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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.

Rescue of our industrial heritage: The Locomotive Waterpoint, St Pancras, London NW1



A section of the Waterpoint being lowered into position

The Locomotive Waterpoint is the only survivor of seven structures located behind St Pancras Station to supply water for steam locomotives. It was probably designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott's office, and was built in about 1872 in Gothic style red brick with stone dressings. The three storey structure encloses a cast iron tank whose weight when full is in excess of 80 tons.

In 1996 it was announced that it had to be removed within a few months to make way for the Cross Channel Link development. The Heritage of London Trust Operations ('HOLTOP') concluded that the structure could be removed in three horizontal sections - a more desirable solution in conservation terms than complete dismantling. It was relocated in November 2001 and the move was featured on several local news bulletins. It now overlooks St Pancras Yacht Basin on the Regent's Canal and has been leased by the British Waterways Board for use as a public viewing area and information resource.

The AHF was able to assist with this project in many different ways, reflecting the need to move the Waterpoint within a finite timescale as well as the complexity of the project. HOLTOP has carried out many other successful projects with AHF assistance, often in locations that make beneficial re-use problematic. More information can be found on its website, <http://www.heritageoflondon.com/holtops/>.

<p>Organisation: Heritage of London Trust Operations ('HOLTOP') Listed Grade II; King's Cross Conservation Area Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £2,600 Feasibility Study Grant in 1998 £10,440 Refundable Project Development Grant in 2001 £10,000 Project Organiser Grant in 2002, £14,000 loan in 2001 £136,000 Refundable Working Capital Grant in 2001</p>
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