



Newsletter no. 1

This newsletter gives a brief update on the three main elements of the Gorebridge Connected project

Gorebridge Connected Project Update

The Gorebridge Connected Project is a partnership between Midlothian Council, Gorebridge Community Development Trust, the Scottish Government through the Borders Railway Blueprint Fund and ScotRail.

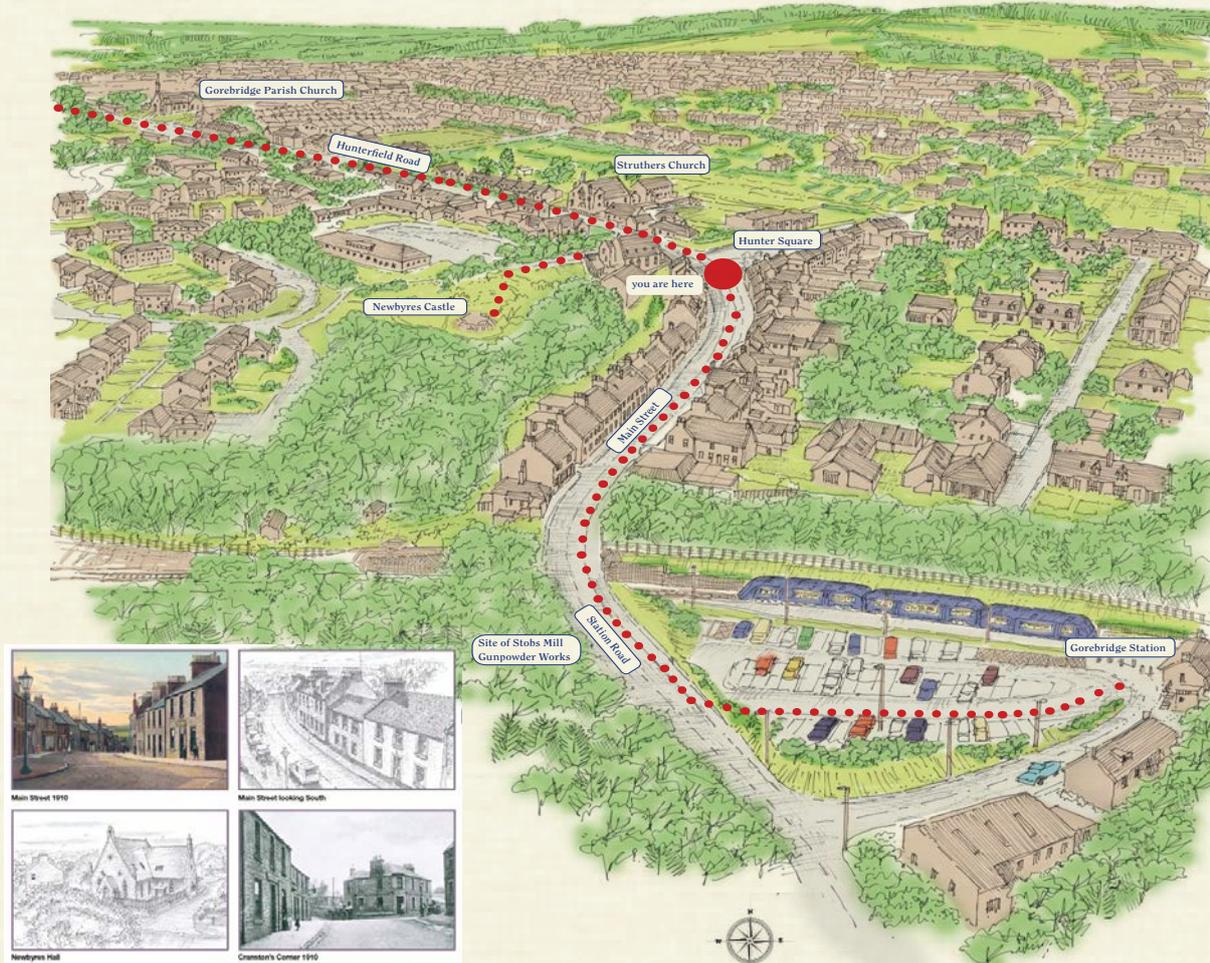
The scheme has three main elements:

- Street improvements to Hunter Square
- The Main Street Link Project, which involves the creation of a heritage trail with interpretative panels and

plaques and further improvements to the street scene.

