

NEWSLETTER #1

This newsletter highlights the progress made with the Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project since the launch in December 2018, and is a reminder of how grants can be obtained.

Penicuik High Street Public Realm Improvements

Current work to improve the safety and appearance of the High street is now complete with wider footpaths paved in yorkstone, granite sett car layby and services bays and a resurfaced carriageway.

The work took longer than expected due to the unforeseen condition of the road sub-base and the discovery of a Victorian culvert under the pavement in the High Street.

The Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project Team apologies for the inconvenience this has caused residents and business and thank them for their patience during the work



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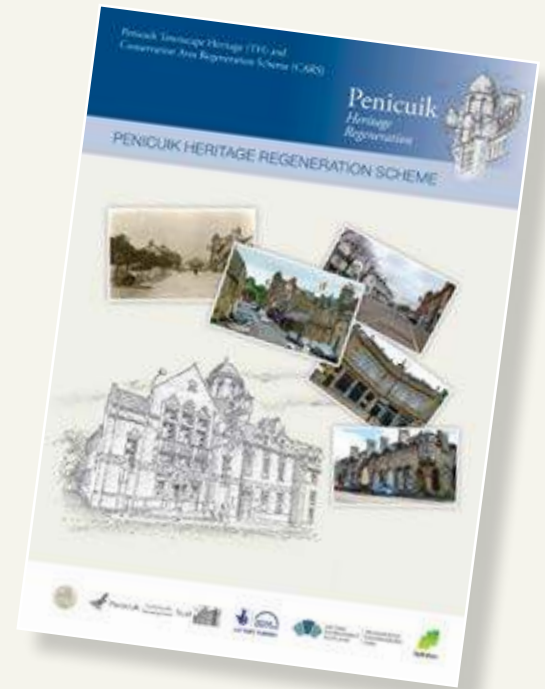
The Penicuik Heritage Regeneration project building grant scheme is up and running.

What grants are available and who can apply?

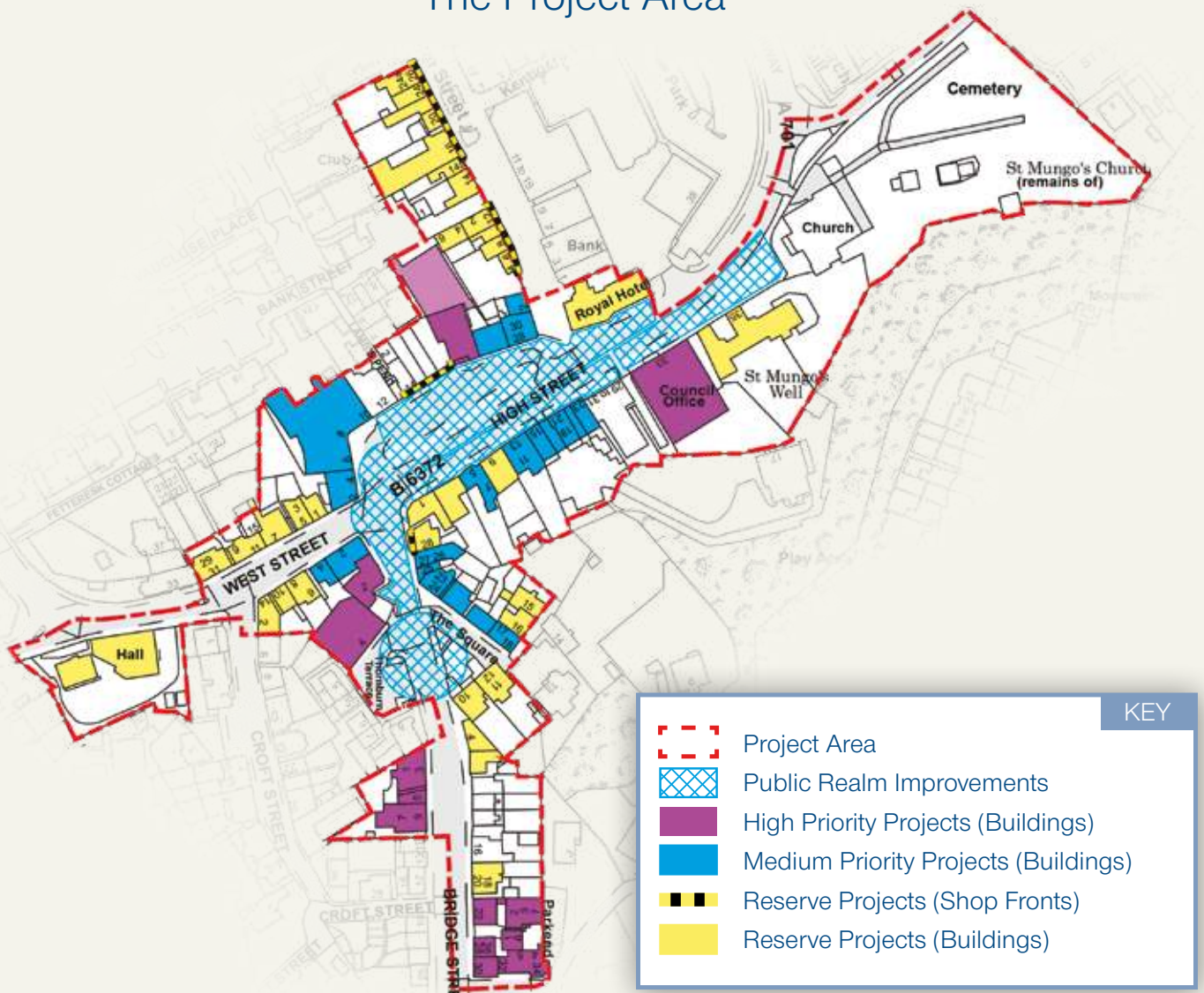
Owner/tenants of eligible buildings, as shown on the plan can apply. Grants are for the repair and restoration of historic buildings and shopfront improvements.

