

The Power of Heritage as a Community Revitalisation Tool

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The Prince's Regeneration Trust

- Founded in 1996 by HRH The Prince of Wales, to help ensure that important buildings at risk of demolition or decay are preserved, regenerated and re-used
- The Prince's Regeneration Trust has dual charitable objects covering heritage and regeneration
- Our work focuses on places that will benefit most from the regeneration of the wider community.





Heritage-Led Regeneration







Our philosophy

- Buildings, like people and places, need to change and adapt to survive
- Look not just at the building, but the wider area
- We work with buildings, but what we do is about people







Projects - we provide assistance on:

- Understanding heritage issues for a building or site
- Establishing what stakeholders want
- Building consensus between owner, local and heritage bodies and the community
- Finding viable new uses, including architectural, heritage, funding and legal solutions
- Sourcing very specialist expertise from our extensive networks
- Providing developer led solutions
- Leading a team to deliver a scheme
- Building links with other Prince's charities







Tools

- Establishing / leading a Project
 Steering Group
- Heritage-led Enquiry by Design
- Planning Days
- Route Maps
- Development (Scheme design, developer procurement, back-to-back structures)





Education and Policy

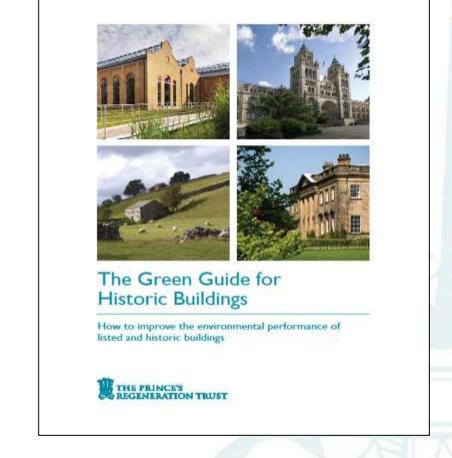
Sharing what we have learned

Providing tools to those seeking to rescue heritage

Retaining and developing craft and traditional buildings skills

Challenging preconceptions on key issues (eg sustainability of historic buildings)

