

BLACKDYKES STEADING CONVERSION

APPLICANT

Blackdykes Farm Partnership

TOTAL PROJECT COST

£194,500.00

£60,000

£134,500

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Match Funding

PROJECT AIMS

- Renovate Blackdykes steading, a Category B listed 19th century building.
- Provide five much needed workshop spaces in the North Berwick area.
- Allow Blackdykes Farm, a local farming business to diversify.
- Enable more local people to start new enterprises and access local employment by providing workshop space.

PROJECT DETAIL

Blackdykes steading, built in 1826 is a Category B listed 19th century building on a working farm. The redundant eastern range of the steading has never been modernised and had started to collapse. The steading will be renovated and converted into five workspaces, which varies in size from 40sq. m to 80sq. m. The renovation will secure and enhance the historic nature of the building which is built in a vernacular style.

The population in East Lothian, and the North Berwick area in particular, is planned to increase substantially over the next ten years. Therefore there is an urgent need for facilities that can accommodate local businesses and enterprises. The current lack of rural work spaces has resulted in local businesses being forced to re-locate to Edinburgh at greater cost both in terms of rent and cost to the environment. Providing new local workspaces will enable support of local businesses, increase local jobs and encourage a vibrant local economy.

The Blackdykes Steading Conversion will allow the Blackdykes Farm, a local farming business to diversify and safeguard the farm against the challenges and risks on future farming income. It will also ensure an on-going use and sensitive restoration of a redundant Nineteenth Century listed B farm building.



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