

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

Northern Ireland

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:

Housing regeneration: Armagh, Northern Ireland

When these eighteenth-century houses came to the attention of the Hearth Revolving Fund in the mid-1980s, they were without roofs, floors or staircases, and some of their frontages had been badly bomb-damaged. Indeed it was only possible to inspect them with the help of a surveyor who is an experienced mountaineer, who went on to climb Mount Everest!



Nevertheless fourteen houses of varying size have been recreated, enclosing a newly-formed courtyard. The local council was encouraged to preserve the façades of other dwellings in the street that needed to be rebuilt, and similar projects have since been undertaken in the locality. The architectural character of the area, just outside the precincts of the Cathedral of St. Patrick, has thus been preserved.



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Grade B listed, in the Armagh Conservation Area

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: *loan of £175,000 in 1990*

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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