

THE WHITE HOUSE

Craigmillar's Heartbeat

The White House is a B-listed art deco building on Niddrie Mains Road, in the town centre of Craigmillar.

It was a roadhouse, commissioned in 1936 by a Mrs Gair, at the time when motorcars were becoming popular and family outings could involve going to somewhere that was a step up from the standard pubs. These buildings were designed to accommodate not only lounge and public bars, but also tea rooms and billiard rooms. Food was served there and games such as skittles were provided.

The building was latterly run as a pub until it fell into disrepair and later damaged in fires. The building lay empty and dilapidated for over a decade.

Known locally as The White Hoose, many people in the community still remember being in the building as a child or older; many people have their own stories and memories to relate about themselves and this iconic building.

PARC acquired the building in 2007 as part of their effort to consolidate and regenerate the town centre. With restoration and an appropriate sustainable use, the building will return to its previous glory and once again, reclaim its prominence on the high street of Craigmillar.

To celebrate the completion of the restoration works, funded by the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund (TCRF), Historic Scotland's Conservation Grant and PARC, the White House opens its doors again to the public with an Inaugural Exhibition that showcases the past, present and future of Craigmillar.



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The Exhibition features:

The White House - its architectural history and restoration

Craigmillar's Heritage - from Craigmillar's early history through its industrial heritage and its decline; from housing to arts; people and social history

The Regeneration - The vision and strategic themes of the Regeneration, PARC's Master Plans and physical development works in the area

Sustainable Communities - Scottish Government's Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiatives (SSCI) that places Craigmillar in the national context amongst the 11 projects awarded the recognition for working towards 'Creating a Scottish Sustainable Community'

This is a unique opportunity for the community and visitors:

- To see the building, one of the finest examples of this type of buildings in Scotland and its restored interiors;
- To learn about the physical regeneration works that is ongoing and continuing into the future;
- To remember the past and learn about the rich heritage of Craigmillar
- To be informed of other projects amongst the sustainable communities network in Scotland.



Date: 18 March 2011 to 10 June 2011

Opening times: 10:30am - 3:30pm,
Tuesdays - Saturdays

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