

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

South 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.

Educational and Community Resource: Hartpury Bee Shelter, Hartpury, Gloucestershire

Recent research has shown that this unique structure was built between 1824 and 1852. It was delicately carved from Cotswold stone by Paul Tuffley, a stonemason and quarrymaster, possibly as an exhibition piece. Straw bee skeps were used from Anglo-Saxon times until superseded by wooden hives in the 19th century, and bee shelters were designed to shelter them from the weather. It is the largest and the most ornate of the 103 shelters known to survive in the UK.



The Hartpury Historic Land and Buildings Trust acquired it when the land on which it stood was due for redevelopment. It found a suitable new location in Hartpury's churchyard, where it will also be more accessible to the public and to bee-keeping students whose faculty is now nearby. Restoration work was completed in September 2002.

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Listed Grade II*

Architectural Heritage Fund Assistance: £7,500 Refundable Project Development Grant in 2001

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

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