



Aberlady



and

**Gullane
Parish Church**

Parish Profile

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The Parish

Aberlady and Gullane Church is in the Parish of Dirleton on the East Lothian coast between North Berwick (4.5 miles to the East) and Longniddry (3 miles to the West). The villages themselves are three miles apart and, according to 2020 estimates, have populations of 1,260 (Aberlady) and 2,810 (Gullane). Statistical information on population, households, religion and ethnicity can be found in Appendix 1.

What do we seek in a Minister?

Our minister, Revd. Lis Stenhouse, retired on 6th April 2026. We are looking for a minister who will build on Lis's achievements over the past three years, whose own deep faith can inspire and challenge us in their preaching and conduct of worship, and assist us build on our strengths. We have experienced considerable change and we are looking for a minister who will offer stability by spending some years with us, who can work with young people, and who will offer high visibility in the local community by, for example, visiting local schools and the residential care home. The ability to work creatively and collaboratively with community volunteers would also be an asset.

If that sounds like you, then please read on and find out more about us.

For our part, the Kirk Session and congregation commit to:

- flexibility in our approach to worship
- a collaborative approach to ministry
- further development of lay ministry in the congregation; and
- a missional attitude to all of church life consistent with and guided by the 'Five Marks of Mission'.

Lothian and Borders Presbytery has agreed that the churches in Aberlady and Gullane will both be retained for the foreseeable future.

What is Good and Attractive about Aberlady and Gullane?

An excellent friendly, community spirit is to be found in two villages steeped in history. Bus services to Edinburgh and North Berwick run every 30 minutes, operating throughout most of the day. There is a main line railway station at Drem and Longniddry and an hourly train service between North Berwick and Edinburgh Waverley. A range of other facilities located within or near Aberlady and Gullane include:

- Two primary schools (Aberlady and Gullane)
- A secondary school in North Berwick
- Four universities and one further education college in Edinburgh (<20 miles)
- One care home
- A Community Hospital in Haddington (5 miles)
- A doctor's surgery and pharmacy
- A dental practice
- An optician's practice
- Community Halls in each village

- Three (smallish) supermarkets and a range of other shops
- Restaurants, hotels, cafes, hairdressers, etc.
- Golf courses with a national and international reputation.

The Union of Aberlady and Gullane Parish Churches

The two congregations, Aberlady and Gullane, were linked in 1986 and united in August 2022. The previous minister, the Rev Elisabeth (Lis) Stenhouse, was inducted on a 0.5 basis as the first minister of the newly united charge in November 2023. In December 2025, the Presbytery of Lothian and Borders agreed to give Aberlady and Gullane permission to call a full-time post on a 5-year reviewable tenure.

Church Buildings

We have three church buildings: Aberlady Church, Aberlady Kirk Stables, and Gullane Church and Church Centre, and a brief description of each building follows.

Aberlady Church

There is evidence of a church presence in Aberlady since the 12th Century. The history of the church dates to 1452 when the records of the Bishop of Dunkeld show that a watch tower was built, to which a church was added and, later, a chancel in 1509. The present church building, designed by London architect William Young, opened for worship in 1887 and was described in a newspaper of the time as 'one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings in Scotland'.

Aberlady Kirk Stables

Aberlady and Gullane Churches were linked in 1986 when Aberlady manse was sold. The manse stables were demolished and replaced in 1990 with a purpose-built church hall, officially opened by the Earl of Wemyss and renamed Aberlady Kirk Stables. The Kirk Stables comprise a central hall, kitchen, church office and toilets on floor level, two meeting rooms downstairs and another meeting room upstairs. The stables have a walled courtyard on the south side; the north side looks out over the garden to the sea. The garden is a community garden with several raised beds.

Gullane Church

There has been a church in Gullane village since the 9th Century and the ruins of the Old Church of St. Andrew, built in the 12th Century and abandoned after a series of sandstorms made it unusable, can still be seen at the western entrance to the village. The present church building was designed by Glasgow architect John Honeyman and was opened for worship in 1888.

Gullane Church Centre

The Church Centre is an extension of Gullane Church to the north side, with an attached hall and kitchen. Members of the congregation come together for coffee after morning service and the church facilities are used by the community at, for example, weekly coffee mornings. The south and north-east sides of the church have garden areas maintained by church members.

