

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

Scotland

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:

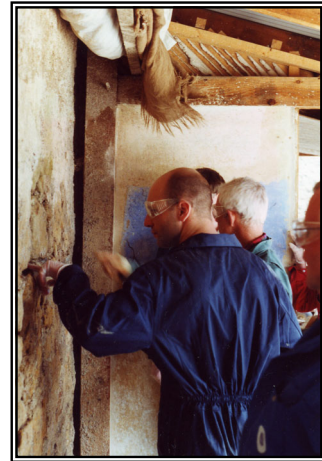


Education centre teaching traditional construction methods: The Scottish Lime Centre, Charlestown, Fife, Scotland

Charlestown was the centre of the Scottish lime industry (lime is used extensively in traditional building) in the 18th century.

Formerly a workshop for the craftsmen on

the Broomhall Estate, this typical local building had fallen into disuse and partially collapsed when rescued by the Scottish Lime Centre Trust. The National Centre for Traditional Building Skills moved onto the site in 1998, and ran courses whilst restoration was in progress. Since completion, many have attended its taught courses from throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland, and some have come from as far afield as America and Europe. It offers intensive skills upgrade courses for trained craftsmen, but also provides introductory training to those individuals wishing to learn more about restoration techniques. Environmental and ecological building courses have proved popular, and schools and local history societies have also gained from using this resource. The small village has benefited from this influx, and several jobs have been created or safeguarded since its opening. The Trust is now considering further projects in the village.



Organisation: *Scottish Lime Centre Trust*

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Category C listed building

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: *£100,000 loan in 1999*

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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