

# RENOVATION AND CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

## APPLICANT

Newbyres Nursery Ltd

[www.newbyresnursery.com](http://www.newbyresnursery.com)

## 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 Newbyres Nursery's renowned childcare facilities to offer more childcare places for both 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 in Gorebridge to give it new purpose as a nursery and after school club - much in need in the local community. 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 way outstripped supply. They also needed more outdoor space to expand their outdoor learning activities. This project funded the second and final phase of the renovation, replacing windows, installing a new heating system and installing new toilet facilities, which include facilities 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 have already established.

The project has met its aims – extended the nursery's capacity including, essentially, for outdoor learning, while maintaining its excellent service and reputation. Newbyres have also almost completed their next aim, from nursery to an Intergenerational Day Care Centre. What is more, the project has created new local jobs, and opportunities for young people through modern apprenticeships.

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