Our **buildings team** ensures that all our properties are regularly inspected and maintained with safety and compliance high on the agenda, and a focus on renovation and improvement.

Plans are in place to renovate and refurbish all our church buildings. The plans were approved by Presbytery in December 2025 and by the General Trustees in January 2026. Building plans, and reasons for embarking on an ambitious project, are explained later in this Profile.

The Manse



The manse is a modern, attractive, two-storey detached four-bedroom, three public room house with integral double garage. A CALA 'Tranter' home, with every home comfort considered for energy efficient and low maintenance living. For example, the kitchen and utility rooms are equipped with a touch control induction hob, an integrated fridge/freezer, stainless steel electric oven and integrated microwave oven. It was built in 2022 and is situated in Saltcoats Grange, Gullane, approximately 1/2 a mile from Gullane Church.

Our Kirk Session and Teams

Aberlady and Gullane Kirk Session consists of 34 elders, 20 female and 14 male, with the most recent ordination being in January 2026. The Session operates a Unitary Constitution Model and oversees several teams. We achieve all we do because of Elders and volunteer members of the congregation giving their time and energy. In addition to the Minister, a Session Clerk, Treasurer and Church Secretary manage the day-to-day affairs of the Church. They are augmented by teams and individuals with responsibilities for Finance (inc. Gift Aid), Communications, Property and Mission Priority Planning, Buildings, Pastoral Care, Safeguarding, Family and Children and Website. We also have two Flower Convenors, one in each of the two villages.

Sunday teams provide: a welcome at the door, after service teas and coffee, AV and Sound Desk services, creche and children's church.

Mid-week teams cover: gardening and Wednesday coffee morning at which different supporting events are available.

A part-time church secretary provides administrative support to the Minister, Session Clerk and Treasurer. Responsibilities include preparation of Weekly Orders of Service, co-ordination and preparation of weekly intimations, liaison with organists, and planning and preparation for Kirk Session meetings. Duty rotas are drawn up on a quarterly basis and, if one is unable to do the required duty, the onus is on the individual to find a replacement.

Elders serve in various other ways, for example the Roll keeper uses an electronic database roll book; another elder updates Facebook to show upcoming events and church news. A member of the Communications team is editor of the church magazine.

Our Worship

Sunday Church services are presently held at 9.45am in Gullane and 11.15am in Aberlady. Both churches value a style of worship which is, broadly speaking, traditional. Hymns from CH4 are the principal source of sung worship, with most of the congregation using lyrics projected on a large screen. Elders read the Scripture lessons each week. Special services, run on an inter-denominational basis, are held during Holy Week and valued by those who attend. At Advent and at Christmas, there are carol services and Christmas Eve services in both churches. We have an active Worship Group which delivers a joint service on the first Sunday of the month, and the Minister delivers a second on the last Sunday of the month. Our Worship Group was formed by way of our response to the allocation of a part-time minister post by the former Lothian Presbytery. Joint services with other denominations and All-Age Worship Services, featuring celebrations of some of our most joyful Christian festivals - Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost – are also offered during the year.

The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in both churches, one Joint Communion in each church and three Communions in each church. These are held on the last Sunday of February, May, August and November and, in recent times, children have participated.

Aberlady and Gullane Church has 394 communicants and 2 adherents on the roll and has an average attendance of 50-60 each week at Gullane and 30 at Aberlady. Joint services in each church attract as many as 100 in attendance. As indicated earlier, the age profile is predominantly over 50 but recent years has seen growth in the number of younger attendees who participate in the Jesus and Me (JAM) Club and, for older children, the Evening Jesus and Me (EJAM) Club. The congregation shares a unity of purpose and a core of generous, warm and friendly people who attend services on a regular basis, and who seek good teaching to strengthen their faith and pastoral support. The challenges for the congregation currently are to increase younger membership and focus on those missional activities which increase the Churches presence within the local community.

We are part of a parish grouping with St Andrews Blackadder in North Berwick. Experience of the group to date suggests there are things that each congregation can and should do separately and other things that the two congregations can do better by working in partnership. Congregations within the grouping have in the past explored work in the following areas:

- Youth and children's work
- Community outreach
- Discipleship and Evangelism
- Other topics that may be agreed.

