

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

Wales

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.

Museum and Community resource: Y Dolydd, Powys

Y Dolydd is the former Llanfyllin Union workhouse, and was built in 1838, the same year as the First Poor Law Act. It is one of the last two such buildings remaining in Wales, being built on Jeremy Bentham's *panopticon* principle, which sought to apply scientific methods to such institutions. The central octagon overlooks the four dormitory blocks. It has suffered from many inappropriate repairs and alterations during the last century and has been derelict since it was last used in 1989.

The Trust has received planning permission and listed building consent to convert the building into an antiques centre, incorporating a local history and workhouse museum, a large hall for community events, and studio space. The project has enormous local and national support.

Organisation: *Llanfyllin Dolydd Building Preservation Trust*

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Grade II Listed

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: *£15,000 Project Organiser*

Grant offered 2002, £4,000 Project Administration Grant offered 2002, £265,750 loan offered 2002.

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

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