significantly higher rates of private rental than across East Lothian as a whole

Council Housing

In April 2009 East Lothian Council had 733 council homes in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward:-

- This represents 9% of the total East Lothian Council housing stock at this time
- 137 homes in Dunbar have been sold since 2000 under the 'right-to-buy' process
- East Lothian Council has 500 applications on its Housing List from people who are looking for a home in Dunbar.

Number of Council Houses in each area	
Dunbar	513
West Barns	90
East Linton	128
Stenton	5
Spott	4
Innerwick	29
Whitekirk	4

New Housing Developments in the area

The Brunt Court development currently under construction is the first Dunbar site for new council housing since 1974.

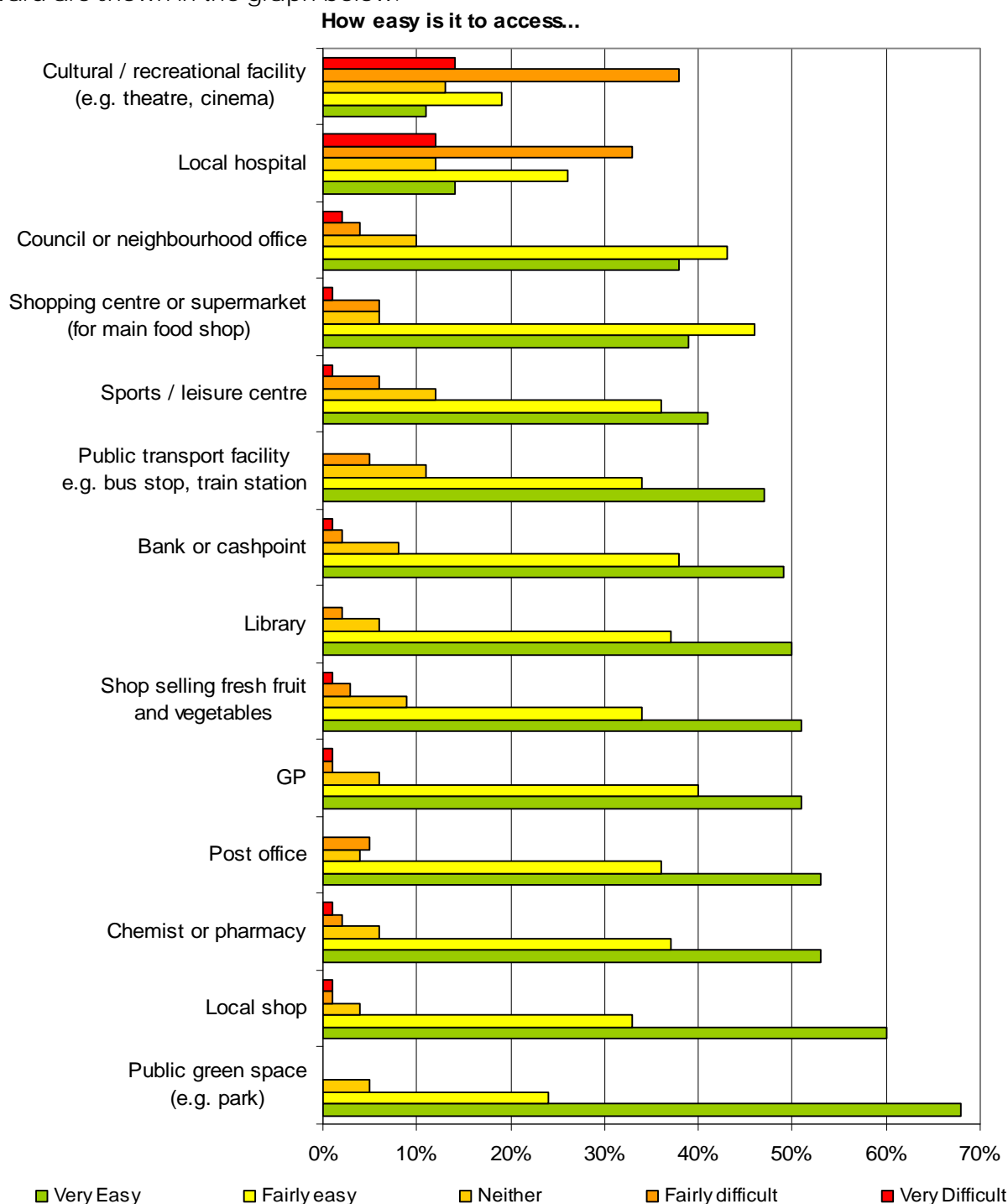
This development is planned to create 88 new properties – these are provisionally allocated as 72 for rent and 16 allocated for Low Cost Home Ownership.