The Church magazine "Connect" is published four times per year and normally circulated to all members prior to Communion. "Connect" covers news and events in both communities and an electronic version is also available.

Aberlady and Gullane Church have regular organists and pianists who accompany worship in both of our churches. Organists liaise with the minister about hymn and music choices.

On average, our minister officiates at 8 baptisms, 4 weddings and 16 funerals per year.

The Kirk Session has agreed to 'depart' from the traditional practice of the Church of Scotland regarding the appointment of a minister who is in a same sex civil partnership or marriage.

Finance

In early 2021, the decision was taken to sell the manse in Gullane. It had lain empty for over a year. The sale was completed in October 2021 and the net proceeds are held by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. Some of the proceeds were used to buy another manse and the General Trustees have allocated some of the remaining funds for renovation and upgrade of existing buildings. Financial results for 2025 show that the balance sheet remains strong with good levels of cash reserve and a strong investment portfolio which helps to provide additional income. The Giving to Grow contribution, £64319 in 2025, was met in full. Funds have also been available for new initiatives and projects the minister and Kirk Session wish to develop. Our finances are up-to-date and meet the requirements of the Church of Scotland, OSCR and HMRC. We have good stewardship of finance: the Treasurer and Finance Committee manage resources extremely well.

A copy of the most recent financial accounts will be made available on request, as will a copy of our successful Application for Approval of (Building) Works and Financial Assistance.

Property and Mission Priority Planning Group

With the sale of the old manse in Gullane and the purchase of a new one, the church had money left from the sale that could be used to renovate our church buildings, which were badly in need of upgrading. However, we had clear directions from Presbytery that any building plans had to be accompanied by plans for mission. As a result, the past two years have been a period of dreaming of what our church could be: a time of transition, a time of change and of making dreams a reality.

It soon became apparent that we needed to start two new groups: a Mission Group, and a Property and Mission Priority Planning Group (PaMMP).

The Mission Group looked at many different ideas for mission work in our communities but soon concluded that Aberlady and Gullane are busy places, with a lot of community activity. Often our church members are a part of, or leaders of, those community groups and activities. The Mission group suggested commissioning a Community Audit, and Inform Research conducted one for both Aberlady and Gullane areas. The findings informed us of future ideas for missional activities, details of which are set out later.

The PaMPP Group started to grapple with some of the property issues for our three church buildings. Architects were engaged to develop preliminary plans for the renovation of Gullane Church building and Church Centre. Modifications to Gullane Church will take priority due to the necessary and urgent replacement of the heating system. The removal of pews and their replacement with loose seating, new lighting, improvements to church entrances to enhance the flow in and out of church, and erection of a porch at the south door are all planned.. Modifications to Gullane Church Centre will follow with a toilet extension, new courtyard, and a kitchen facilities upgrade. The plans for the Church Centre will give Gullane Church much more of a kerbside appearance. At Aberlady Church, a new mains water supply for the heating system, new toilet and lighting and AV system are planned. It is hoped that the work at Aberlady will start as soon as possible, in year 3 or earlier in our Action Plan.

Full details of our building proposals are available on request.

Pastoral Care Group

Our elders are extremely good at visiting in their districts, offering support at difficult times like illness or death, but we felt the need to support our Elders and our Minister by starting a Pastoral Care Group. This was achieved following all the current Safeguarding guidelines - application process, references, PVG disclosure and training advised by our Safeguarding Officer. Traditionally, as in all parishes, the minister has taken a lead in pastoral care, supported by a small pastoral care team who have undertaken training. However, the Kirk session accepted that in the new circumstances of a 0.5 ministry, pastoral care required to be a shared responsibility. Currently, in Gullane, a named elder has overall responsibility for co-ordination in each community and is notified of bereavements or those in need of pastoral visits. Each elder undertakes pastoral care via the most appropriate method to meet the individual's needs, and can include phone calls, e-mails or personal visits. In common with other churches, elders have their own districts and visit members regularly to deliver the quarterly magazine as well as on other occasions. In Aberlady, while no one person is in overall charge, most of the pastoral care and support comes from the former Session Clerk. Over time, teams will develop a common approach to pastoral care and other aspects of church life in both communities.