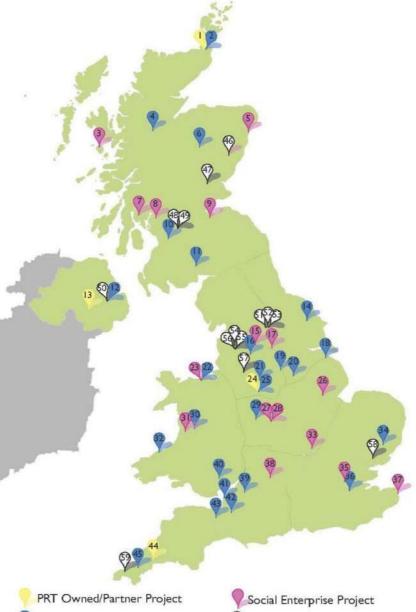
Informing the debate





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Where We work



Completed Project

Merchant's House, Brechin

Anchor Mill Seedhill Footbridge, Paisley

Conway Mill, Belfast

Harvey's Foundry, Hayle

The Backies, Casteltown

Castletown Mill, Castletown

Kinloch Castle, Isle of Rum

North Highland Initiative

Broadford Works, Aberdeen

St Margaret's Church, Braeman

Rothesay Pavillion, Isle of Bute

Paton's Mill, Johnstone

Bangour Hospital, West Lothian

New Cumnock Hall, East Ayrshire

Moat Brae House, Dumfries

Templemore Avenue School, Belfast

Armagh Gaol, Armagh

The Milton Rooms, Malton

Lomeshaye Bridge Mill, Nelson

Weavers Triangle, Burnley

Pioneer House, Dewsbury

The Ice Factory, Grimsby

Tinsley Tram Sheds, Sheffield

Priory Gatehouse, Worksop

Torr Vale Mill, New Mills

Gwasg Gee, Denbigh

North Wales Hospital, Denbigh

Middleport Pottery, Burslem

Burslem Regeneration, Burslem

Bass Maltings, Sleaford

Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham

Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham

Soho Foundry, Sandwell

Cambrian Mountain Initiative

Strata Florida, Pontrhydfendigaid

Cardigan Castle, Cardigan

Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes

St Michael's Church, Ipswich

Bentley Priory, Harrow

Crossway Foundation, East London

Dreamland, Margate

Mechanics Institute, Swindon

Cleveland Pools, Bath

Crumlin Navigation Colliery, Caerphilly

Birnbeck Pier, Weston-Super-Mare

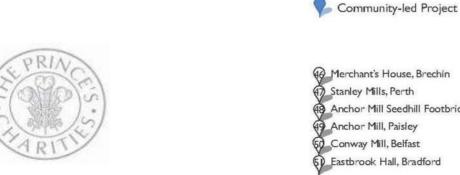
Beckery Island, Glastonbury

Tone Mill, Wellington

Old Duchy Palace, Lostwithiel

Sara's Foundry, Redruth











The Trust's Role in projects

Community
Adviser

Social Enterprise

Owner/
Partner





Projects

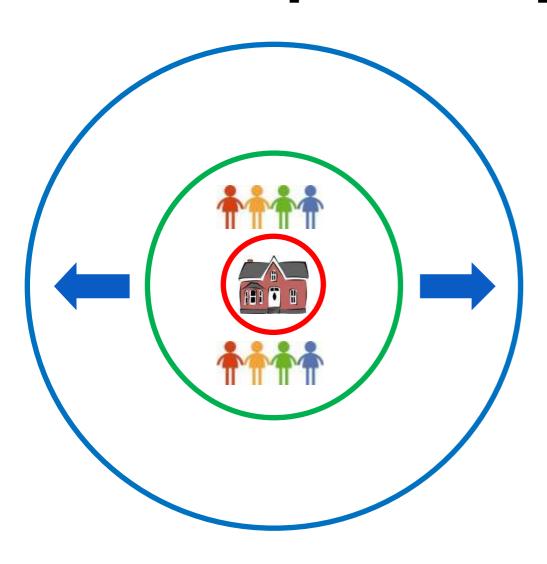




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- Stimulates discussion and communication between diverse community groups, providing opportunities to 'come together'
- Creates jobs and offers apprenticeship opportunities
- Creates community facilities
- Kick-starts regeneration of wider area
- Active participation through volunteering or consultation is key to increased community cohesion and a feeling of belonging

The Scope of Impact



The red circle represents the building

The green circle represents the immediate impact around the building, for example on jobs, the community and local area

The blue circle represents the broader impact of the project, for example on our profile with the general public, and includes national or even international impact

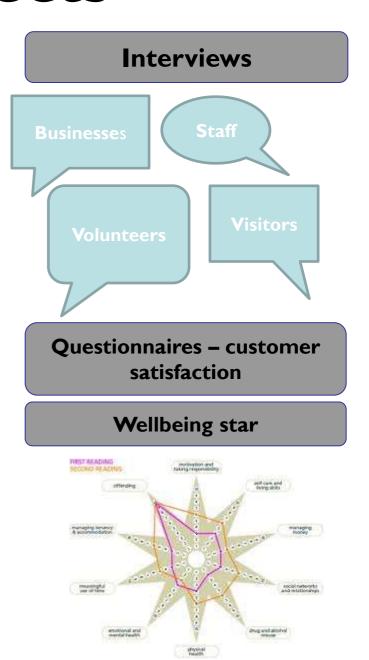




Evaluating Our Projects



Updated at regular intervals by project advisers



Economic, Social, Environmental Impact Analysis



Measuring Success

To demonstrate the effectiveness of Heritage-led Regeneration across a broad spectrum

Economic

Social

Environmental

The information gathered by the framework will be useful:

To monitor the progress and success of individual projects

To understand the wider impact of Heritage-led Regeneration

To demonstrate the value of Heritage-led Regeneration to others

To inform future project management decisions



How we fund our work

- The work of The Trust is dependant upon it raising funds to meet its costs (it is not endowed). It does this in two ways:
 - by obtaining contributions to its core charitable activities from public funding and benefactors
 - by undertaking projects on a paid basis through its Social Enterprise Company generating funds to reinvest in its charitable work





