

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

Yorkshire

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:

Community arts centre: The Square Chapel, Halifax, Yorkshire



According to English Heritage in 1988, this was *the* most endangered building of importance in the UK. Immense financial hardships have been overcome during its renovation, and today it is a thriving Arts Centre, on the brink of receiving a European Single Regeneration Fund grant for outreach to engage different sectors of society. It has had a policy of continuous investment in improvement and has attempted to engage proactively with local schools and groups. The result has been a substantial increase in those using the centre, estimated at over 20% per annum. The local community is hugely supportive of the venture and about seventy volunteers work in the box office, bar and attend to maintenance work. A recent fundraising campaign to clear the centre's

building debts attracted the staggering sum of over £75,000 in individual donations which was matched by the Arts Council and Yorkshire Arts.



Organisation: Square Chapel Building Trust

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Grade II* listed building

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: loans of £215,000 were provided between 1989-99

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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