

MUSSELBURGH AREA COMMUNITY PROFILE

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Introduction and Sources

This profile has been prepared to coincide with the first Local Area Forum for the Musselburgh 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 publicly 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/>
- **Musselburgh Gala Survey** – conducted by the East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel in June 2009 to look at priority issues for the area

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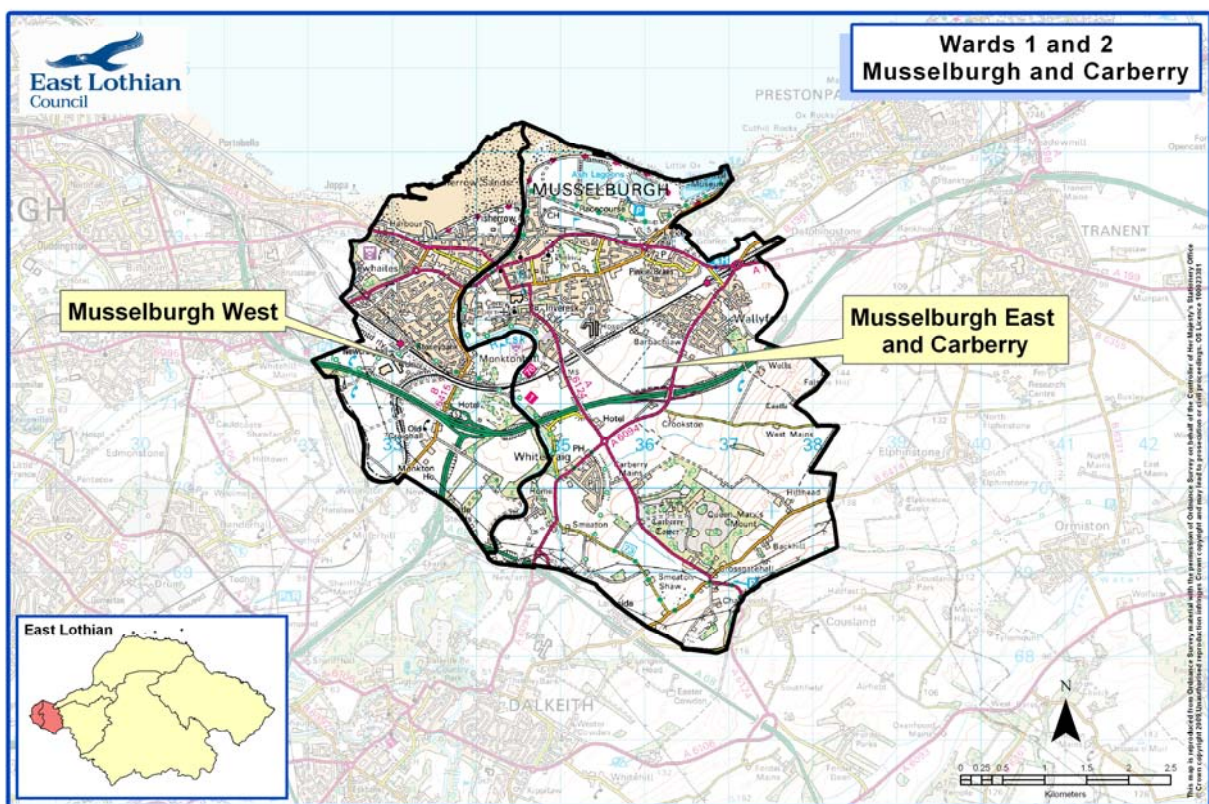
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The Musselburgh Area

The Musselburgh Area, or Musselburgh cluster, is situated at the western end of East Lothian.

It includes the East Lothian Council multi-member wards of **Musselburgh West** and **Musselburgh East and Carberry** and includes the settlements of:-

- Musselburgh
- Wallyford
- Whitecraig
- Carberry
- Old Craighall



The people of Musselburgh - a snapshot

- 24% of the population of East Lothian live within the Musselburgh Area
- 10158 people live in the Musselburgh West ward.
- 12938 people live within the Musselburgh East and Carberry ward
- Across Musselburgh 90% of the population was born in Scotland
- 62% of the people in Musselburgh area are 'of working age'

For more information about the people living in the Musselburgh area, and how they compare to the rest of East Lothian see page 9

Crime and Safety across the Musselburgh area - a snapshot

- 97% of people in Musselburgh said they felt safe walking alone in their neighbourhoods during the day
- 80% of young people said they feel safe in their local neighbourhood
- Crime rates across the area are generally going down
 - but crimes involving theft and dishonesty have gone up significantly in the last year, particularly in Musselburgh East
 - so have drug related crimes, particularly in Musselburgh West
- 37% of complaints made to the police between June and August 2009 were related to anti-social behaviour
- 62% of anti-social behaviour complaints in the area related to street disorder
- 40% of anti-social behaviour complaints were youth related

For more information about Crime and Safety in the Musselburgh area, and how it compares to the rest of East Lothian see page 11

Business and Employment in the Musselburgh area - a snapshot

- 15936 people of working age live in the Musselburgh area
- 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.
- The biggest business sector was 'Financial Intermediation, Real Estate, Renting and Business Activity'
- Despite the current economic downturn East Lothian still has relatively low levels of unemployment compared to the rest of Scotland

For more information about Business and Employment in the Musselburgh area, and how it compares to the rest of East Lothian see page 15

Education in the Musselburgh area - a snapshot

- 30% of adults in Musselburgh East and 42% in Musselburgh West have qualifications at SVQ3 level or higher
- 39% of Musselburgh Grammar pupils stayed on to 6th year in 2007/08

- In 2007/08 50% of school leavers in the Musselburgh area went straight on to higher or further education
- 31% of those leavers went straight into employment

For more about levels of Education and Training in the Musselburgh area see page 18

Health and Care in Musselburgh - a snapshot

- In Musselburgh 2 in every 3 people describe their own health as 'good'
- Life expectancy in Musselburgh West is slightly higher than in Musselburgh East, but just below the average for East Lothian
- Rates of Emergency Hospital Admissions are generally higher across Musselburgh than across East Lothian
- 94% of people across the Musselburgh area stated that it was easy (or very easy) to get to a GP
- 63% of young people surveyed in Musselburgh said they would go to their parents for help and advice on a sensitive health issue
- 10 % of people across Musselburgh provide unpaid care to a friend or family member
- 2.3% of these carers provide more than 50 hours of care per week

For more information about health and care issues and health inequalities across Musselburgh and East Lothian see page 20

The Local Environment - a snapshot

- 82% of people in Musselburgh West said they were satisfied with the parks, gardens and open spaces in their area
- 37% of people across the area however think dog fouling is a serious blight on their environment
- 52% think there is too much rubbish and litter lying around
- Young people in Musselburgh said that the most significant thing that can be done to help the environment is recycling
- In 2007/08 across East Lothian 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 23

What makes Musselburgh a good place to live? - a snapshot

- 98% of people in Musselburgh West rated their neighbourhood as a good place to live
- 92% of people in Musselburgh East rated their neighbourhood as a good place to live
- 55% of young people thought that improved jobs and leisure activities would improve their neighbourhoods
- 17% of people in Musselburgh East and 11% in Musselburgh West said their neighbourhoods had got worse in the last 5 years
- When asked what made somewhere a good place to live the top priority for the Musselburgh area was 'affordable, decent housing'

For more information about what people in Musselburgh think about their neighbourhoods and what would make them better see page 26

For more about how people in the Musselburgh area rate local services and facilities see page 30

Housing in Musselburgh - a snapshot

- There are 11012 dwellings in the Musselburgh area
- 5989 are in the Musselburgh East and Carberry ward
- 5023 are in the Musselburgh West ward
- 65% of households across Musselburgh own or are buying their home
- 29% of the total East Lothian Council housing stock is in the Musselburgh area

For more information about Housing in the Musselburgh area, and how it compares to the rest of East Lothian see page 28

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

- In a recent survey 52% of people in Musselburgh East said they were satisfied with the way East Lothian Council was running their area
- 60% in Musselburgh West said that the Council does its best with the money available
- 48% in Musselburgh East said the Council designed its services around the needs of the people who use them
- Across Musselburgh residents expressed above average satisfaction with:-
 - Parks, gardens and open spaces
 - Local bus services
 - Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools
 - Council House repair services
- 40% of people in Musselburgh East and 38% in Musselburgh West felt that they could influence decisions affecting their local area

For more information about what people in Musselburgh think about East Lothian Council see page 31

For more about how people in the Musselburgh area think about community participation and their ability to influence decisions in the area see page 33

Population

23096 live in the Musselburgh area.

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

At this time :-

- 24% of the population of East Lothian lived within the Musselburgh Area
- 10158 people lived in the Musselburgh West ward. It is the smallest ward in East Lothian.
- 12938 people lived within the Musselburgh East and Carberry ward

Across East Lothian the population is growing – with a growth rate of 7% since 2001. This has not been the case within the Musselburgh Area.

- Since 2001 the population in the Musselburgh West ward has dropped by 5%
- In Musselburgh East the population has grown by 2%
- Overall for the Musselburgh Area the population has decreased by 1% - unlike East Lothian as a whole

(www.sns.gov.uk)

So what are these 23096 people like?

How old are they?

	Musselburgh East	Musselburgh West	Musselburgh total	East Lothian
% of the population are children & young people	20%	17%	19%	20%
% of the population are of working age (16-74)	61%	63%	62%	60%
% of the population are of pensionable age	19%	20%	19%	21%

(www.sns.gov.uk)

- In Musselburgh West there are proportionally fewer children (aged 0-15) than there are across East Lothian or within Scotland as a whole
- There is also considerable variation within ward areas – for example in Whitecraig 23% of the population are children and only 17% are of pensionable age. (www.scrol.gov.uk)
- In Musselburgh East there are proportionally fewer 'people of pensionable age' (aged 65 and over) than across East Lothian as a whole
- The Musselburgh area has a higher concentration of 'people of working age' than East Lothian as a whole

Where are they from?

(www.scrol.gov.uk)

According to the most recent census figures:-

- 90% of the population within the Musselburgh area was born in Scotland (this is above the average for East Lothian and Scotland)
- 7% were born elsewhere in the UK
- 3% were born elsewhere in Europe or in another part of the world – for the rest of Scotland this figure increases to 4%

Are there more males or females?

