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CASE STUDY

The Architectural Heritage Fund has helped Building Preservation Trusts and other charities regenerate historic buildings, create community and education facilities, workspace and homes for nearly 30 years. We have provided grants, loans and advice on more than 750 projects to date. This is one of many examples.

Reinstatement of a City landmark: Tron Steeple, Glasgow

The Tron Steeple was built in 1592, with the Spire added between 1630 and 1636. It once formed part of the medieval collegiate of the Church of St Mary and St Anne. The public weighing beam, or 'tron', situated on its ground floor and where all goods coming into Glasgow were weighed and customs duties exacted, gave it its name. In 1793 a fire, thought to have been started by The Hell-Fire Club, destroyed the church leaving only the Steeple standing. John Adam's replacement church, built 1793-4, is now part of the Tron Theatre and the Steeple forms its main front entrance.

Trongate, one of Glasgow's most historic streets and home to the Steeple, is part of a major Townscape Heritage Initiative. Glasgow Building Preservation Trust's reinstatement work to restore the Steeple and create a small meeting room for the Theatre was completed in May 2003. The AHF has assisted the Trust with many other projects, and on this occasion allowed a Project Organiser to be employed at a critical period. The reinstatement of this landmark building has created a focus for the regeneration of this area of the city and as such, it was awarded a Civic Trust Awards Commendation in 2004. It was also featured as a success story in the BBC's second series of *Restoration*.



Organisation: Glasgow Building Preservation Trust
Listed Category A; City Centre Conservation Area
Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £11,440 Project Organiser Grant in 2003

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