

# THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

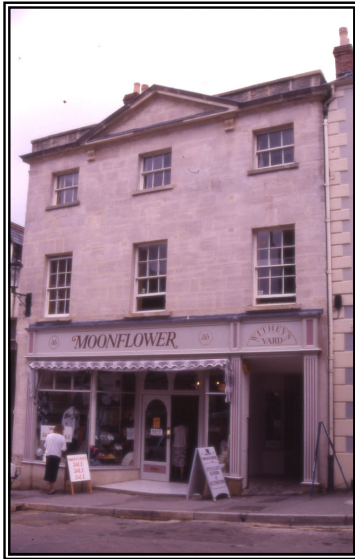
## CASE STUDY

### 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:

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### Town Centre regeneration: 55 High Street and Withey's Yard, Stroud, Gloucestershire



A Georgian building in the High Street, its classical façade marred by an ugly 20<sup>th</sup> century shop front, was chosen in 1984 by the Stroud Preservation Trust as their second project. Their aim was to help upgrade the blighted High Street by repairing the building and redeveloping it and its rear courtyard to provide high-quality commercial and residential units in the town centre. Seventeen years on, the benefits of the project remain obvious: the café created in the courtyard was the first to offer outdoor seating in Stroud and has remained very popular with locals ever since, and the shops have flourished, with one expanding into a second



unit. The four flats all sold quickly and have since been re-sold for higher sums, evidence of the increasing desirability of living in the town centre.

**Organisation:** Stroud Preservation Trust

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**Grade II listed**

**Architectural Heritage Fund assistance:** loan of £ 85,000 in 1984

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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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