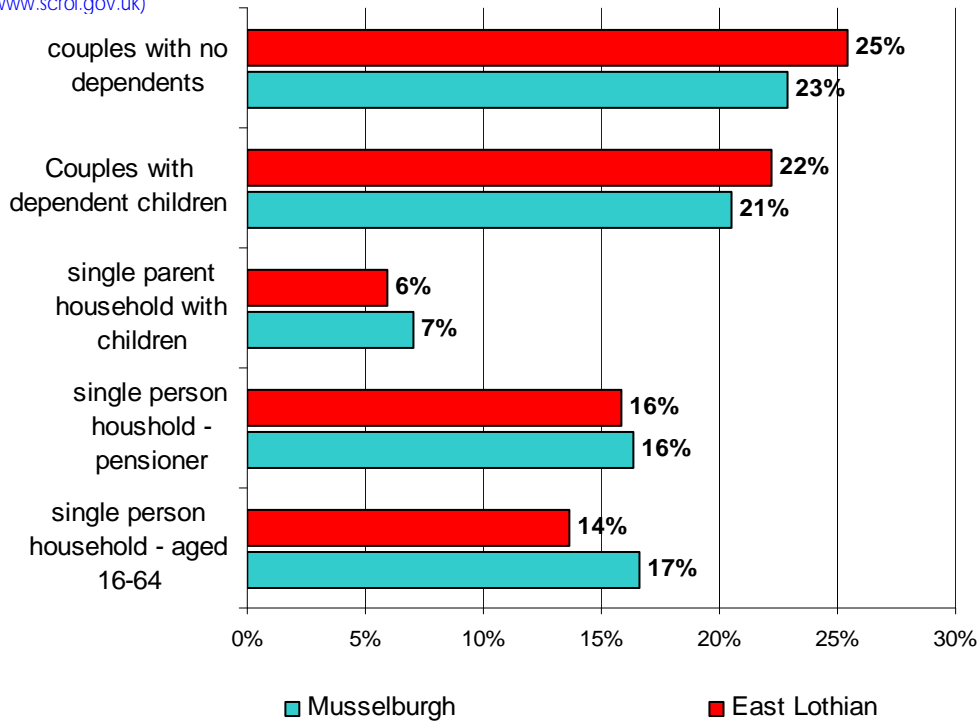
(www.scrol.gov.uk)

In the Musselburgh Area:-

- 47% of the population is male (Scottish average 48%)
- 53% of the population is female (Scottish average 52%)

How are their households made up?

(www.scrol.gov.uk)



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

- more adults under 64 live alone in Musselburgh West than elsewhere in East Lothian (30% of households had a single adult of working age compare to 14% overall)
- In Musselburgh East there were more 1-parent households (11%) than on average in East Lothian

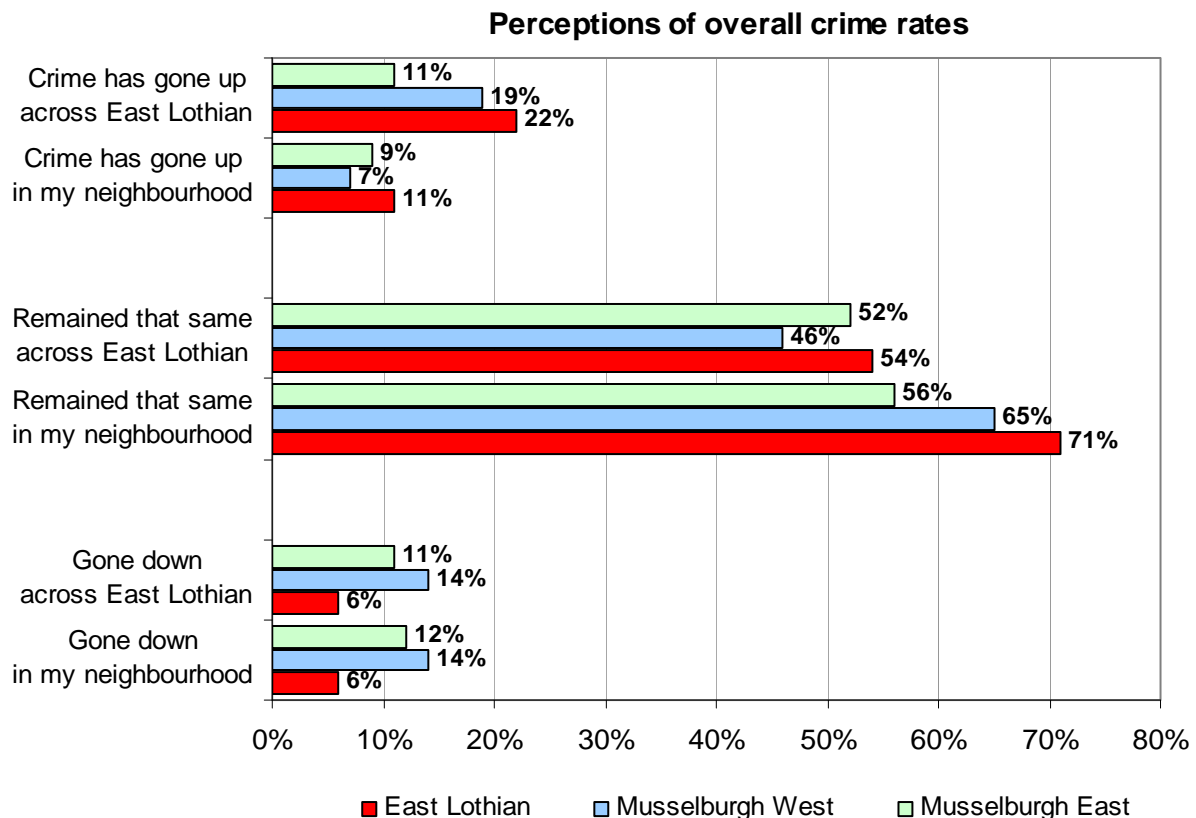
Crime and Safety

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 and can undermine community cohesion and has 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.



- Residents in Musselburgh generally felt that crime had not gone up - either across East Lothian or in their neighbourhoods
- Residents in Musselburgh, and particularly in Musselburgh West, were more likely to believe that crime had gone down in their own neighbourhoods and also across East Lothian as a whole

Do crime rates vary across the area?

Across East Lothian there are communities that do experience a higher than average volume of crime and anti-social behaviour particularly within more deprived areas and in town centres.

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) has identified 11 small areas in East Lothian (known as data zones) that have higher levels of specific crimes, including crimes of violence, drug offences, domestic house breaking, minor assault and vandalism.

- Of these 2 are in Musselburgh West (falling into the "5-10% most deprived" category)
- 3 are within Musselburgh East (falling within the "10-15% most deprived" in Scotland).

How many crimes are reported in each area?

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

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

	East Lothian 2008/09			Musselburgh East 2008/09			Musselburgh West 2008/09		
	Number of reported crimes	Crimes per 10,000 people	% change from 2007/8	Number of reported crimes	Crimes per 10,000 people	% change from 2007/8	Number of reported crimes	Crimes per 10,000 people	% change from 2007/8
Group 1: Crimes of Violence	104	11	-28%	16	12.4	-16%	19	18.7	-39%
Group 2: Sexual Crimes	62	6.6	-31%	7	5.4	-36%	7	6.9	-22%
Group 3: Crimes of Theft / Dishonesty	2187	231.6	+22%	277	214.1	+44%	480	472.5	+27%
Group 4: Vandalism, Fire raising, malicious mischief	1534	162.4	-8%	229	177	-6%	290	285.5	-13%
Drug Related Crimes (selected from within Group 5 – Other Crimes)	300	31.8	-20%	21	16.2	+5%	67	66	+26%
TOTAL	4560	482.8	+4%	606	468.4	+12%	935	920	+10%

(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 the county.

- The exception is 'crimes involving dishonesty' - including theft, housebreaking, theft of and from motor vehicles, shoplifting, fraud etc. Here there has been a 22% increase across East Lothian in reported crimes from 2007/08.
- At the same time 'crimes involving dishonesty' have increased by 44% in Musselburgh East – although, when you look at the number of crimes reported per 10,000 people it is still below the average for East Lothian.
- In Musselburgh West the rate of reported crime per 10,000 people is significantly higher than the East Lothian average - with more than double the number of crimes of theft / dishonesty and drug related crimes being recorded.

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 an 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

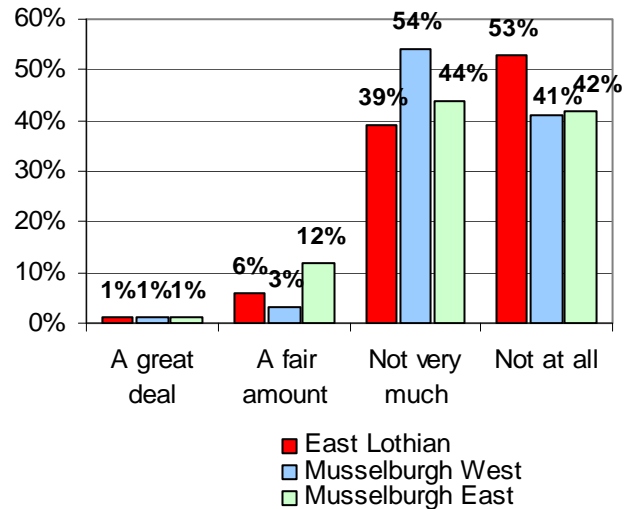
Fear of Crime

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:-

- Residents across Musselburgh were less likely to say that they 'did not feel threatened by crime at all' than people across East Lothian
- In Musselburgh East significantly more people felt that they were at risk of becoming a victim of crime than residents in Musselburgh West or people across East Lothian – something that is not reflected in the crime rates reported by the Police.



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

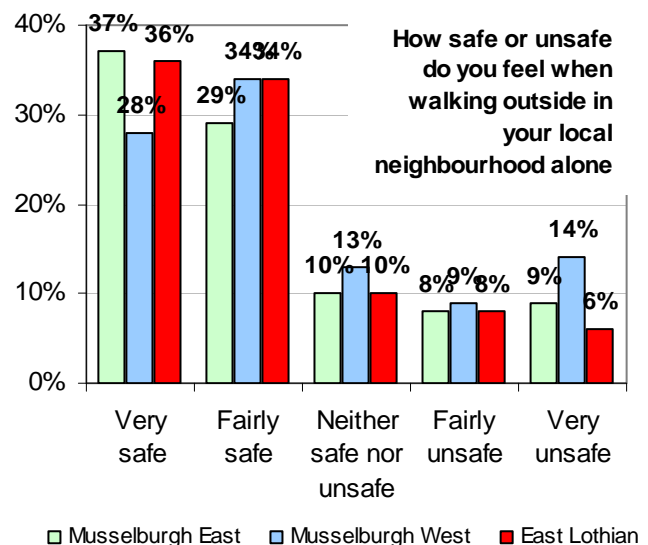
For the East Lothian Youth Vision Strategy young people across East Lothian were asked about how safe they felt in their local environments. In Musselburgh 80% reported feeling safe compared to 83% across East Lothian.

