

Halls structural steelwork in place; new build steelwork is assembled

Work on the regeneration of the Maryhill Burgh Halls is proceeding apace. Contractors Graham Construction took ownership of the site in November 2009, and since then a huge amount of progress has already been made.

The old buildings to the rear of the site have been demolished, as has the former Police Station building, apart from the street frontage, which is currently supported by temporary props until the newer buildings are constructed behind it.

With the demolition works complete, work started on preparing the ground for the foundations of the new buildings which will be erected beside and behind the retained Halls building. The new steelwork for these has now arrived, and much of the outline of the buildings can already be seen. In the former Burgh Hall itself, modern steelwork has been erected inside the original stone walls to help support a new floor to be added at roof level. In the front section of the building, temporary props that are currently helping hold the walls in place will be removed once the additional steelwork is pinned to the original stone walls.

Meanwhile, a new display about the Burgh Halls, featuring reproductions of some of the Stephen Adam stained glass panels of Maryhill industries, and up to date news on project progress, will shortly be unveiled, making sure local people are kept fully informed and up to date about progress on the project.

The completed Burgh Halls complex is due to open in May 2011.

Maryhill Burgh Halls Project

- Modern Flexible Public Hall
- Café
- Heritage Exhibition Space
- 11 Offices
- Commercial & Community Recording Studios
- Children's Nursery
- Meeting Rooms
- Garden Courtyard

Project Sponsors

- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Big Lottery - Growing Community Assets Fund
- European Regional Development Funding
- Glasgow City Council:
Better Glasgow Fund
Vacant and Derelict Land Fund
- Scottish Government:
Town Centre Regeneration Fund
Housing and Regeneration Directorate
City Growth Fund Phases 1 and 2
- Historic Scotland
- The Robertson Trust



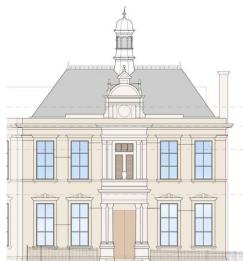


Maryhill Leisure Centre Opens; Stunning Fire Station Gates are Unveiled

The new Maryhill Leisure Centre, on the site of the former Baths and Washhouse opened in early April, the first part of the complex to be completed.

The entrance to the Leisure Centre - and the Burgh Halls once it is completed - is through the four arches that once provided access to Maryhill Fire Station.

The arches themselves are now home to a series of landmark gates designed by Andy Scott, featuring firemen in their traditional uniforms, and with period equipment and engines.



Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust appoints new Heritage Development Officer

Part of the funding package secured was to employ a dedicated Heritage Development Officer to work on researching the history of the area, creating a Maryhill Heritage Group, and further develop training, learning and educational opportunities with schools, colleges and other community groups.



The Trust have appointed Gordon Barr as the new Officer. Gordon has a academic background, as well as nearly ten years experience working on projects related to the social and architectural heritage of cinema and theatre buildings in Scotland. He started work in Mid-April.

GET INVOLVED - JOIN THE TRUST! If you are interested in finding out more about the project, becoming involved as a Volunteer, or showing your support by joining the trust, please get in touch. You can contact us through our website at www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk or by email to info@mbht.org.uk or alternatively by writing to Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust, 45 Garrioch Road, Glasgow, G20 8RG. Telephone 0141 948 1105. Membership is open to anyone aged 16 or over who wishes to support the aims and activities of the Trust, for an annual subscription of £1. Donations to the Trust are welcomed and will be gratefully accepted.

Launch of new Trust website

The website features a header with links to Home, News, The Halls, Photo Galleries, Restoration Project, Join The Trust, Contact Us, and Links. The main content area is titled "Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust". It includes a large image of the building at night with blue lights, a summary of the project's progress, and logos for various funding partners: Scottish Government, Scottish Development International, Historic Scotland, National Lottery, and TCRF Town Centre Regeneration Fund.

The Trust has just launched a new website, which is the place to go to for the latest news on the project, photographs showing the progress of the building works, images of the historic Stephen Adam stained glass panels, details of the plans for the refurbished building, and ways to get in touch with or join the Trust.

The website is planned to grow over time to become a hub for heritage research, both for the Burgh Halls and Maryhill in general.

The website can be found at:

www.maryhillburghhalls.org.uk