




THE PRINCE'S  
REGENERATION TRUST

Delivering heritage-led regeneration



*“Together we can achieve something of which our descendants will be proud, which breathes new life and hope into communities, which acknowledges the skill, dedication and craftsmanship of those who built these remarkable places, which is infinitely more sustainable and which, above all, ensures some beauty in our lives.”*

HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES, PRESIDENT, THE PRINCE'S REGENERATION TRUST

#### WHO WE ARE

The Prince's Regeneration Trust is a charity that works with communities throughout the United Kingdom. We aim to ensure that important buildings at risk of demolition or decay are preserved, regenerated and re-used.

Our ethos leads us to socially and economically deprived areas; places that will benefit most from the regeneration of the wider community.

We champion the value of partnerships and work closely with building owners, developers, community groups, local authorities and other public bodies to find sensitive and sustainable new uses for buildings at risk.

Buildings, like people and places, need to adapt to survive. Our projects give redundant buildings a viable and long-term future keeping them at the heart of the communities in which they stand.

*“Changes in the provision of health, defence and education, as well as industrial and social change, have brought a huge mass of important historic buildings onto the market, ranging from redundant military and hospital complexes to imposing mills and warehouses...”*

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#### WHAT WE DO

- Rescue important historic buildings from neglect and dereliction
- Find sustainable and commercially viable new uses for these buildings
- Use the momentum generated by our projects to drive wider regeneration
- Focus on areas of genuine economic and social need
- Help communities save buildings that are important to them
- Support the preservation and development of valuable skills in traditional building craft
- Strive to honour the individuality and historic character of our countryside, towns and cities

#### THE TEAM

The combined knowledge of the team includes many years of professional experience in:

Architecture  
Surveying  
Regeneration  
Planning  
Adaptive re-use of buildings  
Conservation  
Archaeology  
Project Management  
Law

#### WHERE WE WORK

Across the United Kingdom with staff based in:

England  
Northern Ireland  
Scotland  
Wales

#### OUR ROLE

- Technical advice on conservation, architecture and business planning
- Appointing and managing consultants
- Assembling highly specialist teams tailored to individual projects
- Running workshops to identify key issues and next steps for redundant buildings
- Facilitating community consultations
- Providing conservation studies and planning
- Producing feasibility studies
- Managing the business planning process
- Assisting with funding applications
- Establishing trusts and special purpose vehicles

Contact us to find out more about how we can work with you:

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# CASE STUDY

## SOWERBY BRIDGE WHARF, WEST YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND

In 1996 The Prince's Regeneration Trust was asked to help conserve and regenerate a wonderful, but derelict group of 18th century stone-built canal buildings, at the junction of the Rochdale Canal and the Calder and Hebble Navigation. The wharf lost its role and economic purpose when the Rochdale arm of the canal closed.

We created the Sowerby Bridge Wharf Partnership involving key stakeholders, to develop a plan of regeneration, based on retaining the existing water and craft-based uses, and attracting new high-value businesses. The focus for the project was the conservation and refurbishment of two listed warehouses at the centre of the wharf.

The enterprise received a boost when, as part of the Millennium celebrations, the Rochdale arm reopened, and the wharf was once again at the centre of the canal system.

We guided the Partnership through the complicated stages of delivering the strategy, including:

- feasibility studies
- conservation studies
- funding applications
- negotiations with funders and statutory agencies
- marketing the vision

To kick-start implementation, the Regional Development Agency and Calderdale Council funded a new stone-sett access road and street-lighting. A Heritage Lottery grant, together with British Waterways investment, raised the £2.2m needed to refurbish the two warehouses. Other nearby heritage buildings attracted a further £2m in public and private investment.

With this support these buildings have been transformed into a mix of offices, workshops, retail outlets, canal boat wet-dock and restaurants.

### TANGIBLE RESULTS

- The wharf is now home to 270 jobs and is a popular regional tourist destination
- The adjoining area of the town has enjoyed major investment in housing, restaurants and shops, which the local authority estimates at £28m
- A further 350 jobs have been created in the wider area along with an uplift in property values
- Significant private sector investment has subsequently been attracted to surrounding vacant heritage buildings and brownfield sites

*“While the world is becoming so globalised, paradoxically, I think people want more and more local identity in order to be able to recognise themselves as being linked to something.”* HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES, PRESIDENT, THE PRINCE'S REGENERATION TRUST

*“With a little imagination, many historic buildings can become real assets to their local communities, offering job opportunities and a focus for local regeneration schemes.”* HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES, PRESIDENT, THE PRINCE'S REGENERATION TRUST

## ANCHOR MILL, PAISLEY, SCOTLAND

Anchor Mill is a spectacular survivor of Scotland's 19th century industrial glory days but when the mill closed in the 1980s, it rapidly fell into dereliction. In January 1999, Renfrewshire Council invited The Prince's Regeneration Trust to become involved.

We proposed a solution of mixed uses for the mill, including apartments, business space and parking, with public access to the beautiful central atrium. In June 1999 work commenced on a feasibility study and we appointed the design team.

It was clear that this ambitious project would only succeed with support from a dedicated partnership and along with the Council we set up a Steering Group, involving Morrisons (then Safeway, as owners); the Council; Scottish Enterprise Renfrewshire; Historic Scotland; and our Trust.

The complex scheme was made viable through innovative collaboration:

- Historic Scotland and Scottish Enterprise Renfrewshire provided vital grant funding of almost £1.5m
- The Council ensured that a large part of the value generated from Morrisons' retail development was made available
- Morrisons' substantial contribution was amplified by this Trust to nearly £4m using Gift Aid
- Persimmon Homes acted as developer

With funding and a partner in place, construction work started in June 2003 on the £12m project.

In June 2005 official completion was marked by a visit from our President, HRH The Duke of Rothesay, accompanied by The Duchess of Rothesay. We are immensely proud to have worked to save a building of such importance to the community of Paisley.

### TANGIBLE RESULTS

- 60 high quality homes and 2000m<sup>2</sup> of business space in Anchor Mill
- A Morrisons foodstore of approximately 5500m<sup>2</sup>
- A locally owned and operated business centre
- A riverside walkway and wildlife corridor
- Development of 106 new homes
- Re-opening of the Seedhill Footbridge, a project also led by The Prince's Regeneration Trust



*“Heritage-led regeneration – not wasting precious assets, respecting dedication, skill and commitment of our forebears – we owe it to them, the unsung craftsmen and women, to honour their memory and to convert and to re-use the legacy they have left us.”* HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES, PRESIDENT, THE PRINCE’S REGENERATION TRUST



If you would like to learn more about The Prince's Regeneration Trust and how we can work with you, or if you would like to support or sponsor our work, please contact us at:

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*“But time is short; many of the greatest sites are rapidly becoming derelict and vandalised. Others have been demolished already.”*

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KINLOCH CASTLE, ISLE OF RUM, SCOTLAND

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