

The Hearse House Restoration and the development of the Heritage Trail:

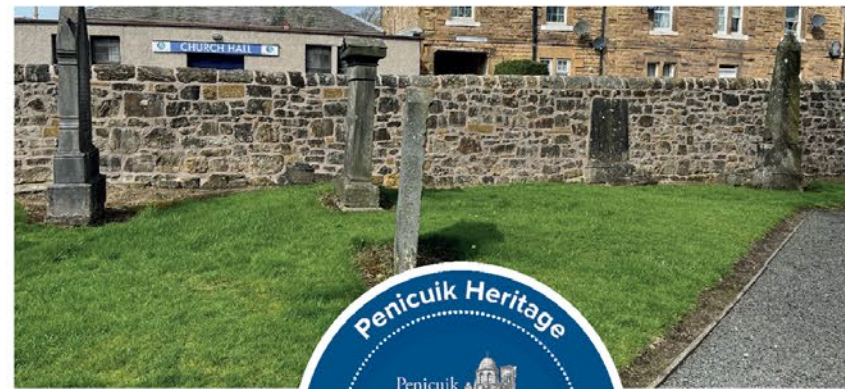
With grant funding from the Scottish Government's Place Based Investment Fund the Hearse House in St Mungo's churchyard has been restored. Stonework has been repaired and repointed in a lime mortar. The roof has been re-slatted using as many recycled natural slates as possible and structural work has ensured that the walls and roof are stable. New timber boarded doors have been erected with a new timber lintel to match the original.



The interior of the Hearse House has been repaired and an exhibition including 9 display boards installed illustrating aspects of the town's history and heritage together with a feature model of the Clerk Mausoleum. The plan being to use the Hearse House as a focal point for the Heritage Trail.



Exterior (top) and interior (above) of the Hearse House



Work has also been carried out to retore the stone boundary walls to St Mungo's churchyard and the area in front of the Hearse House will be cleared of debris and resurfaced. The cast iron entrance gates and railings will also be repaired.



The other main component of the Heritage Trail is the erection of 6 interpretative street panels in key locations in the town centre i.e.:

- Within the St Mungo's churchyard
- Outside the Town Hall
- In the High Street near the old fountain
- In The Square
- In Bridge Street
- On Telford Bridge at the bottom of Bridge Street

The development of the Heritage Trail has been carried out by a small group of local people representing the Penicuik Community Development Trust, the Penicuik Arts Association, the Penicuik Historical Society and the Penicuik & District Community Council. The next task is the production of a leaflet and to discuss and agree the management of the Hearse House and the Heritage Trail.

Continuing public engagement and education work



Workshop and cover of the Interim report

The Project Support Officer and Archivist have now completed their contracts but aspects of their work continue. The heritage craft workshops are continuing with local community support and the Penicuik Community Development Trust open Saturdays are continuing often with a heritage theme.

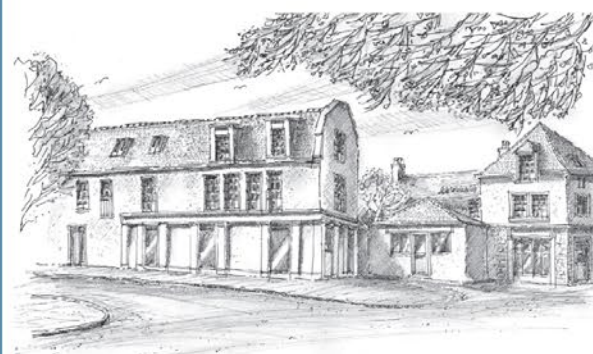
The Archivist is coming back for a couple of days in June to give the Penicuik Historical Society some further assistance.

Midlothian Voluntary Action (MVA) have been commissioned to carry out an evaluation of the project which will contain a number of case studies looking at the work delivered as part of the Activity Plan (community engagement, training and education), the building grant scheme and the public realm work.

Phase 3 of the Public Realm Work

Phase 3 of the public realm work will include repaving the footpaths adjacent to numbers 2-4 The Square in Yorkstone to match earlier phases in the High Street and to provide a granite sett car layby/service area.

The junction of Thornburn Terrace with Bridge street will be resurfaced in new tarmac. This work will be carried out at the end of the summer, once the building work is complete on numbers 2-4 The Square.



2-4 The Square



Plan of the proposed work

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

Penicuik Heritage Regeneration



NEWSLETTER #7

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This newsletter gives a brief update on the project so far in the final year having been extended from 5 to 6 years due to the impact of the pandemic. It includes progress with the building and shop front improvement grants and the development of the Heritage Trail.



8 John Street (Headcases hairdressers), 10 John Street (Caley Vape) 12 John Street (K Electrics)



No 24 High Street (Marmaris take away)



2A The Square (Corfu take away)

Grant applications for shop front improvements: No 24 High Street (Marmaris take away), 8 John Street (Headcases hairdressers), 10 John Street (Caley Vape), 12 John Street (K Electrics) and 2A The Square (Corfu take away).

