

AN ALL WEATHER ROCKETEER

APPLICANT

The Rocketeer Restaurant

www.therocketeerrestaurant.co.uk

TOTAL PROJECT COST

£168,200

£100,920

£67,280

Tyne Esk LEADER

Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Add a glass enclosure to The Rocketeer Restaurant.
- Provide a weatherproof, climate controlled seating area for customers.
- Enable the Rocketeer Restaurant to attract customers all year round and provide staff with year round contracts.
- Attract visitors and enhance the experience for tourists visiting the North Berwick area.

PROJECT DETAIL

The Rocketeer is situated on North Berwick harbour, and was originally a hut used by HM Coastguard. In the nineteenth century it housed line carrying rockets, fired to rescue people from sinking vessels off the coast. Since then it has been carefully and sensitively renovated, and today it serves as a restaurant but also stands as an important monument to local history. Positioned on the North Berwick waterfront, it offers customers a great view over the islands of Craigleith and the Bass Rock. The combination of food with a good reputation and the Rocketeer's attractive location has made the restaurant popular among locals and tourists alike.

Until now, the seating to the restaurant has been open air, shielded by only strong canopies, which has meant that it can only open seasonally. With the funding from Tyne Esk LEADER a glass enclosure has been installed which encloses the area between the boundary wall and the guttering of the Coastguards' hut. This is complemented by a climate control system, which allows the diners to enjoy the food and scenery in comfortable conditions, regardless of external conditions. As the enclosure is transparent the look of the building has remained largely unchanged; if anything, it has smartened the look.

The Rocketeer will also continue to be an important local employer and the ability to open longer and later will reduce the seasonality of their employment. The growth of their business is important to the long term viability of local suppliers as it will continue to support and grow the local food and drink infrastructure.

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