Examples of the Power of Heritage as a Community Revitalisation Tool





Strengthening Communities

Conway Mill, Belfast

- Category B2 building. 1842 Linen
 Mill, closed down in 1972 and
 suffered from neglect and vandalism
- At a 'Peace Line' between two communities
- PRT became involved in 1996, advising the community group
- The 'Conway Mill Preservation Trust' was established in 1999
- Before
- Obtained listed status for the Mill, therefore eligible for more funding
- PRT wrote the Conservation Plan, helped produce briefs for technical work and assisted with the Options Appraisals
- Over £5m in funding was successfully raised



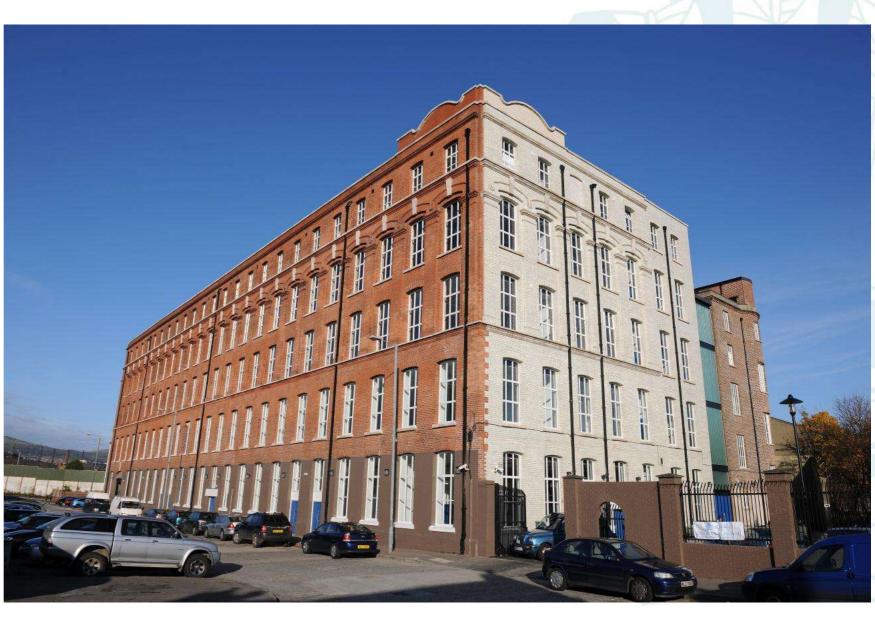
Conway Mill, Belfast - Outcomes

- Complete refurbishment and creation of a central atrium
- Re-opened in November 2010
- The Mill houses 63 business units (57 of which are occupied), community and educational facilities 40,000 sq ft of refurbished space in total.
- Over 100 people currently work at Conway Mill
- Community given back a historical land mark
- Positive symbol of what communities can achieve together
- Strengthened role as a local centre for community-orientated and social services, contributing to the well-being of residents.
- Home to Conway Education Centre, the Still Imprisoned project, and art classes for vulnerable children and teenagers. Around 445 people a year receive training or use education services at Conway Mill
- Promotes a positive image of the Falls area and kick-started regeneration of wider area including new housing



Conway Mill, Belfast - After





"Our vision is that is has always been a shared place and it continues to be a shared place" (Manager of Conway Education Centre)

"It's all about creating that network of support, there is more a sense of community about the place. It's good to see local businesses moving in because that's what it should be about, the community."

(Craftsperson)







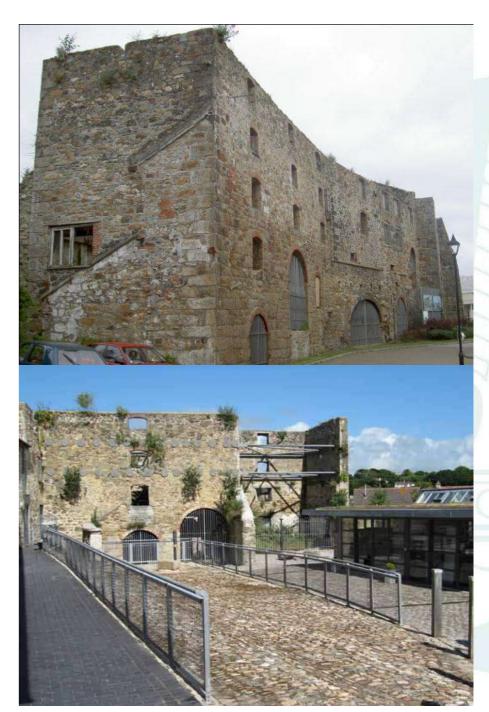


Catalyst for Wider Regeneration

and Creating Jobs

Harvey's Foundry, Cornwall

- At one time Hayle was the steam-engine production capital of the world
- Following closure of Foundry in 1904, the area became one of the most deprived in West Cornwall and the historic buildings were abandoned and unused.
- PRT worked with the community group to create The Harvey's Foundry Trust to save the buildings and local heritage
- PRT organised a number of community consultation events and discussions