Both Aberlady and Gullane continue to support the work of charities, Christian and non-religious, offering support at both home and abroad. During the past year Christian Aid and the East Lothian Foodbank (ELF) were supported financially. Beyond that, throughout the year we have provided donations of food on a weekly basis to ELF. Elders volunteer to make and distribute parcels. In Aberlady, perishable goods from Harvest Services go to the Cyrenians in Edinburgh and non-perishable items/cash donations go to the Foodbank. At Gullane, goods from the Harvest Services are distributed to members of the local community.

Visits are also made to the residential care home based in Gullane.

Communications

The church has an active Communications Group responsible for the church magazine, website, Facebook, liaison with Aberlady and Gullane village newsletters, and keeping notice boards up to date. The group also oversaw the installation of our new AV system in Gullane Church building in 2022, first used for worship in Jan 2023. The AV team offer Powerpoint and sound presentations at worship services both inside and outside church buildings (e.g. Remembrance service, Carols on the Green). Over the past two years, we have been using AV in different ways to enhance our worship services.

A Communications sub-group got together to develop new "Welcome to our Church" leaflets for both church buildings, a 'Welcome to Your New Home' card and reviewed our logo to reflect our new identity as a united church.

We think we are good at welcoming people to our church buildings, and we have a lot of visitors to both buildings. However, rather than passively waiting for people to come and join us, the group decided to adopt a culture of invitation, actively looking at ways to invite people to our churches.

A 'Welcome to your new home card' carries the gift of a prayer and a blessing to whoever receives it, and it has a small picture of each church and the address and contact details on the back of the front page. It's small, can be fitted into a pocket or a handbag, and is generic, A card

can be taken by anybody in the congregation and put through the door of someone who has recently moved into the area. Experience suggests people tend to look at a flyer, see if it is of any interest and bin it. A card tends to be on the sideboard or shelf, then stays around for a while.

Our welcome leaflets tell a little of the history of the church/es and include practical details like 'Where is the toilet?'

Our logo features a golden cross symbolic of Christ our King and of his church. The wild geese, so much a part of the natural world around us in Aberlady and Gullane fly over the cross. A symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit, found in Celtic Spirituality, leading and guiding our church into the future. The logo is now used on all our correspondence, website, welcome card, Connect, etc.

A new website has also been developed that reflects our newly united church status.

The Communication Group also started annual open days when we invite anybody who would like to learn more about our church to come into our church buildings. Last year, these events took place on the two Saturdays before Harvest Thanksgiving services. At Gullane Church we connected the open day with a Scarecrow Competition. Scarecrow entries were brought to the church on Saturday and people invited to join us at our All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday worship service for the prizegiving. One of our 5-year-old members of JAM Club enjoyed trying out the organ on open day, helping the organist a few weeks later to play 'Ode to Joy' before our service started.

Our Young Church: JAM (Jesus and Me) Club and EJAM Club

Due to a recent change in leaders and illness of leaders, and competing activities for young people on a Sunday, and our young people getting older and having other commitments, change came to our Young Church. Where formerly our JAM Club met weekly during the Sunday worship service at Gullane Church, it now meets monthly. Our EJAM Club, formerly meeting monthly, has become more intermittent.

As mentioned earlier under the section 'Our Worship' we have started experimenting with All-Age Worship for the second joint service and having a play area and activities for children available in the church every Sunday. We also started having an annual celebration of Holy Communion that is particularly child friendly. We have fruit juice for all celebrations of Holy Communion, just in case there are youngsters celebrating with us. These happen at Gullane Church building as this is where the greatest number of our young people worship. We have a planning meeting after the joint service at the end of one month and then conduct the All-Age Worship service together in the second month after. It works!

Our first All-Age Worship service took place this year for Harvest. We had two Harvest Thanksgiving services, a very traditional one at Aberlady Church and an All-Age Worship one at Gullane Church the week after. An unexpected outcome - an even larger contribution of donations to the Foodbank and the Cyrenians!

It was a delight for our congregation to get together and choose the hymns, prayers, activities and Bible readings and to see all ages working together around the tables during tea and coffee time after the service. A five-year old chose our first prayer and led us in prayer at the service. A 13-year-old read one of our Bible readings. and an adult did the other. Our Call to Worship was especially meaningful as children and parents participated, including a father helping his 10-month-old walk to the communion table with a decorative cloth in thanks for God's creation.

