

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

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.

Community theatre: The Fisher Theatre, Bungay, Suffolk

The Fisher Theatre was originally built by a locally-based comedy troupe in 1828. Over the years it has been used as a laundry, a cinema, and most recently as a textile warehouse. The Bungay Arts and Theatre Society purchased the building in February 2001 to restore it as a community arts facility. It has strong local support, and dozens of volunteers have been involved in fundraising and maintenance. Weatherproofing and some essential works were completed towards the end of 2001,



and plans for the full restoration of the interior have now been finalised. In the meantime, it is hosting plays and community activities.

Organisation: Bungay Arts & Theatre Society

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Listed Grade II, in Bungay Conservation Area

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £98,000 loan in 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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