

FIRST STAGE

In 2019 the estate made it clear that it would not continue funding the upkeep of the cricket pitch for village use. A Community Consultation meeting was held in the Village Hall in Nov 2019 when it was decided in the short term to keep the field mown using Community donations. Christine Mayson has liaised with individuals in the village trying to build some consensus of how the village would like the cricket pitch to look in the future. These proposals were put to Lord Haddington in 2020.

PROGRESS TO DATE

The estate would prefer to have an agreement (licence) with a legally constituted body to manage the area. The licence is an annual one therefore it can be terminated at any time by Lord Haddington.

DECISIONS

We are asking for the village to decide

a) whether they want to hand responsibility for the upkeep back to Lord Haddington. We do not know for certain what Lord Haddington would do in this case, but the village would have no input;

or

b) whether they wish to retain the cricket pitch as a village resource and be prepared to fund the maintenance and preservation of the area. Management options are strictly limited by Lord Haddington.

If the village do wish to retain the pitch, are they happy for the TVH committee to set up a subgroup (expected to include at least one committee member but open to any other interested people) to raise funds and take the licence agreement (or similar) forward with the estate?