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Greenlaw Town Hall, Scottish Borders

A redundant and derelict A-listed Georgian Town Hall saved for the benefit of the rural community by the creation of offices and a large public hall.



BEFORE:

The dome and chimneys.



AFTER:

The restored exterior.



AFTER:

The restored entrance hall.

'It is such a pleasure to look out onto this superbly restored Georgian building, knowing that its future is assured. It looks magnificent, alive and welcoming. What an inspiration.'

LOCAL RESIDENT

Greenlaw Town Hall was built in 1831 to designs by John Cunningham as the Courthouse for Berwickshire. It was a proud emblem for the village which held the status of county town for over 200 years (1696-1904).

The Town Hall is regarded as the most successful design of the Berwickshire born architect, leading him to build a number of significant public buildings in Liverpool. Together with the Castle Inn Hotel opposite, these are two of the few remaining examples of his work.

Duns replaced Greenlaw as the county town in 1904 and the Town Hall became a Community Hall, then a Swimming Pool briefly in 1973, and a local Antique Dealer's Sales Room until becoming empty in 1998. During the Second World War it was a billet for Polish soldiers.

The people behind the building's construction, including the architect, have significant local connections. It was financed by a local landowner, Sir John Purves Hume Campbell and constructed by a local builder, William Waddell using local Swinston Stone.

Prior to this project starting on site, Greenlaw Town Hall had been a Building at Risk since 2001 and unsafe for public access. Project priorities were to bring the building into a good state of repair to secure its future at the heart of the local community, and as a catalyst for local economic regeneration. The pavilions have been converted into much needed affordable office accommodation and the hall into a flexible community venue. The building is once again the proud centerpiece elevated on the village green.

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BUILDING DEVELOPER AND OWNER:
Scottish Historic Buildings Trust

OPERATOR:
Scottish Historic Buildings Trust

DESIGN TEAM:
*Architect - Adam Dudley Architects
Quantity Surveyor - Morham and Brochie
Structural Engineer - David Narro Associates
Mechanical and Electrical Engineer - RYBKA
CDM Co-ordinator - Harley Haddow*

MAIN CONTRACTOR:
Campbell & Smith Construction Group Ltd

PROJECT COST:
£1.9 million