

Chairman's Notes

Officially mid summer is behind us but what's happened to our summer?

Altens Play Area There was disappointment all round when Council workmen appeared and removed some of the small play equipment. It was assumed they had been scrapped and would not be replaced but, to everyone's surprise, a few days later the workmen returned with new / repaired replacements. Well done to the Council.

Cove in Bloom The judges will be visiting in August so fingers crossed they will look kindly on our efforts. The extremely small team have done a sterling job in preparing the flower beds and once again we are indebted to Mr Penny of Cove Bay Nurseries for his generous donation of plants. We would like to do more but in order to do this we urgently need more helpers so why not give us a call and offer to join us for a few hours in brightening up our Community?

Vandalism Bus shelters in Earns Heugh Road and Langdykes Road have, once again, been damaged in acts of senseless vandalism. It is difficult to understand what pleasure there is in damaging property. The damaged shelters offer little shelter from the elements and are costly to repair so if you have any information that can help catch those responsible please contact the police on **0845 600 5 7700** or Crimestoppers **0800 555 111**

Mobile Phone Mast It is proposed to relocate one of the phone masts from Allan Park to the footpath at the highest point on Earns Heugh Road. It would be 15m high and we feel it would dominate the skyline above Loirston Green. We have suggested alternative sites such as Altens or Gateway Industrial Sites, the Sub Station on Langdykes Road or among the lighting columns at Charleston Flyover. We will have to wait and see whether they accept any of our suggestions.

Yellow Peril The Council has again used weed killer on the road and footpath verges and been over zealous in its use as can clearly be seen by

the width of the broad yellow strips alongside the kerbs that particularly in the Langdykes Road area. The resultant wide bare barren earth strips are not only unsightly but unnecessary and we will be asking the Council to carry out reparation works.



Neighbourhood Walkabout In June 3 teams of Council Officers visited Cove to tour round and prepare a list of items needing attention. This year's list was virtually a replication of that from previous years but how much they will be able to do remains to be seen. We highlighted blocked road drains, maintenance of amenity areas and the dangerous slippery footpath surfaces caused by grass cutting operations.

Allotments It is amazing how in a few short months a piece of waste ground has been transformed into allotments which are already producing their first crop. The allotment holders have made a splendid start and it makes all the effort required to get the project off the ground very worthwhile.

Planning We have asked for a copy of the proposals for dealing with the tipped material in the proposed Scotia Homes/Stewart Milne housing Development between Wellington Road and Charleston School as we are concerned of the potential implications for existing residents.

Deer Cull It appears that despite public opposition officialdom has decreed that the deer must be culled once the hunting season commences in October. The cull is necessary, according to officials, in order to protect proposed tree planting. One would have thought that under the current local and National draconian financial constraints it is ludicrous to spend large sums of money on planting trees and killing deer. Maybe I am rather naive, or am I?

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