

# THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

## CASE STUDY

### North East 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:



### Assorted regeneration projects: Berwick-Upon-Tweed

The Berwick-Upon-Tweed Preservation Trust has been particularly active in preserving the character of the town, which contains over 130 listed buildings, whilst assisting in its regeneration, and it has been instrumental in the creation of office, shop and residential accommodation. An early project was 41-43 Bridge Street, thought to date from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It was rescued from near collapse, and converted into two shop units with a pair of two-bedroom flats above. A more recent project was the acquisition of a derelict public convenience, redundant for thirty years. This was sited in a prominent position on the old bridge, looking out over the Quayside. It has

been converted into highly unusual office accommodation, with the roof used as a public area to survey the river and the historic Quay Walls. The Lookout received a mention in the Civic Trust awards of 1999. The Architectural Heritage Fund has assisted in many more of the trust's projects, and several more unusual and innovative schemes are planned in the near future.



**Organisation:** *Berwick-Upon-Tweed Preservation Trust*

**Contact:**

**Bridge Street: Grade II listed; both in Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Centre Conservation Area**

**Architectural Heritage Fund assistance:** *loans of over £230,000 have been provided to the Trust over a period of several years*

### The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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