Planning these services together as a church, sharing refreshments, worshipping together, all bring us together as a united church family and offer us, within a newly united church, a place to get to know one another better as well.

Where we are as we enter 2026

During the period 2022-25, Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church (AGPC), like many other churches nationally, was faced with major challenges. The allocation of a part-time minister presented us with major challenges and resulted in considerable change. Changes included:

- forming a union and establishing one church with a single Kirk Session
- advertising and recruiting a new 0.5 minister
- sale of an old and purchase of a new manse
- the establishment of a Worship Group
- introduction of monthly joint-services led by the Worship Group
- investment in state-of-the-art audio-visual facilities

Session launched these initiatives over a busy three-year period. Inevitably, despite heroic efforts by our part-time minister, the time available proved totally inadequate in terms of meeting pastoral and other day-to-day demands.

Building on the above achievements under the leadership of the Revd. Lis Stenhouse, attention turned to thinking about what we want for our church five years from now. Over the past six months we have looked closely at our church mission activities, created and updated policies covering data protection, safeguarding, whistleblowing, privacy, and addressed the fundamental question of where we want to see ourselves in 2030. We concluded that improving the quality and fitness for purpose of our three church buildings was a key priority, thereby enhancing our ability to undertake additional missional work and ensure long-term sustainability. At present, Gullane Church urgently requires a new heating system and the creation of flexible space to allow a wider variety of missional activities. The Church Hall at Gullane, last renovated over 30 years ago, is in urgent need of modernisation. Aberlady Church lacks a water supply and a toilet. Investment in all our buildings is long overdue. Our building plans, now approved by Presbytery and the General Trustees, will undoubtedly contribute to the growth and success of our church in the local communities we serve.

Our Mission Plans at Gullane Church

In 2025 we commissioned a Community Audit to ensure our mission plans directly relate to needs within the local community. Many missional activities and projects capable of development were discussed and considered e.g. a community larder to complement the community gardens in Aberlady, and a Befriending Project. But what really enthused and excited was the idea of a Play- café at Gullane Church Centre.

GAP Project (Gullane and Aberlady Play- Café)

A GAP Project was suggested at a meeting of the Mission Group. There are two aspects to this missional project:

We are aware of many young families moving into the new housing estates here and perhaps becoming more distant from their own families. We want to offer a place and an opportunity for them to socially interact with others in a similar life situation. A place where parents can relax and have a little respite as their children are engaged in a safe play environment and where they can all make friends. We also want the Play-café to have an inter-generational aspect i.e.

offering a place where some of the more isolated and lonely older people in our community can find a place of acceptance and belonging and make friends.

Now that our building projects have been approved by the General Trustees, we will further explore the possibility of setting up a Play-café two mornings per week during school term time, initially at Gullane Church Centre. Our Play-café will be a place for mums, dads, grandparents and carers of small children to enjoy sometime together with others, while small children play. Should this be successful, we may at some future stage also offer this service in Aberlady.

We already have a Wednesday Coffee morning each week where members of our church meet. Recently, this has been expanded to include planned activities during the morning.

We would also like to explore the potential for an Intergenerational lunch club after the morning Play-café, open to all no matter what age. Hopefully, hopefully some of the parents and children will stay for lunch and some of the older members of our community will join us too. In the afternoon we'd also like to offer activities similar to Wednesday Coffee mornings. Folks can have lunch and then move through to the church and e.g. enjoy a film, or music, or an afternoon of Bridge, or board games.

To make this happen we need to:

- employ two people job sharing – one for the café and one for the activities. The people employed would require to be able to work alongside volunteer helpers from the church and community.
- upgrade the facilities in Gullane Church Centre
- upgrade facilities in the church e.g. removing the pews to make it a more flexible space.
- have a suitably equipped kitchen that meets hygiene, health and safety regulations.
- move the toilet currently located in the serving area of the Church Centre
- engage in fund raising
- set up a new management group formed of church and community members.
- do research and consultation with other similar church and community projects.
- work in partnership with other groups and projects e.g. Gullane Day Care and Aberlady Toddlers' Groups.

As part of a business plan for the marketing of the Kirk Stables a Centre for Spiritual Retreat and Pilgrimage is an idea being considered. A programme of events would take place over some weekends throughout the year when the Kirk Stables is free from bookings from other groups. It should be noted that Aberlady was a detached parish of the diocese of Dunkeld, where a new monastic community was established, and was on an Early Medieval route used by monks travelling between Iona and Holy Island.