Things that made young people feel unsafe in Musselburgh included:-

- Drug users - 70%
- Drunks in the street - 52%
- Walking through dark areas – 46%
- Areas which are known for being unsafe- 45%
- Groups of young people they didn't know - 40%
- Individual young people known to be bullies - 34%
- Walking through areas where they don't live - 22%
- Groups of adults they didn't know – 17%

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

- 97% of people in Musselburgh said they felt safe walking alone in their neighbourhoods during the day – with 66% in Musselburgh East and 63% in Musselburgh West saying they felt 'very safe'
- After dark the situation was different with only 37% of those in Musselburgh East and 28% of those in Musselburgh West reporting they felt 'very safe' walking alone
- 14% of people surveyed in Musselburgh West reported they felt 'very unsafe' walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark – more than double the East Lothian average.



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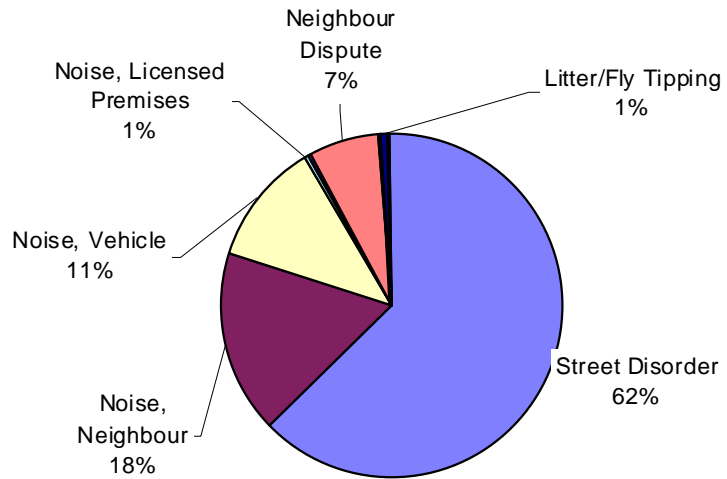
Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour plays a big part in making people feeling threatened and/or unsafe within their communities.

- Between June and August 2009 of the 2321 complaints calls made to Lothian & Borders Police 757 were related to Anti-social Behaviour – that’s 37%

This chart, prepared by the East Lothian Council’s Anti-social Behaviour Team, gives a breakdown of all Anti-social Behaviour related complaints in Musselburgh in June, July and August 2009.

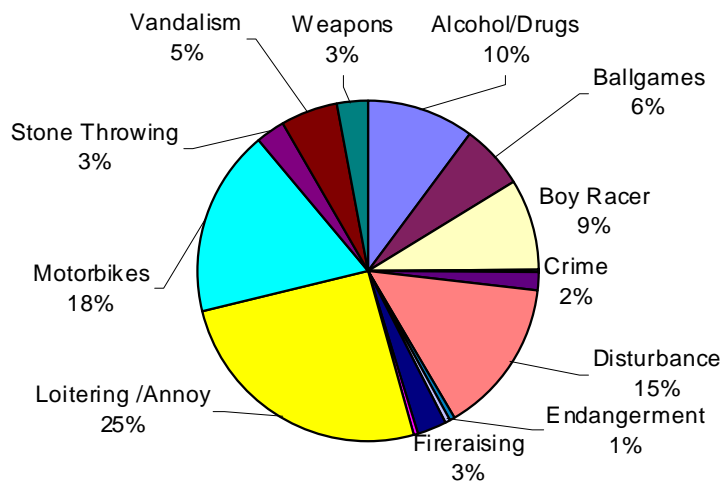
- 62% of call related to Street Disorder
- Other types of Anti-social Behaviour complaints not able to be shown on the graph were:
 - Noise from Business / Industry
 - Hate Crime – Age
 - Hate Crime – Race
 - Firework Incidents



- Youth complaints accounted for 40% of all of the complaints received
- 54% of all Anti-social Behaviour calls (and 46% of youth complaints) were received over the weekend - Friday, Saturday and Sunday – with Saturday being the busiest day.
- 66% of Anti-social Behaviour complaints are received between 6pm and 3am.
- 67% of all Anti-social Behaviour calls between 6pm and 2am are youth related calls

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

- Loitering /Annoying accounts for the majority of complaints - 25% of all calls
- Motorbikes is the next most common reason for calling, this is particularly the case in Wallyford, Whitecraig and around New St



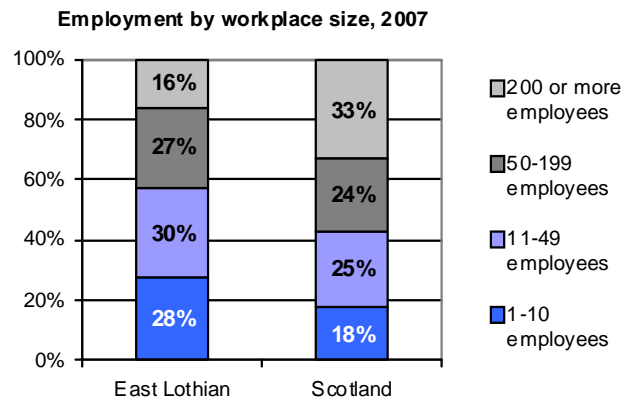
In addition to the complaints made to the Police there were 159 calls made to the Anti-social Behaviour helpline:-

- 23% of these calls were youth related
- 31% were noise 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.

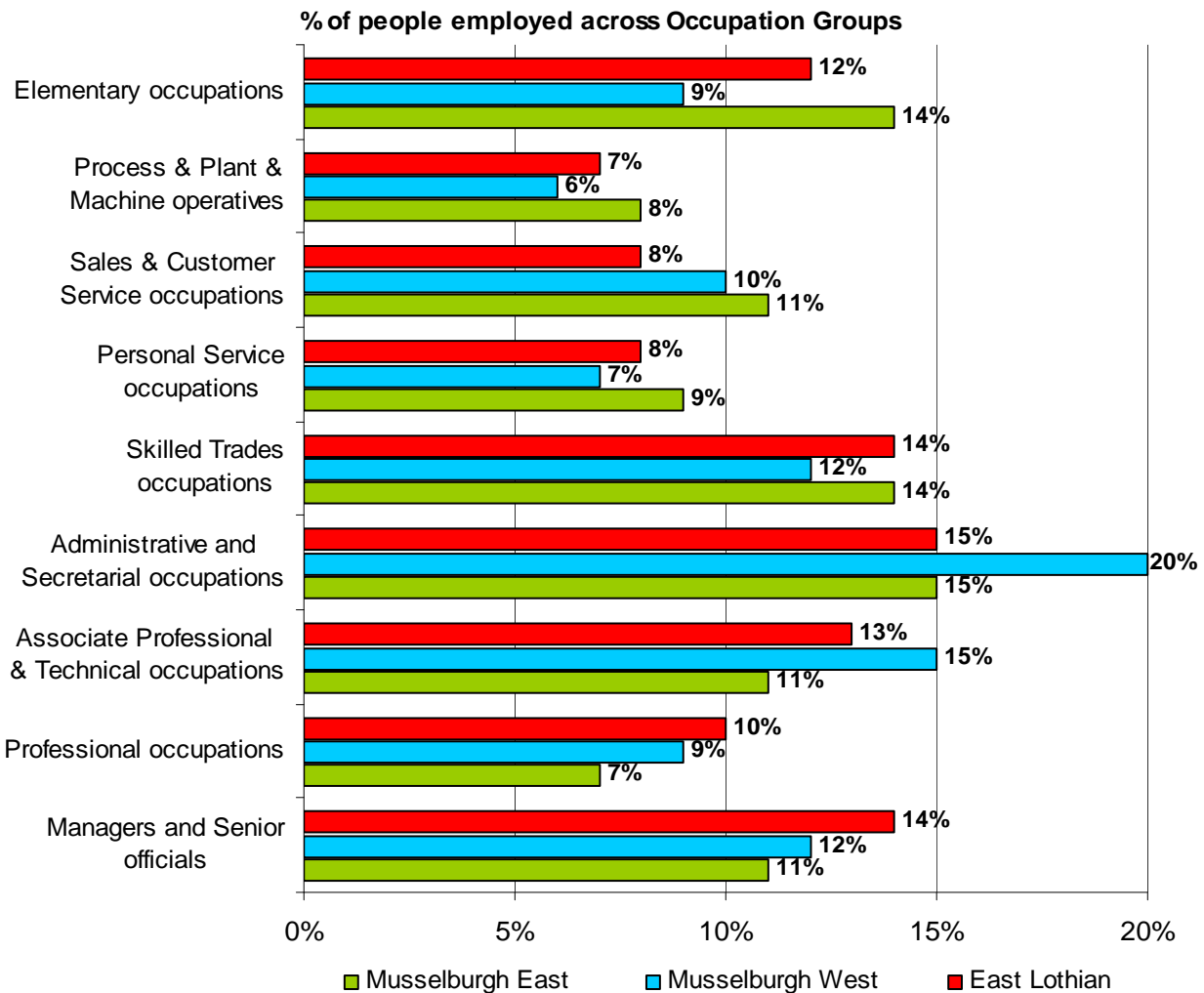
www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/statistics/browse/business/corporate

Employment Patterns in the Musselburgh Area

Latest population estimates (2008) suggest that 62% of people in the Musselburgh area are aged 16 – 74. This means there are 15936 people of working age living in the area.

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

- In Musselburgh East more people work in 'Wholesale and Retail Trade and Repairs' than the East Lothian average – 17% compared to 14%
- In Musselburgh West a higher percentage of people work within Financial, Business and Public Services (traditionally 'white collar' occupations) than across East Lothian as a whole – 34% compared to 28%. However, as the graph below suggests, many of these will be working in administrative and technical occupations.
- Across the Musselburgh area only 1% are employed in agriculture and primary industry compared to 4% across East Lothian
- In Musselburgh East a significantly higher percentage of people work in sales, customer services and elementary occupations than elsewhere in the county.



www.scrol.gov.uk

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 Musselburgh

The most recent census indicates that :-

- In Musselburgh West 72% of people of working age were 'economically active' – meaning they were working and/or looking for work. This compares to 65% in Musselburgh East and 68% across East Lothian.

- In Musselburgh West 55% of people who were economically active were employed full-time, compared to 46% in Musselburgh East and 50% across East Lothian.

