

HUME CASTLE

In my report last year I was able to confirm that protracted negotiations with the Historic Buildings and Monuments Division of the Scottish Development Department had been concluded to allow a local contractor to carry out the work of "stabilising the masonry" at Hume Castle.

You may remember that it had also been hoped to have the work done by the end of March 1991. However, the contracts to Palmers Scaffolding Limited, and Henry Steel & Sons Limited, Greenlaw, were only able to be issued at the beginning of October 1990.

The original pattern of the programme of work has been adhered to, ie, the outside and inside faces to be done in two halves. The South and West faces of the Castle are now clad both inside and out with the scaffold. In due course, the North and East faces will be treated in an exactly similar way. The second half involves the highest and most complicated parts due both to the height of the N.E. and S.E. corners, and the most serious crack in the masonry in the S.E. corner which requires special ties to be inserted. The well has to be restored and a new entrance door hung before the contract is complete.

After many tedious delays caused by high winds, snow and staff problems the first phase of the scaffolding was only completed early this March. Although its construction took a long time the finished scaffold is absolutely first class and allows actual work on the masonry to be done with consummate ease. Henry Steel & Sons started their work as soon as the scaffold was completed and have maintained a hard

working and well organised squad with complete continuity since then. The squad generally consists of four men: a foreman, two masons and a labourer. They move about the job to take advantage of as much bield as they can get according to the wind - but up at Hume it's hard to find any shelter. It really is a very exposed place at which to work. But they are a remarkably cheerful lot and their progress has been commendable.

By the time next year's newsletter falls through your letterbox public access to the Castle will again be available. So watch this space since this unique viewing platform, with its detailed bronze indicator plate, generously provided by the Berwickshire Naturalists in 1931, will by then have been restored for all to enjoy and marvel at the magic of the Merse.

David Mylne
Job-Architect

WILLIE WASTLE

I, Willie Wastle,
Stand firm in my Castle,
And a' the dougs in your toun,
Can no ding Willie Wastle doun.

This rhyme is said to have been sent by T. Cockburn, Governor of Hume Castle, as an answer to a summons to surrender by Colonel George Fenwick of the Cromwellian Army in 1650. Willie Wastle was pulled down nonetheless!

THE GREENLAW LION

We have recently heard about both the old middle-eastern type cat that was found dead at Greenlaw and the lion found lying at the foot of the Mercat Cross.

It is with the lion that the Civic Trust proposes to be involved. A recent article in the Berwickshire News carried a photograph of Mr Danny Brotherston holding the lion at the entrance doorway of the Town Hall. It had been toppled from its perch on top of the fifteen foot high Mercat Cross in the severe gales that were suffered last December.

This armorial beast, bearing the Earl of Marchmont's coat of arms, dates back to about 1696. It is carved of stone and, in all the circumstances, is in a fairly good state of repair. It was reported that the lion had been taken down (from the Mercat Cross?) when the local jail was moved into the Church. It was subsequently found there in 1881 buried in a room beneath several tons of rubble. It was then erected on top of the Mercat Cross centrally before the Town Hall, which was built originally to be the County Building of Berwickshire.

Expert advice concerning preservation treatment to the lion and the Mercat Cross is being sought from the Historic Buildings and Monuments (Scotland) Division before reinstatement takes place. It is foreseen that the cost involved might be borne jointly by the Berwickshire Civic Society, the Greenlaw and District Community Council and any other likely contributors.

David Mylne

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

As at the 5th April 1991

We publish for the first time the list of members as we know it. Since most pay by Bankers Order, we have no direct contact and so errors may occur. If your name is incorrectly stated, please accept our apologies and let the Secretary know what it should be.

The list is interesting for showing who DO support the Civic Society in Berwickshire as much as for those who DO NOT!