A successful bid for additional grant funding was submitted to Historic Environment Scotland and the National Lottery Fund for the above shop front schemes. This involves new timber fascias, cornices and brackets with pilasters and new shop front windows where appropriate.

New signage will be included, hand painted on the new timber fascias. The work will be similar to that carried out on 14-20 High Street and 25-28 The Square. This will

enhance the appearance of the street and complement the work already carried out.

Grant work has started on the shop front improvement scheme for 2A The Square (the Corfu take away). This includes repairs to the roof, re-rendering the walls and repainting and a new shop front with new fascia, windows and door. This will significantly improve the appearance of the building and will tie in with the current restoration of No4 and No2 The Square adjacent.



Sketch Ideas

The Project Area

The Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project is now in its 6th year. The building grant rate take up has been steady over the last two years since the grant rate was increased.

The additional grant funding has enabled 5 shop front improvement schemes to go ahead. This means that the grant fund is now fully committed.

25-28 The Square Complete



Before



After

4 The Square Project underway



Before

After

Pilkington Buildings now complete



Before

After

Before

After

14-20 High Street Complete



Before



After

2-3 The Square Project underway



4-6 John Street Complete



Before



After

8-12 John Street Project underway



24 High Street Project under way



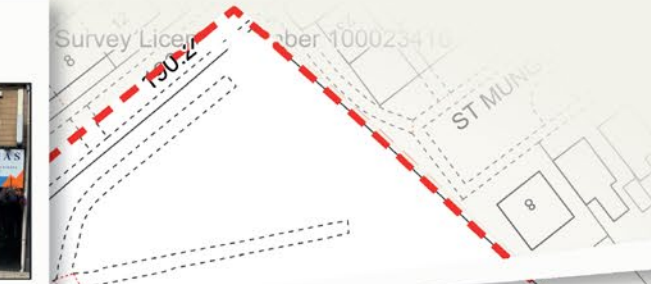
Hearse House Complete



Before



After



St Mungo's Church (remains of)

22 The Storehouse Complete



Before

After

2-4 West Street Complete



Before

After

Public Realm Phase 2 Complete



Before

After

19-20 The Square Complete



Before

After

Town Hall Complete



Before

After

Penicuik Press Complete



Before

After

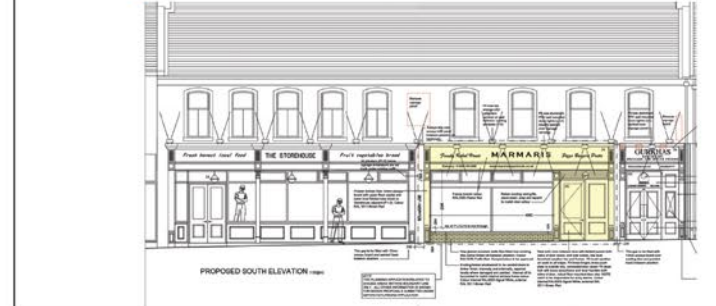
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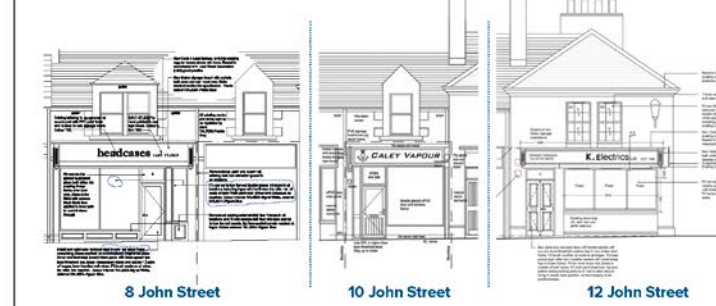
Shop Front Improvements

Additional grant funds have been approved to complete schemes for:

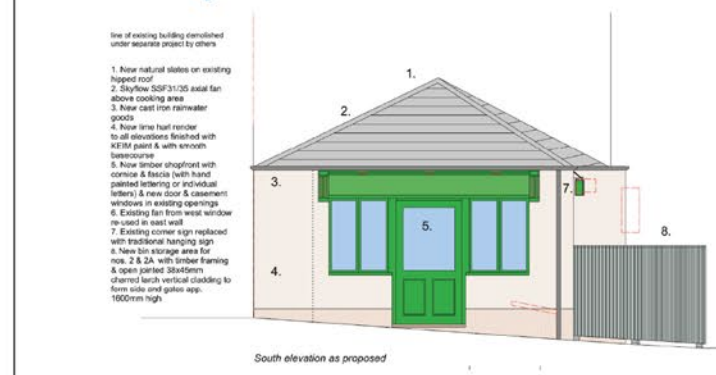
24 High Street



8-12 John Street



2A The Square



- KEY**
- TH/CARS Boundary
 - Projects Underway
 - Public Realm Phase 1 (Complete)
 - Public Realm Phase 2 (Complete)
 - Public Realm Phase 3 (Medium Priority)
 - High Priority Buildings
 - Medium Priority Buildings
 - Reserve Projects
 - Completed Projects