Phase I Drawing Office Before

Phase 2
Farm Buildings Before

Phase I New Build





Drawing office After





Farm Buildings After







Harvey's Foundry, Cornwall - Outcomes

- £4 million regeneration scheme (Phases I&II) with a range of funders
- 79,000 sq ft of historic buildings were regenerated and 8,000 sq ft of new build floor space was created.
- 22 organisations based at Harvey's
- II business started up and I3 expanded as a result of space provided
- I I 2 people are now employed on site
- During construction, 32 new jobs created on site and 11 long term unemployed people were given apprenticeships
- In less than 9 years Harvey's will have generated more than it cost in income tax, national insurance contributions and business rate returns
- Community space created for local exhibitions and meetings
- Phase III is now being planned to restore the remaining buildings

Catalyst for Wider Regeneration



- •Phase II was part of the wider Townscape heritage initiative (THI)
- •£4. Im invested in the town involving refurbishment of main square, shopping area and parts of the harbour
- •Key contributor to Cornwall's success in achieving World Heritage status



"The THI programme is a clear demonstration of the power of heritage regeneration to act as a catalyst for the regeneration of the wider area, and the success of Phase I helped to make the argument for this scheme"



Creating Community Facilities

Templemore Avenue, Belfast

- Listed Grade B1, built in 1924.
- One of the few buildings of distinction in area
- Closed in 2003, fell into disrepair and suffered from significant vandalism
- Templemore Avenue ranked fifth most deprived ward in Northern Ireland









Templemore Avenue, Belfast - Outcomes

- East Belfast Community Development Agency (EBCDA) has taken on the project to turn the school into a ground-breaking community 'Network Centre'
- PRT has worked alongside EBCDA to highlight the project and raise capital funding
- Contractors have been appointed and work has commenced
- The project aspires to
 - transform the building into a focus for the community
 - provide space for start-up businesses and a meeting place for groups and organisations
 - bring together adjoining Protestant and Catholic communities
 - act as a catalyst to bring life back into the area and raise civic pride





Creating a Sense of Place

Sowerby Bridge Wharf, Yorkshire

- Grade II and Grade II* listed 18th and 19th century Canal Warehouses.
- Former major transport hub. Buildings fell into neglect when this role ceased.
- PRT was approached for help in 1996 by some of the Wharf's sub-tenants.
- We created a new body (Sowerby Bridge Wharf partnership) and established a strategy based on retaining existing businesses focusing on water-based recreation and office use.
- Aimed to create a visitor destination.







Sowerby Bridge Wharf - Outcomes

- £2.1m public sector investment scheme was secured, with a further £1.2m secured from the private sector as a consequence of the catalytic effect of the regeneration projects.
- 34,200 sq ft of vacant heritage building floor-space refurbished
- New access road and street lighting
- 19 business units and 270 jobs created
- 7 start up businesses, and expansion of existing businesses
- Visible evidence of knock-on regeneration of wider area.
- Unemployment in area down from 10% to 5.6% in January 2010
- Improved sense of community and access to leisure opportunities
- Won the 2005 Waterways Trust and British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA) Historic Environment Award.



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"Everyone we know...even a valley or two over, comes to Sowerby Bridge to go out now...I think the restaurants and things down there have really helped to make Sowerby Bridge actually have people come in to it from outside. And everybody comes now...it's had a knock-on effect on the whole street, the main road and everything...it's a real centre now for social stuff.'

(Liz and John Bolton, Calder House Dental Care)







Creating Cross-Sector Partnerships

Anchor Mill, Paisley, Scotland

Listed Grade A, built 1886 and closed in the 1980s

Located in a severely deprived area

Council asked PRT to get involved in 1999 after failure of other options

PRT established a Steering Group involving the Council, Morrisons, Scottish Enterprise and Historic Scotland.