Access to Services and Facilities

As a large, dispersed and predominantly rural area significant variation will exist across the ward in relation to access to services and facilities. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2006 highlighted 2 areas within the ward that face significant challenges due to geographic isolation. These areas (known as datazones covering 900-1000 people) are in:-

- Innerwick, Oldhamstocks and Spott – identified as within the 5% most deprived areas in relation to Geographic Access
- parts of West Barns – falling within the 15-20% most deprived data zones in relation to Geographic Access

The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) asked people how easy was it to access a range of key services by their usual method of transport. The results for the Dunbar and East Linton Ward are shown in the graph below.

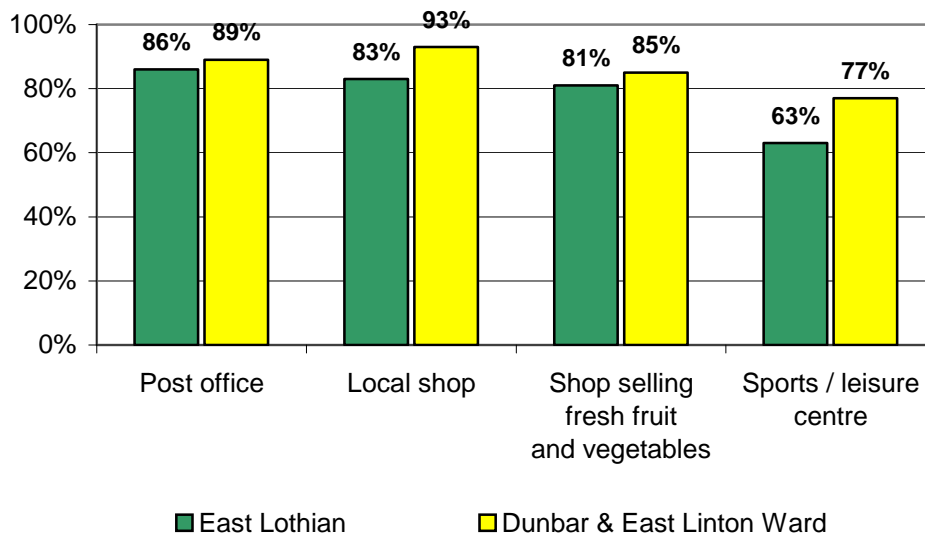


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According to these results

- 50% or more of people across the ward found it 'very easy' to get to a park, pharmacy, post office, GP's surgery, local shop (including for fresh fruit and vegetables) and a library by their usual means
- Cultural and recreational facilities (eg theatres, cinemas etc) were identified as the most difficult to reach – with 52% of people surveyed reporting it was either fairly or very difficult to access these facilities by their usual means of transport (compared to 24% across East Lothian as a whole)
- A significant number of people across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward (45%) also reported that it was difficult to access local hospital services – compared to 20% across the rest of East Lothian
- Although the general consensus was that it was easy enough to access
 - a Shopping Centre or Supermarket for a main food shop
 - a Council or Neighbourhood Office
 people within the ward were more likely to report that it was only 'fairly easy' rather than 'very easy'.

