

# EAST LINTON SALEGROUND

## APPLICANT

East Linton Saleground Ltd  
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## TOTAL PROJECT COST

£152,780

£91,668  
(60%)

Tyne Esk LEADER

£61,112

Match Funding

## PROJECT AIMS

- Renovate and restore, the historic auction mart building and bring it back into use.
- Create permanent market stalls for local commerce.
- Establish a growing project from enhancement of existing horticultural facilities, to engage community volunteers and educate school children.
- Rejuvenate the auction mart site into an innovative, vibrant community hub for business, social and educational use.

## PROJECT DETAIL

East Linton's two acre 'Old Saleground' was in use from the 1890s to the 1960s, as a site for the trading of livestock, locally produced veg, fruit and cut flowers. At the heart of the site, is the iconic, B listed "Auction Mart" which until the project, had fallen into disrepair. This project aimed to undertake significant restoration work to save this historic building and bring it back to sustainable use. It also aimed to create a permanent market place for local artisans and a growing project for community vocational work and educational use.

## RESULTS

The project has delivered to good effect. The Auction Mart has been fully restored and is used for concerts and community events. The commerce of yesteryear, has been recreated in a market running every weekend, which also provides incubator space for start-ups and space for artisans, otherwise operating from home. The growing project is fully established and is linking with increasing interest in the educational facilities. Together with the farm shop and café, a new community hub has been established, critical for this relatively isolated and deprived town.

