

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

West Midlands

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.

Urban regeneration: Black Swan Terrace, Coventry, West Midlands

This block of six timber-framed cottages was built in 1454 by Benedictine monks as workshops to be used by Flemish weavers, and much of the original structure remains. The terrace was declared unfit for human habitation over thirty years ago, and was also placed on the English Heritage Buildings at Risk register. It is also within an area with widespread social problems and desperately in need of regeneration.



The Spon End Building Preservation Trust was formed in 1995 by local people, and began restoration in December 2000. The completion of the second phase in March 2002 allowed 10 offices to be let to community organisations. A business development and IT centre are also housed in the stables at the rear. The acquisition of a substantial grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund allowed the final phase of restoration to begin in August 2002, and this will include craft workshops and an interpretation centre.

Organisation: Spon End Building Preservation Trust
Grade II* Listed, within the Spon End Comprehensive Development Area, and one of the oldest terraces in Coventry.

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £3,084 Feasibility Study Grant in 1996, £3,000 Project Administration Grant in 1997, £6,544 Refundable Project Development Grant in 1998.

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

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