

ST. GABRIELS HALL REFURBISHMENT

APPLICANT

St. Gabriel's Hall Management
Committee

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TOTAL PROJECT COST

£273,574

£89,684
(32.8%)

£183,890

Tyne Esk LEADER Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Redevelop St Gabriel's Parish Community Hall into a modern fully accessible community hall, involving the community in its design.
- Increase use of the hall particularly among local organisations, to make it more financially sustainable and bring the community together.
- Improve the outside aesthetic to make it more welcoming.
- Install solar panels and a new heating system to make it more environmentally friendly and reduce costs.
- Install a catering kitchen and audio equipment to encourage larger events.

PROJECT DETAIL

Before LEADER, St Gabriel's Hall, Prestonpans, East Lothian was in a state of disrepair. It was used widely, but steep imposing steps at the main entrance made it difficult to access; the toilet facilities needed upgraded; its small, dated kitchen was not fit for catering of any scale; it lacked contemporary facilities and was costly to run. With the help of the LEADER grant, the hall has undergone a total renovation with a myriad of improvements. Access to the entrance has improved and wheelchairs, prams and buggies can now be accommodated, and the grounds have been improved for use in summer months. Disabled access to the toilets has also improved along with their general condition. The kitchen is now a larger catering kitchen, and a state of the art multimedia system has been installed meaning bigger and more professional events can be held there, as well as community film nights. The solar panels mean electricity is produced cheaply, at no cost to the environment, and the new heating system helps keep running costs down further. The aim of making St. Gabriel's more self-sustaining had been achieved.



RESULTS

"The hall has been renovated with the whole community in mind."

"The new and improved facilities enable St Gabriel's to accommodate a wider range of events than was previously on offer anywhere in Prestonpans."

"The multimedia installation has been a particular benefit as it allows the hall to be used for business meetings, conferences, weddings and more innovative events such as the community cinema."

"Through providing a low cost meeting place for businesses and social enterprises, St. Gabriel's Hall in its own way is contributing to the local economy."