	Muss. East	Muss. West	East Lothian
% of the working age population who were 'Economically Inactive'	35%	28%	32%
Of those who were Economically Inactive :-			
% who were Retired	14%	14%	15%
% studying	3%	2%	2%
% looking after home / family	6%	4%	6%
% permanently sick / disabled	8%	6%	6%

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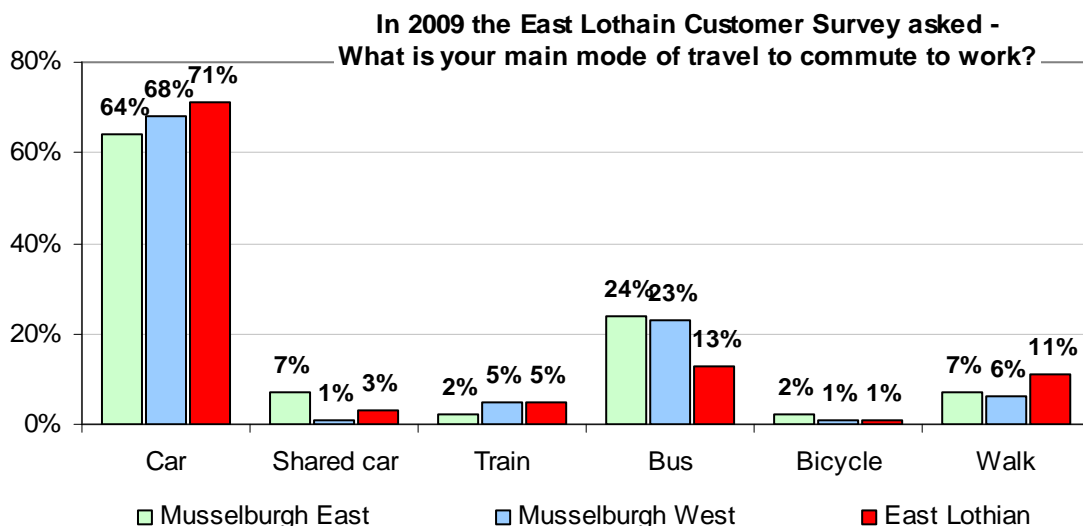
- In Musselburgh West the percentage of people unemployed and looking for work who were aged 50+ was 24%, significantly higher than the Scottish and East Lothian average of 18%
- Across Musselburgh (and over the whole of East Lothian) the percentage of people 'economically inactive' and registered as permanently sick / disabled was significantly above the Scottish average of 4%. In areas of Musselburgh East this figure was even higher, rising to 10%.

Commuting to work

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

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

In 2001 more than 40% of the people in the western parts of the East Lothian commuted to Edinburgh for work and in parts of Musselburgh this rose to over 50%. (www.scrol.gov.uk)



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

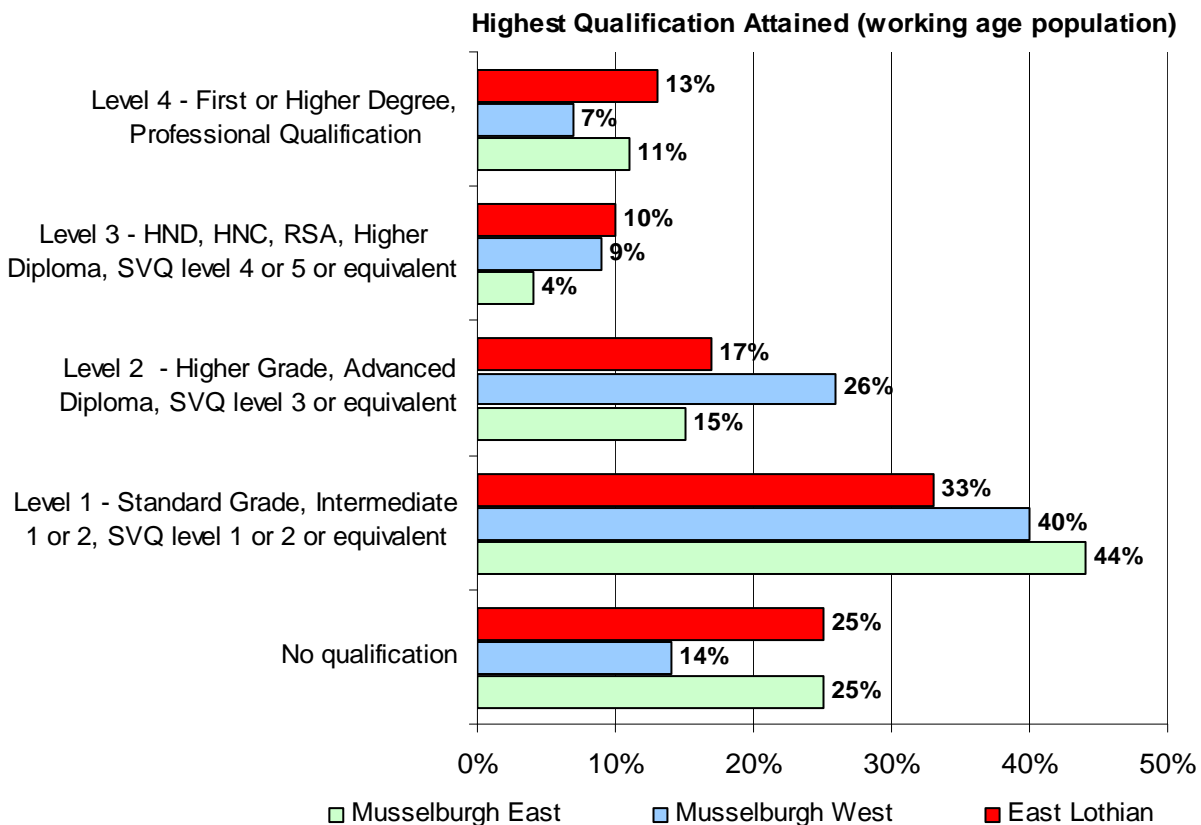
- In Musselburgh proportionally more people use public transport to travel to work than across East Lothian overall
- Proportionally fewer people walk to work in the Musselburgh area than overall
- Significantly more people share a car to work in Musselburgh East than on average in East Lothian

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. (www.scrol.gov.uk)
- 35% of households in the Musselburgh area however reported at the last census that no one aged 16-74 had any qualifications or was currently in full-time education. (www.scrol.gov.uk)
- 720 people in Musselburgh East and 680 people in Musselburgh West were involved in some form of post-school, higher or further education in 2004/05. (www.sns.gov.uk)



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

According to the East Lothian Customer Survey 2009:-

- 40% of working age people in East Lothian is qualified to SVQ level 3 or higher and 23% have undertaken some form of Higher or Further Education.
- People in Musselburgh West were less likely to have no formal qualifications than elsewhere in East Lothian

Education and Training for children and young people

- There are 7 Primary Schools, 1 cluster High School and 1 Independent Boarding and Day School located within the Musselburgh Area
- In September 2009 there were 1720 pupils enrolled at Local Authority Primary Schools across the Musselburgh Area.
- In September 2009 there were 1355 pupils enrolled at Musselburgh Grammar School

Musselburgh Grammar School has seen steadily improving results for pupils at the end of S4 over recent years. In 2007/ 08 :-

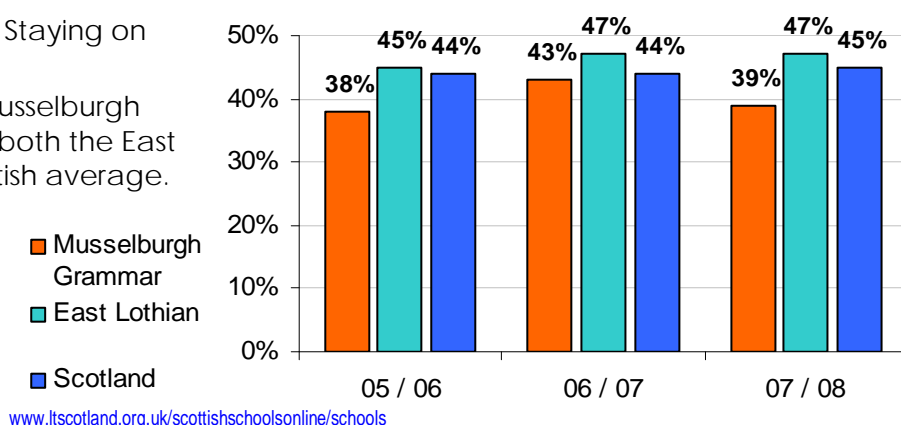
- 91% of the S4 year group achieved five or more awards at Level 3 (Standard Grade Foundation level or equivalent) or better
- 77% of the S4 year group achieved five or more awards at Level 4 (Standard Grade General level or equivalent) or better
- 30% of the S4 year group achieved five or more awards at Level 5 (Standard Grade Credit level or equivalent) or better

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Although these figures tend to fall marginally below the East Lothian average they do generally meet, or exceed the Scottish average.

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

- Staying on rates at Musselburgh Grammar are below both the East Lothian and the Scottish average.



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

- 65% 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.

- 50% of school leavers from Musselburgh Grammar in 2007/08 went straight into higher or further education and training.
- This is marginally below the East Lothian average of 52% and below the Scottish average of 61%
- 31% of pupils from Musselburgh Grammar went into employment on leaving school – above the Scottish average of 25%
- 14% of pupils however were unemployed and seeking work, compared to the Scottish average of 11%

2007/08 School Leaver Destinations

	Musselburgh Grammar	East Lothian	Scotland
Full-time higher education	25%	31%	31%
Full-time further education	23%	19%	25%
Training	2%	2%	5%
Employment	31%	31%	25%
Unemployed, seeking employment	14%	13%	11%
Unemployed, not seeking employment	2%	3%	2%

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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'

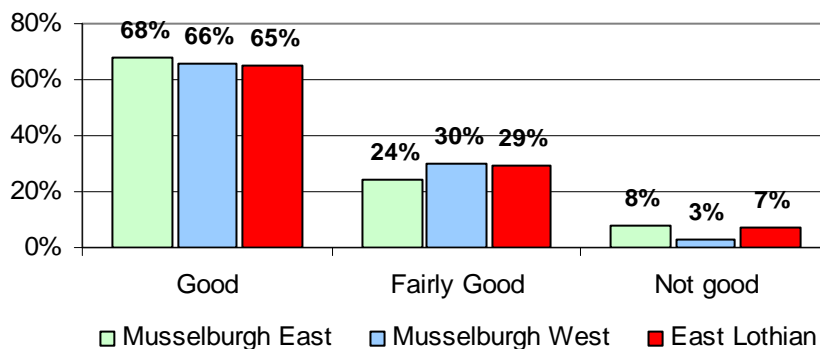
(East Lothian CHP - Community Health and Well-being profile 2008)

Across the Musselburgh area a person's average life expectancy falls slightly from the East Lothian average:-

- In Musselburgh West the average life expectancy for men is 75.7 years and for women it is 79.8 years
- In Musselburgh East the average life expectancy for men is 74 years and for women it is 78.7 years
- There is however variation within the ward areas that corresponds to areas of deprivation – in areas of Musselburgh East, for example, male life expectancy falls to 70.8 years, 5 years below the average for East Lothian and dropping below the Scottish average of 73.5 years.

Across Musselburgh the overwhelming majority of people described their own health as either 'Good' or 'Fairly Good' during the recent East Lothian Customer Survey.

How would you currently rate your own health?



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

Illness and Hospital Admissions

Rates of Emergency Hospital Admissions (reported as a rate per 10,000 people living in the area over 2 years) are generally higher across Musselburgh than across East Lothian.

