**KELSO HIGH SCHOOL and NEWBATTLE COMMUNITY CAMPUS**

**Kelso High School in the Scottish Borders and Newbattle Community Campus in Midlothian, have both been on site for over a year. Both are progressing well, with Kelso due to hand over in the coming months and Newbattle in Spring 2018.**

Kelso will accommodate 780 pupils and the development includes a 3G sports pitch, 2G hockey pitch, gym and netball court, as well as library and eco garden.

The Newbattle Community Campus will host a 1200 pupil Newbattle High School, in addition to a range of community facilities including library, fitness centre, swimming pool and all weather pitch.

Both projects are being delivered below the SFT schools metric, with a cumulative total of **£3.5m being saved**.

**Notably, on both projects, there is a real desire from our clients to keep community benefits, especially with regards employment, as local as possible. Our contractor on these sites, Morrison Construction, has worked hard to ensure that people and businesses near to the developments are afforded employment opportunities. You can see from the gallery on these pages, some examples of the local people taking advantage of these opportunities…**

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**Wayne Scott – Kelso**

Wayne, from Kelso, is a General Labourer with Keyes Bros.

“It went to Kelso High School and my mother still lives just across the road from the site, so this is as local as you can get for me. The new building is going to make such a difference to the school and the community so it’s great to be part of the project making it happen.”

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**Mandy Douglas – Kelso**

Mandy is from Kelso and is employed by Moira who runs the local Juicy Meat Co. - awarded the contract for on-site catering.

“This is right up my street and I’m really enjoying it. I went to the old Kelso High School as did my children and my nieces, nephews and grandson will benefit from going to the brand new school. It’s amazing watching the progress of the build as we’re serving the workers on site. And I think people here appreciate that we use local shops and local produce.”

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**David Feller – Galashiels**

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**Neil Higgins – Eyemouth**

Neil lives in Eyemouth and is employed by Morrison Construction as a Site Manager.

“It’s great delivering a project in the Borders as you take a real pride in local work. Having previously worked on the old High School, I know the new building will be a vast improvement. I’m sure the staff and pupils will love it.”

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Colin is a Gatekeeper on site and is employed directly by Morrison Construction.
“Being from the town, a big advantage to working here is it doesn’t take me long to get to work! My kids will go to the new High School. The current one getting a bit run down. This new school is much needed and looks really impressive.”

Angie and John from Newtongrange run Snax-Xpress and were awarded the catering contract for the Newbattle construction site.
“We’re delighted to be on site and knowing that we will be here until the end of the build means that for the first time in years we’ll be able to work five days a week instead of seven!
“The guys on site have been superb and I’m looking forward to introducing new home made food to the menu to keep their strengths up whilst they build this new school for the community.”

James is a Trainee Quantity Surveyor on the Newbattle project. He lives in Mayfield and is a former pupil of Newbattle High School. Through the project, James is being supported to go to University and study to be a Quantity Surveyor. He is currently in his third year and is getting hands on experience on site whilst studying.
“It’s given me an opportunity to use the knowledge I have gathered through Uni into real life situations. The icing on the cake is I am working on my old High School - it’s quite surreal if I’m honest!”

Mike is a Senior Site Engineer with Morrison Construction who lives in Newtongrange.
“It’s great to be working on a facility I’ll actually use. I will definitely be using the new gym which will have fantastic views. As a family we will also use the library and my daughter will enjoy the new gymnastics facilities.”

Sean is a General Operative employed by Morrison Construction who lives in Woodburn.
“Before this I worked on the new James Gillespie’s Campus in Edinburgh but it’s good now to be working on Newbattle as it’s more about putting something back into my local community.”

Cameron is an 18 year old Welding and Steel Fabrication Apprentice in his first year. Cameron is employed by sub-contractor G.Fitzsimmons and Son Steel Fabricators - themselves a local company - based in Rosewell. Cameron studies locally at Edinburgh College in Eskbank and gains hands on experience on site to support his apprenticeship.
“Being so close to site is great and means I can walk to work. I was in 4th year at Lasswade when my new school was built and I saw such a big difference from the old school to the new one - so it’ll be the same for Newbattle. I have cousins that will probably go here so it’s great that they’ll have a brand new school.”

Sean Barrie - Woodburn
Angie & John Todd - Newtongrange
Colin Luke - Kelso
James Rodgers-Jones - Mayfield
Mike Reid - Newtongrange
Cameron McDonald – Bonnyrigg