

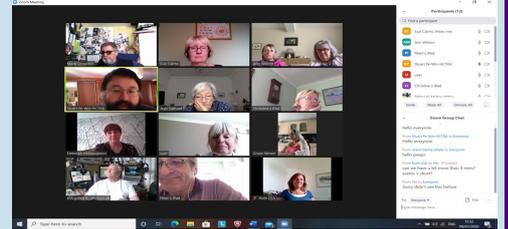
## ELTRP update

### ELTRP East Lothian wide TRA meeting

ELTRP held their first East Lothian wide TRA meeting on 'zoom' on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. It was well attended with 15 people and 8 x TRAs across the county involved.

#### Items discussed were:

- ◆ General information about what the groups are doing
- ◆ Antisocial behaviour
- ◆ Local Housing Partnership
- ◆ Local Area Partnership
- ◆ Plans for the future



**Everyone thought the meeting was beneficial and agreed to meet on a bi-monthly basis. Some questions and thoughts were also highlighted:**

- ◆ Sharing with other TRAs was good
- ◆ It was nice to meet other groups and it re-enthused people to take things forward again
- ◆ It was useful to meet and to find out that other groups have similar problems and issues
- ◆ It was interesting to hear how other groups have addressed some issues
- ◆ It was good to know all the TRAs could get together to address certain issues
- ◆ Could we share TRA Action Plans?
- ◆ Could TRAs visit other TRA meetings?
- ◆ How can we get more young people involved? – contact the local schools?

#### **Sue offered to host any 'zoom' TRA meetings the groups wished to organise**

Sue also highlighted that it may be some time before TRAs (or any community group) can meet in person again, so zoom may be a way forward to stay connected with the communities and still address the issues raised. It also provides a space for people to see each other, have a voice and may also reduce isolation for some.

For more information or a copy of the minutes please contact Sue Cairns.



### **HETRA - Haddington Mental Health Peer Support Group - First 'Zoom' meeting...**

Haddington Mental Health Peer Support Group is a peer led support group for people in the community who have lived experience of mental health problems.

They organised a 'drop in soup group' every Thursday from 12pm-2pm in Meadowpark School. Everyone comes together to make soup, chat, share and then they all eat together and enjoy their hard work. This group not only reduces isolation and encourages sharing, but is a safe space for people to come and learn new '**souper**' recipes...

Originally identified within the HETRA meetings, this group is supported by HETRA, ELTRP the local Area Partnership and Meadowpark School.

Due to Covid-19 they have not been able to meet since March 2020 and on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, they held their first '**zoom**' meeting. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed seeing each other again and sharing what has been going on for them; they also had some fun too.....

**This group will now continue on 'zoom' on a Thursday afternoon.**

**For more information please contact:**

**Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/HaddPeerProject/](https://www.facebook.com/HaddPeerProject/)**

**Email: [haddpeerproject@gmail.com](mailto:haddpeerproject@gmail.com)**

# EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

Depending on your situation,  
you may seek advice by contacting the following:



ELC Welfare Rights 01620 827827  
and ask for Welfare Rights  
[welfarerights@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:welfarerights@eastlothian.gov.uk)  
[www.eastlothian.gov.uk/welfarerights](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/welfarerights)

ELC Scottish Welfare Fund 01620 828790  
[www.eastlothian.gov.uk/swf](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/swf)

ELC Benefits 01620 827730  
for Council tenants 01620 827729  
for private tenants/owner  
occupier [benefits@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@eastlothian.gov.uk)

ELC Payment Line

You can pay your Council bills online at  
[www.eastlothian.gov.uk/payforit](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/payforit)  
Alternatively call us on 01875 824301

The Department for Work & Pensions UC  
Helpline: 0800 328 5644 [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

ELC Rent Income 01620 827528  
[rentincome@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:rentincome@eastlothian.gov.uk)  
[www.eastlothian.gov.uk/rent](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/rent)

ELC Council Tax 01875 824314  
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## Other information



**Tenant Voice Scotland - mental health here / tenant in the back**

Tenant Voice Scotland recently publicised their new national initiative on their website and social media sites. They have created Tenant Voice Scotland to enable all tenants to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions to help to influence and inform Tenant Voice Scotland's partner organisations such as tenants groups, landlords, the SHR, Scottish Government and the Tenant Regional Network. Tenant Voice Scotland gives tenants their say on the things that matter most.

For more information, visit: <https://www.tpasscotland.org.uk/tenant-voice-scotland/>

**The Staff and EC members continue to work from home and meet through Zoom and Skype,**

**if you need to speak to a member of the ELTRP team we can be contacted as follows:**

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