



Transition North Berwick, a local community group, is seeking the views of as many people as possible about living and working in North Berwick and the surrounding area. We would like to know what you think about living or working in the town and whether there are any changes you would like to see in the future.

In December 2010, as an initial fore-runner, we worked with **Law Primary School** to get the views of approximately 400 households with children at the school. If you completed this questionnaire in December 2010 as part of this initial work then you do not need to fill it in again. We will combine the results from both survey rounds in our final report.

We will publish the results in a report, **NB Living**, which we will make available from the North Berwick Library in April 2011. We would like to use the results of this survey as a first step towards development of a **Community Plan** sometimes termed a '**Town Charter**'. This would define how local people would like the town to develop in future. The information will be passed on to representatives of the **North Berwick Community Council**, other relevant community bodies, our three elected councillors for the **North Berwick Coastal Ward**, our **MSP** and **MP** and relevant departments of **East Lothian Council**. All are aware of this survey.

Completing the survey

Please could you take 10-15 minutes to complete this survey. We have tried to make it as straight-forward as possible. **Please try to be as specific as possible** when answering the questions. So, for example, rather than "improved facilities for children in the town" it would help us to get more detail such as "improvements to the playground in the park opposite the Co-Op supermarket" for example.

We need as many completed forms as possible from all areas of the town for this project to be successful. Any member of your household can complete it based on their personal views. If there are two or more members of your household who would like to complete separate forms that is fine – you can either photocopy the questionnaire or you can print off further copies by downloading it from our web site at **www.transition-north-berwick.org.uk**.

Any problems

If you have any problems completing the survey please contact Susan Guy, survey coordinator, on 01368 866 920 or email sue@transition-north-berwick.org.uk.

Returning your completed questionnaire – details are on the back page of this form.

Your privacy

It is not necessary for you to write your name and address on this survey – you have the option to do so on the final page. The results of this survey will not contain any reference to specific individuals. Any information you provide will be combined with that of others and presented in an aggregated form.

About Transition North Berwick

Transition North Berwick is a local community group set up in 2009 to address issues of sustainability and localisation. As volunteers we undertake projects to encourage the development of a stronger community, improve access to public transport, improve availability of locally grown food, raise awareness of energy conservation and actively support a vibrant local economy. If you'd like to know more please see our web site at www.transition-north-berwick.org.uk, email info@transition-north-berwick.org.uk or simply add your name and address to the box at the end of this questionnaire. We welcome new members to any of our events – membership is free and open to all.



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NB Living: a Community Survey (please complete)

Section 1: North Berwick Life

1. How would you rate North Berwick as a place to live? (please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very poor <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> ok – neither good or poor <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Very good	
2. What do you feel are the good things about living in or around North Berwick? (please tick multiple boxes and add others)	
<input type="checkbox"/> High Street, local shops, cafes and restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/> Friendly people
<input type="checkbox"/> Access to sea, beaches and harbour	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks, playgrounds, floral displays
<input type="checkbox"/> Berwick Law, the Lodge, the Glen, offshore islands (Bass Rock) and surrounding countryside nearby	<input type="checkbox"/> Rail station with regular trains to and from Edinburgh
<input type="checkbox"/> Local schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Local supermarkets
<input type="checkbox"/> Local attractions (Seabird Centre, boat trips, historic sites eg Tantallon Castle etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local clubs, societies, churches and groups (Golf, rugby, yacht, rowing, tennis, NB in Bloom etc)
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual events like Highland Games, Fringe by the Sea, Raft Race, Law Race, Christmas lights switch-on etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Social support networks eg volunteer drivers scheme
<input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities (library, sports centre, recycling centre, community centres, museum, churches, the Day Centre)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor activities available including golf, walks, dog walking etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Local health centre and Edington cottage hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitors coming to the town for seaside holidays, beach walks etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Relatively safe place to live for all ages – low crime levels	<input type="checkbox"/> Supportive local council (East Lothian Council)
<input type="checkbox"/> Supportive elected representatives (3 councillors for NB Coastal Ward)	<input type="checkbox"/> Supportive Community Council (NB Community Council)
Others? (Please specify - to add more ideas please include them on a separate sheet)	
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3. What are the things that you think are not so good about North Berwick?	
Please specify (to add more ideas please include them on a separate sheet)	
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4. What improvements would you like to see over the next 5-10 years? Here are some suggestions you can consider but please add your own.