There are 6 high priority buildings, a number of medium priority buildings and reserve buildings. The high and medium priority buildings will be considered first. The grants are up to 75% of the eligible cost of the work and include construction costs and fees.

For details of how to apply for grants and copies of the application form and guidance notes visit www.penicuikheritage.org.uk



The Project Area



More information on the grants that are available is provided in the "Grant Eligible Building Work" leaflet.

Traditional Construction Skills

Training Plan

A training plan provider will be procured in order to deliver a programme of workshops that will be available for homeowners, contractors, building professionals and apprentices to gain knowledge and practical skills in traditional building repair techniques and materials. A programme for local schools will also be developed.

It is anticipated that this will be in place by the summer so that the workshops can start in the autumn.



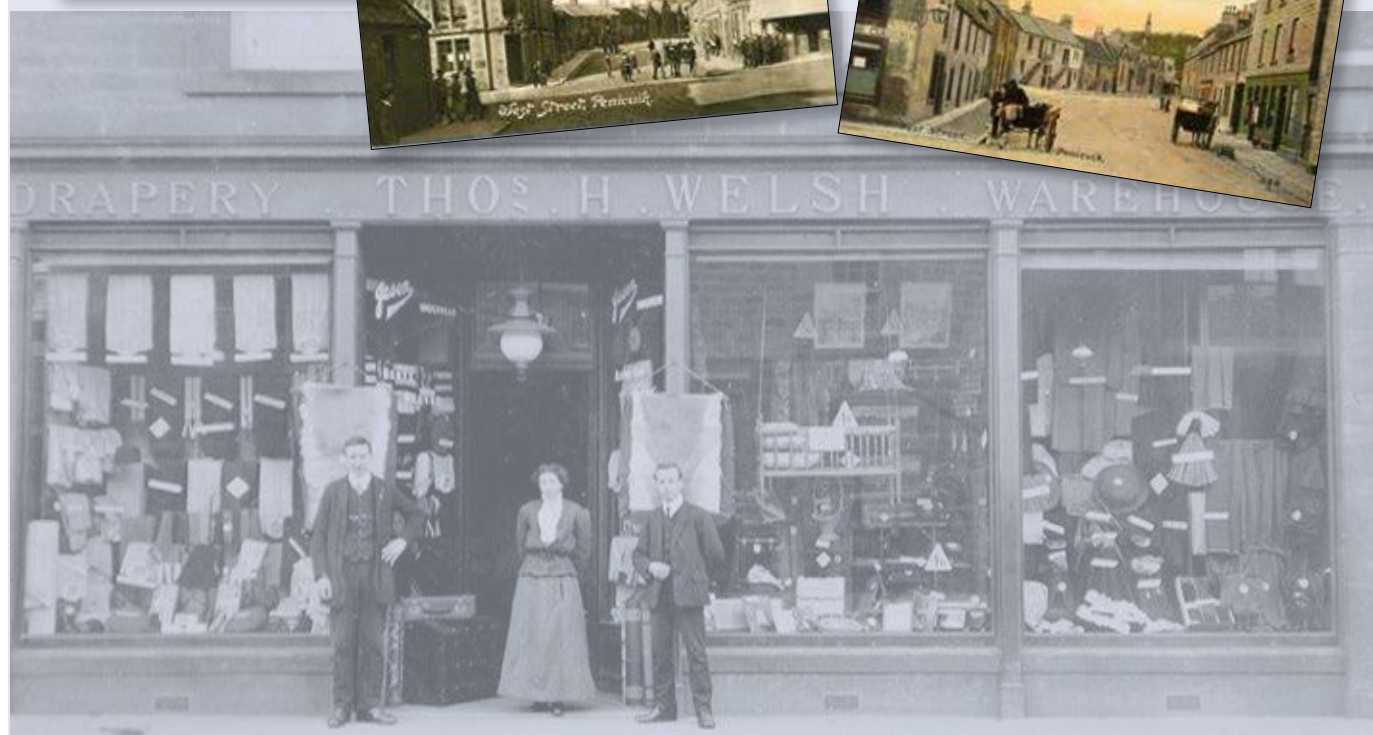
Seminars will also be held. The first one was held on 25th April at the Town Hall and approximately 40 people attended.



Historic Buildings need TLC

Many of the buildings in the town centre are in need of repair/restoration. There are often interesting histories and memories attached to these buildings. Penicuik History Society have many old photographs and records that give a fascinating insight into the history and heritage of the town.

Visit their website www.penicuikpapermaking.org



Community Engagement Programme

An important part of the Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project is education and awareness raising of the history and heritage of Penicuik. Contact is being made with a number of community groups.