% reporting easy access by their usual form of transport

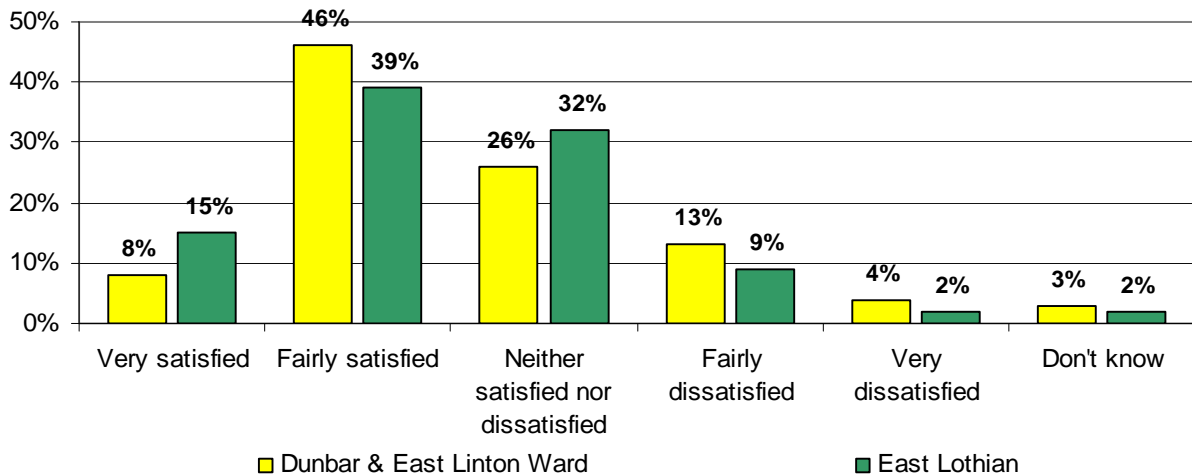


- There were also a number of services and facilities that people across the Dunbar and East Linton Ward reported easy access to more often than people across East Lothian as a whole
 - the most significant difference was in access to Sports / Leisure centres - 14% more people in the Dunbar area reported easy access
 - 10% more people in the Ward also reported easy access to a local shop than across East Lothian as a whole

Perceptions of East Lothian Council and satisfaction with services

East Lothian Council is the principle service provider within the county – with a responsibility for providing many of the services and facilities residents rely on in their daily lives.

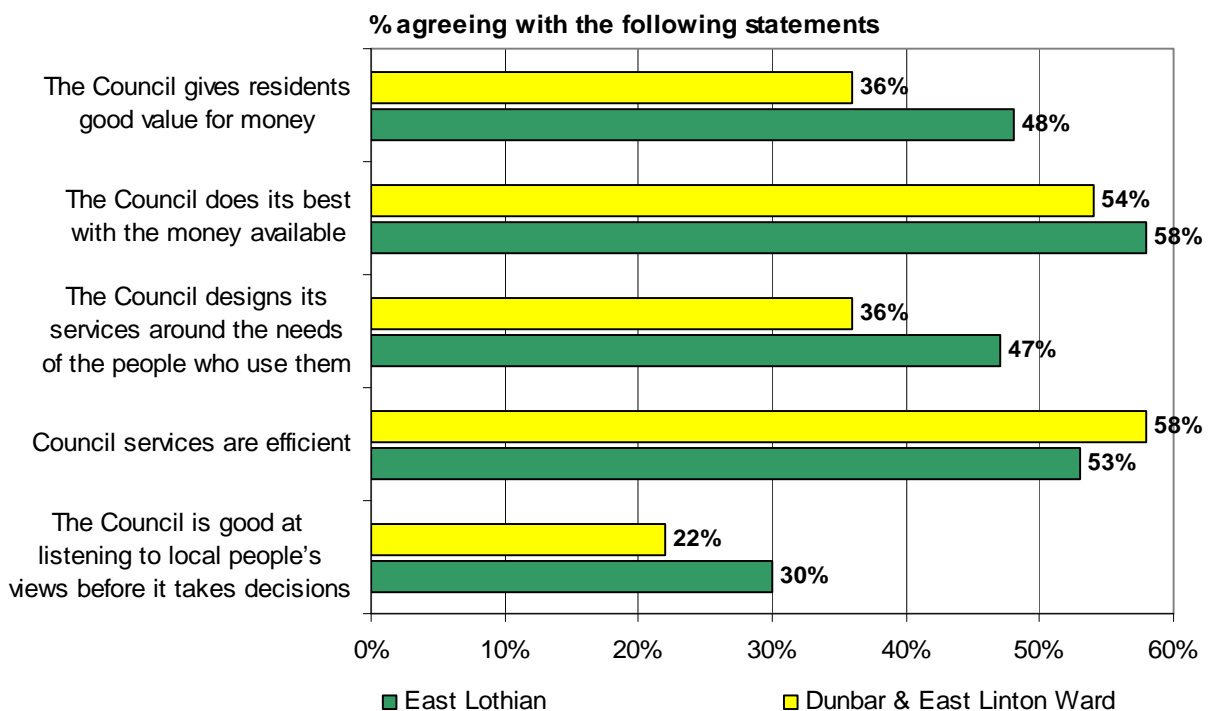
How satisfied are you with the way East Lothian Council is running the area?



