

RENOVATION AND CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

APPLICANT

Newbyres Nursery Ltd
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TOTAL PROJECT COST

£137,697

£82,617
(60%)

£55,080

Tyne Esk LEADER Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Restore the iconic and historic St. Paul's Church to its former glory.
- Extend Newbyres Nursery's renowned childcare facilities to offer more places for nursery and school aged children, indoor and out
- Extend Newbyres' innovative and pioneering intergenerational project.
- Promote community cohesion between pre-existing and newer communities.

PROJECT DETAIL

This project has seen the renovation and conversion of St Paul's Church, Gorebridge, Midlothian to give it new purpose as a nursery and after school club - much in need in the locale. The applicant previously converted Newbyres Hall from a derelict building to a vibrant nursery setting, but needed new premises because demand for their services had outstripped supply. They also needed more outdoor space for outdoor education. This project funded the second and final phase of the renovation of the church, replacing windows, installing a new heating system and new toilet facilities, making them accessible for disabled users. This feature will ensure the building can be used as an Intergenerational Day Care Centre, the owners' next plan, building on the award winning intergenerational activities they had already established.

The project has met its aims – increased the nursery's capacity including, essentially, outdoor learning, while maintaining its excellent service and reputation. Newbyres have also almost completed their next aim, transforming from a nursery to an Intergenerational Day Care Centre. The project has created 10 new jobs and safeguarded another 10, greatly supporting the local community.



RESULTS

"The project is now complete and the church has been restored to a high standard."

"The nursery is now up and running and offers childcare places for both nursery age children and school age children."

"The outside space for the children has been done very well and looks inviting to create imaginative play."

"The Intergenerational project has been able to expand, allowing care home residents to visit and the nursery to visit them."