

# Traditional Construction Skills Training Plan

Two training providers have now been appointed to deliver the training after a competitive process. **Edinburgh College** has been commissioned to assist with the delivery of training and workshop sessions for school pupils at **Penicuik High School** and **Beeslack School**. This will involve the following:

- Taster sessions with demonstrations of stone masonry, roofing, timber joinery and sign writing at both schools in March.
- Follow up workshops on stone and roofing at Edinburgh College, Granton Campus in May.

**Craig Frew Conservation Ltd** have been commissioned to carry out the following:

- A programme of seminars for contractors, building professionals, home owners, apprentices and others interested in traditional construction skills training
- Onsite training at St Mungo's Church yard, repairing and repointing the stone boundary walls. This will probably take place in June 2020.



The Edinburgh Traditional Buildings Forum will also be assisting with some of the above. Detailed programmes and dates will be agreed early in the New Year so that plenty of notice will be available for those interested in attending.

## Community Engagement Programme

An important part of the **Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project** is education and awareness raising of the history and heritage of **Penicuik**. Contract has been made with a number of community groups.



Work is well underway with the **Penicuik Historical Society** to make their valuable collection more accessible. Sean Watson the Archivist has been working with them to scan and digitise documents and photographs. Volunteers have been helping from the **Duke of Edinburgh Award**.

The "Keith Dyble collection" comprising extensive photographic and documentary record of the town has now been fully accessioned, recorded and digitised.

Work with the schools continues. An eight week project with **Beeslack High School** is commencing in January on an outdoor journeys heritage project. Discussions have taken place with the Head of **Penicuik High School** to explore ways in which local heritage can be incorporated into the school timetable.

Two professional story tellers will shortly be appointed to work with all the local primary schools to encourage pupils to participate in their local heritage and then create a film and develop a heritage trail for the town.

## How do I find out more about the scheme?

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## Penicuik Townscape Heritage (TH) and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS)

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## NEWSLETTER #2

This newsletter highlights two grant applications that have been approved plus progress with the restoration and enhancement of the Town Hall. The training plan and community engagement projects are also featured.

### Two grant applications approved:



#### No 4 - 6A Bridge Street

This is for replacement timber sash and case windows to replace the existing which are in a very poor state of repair and a new front door.



#### No 10 The Square

This is for reslating the roof, some stone repair and repointing and to rebuild the stone front boundary wall.

The restoration and enhancement of the Town Hall has received a boost with a grant approved from the Government's Town Centre Capital Fund. The Fund has been allocated to local Council's to help regenerate town centre's in their area. This together with the grants from the PHRP will enable the following work to be carried out this spring:

- Restoration and enhancement of the external stonework and roofs
- The provision of WIFI in the building
- The provision of sustainable energy technology
- Continuation of the public realm improvements to the front of the Town Hall





The Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project is now approaching Year 3, a critical time now to submit building repair/restoration and shop front improvement grants for approval!!!