As part of the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) therefore people were asked how they felt East Lothian Council was doing in their area.

- Across both the Dunbar and East Linton Ward and East Lothian as a whole 54% of people surveyed expressed a level of satisfaction with the way East Lothian Council was running the area in this ward respondents were less likely to say they were 'very satisfied' than overall
- 17% of people in the Dunbar area also reported they were dissatisfied with the way the area was being run, compared to 11%

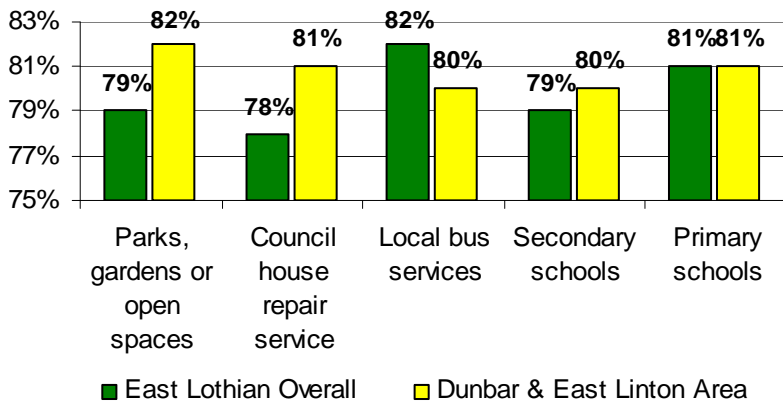
The survey also asked whether people agreed or disagreed with a number of statements :-



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Satisfaction with services continued...

As part of the same survey people were asked what services they thought were most important for the Council to provide for communities.