- In Musselburgh East there were 1102 emergency admissions per 10,000 people
- Musselburgh West there were 981
- These rates are both significantly higher than the average across the East Lothian wards of 851
- Musselburgh West showed significantly higher rates of hospital admissions for cancer than Musselburgh East (rising to 298 per 10,000 people).
- In Musselburgh East the rate was notably higher for suicide/self harm admissions (67% higher than Musselburgh West) and alcohol related admissions (rising to 100 per 10,000 people)

Hospital admissions per 10 000 people (age standardised)

	Across Musselburgh	East Lothian
Alcohol related	91	81
Cancer	242	234
Heart Disease	79	70
Stroke	14	12
External causes	180	188
Suicide / self harm	25	21
Diabetes	52	42
1st Psychiatric admission	16	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.

- 94% across the Musselburgh area 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.
- 96% in Musselburgh East and 95% in Musselburgh West reported that it was easy (or very easy) to travel to a chemist or pharmacy. Only 89% of people across East Lothian agreed.
- In Musselburgh West 93% of people said it was easy (or very easy) to access local hospital services however this figure fell sharply in Musselburgh East where only 79% felt it was easy and 7% reported that it was 'very difficult'.

Maternity and Child Health

Estimates provided from the general Register of Scotland indicate that in 2008 there were:-

- 823 children aged 0 – 4 years living in Musselburgh East
- 504 children aged 0-4 living in Musselburgh West

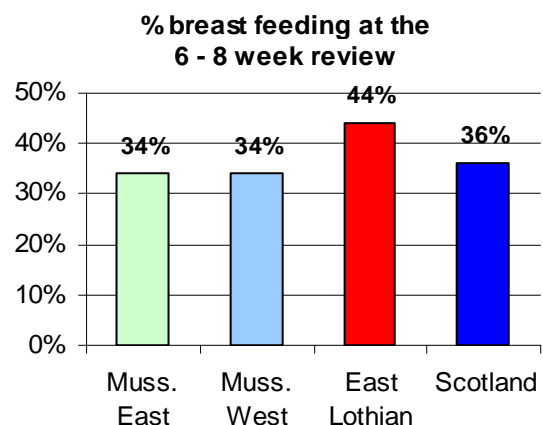
Births across the area

(East Lothian CHP-Community Health Profile 2004)

- The average age of a first time mother in Musselburgh West was 28.6 years of age (older than the Scottish average of 26.4 year)
- Birth rates in Musselburgh West however are very similar to the East Lothian average – with 53 births per 1000 women annually
- In Musselburgh East the average age of a first time mother was lower – 26.9 years – and drops just below the East Lothian average of 27.2 years.
- Birth rates in Musselburgh East fall below the Scottish average – with 47 births per 1000 women annually (compared to 48 across Scotland)
- Teenage pregnancy rates across Musselburgh are below both the East Lothian and the Scottish average – with 11 teen pregnancies over 3 years per 100 females aged 13-19.
- When the Wallyford and Whitecraig area is analysed separately however the rate of teen pregnancies is significantly higher – with 21 pregnancies over 3 years per 100 females aged 13-19.

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. However there is significant variation across the area.

- Smoking during pregnancy in Musselburgh is below the Scottish average at 23%, although in Whitecraig the rate increased to 32%
- 39% of babies in Musselburgh East and 44% in Musselburgh West are being exclusively breast fed at their first visit from a Health Visitor. However, as the graph to the left indicates this figure drops across the area by the time of the 6-8 week review, and falls to only 22% in Wallyford and Whitecraig. (www.sns.gov.uk)



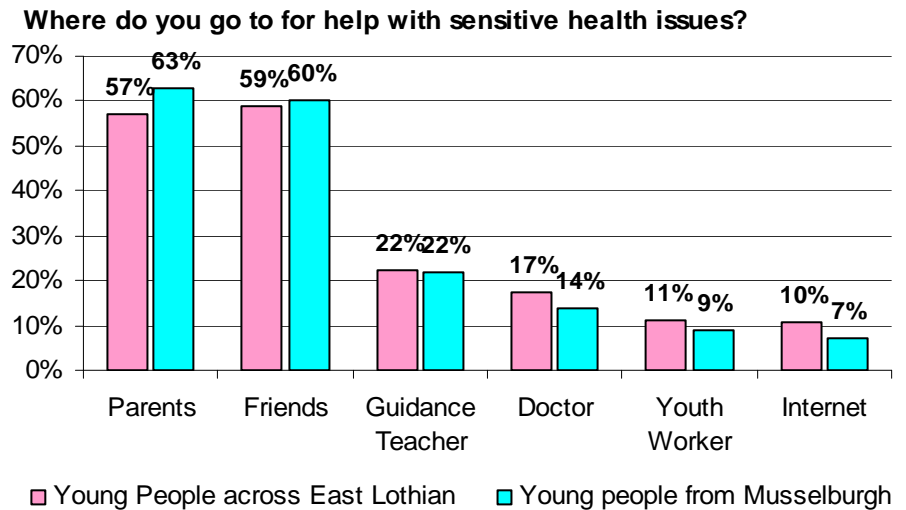
Young People's Attitudes to Health

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

- 63% of those surveyed believed that free sports activities would improve their health
- 50% thought that more health promotion in schools would help
- 43% said that Health Drop-in Services for young people make a difference

Young people were also asked where they go for help and information regarding health issues.

- In Musselburgh parents were the most popular choice, followed by friends and guidance teachers
- Only 7% of young people in Musselburgh said that they sought health advice and help from the internet.



Care and Carers

- The average age of a person with a life limiting long term illness in the Musselburgh 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 Musselburgh West 7.3% of working age adults are unable to work and registered as permanently sick or disabled
 - In Musselburgh East this rises to 9%, and when Wallyford and Whitecraig are assessed separately the rate reaches 13%

(East Lothian CHP - Community Health and Well-being Profile 2004)

According to the most recent census figures:-

- 10 % of the population across the Musselburgh area provide unpaid care to a friend or family member
- 2.3% of these carers are providing more than 50 hours of care per week
- 18% of households have 1 or more carers in residence

So who is providing this care in the Musselburgh area?

- the average age of a person providing voluntary care is 48
- 2% are aged under 16
- 20% are aged 65 or over
- 60% of carers are female
- 56% are also employed

(www.scrol.gov.uk)

The Environment

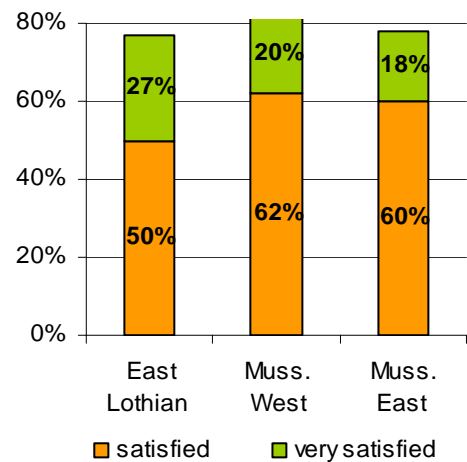
East Lothian has a range of public open/green spaces including coastal and countryside sites, woodlands, parks, amenity open spaces, green corridors, village greens, play areas, school grounds and civic spaces.

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. In recognition of this the Council, along with community and funding partners, has been undertaking a programme of improvements across the county including, for example, Lewisvale Park in Musselburgh.

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. Local medium distance paths include the River Esk Cycleway and Whitecraig Railway Walk and there is also a range of path networks around local communities.

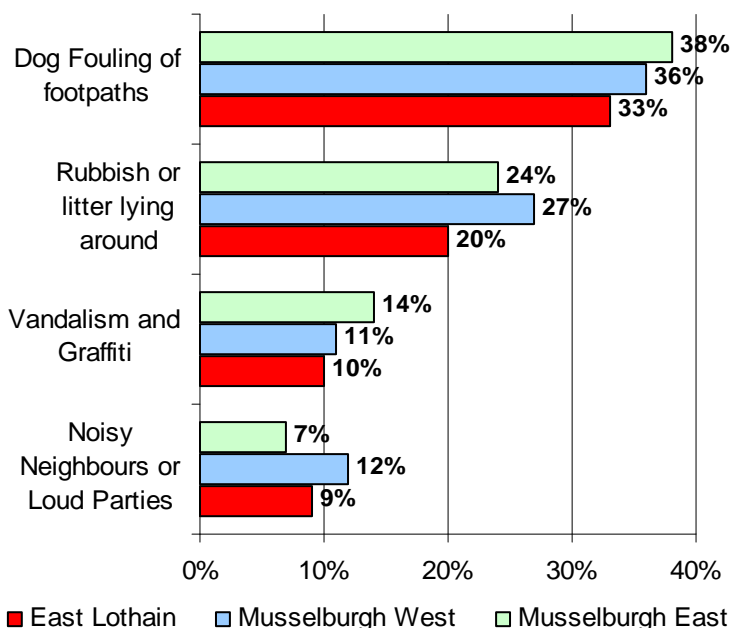
Community satisfaction with parks, gardens and open spaces



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

The quality of the local environment

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.

The results, in the graph to the left, show that residents across Musselburgh reported that these issues were common in their local area more often than it was reported across East Lothian as a whole.

The Environment continued...

- When asked elsewhere in the survey 'What most needs improving in your local area?' an average of 15% thought 'cleaner streets' were a priority
- Only 2% of respondents in Musselburgh East and 3% from Musselburgh West though pollution was an issue that most needed to be addressed in their area (below the East Lothian average of 4%)

These results are reinforced by the findings of a community survey undertaken at the Musselburgh Gala 2008 by representatives from the East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel. They found that

- 80% of respondents believed that 'reducing vandalism' was a high priority issue within their community – with only 5% stating it was not a priority.
- 57% of respondents thought 'providing more litter bins' was a high priority for the 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, water, transport, food and water needs.

