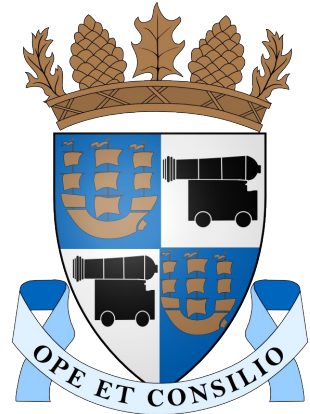


Porty Places Consultation

Places, Buildings and Streets nominated by
members of the community March 2016



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“So many places in Portobello to love. The Prom early each morning welcomes you with magnificent views and colours that take your breath away. The busy High Street displaying many local artists work. Local friendly cafes to spend time for coffee and cake with friends and family. “

“I love the mix of old and new, the choice of cafes, avail shopping. Of course the Prom and beach are a delight. Places change as things happen within them whether it is arts or mtgs etc. I love and live on the Prom. I like the increase in the arts around Porty, the parks and transport links. I have no one favorite place as there are many to stop and be in and enjoy.”

Aims of the Consultation

Get the community thinking about places around Portobello as part of the Portobello Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

Encourage people to describe what they see as defining Portobello as a place and what makes up its essential character

Focus on Portobello as it is now as much as it was in times gone by.

The consultation ran in the form of a Prize Draw from 10 to 24 March.

Five prize winners were selected at random from the 80 responses received at the PCC meeting on Monday, 28 March.

Method

- Online form published on the PCC website
- Open to all and advertised via social media (Facebook and Twitter), the PCC email mailing list
- Links also circulated by local councillors and other community groups
- Respondents were asked to name a favourite place, building or street and say why they were nominating

The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Porty Places Prize Draw". The header features a black banner with the text "Porty Places Prize Draw" in white and "£100" in large yellow font. Below this, it says "5 chances to win £20". The form includes a section for naming a favourite place, building, or street, with a hint: "We love the Beach and the Prom too but it would be great to see all parts of Porty getting a mention". There is also a section for reasons, marked as required. The form is tilted slightly to the right.

Porty Places Prize Draw

Porty Places Prize Draw £100

5 chances to win £20

Name your favourite Porty Place, Building or Street and say why you like it to win a share of £100.

There are 5 prizes of £20 up for grabs. Make sure you enter using the form below before the closing date.

[Watch a slideshow](#) to get some ideas. (Opens in new window)

Closing Date: Thursday, 24 March

*Required

Your Favourite Porty Place, Building or Street *

Hint: We love the Beach and the Prom too but it would be great to see all parts of Porty getting a mention


Your Reasons *

Results

- 80 Responses
- Wide range of age of respondents, mostly local but not all.
- Excellent variety of parks, buildings, monuments and other places nominated

11/03/2016 11:09:32	The pits	I have gone up recently I think it is very important that it stays open as it is more than just a handy football facility for the locals. It has allowed myself and others to remain in touch with friends, when we otherwise wouldn't have. It is also a great place to keep your fitness at a decent level, especially for those who enjoy football but not exercising for exercising's sake. You can get a really good game of football at the pits no matter what the weather, and it's hard to think of anywhere else in Portobello that you can say the same about.	Ailsa Baird Byth	83 Baronscourt terrace	EH6 7EN	all_biyth94@out
11/03/2016 14:41:22	The Espy	Because I've always been there for special occasions - in laws first visit to our first home together, celebrating being pregnant with our first child. I love the food, the atmosphere and the view. I like that it's big and blue and that it stands out and is tall and can be seen from lots of places.	Natalie Reynolds	67/2 park avenue Edinburgh	EH15 1JP	Natalie.reynolds
11/03/2016 16:47:41	Collesdene House	It's a wonderful place for an autumn walk with my three children. My ten girls are only 4 and love to collect autumn leaves and walk along the jetty to see the cygnets with their swan family. There is a lovely little bridge to play 'pooh sticks' and a great play park. Portobello has lots of great parks but this is a family favourite.	OaIn Dempsey Black (9)	8 Joppa Park	EH15 2 EP	emma.dempsey
11/03/2016 17:10:00	Figgate Park	Of great historical interest but largely ignored	Melanie Acheson	14 South Morton Street Edinburgh	EH15 2NB	jayne.mei@hotmail
11/03/2016 17:39:53	The arched gateway in Rose field Park	The fascinating and gruesome history of it. Dedicated to a doctor who apparently ripped a young woman's womb out during childbirth in the local area. Obviously the woman died. Unable to get over this, he was admitted to an asylum, where I think he committed suicide. Local ladies were upset by the whole case and raised funds for said monument. The town council gave them the land and had no more to do with it.	David Hughes	5/5 Magdalene Medway	EH15 3EA	daveyh1173@jor
11/03/2016 18:07:15	The neglected monument in Daisy Park.	I love the baths born and bread in porty I trained at the baths in the morning before school and again most evenings. I was a member of the swimming club and I can still remember the wonderful hot buttered roles in the cafe. Great fun at the galls when the place was packed with all families and friends screaming encouragement. When I was older I enjoyed the Turkish baths. Years ago two sisters used to give you the most exciting massages my son played water polo for years for portobello club. I now have great pleasure in taking my grandchildren and remembering all the happy times.	Mark Wotherspoon	C/O 47/1 Pittville St. Port	EH15 2BX	markspoon72@
11/03/2016 18:22:40	portobello baths	The park is fun and mostly quiet You can also make up games to	anne ward	4 Bedford terr Edinburgh	eh15 2ej	annemward@

