



Gorebridge Connected Project Approved



Photos of the Transport Minister, Humza Yousaf with local community organisations and children from Newbyres Nursery.

The Gorebridge Connected Masterplan was drawn up to compliment and build on the work of the Gorebridge CARS scheme. The project has three main elements:

- » Street improvements to Hunter Square
- » Improvements and the creation of a Heritage Trail in the Main Street
- » The restoration and conversion of the vacant Gorebridge station building

The aim being to improve and enhance the centre of Gorebridge to attract new investment and create a safer and more comfortable pedestrian environment and to restore and enhance the historic character of the conservation area.

A grant application was made to the Borders Railway Blueprint Fund, Leader and the Railway Heritage Trust. These grants have now been approved and the scheme will be designed in detail and a start made in the spring of next year.

Scottish Government Transport Minister, Humza Yousaf visited Gorebridge Station on

23rd November 2017 to meet the partners and the local community to congratulate them on their success in receiving the funding.

The partners to the scheme are Historic Environment Scotland, Gorebridge Community Development Trust, Midlothian Council, the Scottish Government, the Borders Railway Partnership, Leader and the Railway Heritage Trust.



Gorebridge Connected Master Plan



**Gorebridge Conservation Area
Regeneration Scheme Master Plan**

Key:

- Historic buildings being repaired/restored under the Gorebridge CARS
- Boundary of the Conservation Area
- Listed Buildings
- Heritage trail route with interperative panels, plaques and signage.
- 1** Hunter Square Public Realm Improvements
- 2** Main Street Historic Building Restoration
- 3** Newbyres Castle - Heritage Trail - Interpretation, Improved Access
- 4** Gunpowder works site - Interpretation - Improved access
- 5** Improved access to the station
- 6** Repair/Restoration & Conversion of Gorebridge Station Building to Community use
- 7** Gorebridge Community Development Trust Office - Proposed Heritage Centre



Hunter Square

- » Traffic calming
- » New pedestrian crossing
- » Wider footpaths
- » Public space for notice board/feature /Heritage Trail
- » Landscaping
- » New bus shelters
- » New lighting, seating and bollards.

See insert for details

Main Street

- » New bollards
- » Heritage Trail interpretative panels/plaques
- » Some further building improvements.

Gorebridge Station

- » The station building restored and converted to community cafe/gallery, bike hire, tourist information on the ground floor, and offices on the upper floor
- » Improved pedestrian access to the station from the Main Street
- » New landscaping

Hunter Square Public Realm Scheme

This project will be designed and implemented by Midlothian Council in partnership with Gorebridge Community Development Trust and Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

Main Street Link Project

This project will also be designed by Midlothian Council in partnership with Gorebridge Community Development Trust and HES. As well as the heritage trail and some new street furniture there will also be the opportunity for further building improvements. HES have approved an additional grant of £70,000 to the CARS scheme, a proportion of this will be spent on an additional building repair and restoration project to be completed by the end of March 2018 - this will be the repair and restoration of 47-51 Main Street, former Aytouns butcher shop.



47-51 Main Street



Gorebridge Station

Gorebridge Station Building

The station project will be managed by Midlothian Council and the Gorebridge Community Development Trust. As well as the Borders Railway Blueprint Fund, Leader and the Railway Heritage Trust grants will fund the scheme. A design team will be commissioned and a project manager appointed to run the scheme.

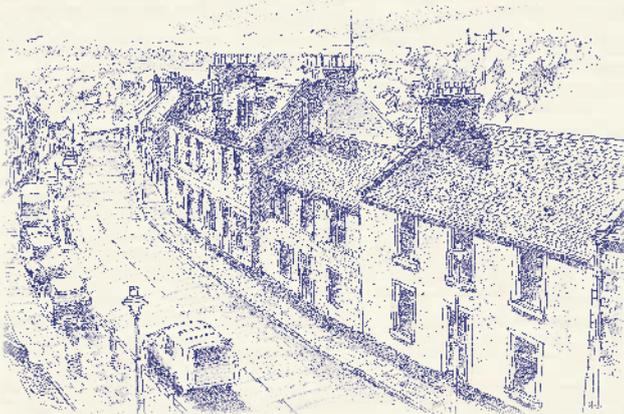
Community Engagement.

The additional grant from HES will also assist with further projects ie, another drama production, a schools engagement week and work to the heritage trail.

Ideas and plans to improve access and interpretation at Newbyres Castle and the Gunpowder works site will also continue and funding opportunities explored.



Newbyres Castle



Main Street, Gorebridge

Visit from Historic Environment Scotland

On the 11th October 2017 officers from HES visited the project to check on progress bearing in mind that this is the last year of the scheme. They were very pleased that all the projects identified in the overall scheme had been delivered and were particularly impressed with the extent of the community engagement work and training that has taken place over the last four and a half years.

The Scheme is funded and supported by the Scottish Government, Historic Environment Scotland, ScotRail, the Railway Heritage Trust, Gorebridge Community Development Trust, Leader and Midlothian Council.

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