

Baber Fund

An emergency repair fund for old buildings that are seriously at risk of further deterioration or collapse.



Baber Fund for emergency repairs to historic buildings

The Fund was a personal initiative by the late Jocelyn Baber who sold small items to raise a modest sum. Since then it has been added to by donations from the SPAB Kent and Surrey Regional Group and others, but the total in the fund remains small.

Its purpose is to provide grants – generally between £500 and £2,000 – for emergency repairs or other actions that prevent a building seriously at risk from deteriorating further. Its purpose is merely to buy some time to allow proper repairs to be undertaken later and prevent rapid decline setting in. Over the years the SPAB has often found that the offer of a Baber Fund grant starts the ball rolling on a rescue scheme that may have been stalled.

In the past grants have been given for temporary roof repairs, for structural propping and scaffolding, and for improved security fencing where derelict buildings have faced an active possibility of arson or a real threat of major vandalism. All proposals must be approved by the Society and comply with SPAB principles and practice.

Applicants should complete the simple SPAB grant application form, which will be considered at one of the Society's regular trustee meetings. If the case is not already known to the Society we may arrange for a suitably qualified volunteer to visit and this can take a little time. Where there is a real emergency we will aim to act as fast as we can. Grants are normally only paid when the work is completed to our satisfaction, but at the discretion of the trustees may sometimes be paid over sooner if there is imminent danger to the building.



Baber Fund Grant Application

Date	
APPLICANT	
Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
SPAB Member?	Yes / No
AGENT / ARCHITECT / BUILDING SURVEYOR	
Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
SPAB Member?	Yes / No
PROPERTY	
Name	
Address	
Is the property listed?	Yes / No Grade I / II* / II / Scheduled
Approximate date of construction	
Brief description of the property	
Current use	
Future use	



PROJECT	
Has a specification and schedule of works been prepared?	Yes / No
Will the architect or building surveyor be supervising the works?	Yes / No
What is the estimated cost of repairs?	Yes / No
Will the repairs be phased?	Yes / No
<i>Please give details</i>	
Have you applied for grants from any other sources?	Yes / No
<i>Please give details</i>	
Are there any other relevant details?	Yes / No
<i>Please give details</i>	

Please enclose the following documents with your application:

- Specification and Schedule of Works
- Photographs
- Drawings
- Conservator's Report (if applicable)
- Quotations/Estimates from Contractors

Signed

Please return this form and the supporting information to Matthew Slocombe, SPAB Director, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY or director@spab.org.uk. We would prefer to receive your application and supporting information in an electronic format if at all possible.

Terms and Conditions

- The decision on whether to award a grant or not will be made by the SPAB's Executive Committee. Grants are awarded up to a maximum of £2,000.
- The grant will not be paid until after the work has been completed.
- The grant claim should be made on our Baber Fund Grant Claim Form.
- The SPAB reserves the right to review the completed work before making payment.