

# BELHAVEN SURF CENTRE

## APPLICANT

Belhaven Surf Centre Ltd  
[www.c2csurfschool.com](http://www.c2csurfschool.com)

## TOTAL PROJECT COST

£169,399

**£87,227**  
(51.5%)

**£82,172**

**Tyne Esk LEADER**

**Match Funding**

## PROJECT AIMS

- Provide Scotland's first surf performance facility.
- Increase participation in surfing and coastal water-sports among *all* groups.
- Provide a space for use by partners, the community and fellow businesses.
- Provide a leading attraction in adventure sports for East Lothian.

## PROJECT DETAIL

Coast to Coast Surf School has taught the art of surf riding in East Lothian and all over Scotland since 2004. The family business has grown to support the increase in water-sport numbers, with surfers, stand up paddlers, wild swimmers and wake boarders now regularly travelling to Dunbar, making it one of the most popular water-sports areas in Scotland. What the surf community lacked was secure, warm facilities and be educated on safety, the environment and sports performance. Out of this Belhaven Surf Centre was conceived and realised with Tyne Esk LEADER funding.

## RESULTS

Belhaven Surf Centre is a unique community building. In addition to the changing rooms, showers and office space, it provides education and meeting rooms for use by the Coast to Coast, The Wave Project, Dunbar surf lifesaving club and the community. The Wave Project Scotland support the development of physical or mentally disabled children and young people through surfing. This combination allows a truly inclusive space for educating water sports and having fun safely!

Underfloor heating and hot showers enable the surfing season to be extended, ensuring the mental and physical benefits can be enjoyed year round, as well as stabilising employment. The project has also allowed Coast to Coast and The Wave Project to grow, and the building supports the strengthening the club network, supporting Dunbar Surf Lifesaving Club alongside new clubs such as Belhaven Surf Club. This furthers the benefits to the local community and economy.

The project provides a new, invigorated focal point for outdoor recreation/adventure sports in East Lothian and the surfing community at large and will help more people improve their health and well-being and importantly, have fun.