- Wider range of shopping on the High Street – what sort of shops (add comments below)?
- A significant increase in the number of houses
- Minimal or no increase in the number of houses
- More housing that is affordable
- A strategy for less traffic on town centre roads and improved pedestrian use of the High Street
- More community events like the Highland Games and Fringe by the Sea to bring people together
- New entertainment facilities like a dedicated cinema
- More facilities for younger people in the town to give them something to do
- More facilities for young children like playgrounds – where?
- A solution to the sewage pipe along the beach
- Encourage ScotRail to run more late-night trains to and from Edinburgh
- A new monthly local market in the town to attract people into the centre to shop
- A new office facility in the town to allow 'hot desking' for office workers so they can work away from home but stay local and avoid commuting
- A new office park / industrial estate to encourage businesses and employment
- Improvements to local schools or a new school
- More woodland around the town
- Improved recycling facilities eg. food waste

Please expand on your comments above or add new ones below? (To add more ideas please add a new sheet and pass this back with your completed questionnaire)

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5. What sort of place would you like North Berwick to be in 10-20 years time? For example, what would you like to see on the High Street or how would you like the beach to look? What facilities could be improved? You might consider the physical environment, social and community strengths, and opportunities for local people (please write your comments below – add a separate sheet if necessary)

Section 2: Local Transport

6. Do you make journeys on foot of 5 or more minutes..? (please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a week <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a month <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never	
7. Is there anything that would encourage you to walk more often in North Berwick? (please fill in)	
8. Do you own a bicycle? (please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know	
9. How often do you use a bicycle..? (please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a week <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a month <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never	
10. Is there anything that would encourage you to cycle more often in North Berwick? Eg. less traffic, more cycle paths, more bike racks etc. (please fill in)	
11. How often do you use public transport to make journeys around, or to and from, North Berwick..? (please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a week <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a month <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely <input type="checkbox"/> Never	
12. If you do use public transport, where do you go? (please tick any boxes that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Train to Edinburgh	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus to Edinburgh
<input type="checkbox"/> Train to more local destinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus to local destinations
Other? (Please specify)	
13. Is there anything that would encourage you to use public transport more often? (please fill in)	

Section 3: Local Food

14. Would you like to be able to buy more food that has been grown locally? (please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know	
15. How easy do you think it is to get locally grown food? (please tick one box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very easy <input type="checkbox"/> Easy <input type="checkbox"/> Neither easy or difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Very difficult	
16. Where do you buy most of your food from..? (please tick any boxes that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> A High Street shop	<input type="checkbox"/> A local town market
<input type="checkbox"/> A local farm shop or farm outlet	<input type="checkbox"/> A local supermarket
Others? (Please specify) eg Local deliveries such as vegetable box, fishmonger, milkman, butcher, grocer, supermarket van?	

17. Are there any improvements in relation to local food and its availability that you would like to see? (please fill in)

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Section 4: Local Energy Issues

18. Are you interested in making your household more energy efficient? (please tick one box)

Yes No Don't know

19. Do you know where to get advice on home energy efficiency? (please tick one box)

Yes No Don't know

20. Are there things that make it difficult for your household to be more energy efficient?
(please tick multiple boxes)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Up-front financial investment | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know who I would go to for advice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unclear on likely reduction to my energy bills | <input type="checkbox"/> I live in an old property and there's not much I can do |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not really interested in long-term savings, my focus is short-term | <input type="checkbox"/> I am not able to do this sort of work to where I live |

Others? (Please specify)

21. Are there any improvements in the area of energy saving or energy generation around North Berwick that you would like to see? (please fill in)

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Section 5: Global Issues

22. In your opinion do you believe that Climate Change is likely to have a major impact on North Berwick over the next 25 years?

Yes No Don't know

23. In your opinion do you believe there could be problems affecting North Berwick as a result of the gradual decline in supply of oil and the potential price rises this could cause over the next 25 years?

Yes No Don't know

24. In your opinion do you think issues of this nature should be tackled by..? (Please tick any that apply)

National government Local Councils Businesses Voluntary groups Individuals

Section 6: Your Details

25. Please tick the relevant box for your age and gender:

	15 yrs and under	16-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-59 yrs	60 yrs and over
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. Please tick the relevant box for your household type:

<i>Household Type</i>	Please tick one box below
1 adult, no children	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 adults, no children	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 adult with children	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 adults with children	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple occupancy residence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

27. Please enter your postcode – this enables us to make sure we have got a good geographic spread of respondents from across the town.

Your postcode eg. EH39 4LZ	
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Section 7: Results and keeping in touch

If you would like to know more about the work of Transition North Berwick please leave your contact details below (ideally an email address) so we can contact you about our news and events.

A summary report on the findings of this survey will be made available through the North Berwick Library in April 2011.

Contact Details (optional)

Name	
Email address (preferred)	
Postal address (not necessary if you've given us your email)	

Many thanks for completing this survey – we are very grateful. For information about returning your survey and getting the results please see the next page.

Returning your completed form

You can return your form in different ways.
You can post it back to us at:

Transition North Berwick
PO Box 13757
North Berwick
EH39 9AJ

Due to the high postage costs for the 4,000 households in the area we have not been able to include a pre-paid envelope. If you prefer to post it back to us we would be very grateful for your help in returning it.

Or you can hand-deliver it to:

Earth Matters Shop
67 High Street (opposite St Andrew Blackadder Church)
North Berwick

Finding out about the survey results

We will be publishing a report of the survey which should be available in April 2011 from North Berwick Library. We will also make it available at this time to download from our web site at:

www.transition-north-berwick.org.uk

