

RENOVATION AND CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

APPLICANT

Newbyres Nursery Ltd

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TOTAL PROJECT COST

£137,697.00

£82,617

£55,080

Tyne Esk LEADER

Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Restore the beautiful and historic St Paul's Church to its former glory.
- Extend the sustainable and renowned childcare facilities to be able to offer many more childcare places for both nursery and school aged children.
- Extend the innovative and pioneering Intergenerational Project.
- Promote community cohesion between pre-existing and newer communities.

PROJECT DETAIL

This project will renovate and convert of St Paul's Church in Gorebridge, in order to give the old church a new purpose as a nursery and after school club - which is much needed in the local area. The applicant has already converted Newbyres Hall from a derelict building to a vibrant nursery setting. There they have worked on an Intergenerational Project for which they were nominated for a Chamber of Commerce award for Community Impact and now, they wish to do the same for St. Paul's church. They have recently won the Established Intergenerational Project Award at the Generations Working Together conference.

The renovation will be completed in two phases. This project will fund the second phase which involves replacing the windows, installing a new efficient heating system, and installing new toilet facilities - included disabled facilities to enable the building to be used as an Intergenerational Day Centre. Also, a bespoke play structure designed by a local artist will be installed outside, along with a comprehensive safety and security system for the building.

The new building will extend the capacity of Newbyres Nursery, providing further childcare and education places which will enable parents to return to work and training. The nursery and school club is a new and sustainable use of the building which will have better access and vastly improved facilities and when it is not used by the nursery it will be possible for other community groups to use.

This project will create new local jobs and opportunities for young people through modern apprenticeships. The Intergenerational Projects bring younger and older people together to interact meaningfully and this will be further developed in the new building.

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