

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

North West 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.

Craft studios, learning resource and exhibition space; Farfield Mill, Cumbria

Farfield Mill was built in 1837 on an isolated site on the River Clough. It closed in 1992, when the Sedbergh and District Buildings Preservation Trust sought its acquisition, recognising it as the last textile mill in the Yorkshire Dales capable of being restored and partially maintained in its original use. Negotiations to buy the mill were protracted, but work finally began in 2000. It was opened in summer 2001. As well as exhibition space, the mill houses 14 art and craft studios



which are open to the public. Two of its Victorian looms have been restored and are in use once more.

The top floor of the mill is now being converted to accommodate more work units and ease the waiting list for facilities. It will also provide a centre for residential craft courses.

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In Farfield Conservation Area

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £2,000 Feasibility Study Grant in 1995, £400 Refundable Project Development Grant in 1997, total of £200,000 loans in 2000 and 2001, £4,000 Project Administration Grant in 2000, £15,000 Project Organiser Grant in 2001

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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