Mixed use solution of apartments, business space and car parking, and apartments





Before



After



Anchor Mill, Paisley - Outcomes

- Restoration of 150,000 sq ft of Grade A Listed building
- £12 million project with innovative public / private funding package
- 23,000 sq ft of business space available
- 60 quality residential units created
- Catalyst for restoration of Seedhill Footbridge,
 106 new homes and a new Morrisons store –
 the latter created over 250 jobs
- Public access to the spectacular atrium where the story of the mill and its rescue is told
- Sales were highly successful, creating a new market and active population in Paisley





Rural Regeneration

- Depopulation of rural communities is a challenge in many countries
- "Weekend cottages" raise prices
- Different approach, wider area
- North Highland Initiative/ Cambrian Mountains Initiative
- Product Tourism -Built Env
- Evaluate
- Build links to rural initiatives
- Re-purpose









Flagstone Cottages

Before









Middleport Pottery, Burslem



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- Situated in Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent
- Built in 1888 to manufacture Burleigh
- Purpose built model industrial pottery
- Grade II* listed
- In very poor repair and too large for pottery production alone (80,000 sq ft)
- Unique collection of moulds, artefacts & archives



Our involvement at Middleport

- PRT acquired the Middleport Pottery site in June 2011
- PRT will undertake a £8.5 million project to regenerate the buildings
- The pottery business is run by Denby Pottery Ltd, which acquired it in July 2010
- We have leased approximately half of the site back to Denby for pottery production.

Had The Prince's Regeneration Trust not intervened, the pottery was at serious risk of closure, leading to the loss of jobs and substantial buildings of historic significance being left to further degenerate.

Regeneration

- 50 local jobs at the Middleport Pottery have been saved and a further 50 sustainable jobs will be created on site.
- Production of Burleighware has and will continue to grow 10 new staff have already been taken on.
- New workshop units for creative industries will be created for new and expanding business in Burslem and the wider area.
- Increase visitor numbers to the site from 8,000 per annum to 30,000. This
 will bolster the local economy and create additional jobs.
- Training for the local community will be available to ensure craft skills is sustainable.













Conservation & Restoration

- Repair and restore the Grade II* listed buildings and preserve its character.
- Catalogue and present ceramic collection, historic machinery, archives and the 19,000 mould collection.
- One of the finest remaining examples of a bottle kiln will be conserved and re-used.
- Middleport's history will be interpreted and presented for visitors to enjoy.



New uses for space

The pottery production will be consolidated into approximately 50% of the site; the remaining (currently unused) space will be converted into attractive accommodation for:

Workspace:

- Workshops
- Office space

Visitor Destination:

- Heritage displays
- Café
- Function room
- Gallery
- Activity space
- Two floor shop









Community engagement

- Providing Informal Learning Opportunities: Holding workshops based on traditional skills, multi faith events, on-site classes for local residents, exhibition programme showing local artists.
- Working with Schools, Colleges & Universities: providing workshops to schools to encourage greater understanding of 'The Potteries' and value of ceramics to their community. Working with universities to support higher level opportunities.
- Providing Training: 'Get into Construction', Apprenticeships, Contractor Training, 'Get into ceramics', NVQ Qualifications.
- Providing Volunteer Opportunities: Working with local universities and Volunteer Centres to provide experience and training to students and unemployed residents of Stoke-on-Trent enhancing employability, confidence and skills.





Funding summary

Regional Growth Fund £1.7m

ERDF £1.059m

HLF £1.568m

English Heritage £1.197m

BDL £0.763m

Private Donors and Trusts £2.475m

Total £8.762m



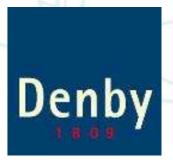
Accessing diverse funding pots













Wider Regeneration of Burslem

- Port Street Houses opposite Middleport Pottery
- Harper Street & Lodgekeeper's cottage
- Wedgwood Institute
- PRT is working with other 'Prince's Charities', the community and local authority to build on existing and new locally-led initiatives to make Burslem (and the city beyond) a better place.







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Conclusions



