

# THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

## CASE STUDY

### East England

For 25 years the Architectural Heritage Fund has helped voluntary organisations regenerate historic buildings, creating community and education facilities, workspace and homes. This has often been a catalyst for further regeneration. We have supported relevant voluntary groups with grants, loans and advice on more than 700 projects to date. This is an example:

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### Housing regeneration: Risbygate Street, Bury St Edmunds



Despite the overall prosperity of the town, the Risbygate Street area of Bury St Edmunds suffered from neglect, decay and vandalism. The street is an important thoroughfare for a large number of children walking to nearby schools, and the local authority was keen to regenerate the area. It strongly supported the Bury St Edmunds Town Trust, which undertook the repair and redevelopment of three buildings in the street, reinstating shops on the ground floor and creating flats

above. Four new houses were constructed to the rear to help finance the project. The old buildings retained some 17<sup>th</sup> century elements, which were fully exposed in the redevelopment. The properties were all sold upon the completion of the project in 1998 and some have since been resold for substantially higher sums, demonstrating the success of the regeneration project.



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**Grade II listed**

**Architectural Heritage Fund assistance:** *loan of £438,000 from 1995*

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### The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

We provide grants, loans and advice to voluntary organisations regenerating historic buildings.

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