Work has begun with the Penicuik Historical Society to make their valuable collection more accessible, and to safeguard it for the future. At present, the cataloguing and digitisation of the photographic collection is well under way. This is being aided by working closely with the Society as well as new volunteers – in particular with local young people from the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Working with Archaeology Scotland, an Open Day at St. Mungo's Church grounds has been scheduled to coincide with the Penicuik Hunter & Lass on May 25th. This will provide local people with the opportunity to get a taste of archaeology practise as well as gaining a better understanding of the importance of the site.

Other work with community groups is ongoing - online improvements are being made to the Pen-Y-Coe Press website, allowing for more local historical content to be added. This is being carried out in partnership with the Penicuik Community Development Trust.

A very successful Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) engagement day at Cornbank Primary School was delivered in partnership with the Contractor undertaking the road and footpath improvement scheme. Creative and fun activities introduced the key principles of design and construction to children from the ages of 5 to 12 years old.

A wider schools education programme is being planned for the autumn school term 2019 to explore and connect to the heritage of the built and natural environment of Penicuik. To complement this there will be a programme of community workshops and hands-on events with the Midlothian Science Festival, Book Week Scotland and Towns Centre initiatives in the autumn of 2019.

A volunteer programme with achievements recognised through the Adult Achievement Award scheme is also



How do I find out more about the scheme?

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