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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.

The Tower Curing Works, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk

By the 1700s, Great Yarmouth was the world's largest herring port, exporting cured fish across the globe. The Works were built at the industry's late 19th century peak; herring were taken to the works, soaked in brine, and then smoked over wood fires. The large complex, grouped around a courtyard, comprises smoke houses, brine tanks, workshops, offices and a manager's house, and are said to be the finest surviving example of a 19th century herring curing works. It is in the town centre and was in continued use until 1984.

The buildings had been empty for more than 15 years and were on the local authority's buildings at risk register. The fittings are largely intact. The Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust bought the freehold in 1998 for £44,000 with help from the local authority.



The site has now been imaginatively converted into *Time and Tide*, a museum telling the Great Yarmouth Story with maritime and other historic collections, and opened to wide acclaim in July 2004. It has been described in the Daily Telegraph as 'a genuinely moving experience' and is a finalist for the 2005 Gulbenkian Prize for Museum of the Year. Further details can be found on www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk.

This is a long-established trust, closely linked to the local authority, which has undertaken several projects. The AHF has been involved with the project since its first stages

Organisation: Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust
Listed Grade II, King Street Conservation Area
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