

















Heritage Skills

The project aims to conserve and enhance the historic core of Penicuik focussing on the High Street, part of John Street, The Square, part of West Street and the top end of Bridge Street.

There are 6 high priority building projects and a number of medium priority and reserve projects which are eligible for grants to assist with their repair, restoration and enhancement.



The Penicuik TH/CARS has a number of aims including:

- Provide financial support for the repair and restoration of historic buildings in the town centre
- Improve the attractiveness through shop front restoration and improvement, and public realm improvements
- Offer traditional skills training opportunities to local young people
- Work with the local community and schools to raise awareness of Penicuik's rich and unique history
- Support businesses, home owners and tenants in maintaining the long term benefits of the regeneration scheme





In order to help achieve these aims there will be the opportunity for building contractors, building professionals, apprentices, trainees and home owners to learn more about traditional construction methods and techniques. Education initiatives are planned including seminars, workshops on building maintenance and traditional building skills. Local schools will be given the opportunity to be involved with demonstrations and workshops especially for them.

The scheme is funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland, Midlothian Council and Penicuik First and supported by the Penicuik Community Development Trust and Penicuik and District Community Council.

In order to help achieve these aims on behalf of the Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project (PHRP), Edinburgh College and Craig Frew Conservation have been commissioned to deliver a package of traditional building skills training workshops and seminars.

FULLY-FUNDED workshops and seminars for contractors, building professionals and homeowners.

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The training courses have been designed around the specific needs of traditional buildings in Penicuik and it's surrounding towns and villages, addressing real issues and problems faced by building contractors, professionals and homeowners on a daily basis.

We have brought together a multidisciplinary team of experienced and respected craftspeople and consultants to deliver this series of workshops and seminars.

The format of each course is slightly different but generally consists of a combination of lectures, discussion, practical demonstration and some hands-on work.

Delegates should expect to broaden their knowledge and understanding in the relevant topic and benefit from the networking opportunities on the day.

These courses are fully-funded through the PHRP. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Places are FREE but limited and must be booked in advance. All courses will be held at Penicuik Town Hall from 9.30am – 4.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

HOW TO BOOK:

Please book through Event Brite via the web site, www.penicuikheritage.org.uk

Courses are recognised by the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) for CPD (see www.ihbc.org.uk). Course notes and CPD attendance certificates will be provided.

Date	Course title	Suitable for	Tutors	Topics to be covered	
Wed 15th April 2020	Stone Repair & Lime Pointing	Building contractors & apprentices	Andrew Bradley & Craig Frew	Stone decay: problems & solutionsExecuting good stone repairsTooling & finishing of natural stone	Lime mortars: types and mixesPointing rubble and ashlar stoneworkSurface repair of stone using lime mortars
Sat 23rd May 2020	Repairing & Maintaining Traditional Buildings	Homeowners & community groups	Craig Frew, Neil Grieve & Darren McLean	 Roofs: slating, leadwork, roof-level masonry, rainwater disposal. Walls: stone decay and repair, lime pointing, harling, render and paints. 	 Windows and doors: repair and upgrading Interiors: plasterwork, joinery, floors.
Wed 10th June 2020	Traditional Joinery Repair	Building professionals (CPD)	Darren McLean & Craig Frew	Traditional joinery: external and internalIdentifying defects and problemsUndertaking joinery repairs	Repair vs. replacementUpgrading to improve energy efficiency
Thu 10th Sept 2020	Timber Sash & Case Window Repair	Building contractors & apprentices	Darren McLean & Craig Frew	Traditional sash and case windowsIdentifying defects and problemsUndertaking joinery repairs	Repair vs. replacementUpgrading to improve energy efficiency
Thu 24th Sept 2020	Traditional Roofing Repair	Building professionals (CPD)	Neil Grieve, TBC & Craig Frew	Traditional roofingScots slating: materials and traditionsRoofing leadwork: materials and detailing	Rainwater disposalRoof level masonry: chimneys, skews etc.Impacts of climate change of roofs
Wed 18th Nov 2020	Traditional roofing Repair	Building contractors & apprentices	Neil Grieve, TBC & Craig Frew	Traditional roofingScots slating: materials and traditionsRoofing leadwork: materials and detailing	Rainwater disposalRoof level masonry: chimneys, skews etc.Impacts of climate change of roofs
Wed 10th Mar 2021	Stone Repair and Lime Pointing	Building contractors & apprentices	Andrew Bradley & Craig Frew	Stone decay: problems & solutionsExecuting good stone repairsTooling & finishing of natural stone	Lime mortars: types and mixesPointing rubble and ashlar stoneworkSurface repair of stone using lime mortars
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Thu 10th June 2021	Traditional Masonry Repair	Building professionals (CPD)	Andrew Bradley & Craig Frew	Stone decay: problems & solutionsExecuting good stone repairsLime mortars: types and mixes	 Pointing rubble and ashlar stonework Surface repair of stone using lime mortars Lime harling, render and limewash

Craig Frew

Craig is a historic buildings consultant with 20 years' experience providing technical and conservation advice for the repair of traditional and historic buildings. He previously worked as Technical Consultant for a large stonemasonry contractor, was Senior Buildings Consultant with the Scottish Lime Centre Trust and Conservation Officer for Dundee City Council. He is a Full Member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC).

Andrew Bradley

Andrew is a self-employed stonemason with 40 years' experience, having achieved his City & Guilds and Advanced City & Guilds qualifications. He worked with English Heritage and has undertaken the SPAB Craft Fellowship and the Quinque Fellowship (North America). He previously worked with National Trust for Scotland (NTS) at Culzean Castle, setting up their apprenticeship scheme and training centre.

Darren McLean

Darren has over 30 years' experience in the construction industry with a specialisation in traditional joinery and runs his own building conservation contracting business working across Scotland. With a MSc in Building Conservation, he also travels widely and acts internationally as a consultant and lecturer in building conservation materials and techniques. In addition to joinery, Darren has an interest in historic mosaic floors and plasterwork.

Neil Grieve

Neil is now semi-retired, having spent 20 years working in Scottish local authorities as a planning and conservation officer, prior to taking up post as course director of the University of Dundee's postgraduate Programme on European Urban Conservation. He was also chief executive of Tayside Building Preservation Trust, until his recent retirement. Neil has a particular interest in traditional materials, specifically Scottish slating practice.

Heritage skills training opportunities for schools

Taster/demonstration sessions for Beeslack and Penicuik High Schools.

Activity	Timescale	
Demonstrations of traditional construction skills at the schools. To include stone and roofing repairs and sign writing and marbling.	11 th March 2020 at Beeslack School 12 th March 2020 at Penicuik High School	
Workshop sessions at Edinburgh College Granton Campus for the two high schools on stone repair and repointing and roof repair.	Tuesdays 5 th and 12 th May 2020 Thursday 21 st May 2020 Tuesday 26 th May 2020 10.00am to 2.30pm	
The stone workshops will be based around the model of building a random rubble wall. This will involve the mixing of the mortar and other heritage products to enable the building of the wall.		
The roofing workshops will involve the cutting of the slate, felting and the application of natural slates to a roof structure.		
Transport to be provided from the schools to Granton Campus in Edinburgh.		
Onsite training at St Mungo's Church Yard – repairing and repointing stone boundary walls.	June 2020 – 3 weeks	









Heritage skills courses for contractors, building professionals, home owners, apprentices and others who might be interested in attending.