- The repair and restoration of Gorebridge Station for community use (this is also being grant aided by Leader and the Railway Heritage Trust).

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.



Main Street 1910



Main Street looking South



Newbyres Hall



Crossbar's Corner 1910

Main Street Link Project - Heritage Trail

Street Improvements to Hunter Square

This includes:

- Widening footpaths and repaving in high quality materials with new landscaping.
- Narrowing the carriageway and traffic calming to reduce speed
- The creation of a public space with new paving, landscaping, seating and community notice board and heritage trail interpretative panel
- New street furniture i.e. seating, bollards, lighting and bus shelters.
- New pedestrian crossing

The scheme has gone out to competitive tender and the successful contractor, Mackenzie Construction started on site on 9th July 2018. The work will take approximately 16 weeks.

During the course of the work, traffic management measures will be put in place to maintain vehicular movements. Pedestrian access to adjoining residential and commercial premises will be maintained at all times.

Main Street Link Project

A heritage trail will be established with interpretative panels and plaques. The trail will be accompanied by a leaflet and audio guide, which will be available from Gorebridge Community Development Trust.

The existing stainless steel bollards will be replaced with more traditional bollards to match the new ones being installed in Hunter Square. There may also be further building improvement work (details of this will follow on later).



Tree lined pavements with heritage bollards

Raised road table

Community noticeboard



Typical Heritage Trail panel and plaque



Miners Bench Seats



Tree lined terraced plaza with heritage style street furniture and lighting



Nodal point/space for mining feature



Bus Shelter



Bicycle stands

Christmas tree location



Gorebridge Station Building

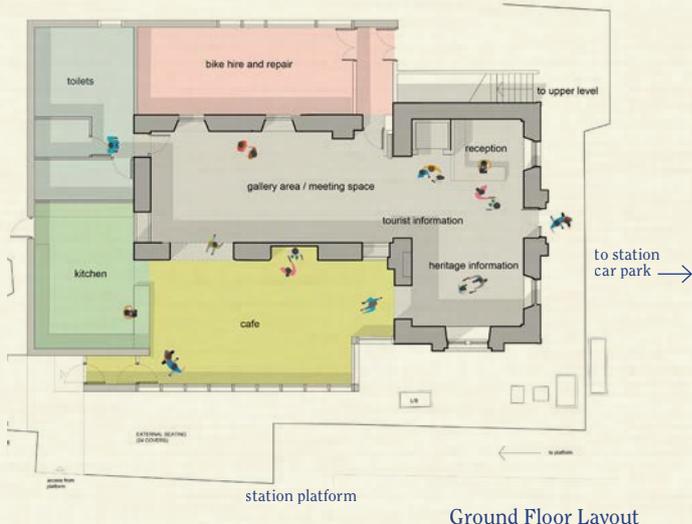
A design team has been appointed and a scheme has been submitted for planning and listed building consent. This involves repairing and restoring the building to create:

On the ground floor community facilities including:

- A café and gallery area
- Meeting space
- Tourist information point
- Heritage information
- Toilets and reception area
- Bike hire and repair facility

On the first floor:

- Office space to let to generate an income



There will also be improved pedestrian access from Station Road and connecting to the heritage trail.

It is anticipated that work will start on the building in the autumn and be complete by the summer of 2019.

A public drop in event will be organized by the design team and Gorebridge Community Development Trust at the Trust's office, 58 Main Street, Gorebridge to display the proposed plans for the station and a chance to talk to members of the team about the project. Date and time to be arranged.

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