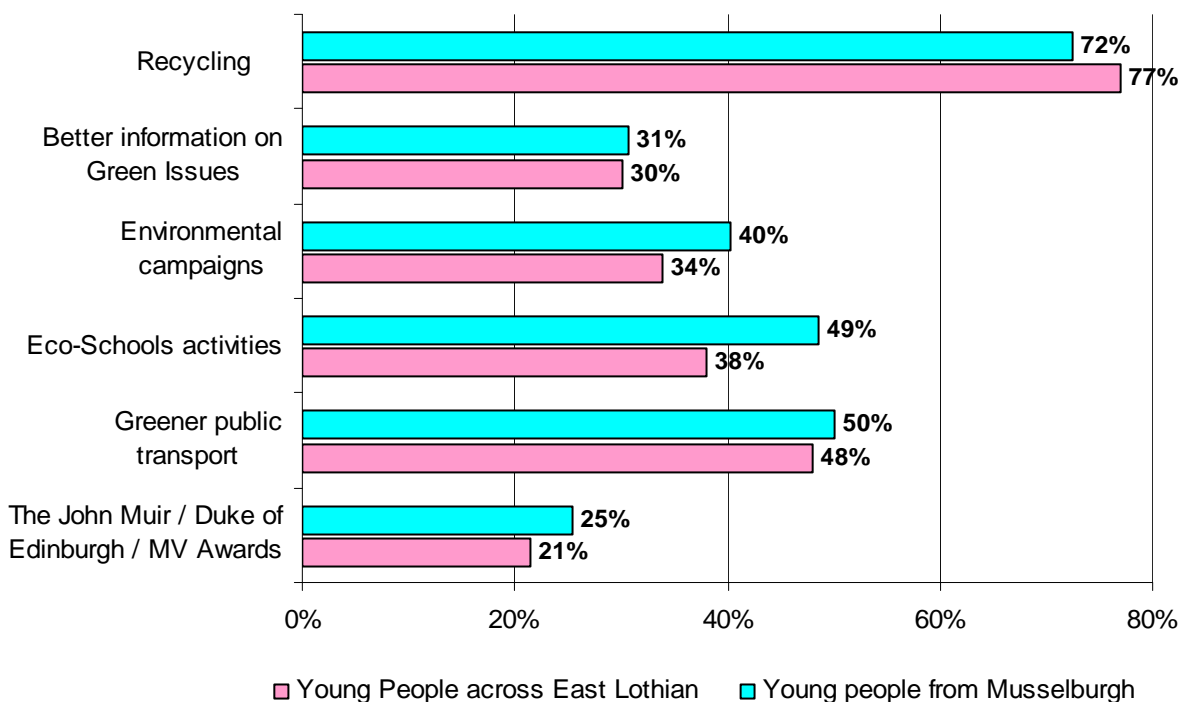
- East Lothian's ecological footprint equates to 5.31 global hectares per capita ([East Lothian SOA](#)).
- That means that if everyone in the world consumed resources as we do in East Lothian, we would require 3 planets to supply all our resources and consume all our waste.

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.

As part of developing the East Lothian Youth Vision Strategy in 2008 young people across the county were surveyed on a number of issues.

One of the questions they were asked was

'What can help the Environment?'



Waste and Recycling across East Lothian

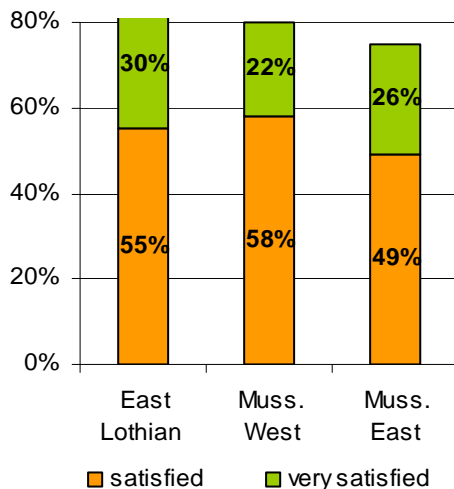
Achievements so far:-

- 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

Community satisfaction with refuse collection



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

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 the majority having facilities to recycle glass and cans and 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

Although there appears to be generally high levels of satisfaction with refuse collection across the Musselburgh Area, the survey undertaken by representatives from the East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel at the Musselburgh Gala found that 43% of respondents felt that 'improving recycling facilities' in their area was a high priority.

Sustainable forms of transport

Most of the Musselburgh area benefits from good public transport links both to the rest of East Lothian and to Edinburgh. The introduction of the new 'Park and Choose' facility in Wallyford further supports public transport options for the 40-50% of employees in the area who commute to Edinburgh for work.

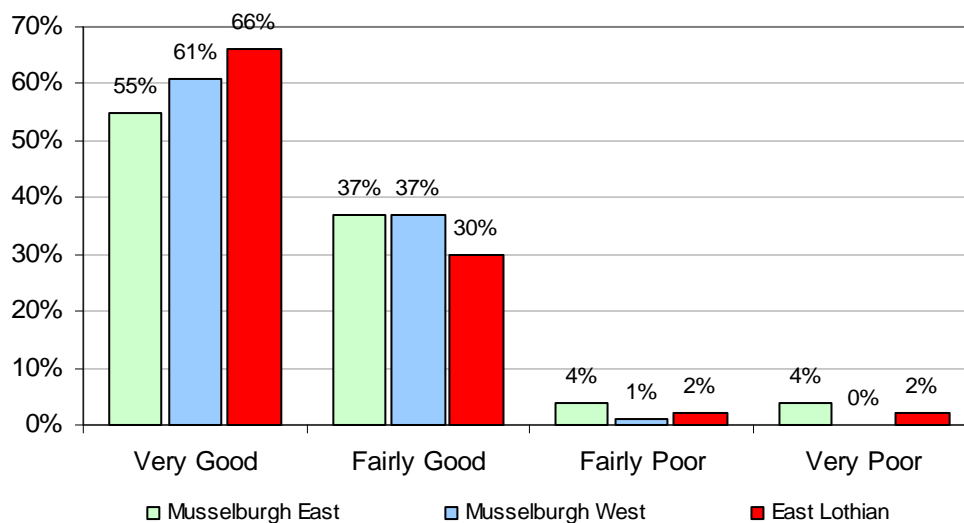
- 23% of workers in Musselburgh East and 24% in Musselburgh West travel to work by bus (compared to only 13% across East Lothian)
- 5% in Musselburgh West take the train
- 7% in Musselburgh East car-share for their daily commute, while 2% travel by bike (both above East Lothian averages)
- However only 6% in Musselburgh East and 7% in Musselburgh West walk to work (compared to 11% across East Lothian as a whole)

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
- 98% of people in Musselburgh West rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live.
- 92% of people in Musselburgh East rated their neighbourhood as a 'fairly good' or 'very good' place to live.
- In both areas however residents were more likely to rate their neighbourhood as only 'fairly good' and in Musselburgh East more residents than average rated their neighbourhood as 'fairly poor' or 'very poor'.

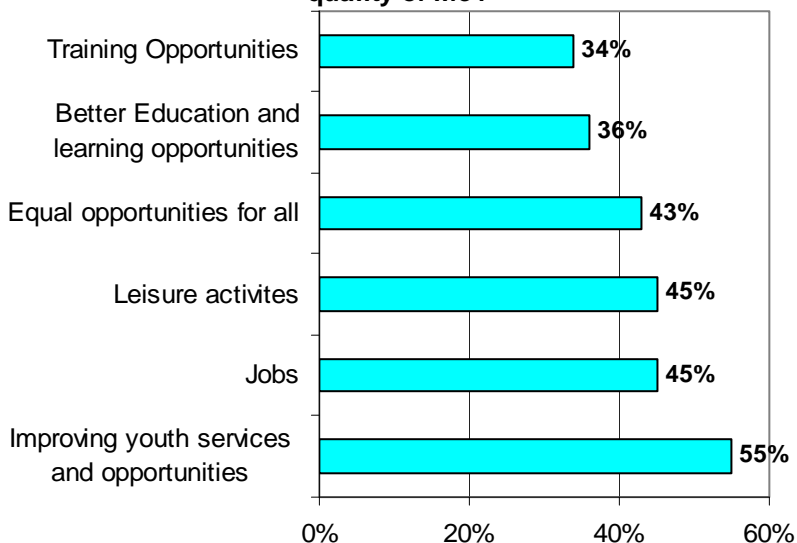
How would you rate your neighbourhood as a place to live?



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

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

What would improve young people's quality of life?



- Young people in Musselburgh were more likely to say improving youth services and opportunities was important than across East Lothian (55% vs. 47%)
- They were also more likely to say that Equal Opportunities were important (43% vs. 37%)

Other suggestions made by young people in Musselburgh included:-

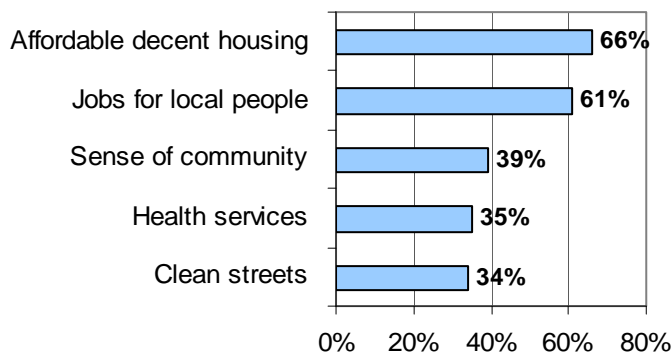
- Reducing the cost of leisure activities
- Improving public transport
- More places for young people to go

Neighbourhood and Place continued...

The East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) asked people what was most important in making somewhere a good place to live.

- Housing and jobs were the most important issues for people in Musselburgh West – rated as significantly more important there than across East Lothian as a whole where they were prioritised by only 56% and 52% respectively

The top 5 things that make somewhere a good place to live



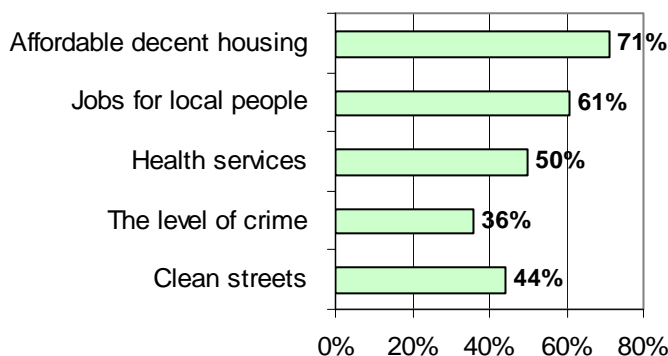
for people in Musselburgh West

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

In Musselburgh East the priorities were very similar.

