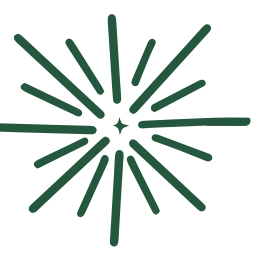
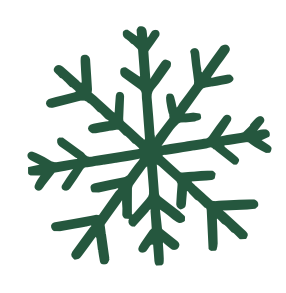
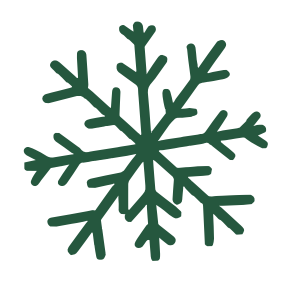


# EAST LOTHIAN FESTIVE FOOD PROVISIONS 2025-26



**EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL &  
ELFFN - CHRISTMAS &  
NEW YEAR EDITION**



# MUSSELBURGH

## The Pennypit Trust and Musselburgh Area Partnership

Our mission is to provide winter essentials & cash for kids (mission christmas) to children and adults who are in need. We will also be delivering xmas day meals to those who are isolated and on their own at christmas

Cash for Kids Christmas Presents - 22nd December and angel tree with the rotary club which will support late referrals and teenage presents

Winter essential vouchers will be delivered with Cash for kids presents

Operations are hosted at Prestonpans Community Centre

For more information contact Jonathan (The Pennypit Trust) - [Jonathan.Sharples@pennypittrust.com](mailto:Jonathan.Sharples@pennypittrust.com)



### Musselburgh Community Pantry MECA/MECLC

Monday 22 Dec 12–1pm  
6–7pm

Tuesday 23 Dec 6–7pm

Monday 29 Dec 12–1pm

**Monday 29 Dec NO EVENING SESSION**

Tuesday 30 Dec 6–7pm

### NEWBIGGING

Tuesday 23 Dec 2-4pm

Tuesday 30 Dec 2-4pm

Both pantries open usual time, week beginning 5th January 2026



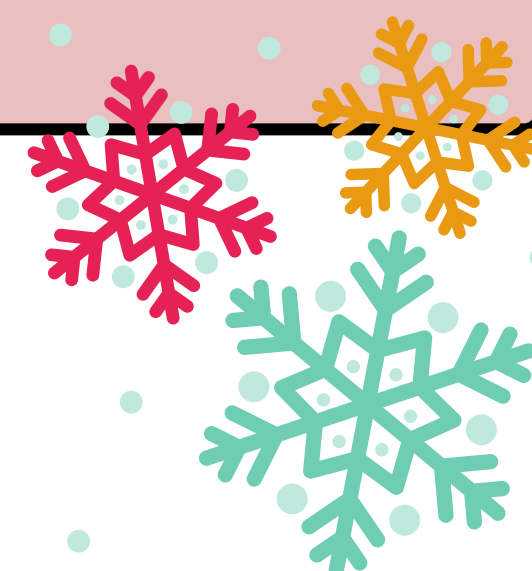
## Musselburgh, Wallyford and Whitecraig Connected Communities

Scott McKail is the main contact for our service: [smckail@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:smckail@eastlothian.gov.uk)

EL Foodbank is working with MAP to offer food vouchers and essentials food parcels. Any enquiries seeking assistance please contact: East Lothian Foodbank [referrals@eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:referrals@eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk)

The Pennypit Trust is working in partnership with MAP to deliver Mission Christmas gifts and winter essentials vouchers. The Rotary will be doing an angel tree.

Wallyford and Whitecraig Community Centres will close at 4pm on the 18th December, reopening 5th January.



# PRESTON SETON GOSFORD

## The Pennypit Trust

Our mission is to provide free food and winter essentials to children and adults who are in need. Pennypit Trust collaborate with a number of partners to deliver this provision (Prestonpans + approximately 20 in Port Seton, Cockenzie, Longniddry and Blindwells)

Cash for Kids Christmas Presents - 22nd December

Jingle Bags - 23rd December

Xmas meal delivery - 25th December (in partnership with FCK)

New Year Bags - 30th December

Operations are hosted at Prestonpans Community Centre

For more information contact Jonathan (The Pennypit Trust) - [Jonathan.Sharples@pennypittrust.com](mailto:Jonathan.Sharples@pennypittrust.com)



