

# Hardy Fund

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## Thomas Hardy Memorial Fund for buildings in Dorset

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Any historic building in the old county of Dorset is eligible, though preference will be given to those with a clear association with Hardy. Vernacular and pre-Georgian buildings are also likely to be looked on favourably. The trustees will look for evidence of financial need, and will want to be sure that other sources of grant aid, such as from English Heritage or the Heritage Lottery Fund, have been sought first if applicable.

Grants will only be given for works of repair that are firmly based on the Society's principles. They will not be given for the acquisition of buildings, for extensions, barn conversions, works of modernisation such as installing heating, changes to water reed thatch where it is not traditional, the use of cement based mortars and renders, the replacement of features when repair is an option, unjustified stone replacement, or for any other works at odds with SPAB principles and practices. In general the Society will expect works of repair to be supervised by an experienced conservation architect or building surveyor, and for the contractor/craftsman/conservator to be suitable for the proposed work.

The annual income of the Fund is small, and so all grants are modest in size. Grants are only paid retrospectively once the work, or a major phase of it, has been completed to our satisfaction.



**Thomas Hardy Fund Grant Application**

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



<b>PROJECT</b>	
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 Hardy Fund Grant Claim Form.
- The SPAB reserves the right to review the completed work before making payment.