

# THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

## CASE STUDY

### London

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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### Social Housing: Ashfield Street, Tower Hamlets, East London



This 1820s terrace is an impressive example of Georgian urban housing. It also links Sidney Square and Ford Square, both Regency squares of architectural note. By the time that Tower Hamlets Council had acquired the site in 1984 the buildings had become derelict and the intention was to demolish them and redevelop the site. The Heritage of London Trust Operations (HOLTOP) was able to get the properties spot listed to prevent this. It

was a difficult task to put together the funding, but the trust persevered and restoration was eventually completed in 1997, when all the dwellings were acquired by the Spitalfields Housing Association. They are now let to families in this predominantly Bangladeshi area. A factory unit to the rear of the terrace was included as part of the site, which the housing association hopes to turn into artists' studios.



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**Grade II listed, in the Sidney Square Conservation Area**

**Architectural Heritage Fund assistance:** *Feasibility Study Grant of £810 in 1993, two £250,000 loans in 1994*

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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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