

Cornish Buildings Group 'Buildings at Risk' Project

Caring for Cornwall's heritage

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A three-year project led by the Cornish Buildings Group and supported by Historic England and the Cornwall Heritage Trust, commenced in September 2020. The funding supports a case officer in order to help identify and monitor buildings at risk and seek solutions for neglected, redundant or derelict listed buildings and unlisted buildings.



Buildings at Risk in St Day

This project has yet to hear back from Cornwall Council about three live enforcement cases (see Newsletter #13 and 14). These are the latest images of the Grade II listed Carpenters Shop which is subject to one of our applications.





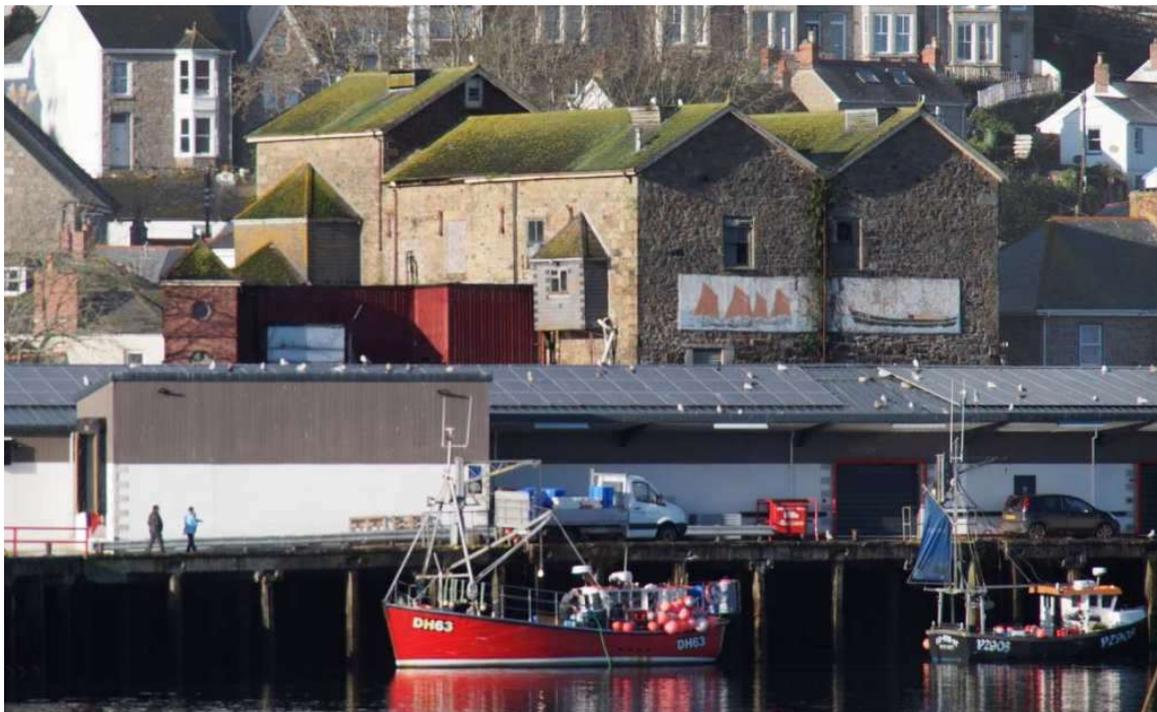
More concerns in St Day

The declining condition of the St Day Old Post Office has been reported to this project. Opened in 1830, ten years before the introduction of the Penny Post, it remained in service until 1969. The building also housed the first manual telephone exchange for the St. Day area. This historic building, although watertight, is proving a concern to locals. It would appear that the timbers in the handsome facade and the window glazing bars are beginning to fail. Sadly, the liberal application of filler has not helped the situation. One to watch.



The Old Post Office in St Day. The 2014 revision of Pevsner notes 'In its unassuming way one of the most atmospheric places in Cornwall'. The neglect of sites such as this erodes and compromises the character of small historic villages.

Positive moves at the Former Ice Works, the Strand, Newlyn



Former Ice Works, Newlyn.

Newlyn FISH Trust have commissioned a team of consultants to carry out a Project Viability Appraisal of the port's Former Ice Works, using an Architectural Heritage Fund grant. The aim of the appraisal is to assess its suitability as a venue (provisionally named Newlyn FISH Centre) for telling Newlyn's important past, present and future story. More on this story at

[\(https://newlynfishtrust.org.uk/former-ice-works-project-viability-begun/\)](https://newlynfishtrust.org.uk/former-ice-works-project-viability-begun/).

Levelling up



The Prince of Wales Inn at Newton-St Martin

An interesting story in the *West Briton* relates to the Prince of Wales pub in Newton-in-St Martin on the Lizard peninsula. The building, which has been closed for two years, has reportedly been awarded £240,000 from the Government's Levelling-Up Fund. This, alongside the £120,000 raised by the local community, should help bring this 17th century pub back into use to serve the village. The newspaper reported that the money came from the Housing and Communities £150 million Community Ownership Fund which helps communities take ownership of assets and amenities at risk of closure.

Bicton Manor sold



Bicton Manor , 1950s and 2022 images.

The now derelict, Grade II listed Bicton manor, sold last week for £500,000. This was the first time it has gone on the market in almost 60 years. Let's hope this historic site now has a brighter future.

Old Brewery Yard, Lower Treluswell, Penryn



Old Brewery Buildings, Penryn.

Historic Buildings & Places have picked-up on the brewery which has been in sad decline for several years now. The main issues include the loss of part of the roof structure; poor condition of the floors, making some of the upper ones unsafe, and the interiors being full of junk on its lower floors. Although these factors made it difficult to understand the building is clear that the old kiln drying floor and the kiln furnace room – below the collapsed roof section – have survived. HB&P were surprised that no mention was made of them in the recent heritage impact assessment. This building was very clearly in need of a new use and residential was proposed. HB&P did not object but did point out the inadequacies of the application and provided details of the features evident in the photographs. This prompted Cornwall Council to make contact with the owner's agent as to the best way forward. It should be stressed that there were good features in this conversion, with the retention of internal wooden shutters and in some instances the wooden diamond mullions to the windows.

How can you follow the project?

Our WordPress blog <https://buildingsatrisk.wordpress.com/>

Our website <https://sites.google.com/site/cornishbuildingsgroup/home>

Updates and alerts will be shared via our Twitter feed @CbgCornwall

To keep up-to-date on the project please follow our blog; when we have something to say you will receive an alert. Or you can follow us on Twitter.

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We welcome any feedback on any aspect of the project and its aims.

You can play your part in this work by volunteering to support our aims. You can do this by reporting your concerns about historic buildings or valued heritage assets in your area which are either derelict or not being properly looked after.

Please contact Paul Holden at cbgcasework@gmail.com

A form that will help us with some background local knowledge is available on our website

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