

Dun Law Extension Community Benefit Trust Project: Humbie Kirk Bridge Refurbishment

Applicant: Humbie and Lammermuir Community Enterprise Ltd

Date of application(s): 2017

Amount granted: £9000.00, May 2017

CASE STUDY 3 – HUMBIE KIRK BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT

In 2017, Humbie and Lammermuir Community Enterprise applied to the Dunlaw Trust for funding to support the refurbishment of the Humbie Kirk Bridge in East Lothian. The project was the second stage of the refurbishment of the bridge, which provides pedestrian access to Humbie Woods and is part of the East Lothian core path network. The project included provision of waymarker signs in Humbie Woods and an information board showing the various routes.

The Humbie Kirk Bridge, which has been in existence since 1645, was part of the old coach road to Haddington. The bridge required essential maintenance and repair work including replacement of defective voussoirs (arch stones) and raking and renewal of the mortar joints. The restoration was celebrated on 28th March 2018 when the local community came together with the Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian, Michael Williams MBE for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The restored bridge delivers a number of benefits to the local and wider community. There is improved public access to the woods, and more visitors to the area has led to increased use of the nearby Humbie Hub.

Frank Kirwan of Humbie and Lammermuir Community Enterprise Ltd said: 'I'm pleased that our local community enterprise company were able to work with Dunlaw Trust to secure funding to restore one of the oldest artifacts in this part of East Lothian, and delighted that doing so has brought greater access to the pleasures of Humbie Woods'.

Andrew Bayne-Jardine from H&L CE said: "I think the main thing to take away from the project, was the ease of access to the Trustees for queries, and the simple application process for Dunlaw, which was a great bonus when busy with planning the project, and quotations for the work.

Without the local funding, the restoration would not have been nearly so thorough, and the Woodland Walks would not have been funded. We were delighted and grateful to have been approved for the funding."

FINANCE

Funding for the project, which was led by Andrew Bayne-Jardine, was secured from Tyne Esk LEADER Rural Development Fund, Humbie Community Fund, and Dunlaw Trust (9000.00)

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