

# AN ALL WEATHER ROCKETEER

## APPLICANT

The Rocketeer Restaurant  
[www.therocketeerrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.therocketeerrestaurant.co.uk)

## TOTAL PROJECT COST

£168,200



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.

## RESULTS

Before the project started, the seating to the restaurant was open air, shielded by only strong canopies, which had 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 project has safeguarded local jobs and importantly provided year round employment as opposed to seasonal. The Rocketeer continues to be an important customer for local suppliers and the strengthening of the business through the project has provided them more business. The restaurant is also open to community groups in the evening and has served an important purpose as this.

