

**North Berwick
Community
Development
Company**
The Abbey Sub Group



Why the Abbey matters

- A special place & unique space in the community
- A site of healing & caring over many years, rich in history
- Home to young people through Herbspace
- Base for North Berwick in Bloom
- Quality outdoor, including large event room, dining room & accommodation
- Beautiful & extensive grounds
- Full of memories for residents, families, neighbours, young people & community groups

- A place we want to keep for the community now & generations to come
- A place that inspires us – more ideas than we can fit into the Abbey



The potential

A 'place to be me' for the whole community

A place of community for people who are there for work, for support, for enjoyment.

A place for intergenerational projects and new relationships

A place for existing and new groups, peer support groups & projects to meet & thrive

A place where we can develop inspiring & effective approaches to community-led health.

A place led and run by the community, for the community, supporting a vibrant network of community-owned projects



Some ideas so far...

Seeds & seedlings...

A place for all ages, the whole community

- Home for Herbspace
- Community café & hub
- Carers Space
- Base for local projects and groups to develop & grow
- Abbey history & pilgrim story
- Community events
- Quality outdoor space
- Growing & gardening
- Health & well-being –relaxation, nature, exercise

A sustainable business

- Rentals - conferences, events, training, workshops
- Social prescribing
- Employment & training
- Accommodation – visitors, respite, retreats, residentials & workshops
- Manager & housekeeper on site 24 hours



Buying the Abbey

- North Berwick Community Development Company submitted an Expression of interest 18/9
- Abbey up for sale for £1.2m 18/9
- Viewing opened 4/9
- No closing date as yet...
- Business plan & full Community Asset Request being written
- Funding options being identified
- We need to demonstrate community support to retain the Abbey for the community
- Want to submit form asap

ABBHEY STORIES



We want the Abbey to remain a valued part of our community. If you have a story to tell about the Abbey, please write it on this card and pop it into North Berwick Library or Community Centre.

How you can help

We need your help!

- Projects or groups that would use the Abbey
- Fundraising
- Spread the word
- Come to community events
- Join up - our e mail list, Abbey Friends on Facebook,
- Share your Abbey story
- Join us at community events

What do you need from us?

