

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

South 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 meeting place: Grove Gardens Chapel, Richmond, Surrey

This cemetery chapel of 1875 had been used to store maintenance equipment for many years. By 1989 it had deteriorated to the extent that the Diocese decided to demolish it. It was saved by the Environment Trust for Richmond-upon-Thames, and reopened in September 1999. Some of

the original stained glass that had been badly vandalised has been rescued and incorporated into new windows. Underfloor heating has been installed, allowing a kindergarden to use the building every morning during term-time, and it is also used regularly by a local youth group and a garden design group. It is a suitable venue for all kinds of community activities, and has been a popular choice for children's parties in particular. The Trust is continuing to improve the site, and is currently constructing a new pedestrian access route.



Organisation: *Environment Trust for Richmond-upon-Thames*

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Grade II listed building

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: *£20,000 loan in 1999*

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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