

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:

Urban regeneration: the Manse and Granary, Leith, Edinburgh

The Manse, which dates from 1595, is regarded by the Cockburn Conservation



Trust as the most important building in the area. The adjacent Granary was built on the foundations of the church constructed at the same time, and had become known as Quayside Mills. Both the Manse and Granary were disused and sited in a depressed area when the trust became aware of their condition in 1991. After a developer withdrew from the project, the trust spent several years putting together a revised funding package and the scheme is now complete. The Granary



contains 19 flats of varying size, and the trust ensured that none went on the market for over £100,000. It also houses three business units on the ground floor. The Manse, meanwhile, has been leased to a firm of conservation architects, which has relocated from the centre of Edinburgh. This project was undoubtedly a catalyst for the area's resurgence, boosting local business, and the site opposite has since been developed as luxury flats.



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Category A listed, in the North Leith Conservation Area

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £133,000 loan in 1997-2001

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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