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CASE STUDY

The Architectural Heritage Fund has helped Building Preservation Trusts and other charities regenerate historic buildings, create community and education facilities, workspace and homes for nearly 30 years. We have provided grants, loans and advice on more than 750 projects to date. This is one of many examples.

Urban regeneration: Harris & Pearson Office Building, Brierley Hill, Dudley

Bricks have been manufactured on this site since 1739, and in 1888 Harris & Pearson constructed their office building entirely from bricks manufactured on the site as an advertisement for the company's wares. It contains a wide variety of glazed bricks and terracotta inside and out. The Offices were last used in 1990 and in April 1996 the owners began to demolish the still un-listed building but this was immediately halted when the local authority issued a Building Preservation Notice, although not before the roof was removed. It subsequently suffered from extensive water penetration and acts of vandalism. The West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust acquired the building together with a small parcel of adjoining land in January 2003. Office use was identified as the best means of preserving this impressive local landmark in its original form.

The restoration project also stimulated an oral history project to obtain the memories of former employees. The Trust was able to rely on several different means of AHF assistance in this case, allowing it to continue fundraising whilst keeping the project on track.



Completed project



Before restoration



Organisation: West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust
Listed Grade II
Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £4,000 Project Administration Grant in 2002
£15,000 Project Organiser Grant in 2002
£25,000 Refundable Project Development Grant in 2003
£107,800 loan in 2003
£46,200 Refundable Working Capital Grant in 2003

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