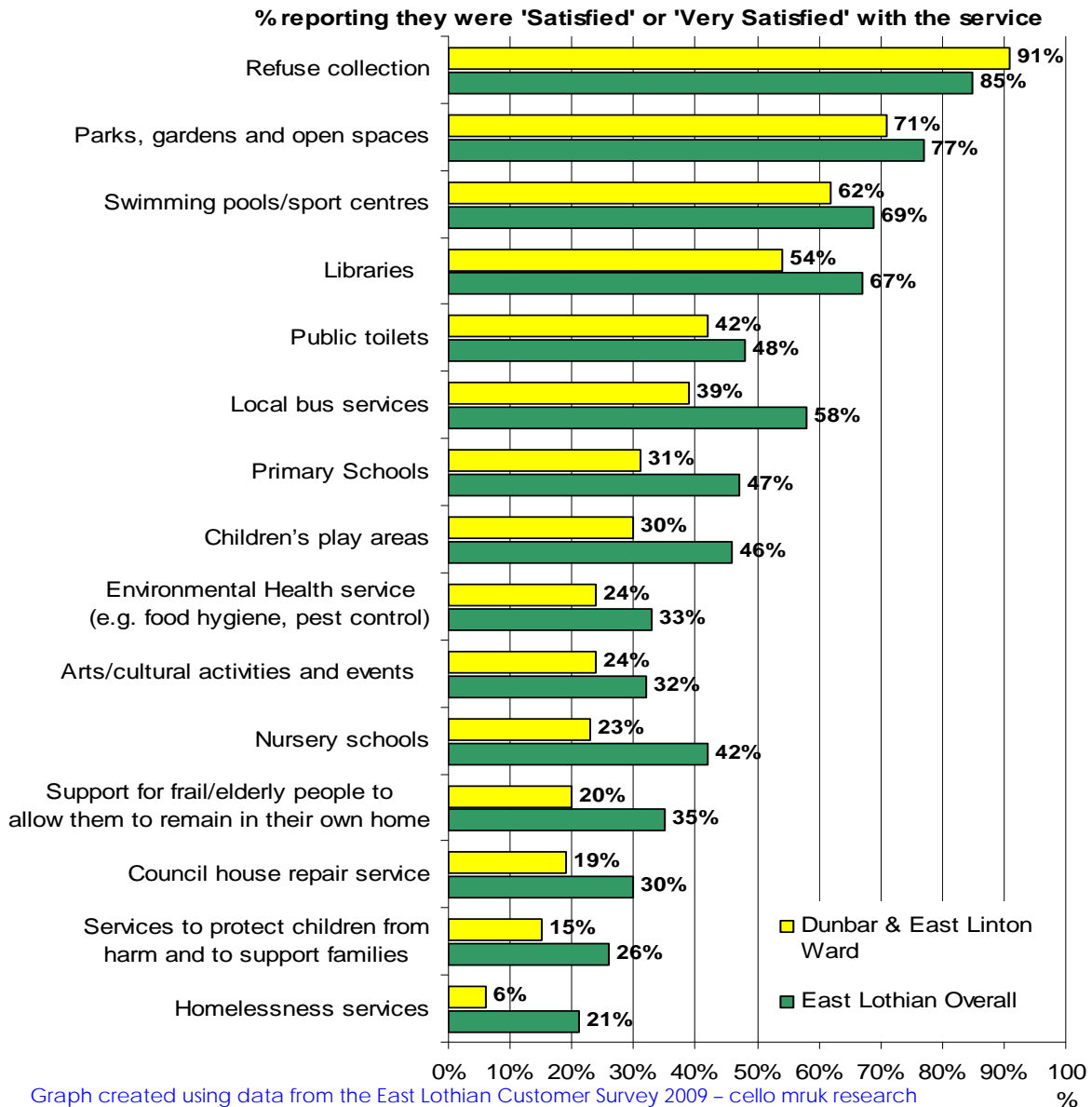
The top 5 answers to this question from the Dunbar and East Linton Ward are shown in the graph to the left.

The survey also asked people about their level of satisfaction with the East Lothian Council Services they used.

- The only service that residents in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward expressed above average satisfaction

with was refuse collection

Although levels of satisfaction with services were significantly below those of East Lothian overall more than 50% of people expressed satisfaction with 'parks, gardens and open spaces', 'swimming pools and sport centres' and 'libraries'.



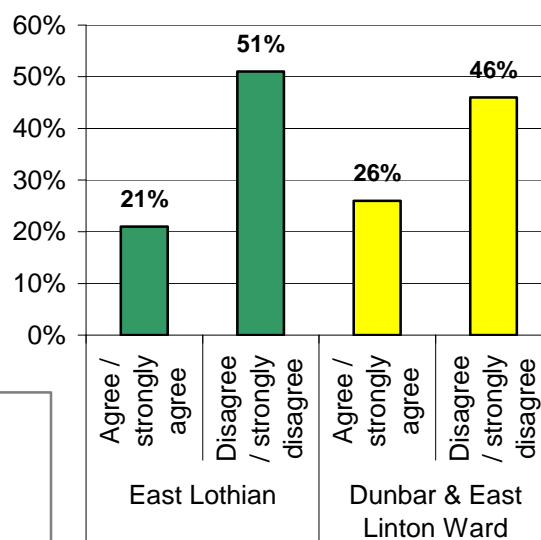
Community and Participation

There is a strong tradition of community activity and involvement within the Dunbar area and, according to the 'Dunbar – the good, the bad and the future' report one of the things people loved about their area was the 'good sense of community'.