- Here however Health Services were prioritised by 50% of people, compared to 36% across East Lothian as a whole
- The importance of clean streets also rated significantly higher here than either across East Lothian (30%) or in Musselburgh West (34%)

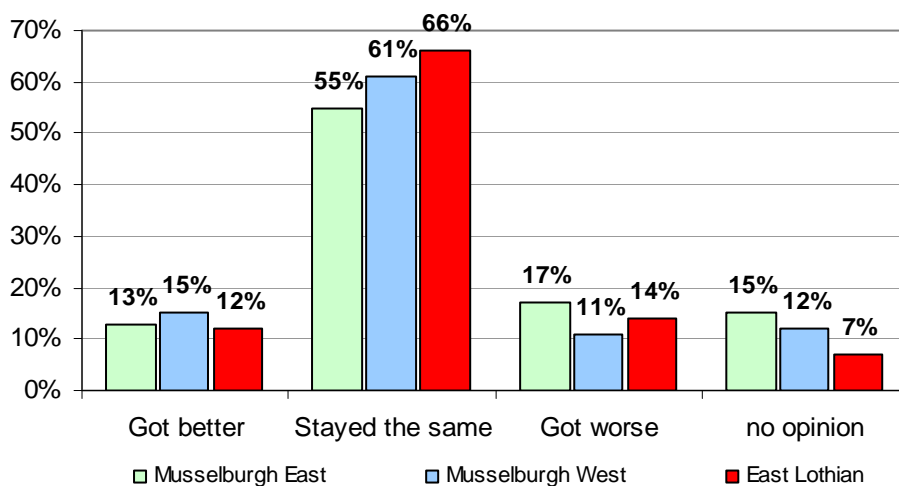
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for people in Musselburgh East

The survey also asked people how they thought their neighbourhood had changed:-

- Slightly more people in Musselburgh West than overall thought their neighbourhood had 'got better'
- More people in Musselburgh East than the rest of East Lothian said their neighbourhood had gotten worse over the past 5 years
- significantly more people in both Musselburgh areas have no opinion about whether their neighbourhood has changed in last 5 years



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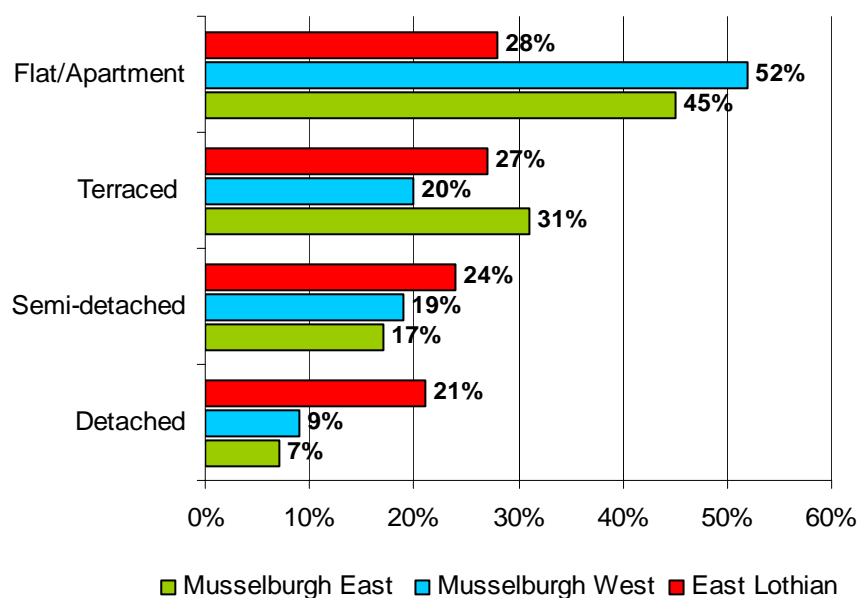
There are 11012 dwellings in the Musselburgh area.

- 5989 are in the Musselburgh East and Carberry ward
- 5023 in the Musselburgh West ward

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

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

(www.scrol.gov.uk)



- Flats or apartments are the most common form of housing in the Musselburgh area, far more common than throughout East Lothian as a whole
- Within the Musselburgh area there is an average of 2.25 people living in each household - slightly below the East Lothian average of 2.33.
- The average number of rooms per dwelling is 4.5 – although in Musselburgh West more than half the dwellings have only 3 rooms.
- Musselburgh West is the most densely populated area of East Lothian – with 22.5 dwellings per hectare
- 12% of households in the Musselburgh area have too few rooms per resident - compared to 9.5% across East Lothian. There is however significant variation within the wards with overcrowding in Whitecraig, for example, reaching 16.5%

(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
- In Musselburgh rates of home ownership are similar to the rest of East Lothian.

	Musselburgh	East Lothian
% owned (either outright or with a mortgage)	65%	64%
% rented from the Local Authority or another Social Landlord	28%	27%
% privately rented	3%	5%

(www.scrol.gov.uk)

Council Housing

In April 2009 East Lothian Council had 2321 council homes in the Musselburgh Area:-

- 1844 in Musselburgh
- 299 in Wallyford
- 161 in Whitecraig
- 17 in Old Craighall

This represents 29% of the total East Lothian Council housing stock at this time.

According to the results of the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009):-

- Significantly more people rent from the council in Musselburgh East, compared to East Lothian as a whole (42% vs. 27%)
- fewer people in Musselburgh West rented their home from the Council (19%), and significantly more rented from other housing association / housing co-operatives (7% vs. 3%) than across the rest of East Lothian

New Housing Developments in the area

The most significant new housing area planned across Musselburgh is a mixed-use development over approximately 86 hectares of land to the east, south and southwest of Wallyford. This development, which is part of the adopted East Lothian Local Plan 2008 and the Edinburgh and Lothians Structure Plan 2015 is intended to promote environmental, social and community regeneration within Wallyford.

The approved development plan for the area allows for 1050 new homes to be built over 6 years and includes a wide range of house types and sizes to cater for varying housing needs. 25% of the housing within the development will be affordable housing with no distinction made in urban design or architectural terms between the affordable and private housing.

The approved development plan also recognises the need for new employment, retail, service and leisure facilities to be created within the community and includes:

- a new primary school
- a new local library
- 17 retail and business units – including provision for 2 small supermarkets
- 2 community sports pitches and changing facilities
- a site for allotments
- an upgrading of the Wallyford Community Woodland
- car parking and public transport links
- strategies to improve traffic management and congestion throughout the area.

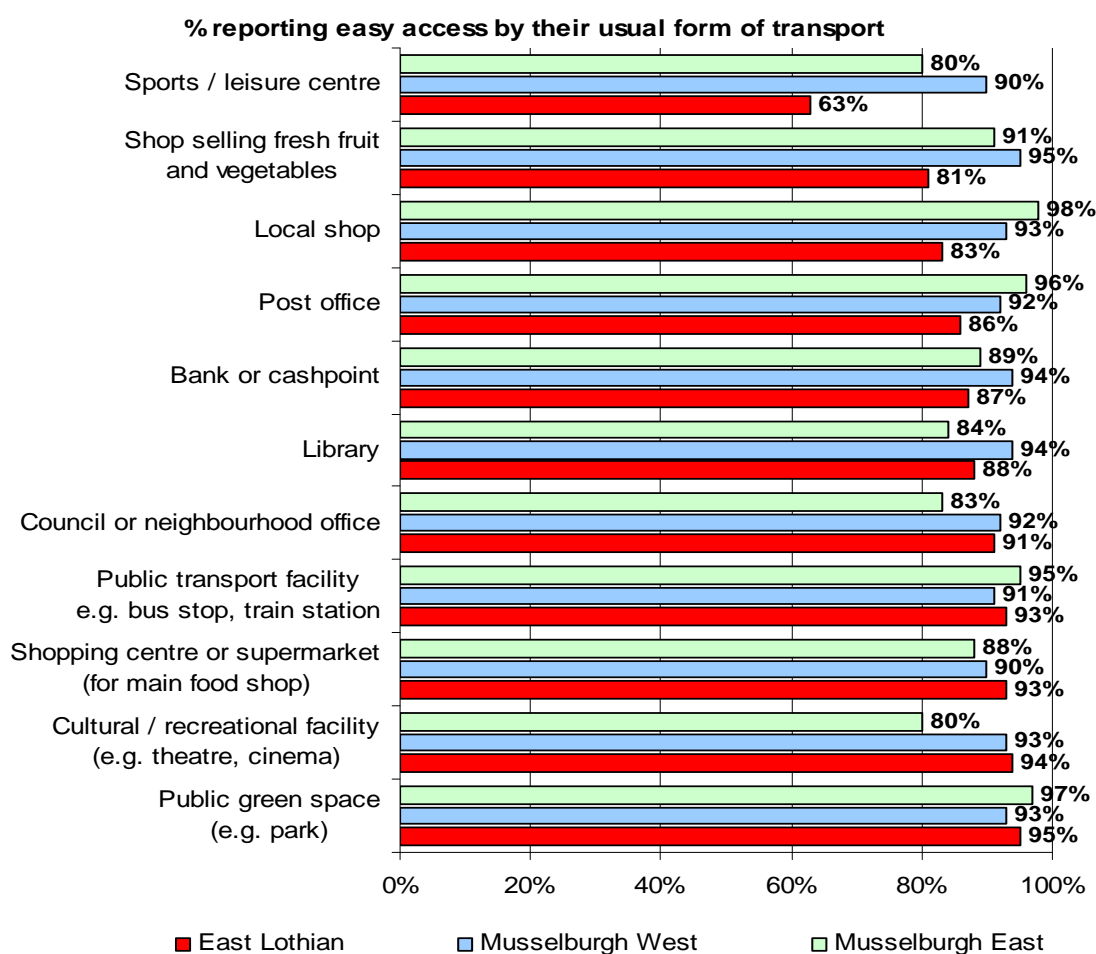
Services and Facilities

As the largest settlement within East Lothian it should not be a surprise that access to services and facilities across the Musselburgh area is generally quite good.

The results from the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) suggest that it is easier for most people across the Musselburgh wards to access key services than it is across East Lothian as a whole.

The exception to this is for some areas of the Musselburgh East where more people than average report that it is 'difficult' or 'very difficult' to access services including:-

- Council or neighbourhood offices
- A library or other cultural and recreational facilities
- A shopping centre or supermarket for their main food shop



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

Despite this easy access the Survey conducted at Musselburgh Gala 2008 by ELTRP showed that improving the following services and facilities was rated as a high priority by over 50% of those surveyed:

- 80% thought providing more activities for young people was high priority
- 77% thought attracting more shops/businesses was high priority
- 76% though providing more activities for children was a high priority
- 67% thought providing more activities for the elderly, expanding out-of-school care and opening up existing community facilities for more uses were high priorities
- 59% thought providing new community facilities was a high priority
- 58% thought providing more activities for under 5s and improving access to affordable healthy food were high priorities
- 54% though creating new facilities for different sports was a high priority