Preston Seton Gosford  
Area Partnership

## Pennypit Pantry - North Grange Avenue

22nd 11am - 1pm

23rd 11am - 1pm

24th emergency support will be provided please contact

[Angela.davie@pennypittrust.com](mailto:Angela.davie@pennypittrust.com) or

[Jonathan.Sharples@pennypittrust.com](mailto:Jonathan.Sharples@pennypittrust.com) 01875 815221

**Closed 24th, 25th and 26th December**

29th 11am - 1pm

30th 11am - 1pm

31st 11am - 1pm

**Closed 1st and 2nd January - Normal hours resume 5th Jan**

3rd 11am - 1pm

**Normal hours resume 3rd January 2023**

During festive period, contact our [admin@pennypittrust.com](mailto:admin@pennypittrust.com)

## Befriending and warm spaces

Time for tea (pans legion) 15th December at 10:30am

LWTB xmas meal (pans legion) 18th December 12pm

Walking football 16th December 10.30am

Pennypit befriending meals 19th December

Provisions will resume 5th January 2026



Lighthouse Larder will be open on Thursday 18th December. We will have enough stock next Thursday for people to take two weeks of supplies. We also have some extra Christmas things to give away. **Reopen on Thursday 8th January.**

## Port Seton Centre and Longniddry Community Centre Pantries open hours are:

**Port Seton Centre**  
22nd 9am – 4pm  
23rd 9am – 5pm  
24th 9am-2pm  
25th - 29th closed  
30th 9am – 2pm  
31st 9am – 2pm  
1st- 5th closed  
6th open as normal

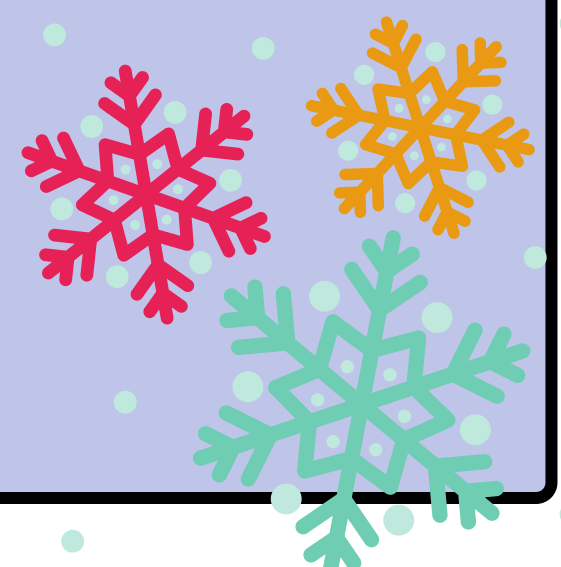
**Longniddry Community Centre**  
Close on 23rd at 12noon then **reopen on Tuesday 6th at 9am.** They also direct pantry support to Prestonpans/ Port Seton.

## Connected Communities festive provision

Longniddry and Port Seton Shopping Vouchers available week beginning of 8th December delivered by resilience/volunteers Presents through Home Start our week of 15th December delivered by resilience/volunteers Plated meals from social bite 24th December delivered by resilience/volunteers New year steak pies from community council delivered by resilience/volunteers

**Prestonpans Community Centre is closed from 18th December.**  
**Reopens 6th January**

**Pennypit Family & Learning Centre is closed from 18th December.**  
**Reopens 6th January**



# FA'SIDE

## The Pennypit Trust and Fa'side Connected Communities

Our mission is to provide free food and winter essentials to children and adults who are in need. Pennypit Trust and Fa'side

Connected Communities will collaborate with a number of partners to deliver this provision

Cash for Kids Christmas Presents - 20th December

Jingle Bags - 23rd December

New Year Bags - 30th December

Operations are hosted at St Martins Church Hall (CFK) and Macmerry Village Hall (Jingle and NY bags)

For more information contact Ruth (The Pennypit Trust) - [Ruth.Davie@pennypittrust.com](mailto:Ruth.Davie@pennypittrust.com) or [Euan.stratton@pennypittrust.com](mailto:Euan.stratton@pennypittrust.com)

Fa'side  
Area Partnership



## Fa'side Community Kitchen

FCK - Christmas Lunch 16th December from 11.30am

FCK closes after lunch on the 18th December

Resume 6th January 2026

Pennypit trust in partnership with FCK will deliver over 70 Christmas dinners on the 25th December (including a gift) to socially isolated and vulnerable on Christmas day across East Lothian - contact [jonathan.sharples@pennypittrust.com](mailto:jonathan.sharples@pennypittrust.com)



Our wee pantry will be open when the centre is open. **Mon 21st- Wed 24th 9-3pm, Sat 26th 9-3, Mon 28th-Wed**

**31st 9-3pm.** Closed 25th, 26th, 1st and 2nd. **Reopening Sat 3rd.**



## East Lothian Roots & Fruits

We close 21st December and reopen Monday 5th January

We will be distributing food parcels, food hampers etc to families we are working with. Our pantry will be stocked up all through December for drop ins.

