

THE BUS STOP

APPLICANT

Balfour Stewart & Partners
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TOTAL PROJECT COST
£107,000

£59,094
(55.2%)

£47,906

Tyne Esk LEADER Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Convert and renovate a vintage double decker bus for tourist accommodation.
- Increase the ability to cater for all different sizes of families and groups.
- Strengthen the East Lothian tourism, economy and farm security.
- Provide employment for local residents.

PROJECT DETAIL

The Bus Stop is located on Bankrugg Farm outside Gifford, East Lothian, offer quirky yet luxurious holiday accommodation via converted vintage buses. Until the LEADER project six guests could be accommodated in total. To keep up with demand the Bus Stop have, thanks to the LEADER project, been able to convert an additional double decker bus, providing accommodation for a further six people.

Expanding from six to twelve beds means that The Bus Stop is able to cater for larger groups, attracting more holiday-makers to East Lothian, further benefiting the local economy. The expansion of The Bus Stop means that the applicants are able to expand their job opportunities to local gardeners, managers and cleaners which enriches the local economy more.

The project also lessens the farm's reliance on subsidies, enhancing its sustainability and future security. Related to this is the experience the visitors get on their stay. Added to the relaxation is first-hand experience of a working farm, and the processes involved in transforming food from 'fork to fork'. Heightening public awareness on this can be no bad thing at a time of a major subsidy overhaul.

A WORD FROM THE APPLICANT

"The leader team were fantastic from start to end and we feel truly grateful that they were able to support us in our project. It would have taken us many years to raise the funds without their help.

Thank you again!"