All the above are possibilities for the development of mission and are based on discussions and input from our minister, church groups, members of the church and members of the wider community.

If the building project and planned missional activities are to come to fruition, an Action Plan for the period 2026-2030 is essential. A plan was submitted to Presbytery as part of our documentation in support of the application for funding which is briefly outlined below.

Action Plan

Throughout the planning period we will continue to worship God through music, scripture, prayer and preaching, and teach, baptise and nurture new believers. In 2025, seventeen new members joined our church, thirteen of whom professed their faith. Our children and youth work will also continue, meeting all Church of Scotland requirements in terms of safe recruitment while adhering to safeguarding and health and safety policies. Throughout the period we plan to:

- explore the potential to recruit a youth worker
- provide support to a local Toddler Group once buildings are fit for purpose
- offer the JAM and EJAM Clubs on a more regular basis
- develop our craft afternoons into monthly Messy Church; and
- explore the extent to which Holiday and Youth Club opportunities can be offered.

We will continue to adhere to, and progress in the community, the Church's Five Marks of Mission. Our building plans anticipate starting work first at Gullane Church and these are likely to take up to two years to complete. At Aberlady Church, now that we have approval from the General Trustees, we anticipate the installation of new lighting and AV facilities can begin almost immediately. Installing a new water supply and toilet will begin in Year 3 or earlier.

We will apply for funding from trusts and charities, support fundraising in Aberlady and Gullane, and ensure spending stays within set limits.

Throughout the five-year planning period our various teams will continue to innovate in support of missional activity. Our progress and success in each area will be monitored, reviewed and evaluated on an ongoing basis using a traffic light system.

The Future

We feel strongly that our church and its people should be at the heart of our community. The Union of Aberlady and Gullane brought opportunities for us to worship, work together and grow in new and exciting ways. We offer a new minister a warm and welcoming congregation and are committed to working with him/her to progress our building and missional plans and share the Christian message.

It is difficult to include everything about church life in a Parish Profile. Should additional information about any of the above be required, or if you wish to visit our church, manse or parish, our Interim Moderator, Dr John Arthur, or the Clerk to the Nominating Committee would be pleased to hear from you, either by phone or e-mail.

Web Link for Further Information:

Aberlady and Gullane Church Website: www.aberladygullaneparishchurch.co.uk

East Lothian Council Website: www.eastlothian.gov.uk

Appendix 1

Additional Statistical Information on the Parish

If Aberlady and Gullane were a parish of 100 people

- 5 would be of pre-school age
- 8 would be in primary school
- 8 would be in high school
- 4 would be aged between 19-25
- 26 would be 66 or over
- 13 would be over 75

If Scotland were a village of 100 people

- 4 would be of pre-school age
- 7 would be in primary school
- 8 would be in high school
- 9 would be aged between 19 and 25
- 19 would be aged 66 or more
- 9 would be aged over 75

The percentage of pre-school age (0-4) population within the parish is the same as that for Scotland and the proportion of primary school age (5-11) population is slightly higher. The percentage of young adults aged 19-25 is significantly lower (4.1%) than the Scottish average (8.7%) Some 13% of the population in the parish are over 75 compared with 9.5% in Scotland.

Population and Households

With significant expansion of house building in East Lothian since 2020, both communities are experiencing substantial growth. In due course, this will result in a lower age profile. Population growth between 2011 and 2022 in Aberlady was 17%, and 13% in Gullane. The parish has a slightly higher proportion (30%) of older people living alone than the average (28%) for Scotland. Private residential development has been a significant driver of household growth, with Aberlady experiencing a 19% increase and Gullane an 11% increase over the past eleven years.

Households occupied by one person over 66 years of age represent 18% of all households. This compares with an average of 14% for Scotland.

Religion

Approximately 27% of the parish population state they are Church of Scotland, the largest religious group. Just over 50% state they have 'no religion'.

Ethnicity

The 2022 Census shows that Aberlady and Gullane are over 97% White, with only about 2% of residents from non-white ethnic groups. The parish has a much lower level of ethnic diversity than both East Lothian and Scotland averages.