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas

The following have been received for vetting from Borders Region since publication of the last newsletter:-

<u>Application</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Formation of vehicular access & carport, Lennel House, The Lodge, Coldstream.	Senior Care Consultants Ltd	26 Feb 1990
2. Proposed conversion of existing buildings into 15 appartments, Seed Mill Premises, Church Lane,	Joyport Limited Coldstream.	8 Mar 1990
3. Alterations to basement area, Lennel House, Lennel, Coldstream.	Senior Care Consultants Ltd	19 Mar 1990
4. Demolition of derelict buildings and construction of new dwelling house, The Bow, Coldstream.	Mr J. Robertson	29 May 1990
5. Provision of 6 private housing sites, Gavinton, Duns.	R.M. & J.F. Seed	8 June 1990
6. Widening of entrance gates and formation of car park, Paxton House, Paxton.	The Paxton Trust	19 Jun 1990

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| 7. Repainting of front elevation, 6 Market Place, Eyemouth. | Dry-Dock Youth Association | 2 Aug 1990 |
| 8. Removal of greenhouse & erection of Conservatory, Kimmerghame, Duns. | Major General Sir John Swinton | 29 Jun 1990 |
| 9. Rebuilding of former accommodation, refurbishment of 2 existing cottages and erection of 3 cottages and boat clubhouse, Cove Harbour, Cove, Berwickshire. | Snow Year Limited | 2 July 1990 |
| 10. Bridge Improvement works, Mouth Bridge, C103 Crumstane, Whitelaw Road | Borders Regional Council | 14 Aug 1990 |
| 11. Alterations to form sun porch, No. 1, Sinclairs Hill, Duns. | Miss A. Greenwood | 5 Sep 1990 |
| 12. Alteration and extension to existing Lodge. | Mr & Mrs B. Stephen | 5 Sep 1990 |
| 13. Development including hotel, restaurant & fast food outlet, motorist services, tourist facilities, shops and craft area, Lamberton Toll. | Elison Hart Developments Limited | 12 Sep 1990 |
| 14. New Lounge Bar & provision of en-suite facilities to bedrooms & repainting of external lettering at rear, Castle Inn, Greenlaw. | Alastair Appleton | 19 Sep 1990 |

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| 15. Alterations to garden store to form games room, Ellem Old Inn, Ellemford, Duns. | Dr M. Jones | 3 Oct 1990 |
| 16. Nine proposed plots for houses, Lennel House, Lennel, Coldstream. | Senior Care Consultants Limited | 9 Oct 1990 |
| 17. Sheltered housing, Lennel House, Lennel, Coldstream. | Senior Care Consultants Limited | 9 Oct 1990 |
| 18. Conversion of existing stable block to housing Lennel House, Lennel, Coldstream. | Senior Care Consultants Limited | 11 Oct 1990 |
| 19. Installation of new shutters, 1 Market Square, Duns. | East Lothian Co-operative Society Limited | 19 Oct 1990 |
| 20. Erection of projecting sign, Besom Inn, High Street, Coldstream. | Ascot Inns | 24 Oct 1990 |
| 21. Erection of 2 sign boards, Crown Hotel, Market Square, Coldstream. | Mr Lees | 24 Oct 1990 |
| 22. Erection of projecting sign, White Swan, High Street, Coldstream. | Mr Hankinson | 24 Oct 1990 |
| 23. Erection of projecting sign, Red Lion, Market Square, Coldstream. | Red Lion | 24 Oct 1990 |

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| 24. | Extension of dwelling house to form third bedroom, East Lodge, Paxton House, Paxton. | The Paxton Trust | 27 Nov 1990 |
| 25. | Internal alterations, Lennel House, Lennel, Coldstream. | Senior Care Consultants Limited | 6 Dec 1990 |
| 26. | Lamberton Toll, Berwickshire - report by Mr David Mylne, on behalf of the Berwickshire Civic Society, as requested by Director of Planning and Development, Borders Region Council. | | 22 Feb 1991 |
| 27. | Entrance Gates, Paxton House - submission by Mr David Mylne, on behalf of the Berwickshire Civic Society, to Director of Planning and Development, Borders Region Council. | | 22 Feb 1991 |
| 28. | Housing development, Gavinton, Duns. | R.M. & J.F. Seed | 6 Mar 1991 |
| 29. | Proposed development, Greenknowe, Gordon. The Director, Planning & Development, Borders Region, requested the Berwickshire Civic Society to comment on a revised proposal to the 1989 application, which was done by Mr Mylne. | | 19 Mar 1991 |

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| 30. | Extension to Barniken House Hotel, Murray Street, Duns. | Mr D.A. Gill | 8 May 1991 |
| 31. | Renovation of existing bridge, Dunglass New Bridge, Cockburnspath. | Roads & Transportation Department | 8 May 1991 |
| 32. | Regeneration of Duns Centre - report by Mr David Mylne, on behalf of the Berwickshire Civic Society, as requested by Director of Planning & Development Borders Region. | | May 1991 |