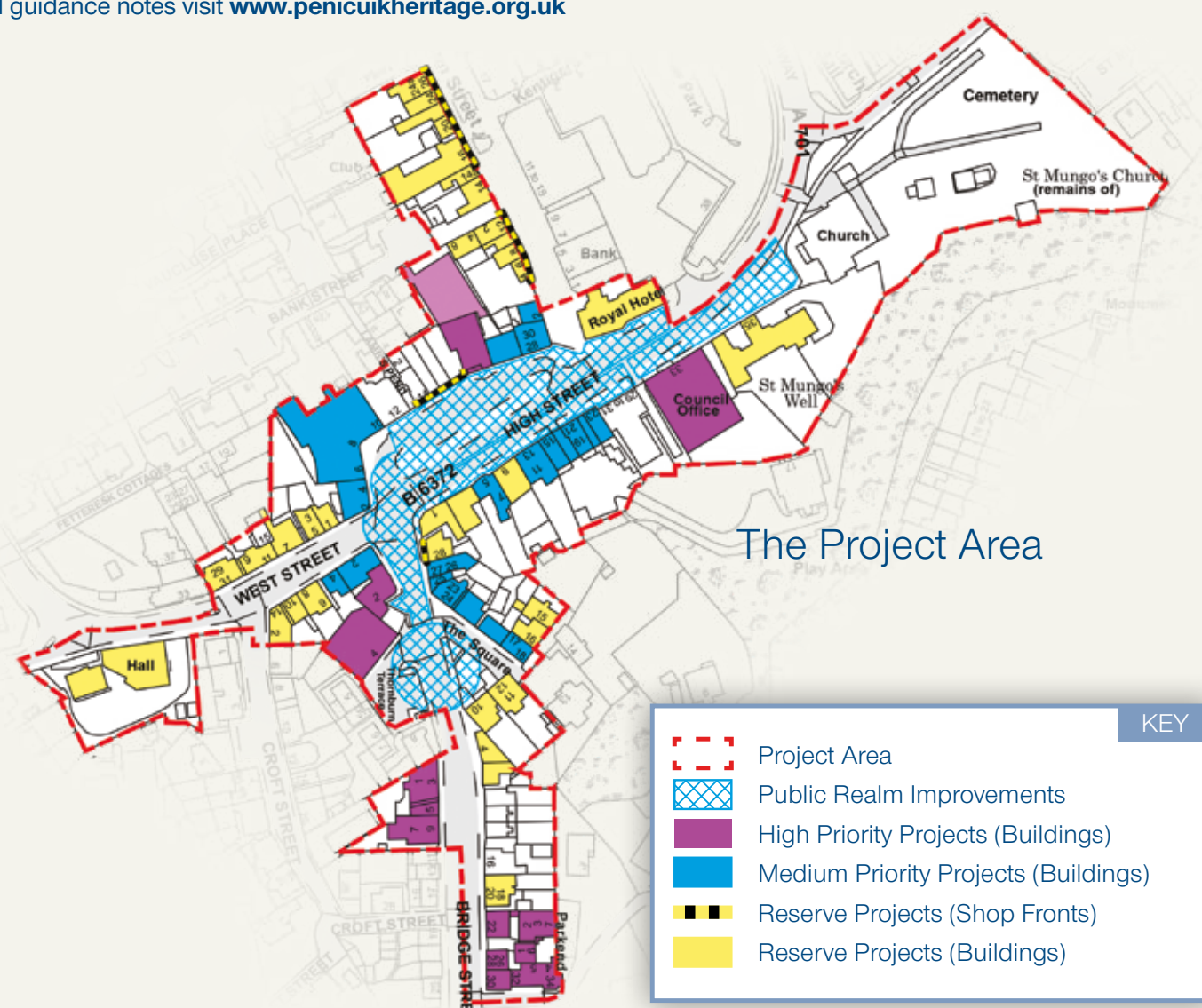
### A reminder of what grants are available and who can apply.

Owners/tenants of eligible buildings as shown on the plan can apply. Grants are for the repair and restoration of historic buildings and shop front improvements.

There are 6 priority buildings, a number of medium priority buildings and reserve buildings. The Project Team have now agreed that the medium priority and reserve buildings can be considered together on a first come first served basis. So it is important to get applications in as soon as possible.

The grants are up to 75% of the eligible cost of the work and includes construction costs and professional fees.

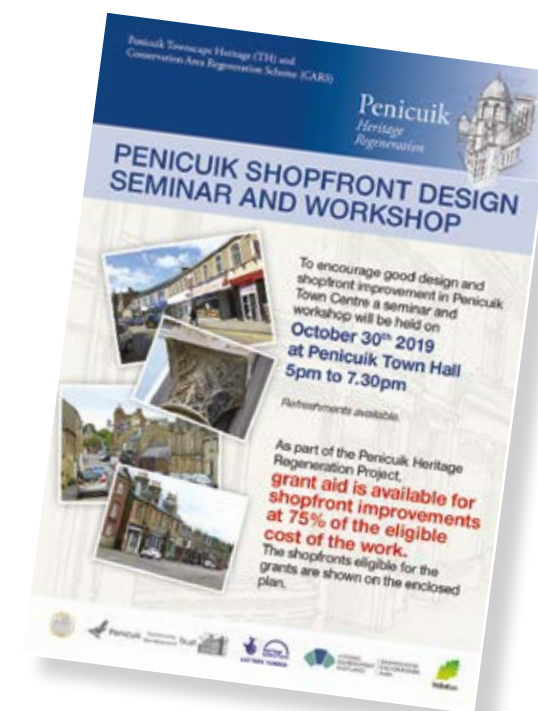
For details of how to apply for grant aid and obtain the application form and guidance notes visit [www.penicuikheritage.org.uk](http://www.penicuikheritage.org.uk)



More information on the available grants is provided in the **“Grant Eligible Building Work”** leaflet on the website: [www.penicuikheritage.org.uk](http://www.penicuikheritage.org.uk)

## Shop front Improvements

A seminar and workshop was held on 30th October 2019 and 35 people attended to listen to expert speakers and 3 expert sign writers. The Penicuik Historical Society put together an exhibition on historic shop fronts in Penicuik and there were examples of possible improvements to some of the shop fronts in Penicuik.



Shop front improvements would make a significant difference to the appearance of the town centre but little interest has been shown up to now – so please contact the Project Officer for help and assistance to progress an application for a grant – make your business stand out as unique to Penicuik respecting the historic character of the town.