Selected Responses



“It’s so hard to think of just one place in Portobello as it has so many hidden gems. I love Windsor Place though for so many reasons. It always holds a childish excitement for me as when i was a youngster everyone held their birthday parties at the trampoline centre, i still do a little skip when passing the entrance now. Further down the road is the beautifully intriguing little gothic black house. Then we come to Earthy, the wonderful shop for all things local and organic. If I’ve missed the local market then Earthy is my fix, their seaweed sourdough makes the weekend special. Finally there is Christian Lane which feels like a lovely country walk and leads to the fabulous Brighton Place. Brambles and plums can be foraged for in autumn, its a little country haven in the city.”



Porty Police Station

"It's such a lovely building and a real Porty landmark. Would be lost without its clock! I remember it was the library before the present library in Rosefield. Fond memories of going there as a wee girl with my Dad to choose books."



Portobello and Joppa Parish Church

“Beautiful architecture and nature combined with a hint of the spirituality in the mix. “

“It's a great community space filled with people from all walks of life and ages. The sanctuary is well named as it is a wonderful place to take a moment, reflect, mourn, give thanks, contemplate. For me it can be a real oasis in a week of busyness.”



Coillesdene House

“I like that it's big and blue and that it stands out and is tall and can be seen from lots of places.”



The neglected monument in the Daisy Park

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The arched gateway in Rosefield Park

“At one time a boundary of William Jamie sons estate ,their is also a stepping stone partially hidden next to this for ladies to mount their horse. Part of the original Portobello. Only saved by its location. Of great historical interest but largely ignored. ”



Hamilton Lodge Hotel

“I love the "hammy" as its an iconic building on the prom and was my late father's favourite drinking hole which became mine and my friends as well. He died in August 1988 and on that day I had my last pint there as a respect. It sadly closed circa 1992 before becoming a children's nursery. It has now become the usual flats but at least it is still there.”



Regent Street

“I have always loved this street, before I moved to portobello I would always make a point of walking down Regent Street while visiting the prom / beach. I love the eclectic mix of houses and architecture. I particularly love the villa style houses that were built as holiday homes. Walking down here it's easy to imagine how the street might have looked back when they were built. Lastly I love the cherry blossom trees that bloom in spring adding to the loveliness.”



King's Road

“For years, I dreamed of having a wee flat on Kings Road, and eventually I managed to realise my dream. It is wonderful to come to the bottom of the tenement stair and see the sea as my front garden!”

Bath Street

“There are three Victorian lamp standards which are full of character but sadly have suffered from decades of neglect. I always stop to admire the effort by people of the time to create "eye candy". Wouldn't it be nice if they were "listed" objects and more lovingly respected and looked after ?”

Brighton Park

“The park is fun and mostly quiet. You can also make up games to play on the grass. But you could also practice riding your bicycle or just play on the hard ground. Playing in the bushes is so fun as well, and it is also so close to my house that it is very helpful. I just love the park so much it is so fun. It gives you lots of room to run about in and there are benches to rest on.”

Bingo Hall, Bath St

“A classic of its time, one of the only really iconic 1920s/1930s buildings in Porty. pity the sign has been taken off the front
GEORGE”

Figgate Burn

“So many different moods & scenic views up & down from sea to Park. It goes from modern in the Park to oldie worldie down behind the Cottages then into the sea at the Prom. Building wise it gives many views i.e. Bungalows , Cottages & High Rise it has it all.”

Figgate Park

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Figgate Burn Park

“Figgate Burn Park is an oasis of tranquility amongst urban streets. I love running there and seeing the different birds on the pond, the dogs playing in the burn and everyone enjoying the park. It's an ideal running location as it's about a mile round, so perfect for interval training, and great that the Portobello Park Run has its home here.”

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Link to anonymised responses

[Consultation responses](#)