

Upminster

The Old Chapel



Once the heart of the local community and in continuous use for nearly 200 years, Grade II listed Upminster Old Chapel sits on English Heritage's 'At Risk' Register after closing in 1987. Now, with HLF support, this historic nonconformist chapel in the old village of Upminster will be saved and opened to the public for the first time in more than 20 years. Pupils at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, on whose site it stands, and the local community, will benefit from the transformation of the chapel, which, situated opposite the Grade II Upminster Windmill, forms an important part of the heritage of the area.

The restoration and repairs will enable the chapel to be put to use a heritage centre offering opportunities for people of all ages to get involved through education and volunteer based activities. Works will also include the installation of toilet facilities, a kitchen, the creation of storage and meeting spaces, plus a small permanent on-site exhibition and a variety of historical character tours led by students and volunteers to bring the story of the chapel alive.



Location:

Essex

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