We will distribute toys in Elphinstone and throughout East Lothian to families we are working with. If a referral comes in to you that is out with your area please pass it on to us.

We will also be doing gifts to elders in Elphinstone and our elderly customers.

Our Santa will be going round Elphinstone the week before Christmas giving out selection boxes to children.



Opening times for Lily's Ormiston we are available Friday 10am-11.30am.

All welcome EH34 & EH35. The pantry closes on the 19th December and will reopen Friday 9th January 2026



# HADDINGTON & LAMMERMUIR

## Lammermuir Larder

The Lammermuir Larder offers emergency food support, an advocacy service and a community shop.

We will be closed for Christmas from 24th December to 28th December inclusive and for the New Year from 1.00 pm on 31st December to 4th January inclusive.

Our community shop will be open as usual on Monday 22nd and Monday 29th December. Emergency food deliveries will also be made on both 22nd and 29th December. Normal opening hours will resume from Monday 5th January 2026 onwards.

On an exceptional basis, emergency food vouchers / emergency fuel vouchers can be accessed on 26th December and 2nd January by phoning 07955 148041 or 07858 172428 between 9.00 am and 12 noon.

From Monday 15th to Friday 19th December we are running our Christmas at the Larder event. Please contact us for more information.

If you'd like to find out more about the Lammermuir Larder, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/thelammermuirlarder/>



## Our Community Kitchen (OCK)

Our last day of regular opening is Tuesday 23rd. We are setting up on 24th, open on Christmas day then closed and reopen on 30th.

We then close and reopen Monday 5th January.

I will always be around if anyone needs one of our frozen meals.



# NORTH BERWICK COASTAL

## North Berwick connected communities



Katie Reid is the key contact from our service: [kreid@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:kreid@eastlothian.gov.uk)

We have Angel Tree supported by the local Rotary for Christmas Presents for Children and Young People

Families will be receiving a food voucher which are going out week commencing 15th December 2025.

NB Centre closed from 4pm 19th December through to 8:30am Monday 5th January 2026.

Festive provisions are also advertised on social media.



# DUNBAR & EAST LINTON



## Dunbar Food Share

Dunbar Foodshare's last operating day is Wednesday 17th December and they will re-open Wednesday 7th January 2026.



## The Ridge



PANTRY: Open until 23rd December please call **07849743066**.

Open 29th & 30th (10am-4pm), 31st please call (same number)  
**REOPEN 5TH JANUARY 2026**



## Dunbar Connected Communities & Rotary Club



The Rotary manage the Angel Tree and organising the gifts for Children & Young People.

The Rotary also organising a meal delivery for Christmas day for people who are experiencing isolation and loneliness.

Staff on leave from 22nd December and return to work 5th January 2026.

**Helen Harper is key contact from our service:**

[hharper@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:hharper@eastlothian.gov.uk)



# EAST LOTHIAN WIDE



We are open as usual over the festive period  
(Monday to Friday 10-2pm), and we will only be closed the  
following days:

25th & 26th December and 1st & 2nd January

Normal open times resume on Monday 6th January 2026

Contact details: [info@eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk)



## East Lothian Fareshare Hub

CLOSES 19th DECEMBER which will be last collection date.

The hub will reopen on the week beginning 5th January

2026



## Festive Breastfeeding Support

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Patchwork 10am-11am (finishes at 12pm)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec First Step Musselburgh 1pm-3pm

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Sandersons Wynd 10am-12pm

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Ormiston Community Centre 11am-12pm  
Haddington Library 11am-12pm

**Sandersons Wynd EYC closed Dec 19th - Jan 5th**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Dec Fraser Centre cafe 11am-1pm

Our 24/7 WhatsApp support group will remain operational throughout the holidays, please contact for access 07838328518. 1-1 text/telephone support available as required.

Weekly service will resume from 6th January.

Text/email for more info

07838328518 [kat@breastfeedinglens.co.uk](mailto:kat@breastfeedinglens.co.uk)

Festive treats on offer, wear your xmas jumpers!





# Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FOR ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE  
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