

the Glendale Gateway Trust

Who are the Glendale Gateway Trust?

The Glendale Gateway Trust is a community development trust based at the Cheviot Centre, Padgepool Place, Wooler established to encourage and advance through good works, the quality of life of those living within the area of Glendale.



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In 2005 the Youth Hostel Association took the decision to close the hostel at Wooler on the grounds of poor usage and the investment required to upgrade the building. The Glendale Gateway Trust were no less determined that such an important 'gateway' to the Cheviot Hills and the wider Glendale area for youth and visitors the world over, was too important to be lost, and with it the trade it brings to the area. Frantic discussions with the YHA and our partners, Northumberland Strategic Partnership over the Christmas and New Year resulted, through the generosity of the Northern Rock Foundation, in the Trust becoming the new owners of the hostel in February 2006.

Straightway the Trust began refurbishments, beginning with a new driveway, car-parking area, out-building for bicycles and landscaping of the grounds. A smart new entrance with

a covered veranda replaced the former rather drab approach, while within, the common room was refurbished, new lighting and softer seating added, and the member's kitchen upgraded.

Year by year, improvements are extending deeper within the building – along the passageway to the showers and the bedrooms beyond. Inevitably however, there are limitations to what might be achieved, and in taking over the building the Trust was only too aware of the problems inherent in a building designed over a half century earlier and for a quite different purpose. In its present form it is at heart a traditional hostel, draped in the clothing of an earlier age, but whose corridors and rooms have from the beginning, witnessed the growth of fellowship amongst strangers brought together within its walls.



National Park volunteer rangers getting stuck in.

Town to fight hostel closure

2 Feb 2006
A campaign of protest has been launched in Wooler to prevent the closure of the town's youth hostel. The campaign is led by the Glendale Gateway Trust, which has taken over the building from the Youth Hostel Association (YHA). The trust is determined to save the building and transform it into a community centre. The YHA had announced its intention to close the hostel in February 2006, citing low usage and high maintenance costs. The trust has secured funding from the Northern Rock Foundation to purchase the building. The campaign involves a series of public meetings and protests in the town. The trust is also seeking support from local businesses and residents. The building is a Grade II listed structure and is a significant part of the town's heritage. The trust is committed to ensuring the building is preserved and used for the benefit of the community.

Great news for Wooler as hostel is saved and work starts on housing

20 Feb 06
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Renovations 2006