Perceptions of East Lothian Council and satisfaction with services

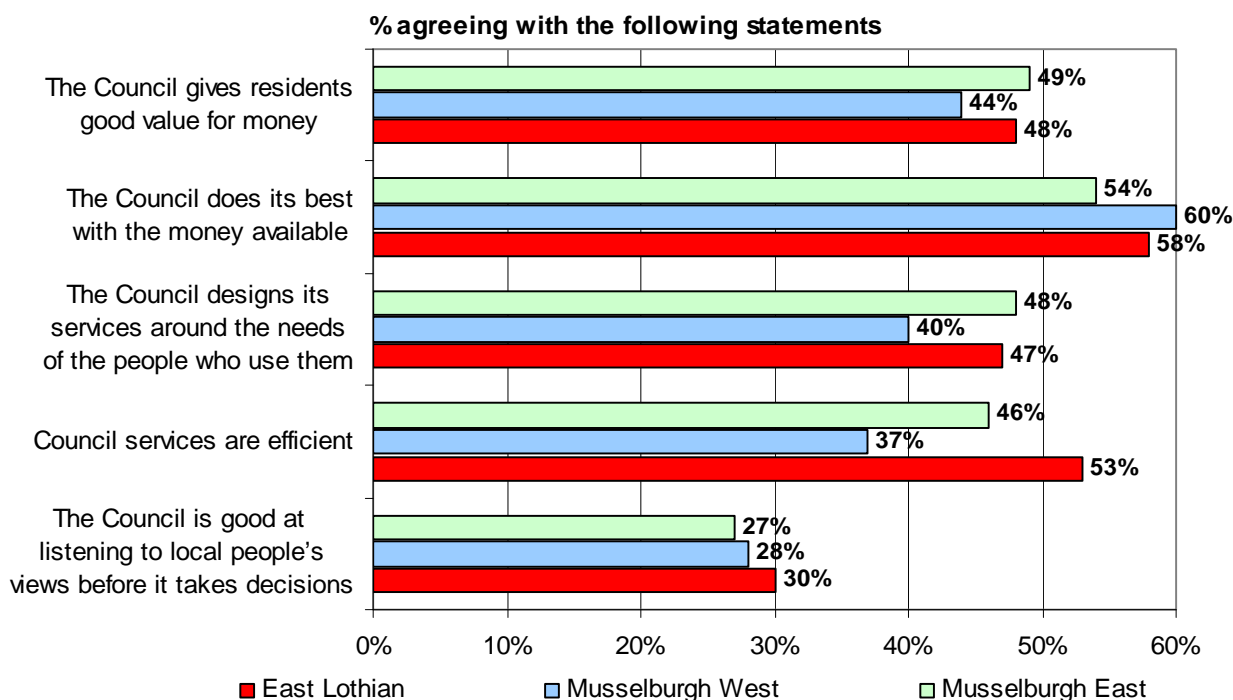
East Lothian Council is the principle service provider within the county – with a responsibility for providing many of the services and facilities residents rely on in their daily lives.

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



- In Musselburgh East significantly more people were 'very satisfied' with the way East Lothian Council was running the area
- In Musselburgh West almost half the people surveyed were 'neither satisfied nor dissatisfied'

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



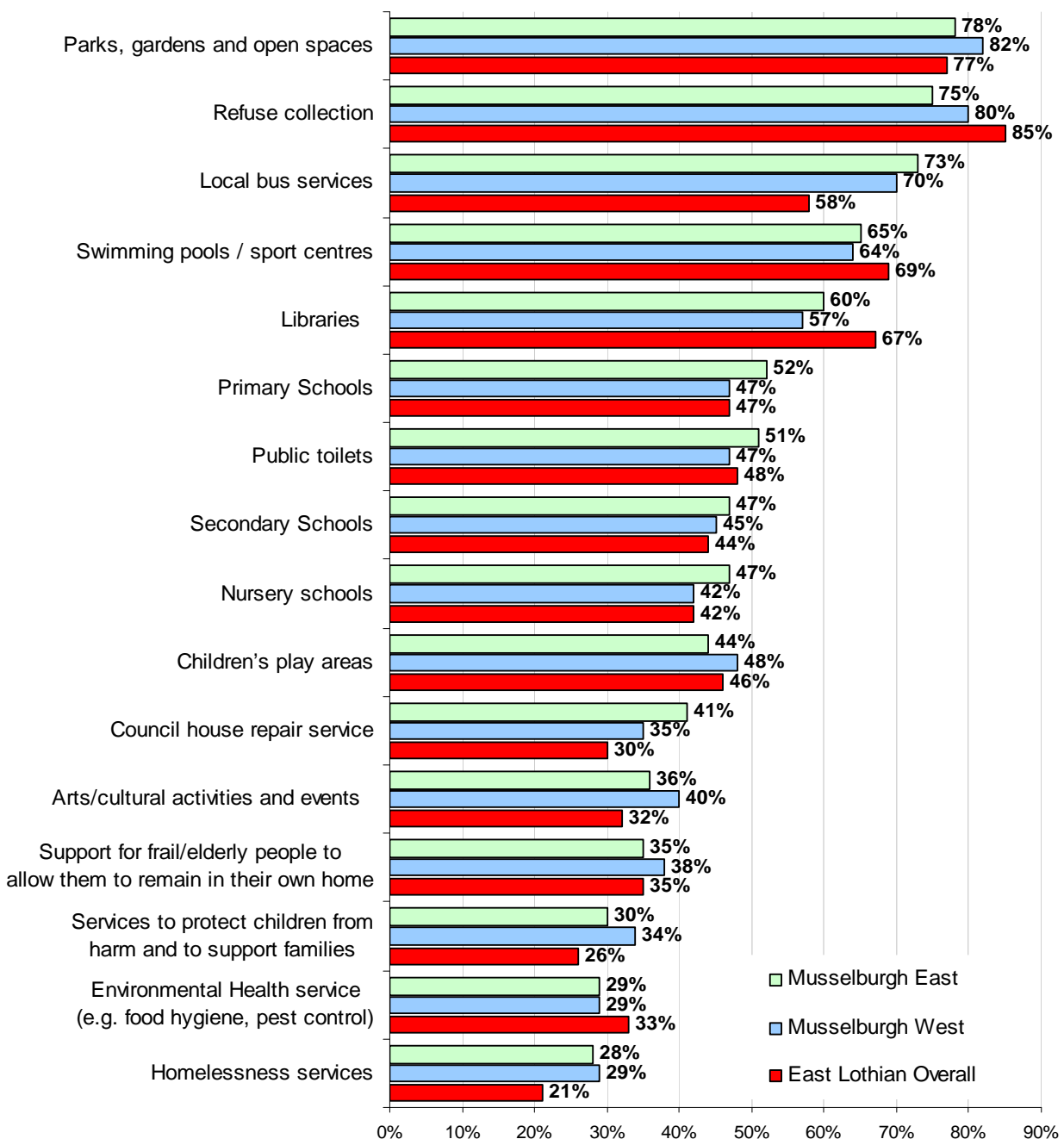
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Satisfaction with services continued...

As part of the same survey people were asked about their level of satisfaction with the East Lothian Council Services they used. Residents in Musselburgh expressed above average satisfaction with:-

- Parks, gardens and open spaces
- Local bus services
- Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools
- Public toilets
- Arts and cultural activities and events
- Support for frail / elderly people
- Council House repair services
- Services to protect children and support families
- Homelessness services

% reporting they were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied with the services they used



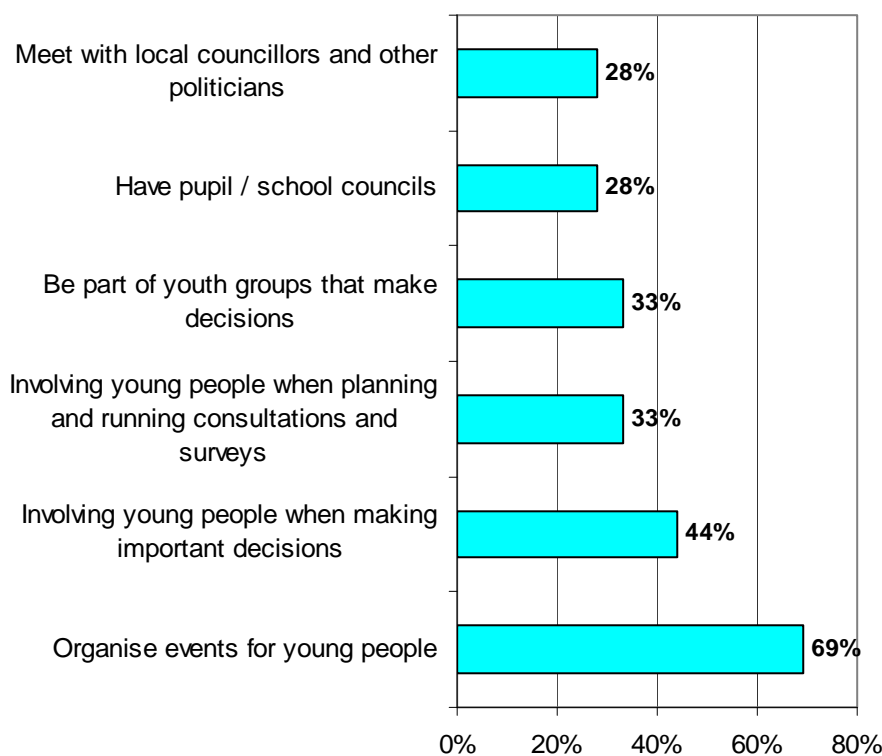
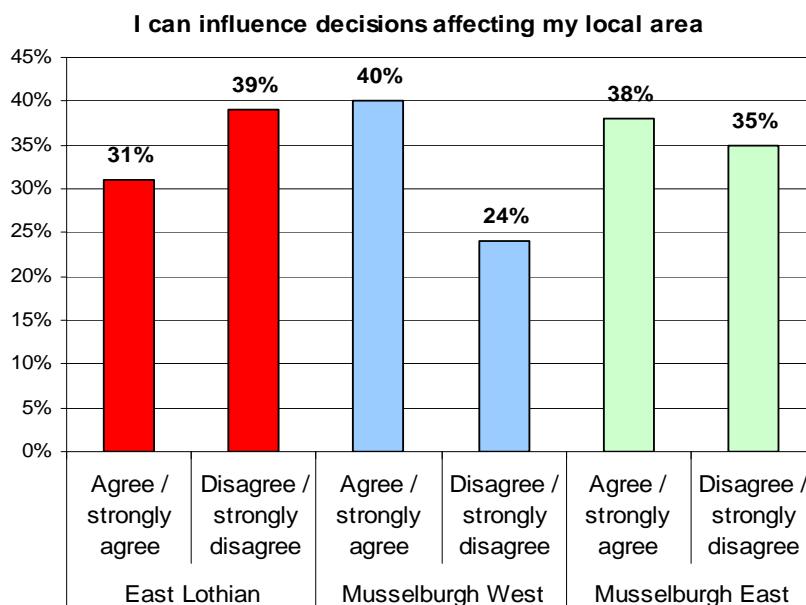
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Community and Participation

The results of the East Lothian Customer Survey (2009) show that 'a sense of community' is important to the people of the Musselburgh area.

- In both Musselburgh wards 39% of people rated 'a sense of community' as one of the most important factors in making an area good place to live
- This was 10% above the East Lothian average
- The survey also showed that across Musselburgh more people than average for East Lothian felt that they could influence decisions affecting their local area
- Further it revealed that 5% of people in Musselburgh had volunteered within their communities over the past 12 months
- The most popular types of volunteering were with: -

- church groups
- local neighbourhood groups
- children's activities both in and outside school
- sports / exercise coaching or organising
- activities that supported health, social welfare and disability groups



As part of developing the East Lothian Youth Vision Strategy young people were asked what were the best ways to ensure that young people had a chance to contribute to decisions that affect them. The graph to the left shows what young people in Musselburgh thought were the best ways to do this.

Other suggestions they made included:-

- using the media
- through text messaging
- through the internet