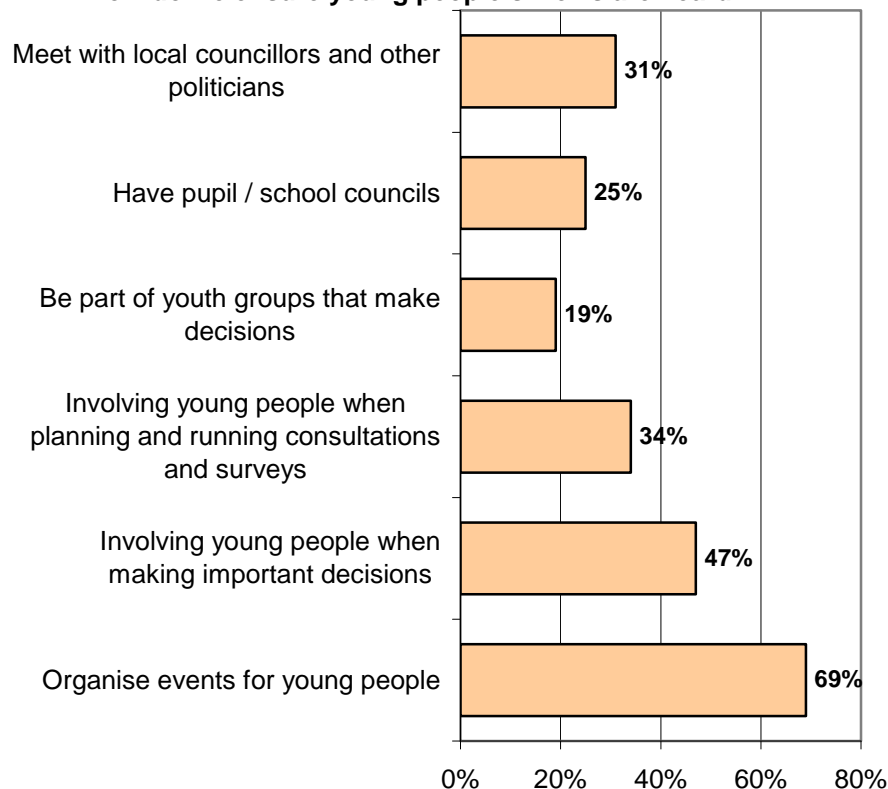
The results of the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) further demonstrate people's participation in their community through the rates of volunteering in the area.

- 19% of people in the ward reported that they had volunteered within their communities over the past 12 months (although the actual figure is likely to be much higher as people do not always associate their participation in groups / campaigns etc as 'volunteering') This is 10% higher than the average across East Lothian.
- The most popular types of volunteering were with: -
 - children's activities both in and outside school (11%)
 - church or religious groups (4%)
 - local neighbourhood groups (3%)
 - health and social welfare groups for the elderly or people with disabilities (1%)
 - sports / exercise coaching or organising (1%)
 - working for the environment (1%)
- The survey also showed that people across the ward were less likely to believe that they could influence decisions affecting their local area - 28% in the Dunbar and East Linton Ward believed they could compared to 31% across East Lothian
- However an above average number of people agreed that they would like to be more involved in the decisions made which affect their area - 26%

I would like to be more involved in the decisions made that affect my local area



How do we ensure young people's views are heard?



As part of developing the East Lothian Youth Vision Strategy young people were asked what were the best ways to ensure that they had a chance to contribute to decisions that affect them.

The graph to the left shows what young people in Dunbar thought were the best ways to do this.

Other suggestions included:-

- Media campaigns
- through text messaging
- demonstrations