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A summary
of our achievements

For more than 25 years, the Julie Howard Partnership has been [breathing life back](#) into some of Yorkshire's most historic but neglected buildings.

The York-based firm specialises in the restoration of historically important buildings that have fallen into disrepair. Over the years it has invested several million pounds in [renovating rundown commercial and residential properties](#) in the towns of Scarborough, Driffield, Bridlington and Goole.

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The concept of restoring - or recycling - buildings, rather than constructing new ones, is very much in keeping with modern thinking and current government policy.

Since it was first formed in 1983 by husband-and-wife team Julie and Howard Duckworth, the Julie Howard Partnership has been conserving resources by bringing empty properties back into use.

Long before it became fashionable to be environmentally friendly, Julie and Howard were enhancing the appearance of the region's high streets by transforming derelict eyesores. The couple describe their activities as 'carbon-positive' - one step better than 'carbon-neutral' - because of the way that they re-use existing resources.

The Old Post Office, Bridlington Old Town before renovation and after.



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As well as providing much-needed **affordable housing** (the national shortage of this type of housing has been well documented), the office and retail premises created by the Julie Howard Partnership have provided a vital first step on the ladder for new businesses, **creating jobs and further boosting the local economy.**

In deprived areas like Goole and Bridlington, which are all too often overlooked by investors, their investment has **helped to regenerate and revitalise the town centre.** Many of the company's projects have also helped to **restore a sense of community and civic pride** in buildings that once played an important role in the history of these towns.

*Aire Street Offices, Goole
before renovation and after.*



Recent projects have seen an attractive four-storey block on Aire Street in Goole restored to its original Victorian splendour. The building now offers **high quality affordable residential, office and retail accommodation** for the rental market.

The Julie Howard Partnership also restored the former Station Hotel - a well-known landmark at the junction of Boothferry Road and Pasture Road in Goole – to create **twelve two-bedroom apartments and seven shops**.

Station Hotel Apartments, Goole, before renovation and after.



East Riding of Yorkshire Council recognised Julie and Howard's **commitment to protecting historic buildings** by selecting them as the recipient of its 2006 Chairman's Award for 'enhancing the built heritage'.

The award was received for converting derelict former railway offices on Stanhope Street, Goole into the Goods Office restaurant and bar, and 14 apartments.

The restoration of a former post office in Bridlington's historic Old Town earned them the Bridlington and District Civic Society Shop Front Award for 2007.



Last year, the Julie Howard Partnership began a major restoration project at The Lowther Hotel on Aire Street in Goole, one of the town's oldest and more important listed buildings. Their work on site to date has included hiring a team of specialist architectural and fine art conservators to clean and restore maritime murals that line the walls of three first floor rooms. The murals were commissioned between 1826 and 1830 by The Aire and Calder Navigation Company, which built Goole Docks and once held its meetings there.

The Lowther Hotel, Goole, before renovation and partly renovated.



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Howard and Julie Duckworth have gained a wealth of invaluable business knowledge and experience during the last 30 years.

Before working together, they each ran a series of successful business ventures in the retail and leisure industries. Working together as The Julie Howard Partnership, they have a proven track record of applying their entrepreneurial spirit and vision to manage and deliver complex restoration projects that bring **countless benefits** to entire communities.

*Railway Buildings, Goole,
before renovation and after.*



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Not surprisingly, the couple's innovative yet sympathetic approach to restoring and preserving the rich history of the East Yorkshire area has earned them the admiration of many key figures. Here's what people have to say about their work:

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*Julie and Howard Duckworth have already carried out work in Goole that has **transformed buildings in the town**. Their initial work and enthusiasm for the restoration of the historic Lowther Hotel is **truly inspirational** and, if the funding can be secured, will lead to the rescuing of a marvellous part of Goole's heritage for future generations. I fully support their endeavours and very much hope they succeed.*

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Ian Cawsey
MP for Goole and Brigg

A lounge in one of the renovated Railway Building Apartments, Goole.



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Julie and Howard have managed to strike a perfect balance that is rarely seen in the restoration of historic buildings. They are able to restore buildings that are on the brink of dereliction and bring them back into economic use, while retaining 100 per cent of their heritage, value and character. Their work in Goole so far has vastly improved parts of town that were 'no-go' areas, and that are now desirable places to live and work.

They have proven beyond all doubt that historic buildings have a crucial role to play in the regeneration and economy of towns. Through their work, Goole is regaining pride in its unique and fascinating heritage.

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Rachel Walker
Museum Officer at The Yorkshire Waterways
Museum

A bedroom in one of the renovated Station Hotel Apartments, Goole.



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The Julie Howard Partnership has been a great asset to Goole. Goole had many empty and run down buildings that needed to be renovated. The Julie Howard Partnership has not only brought them back into use, but carefully and caringly restored them to their former glory, enhancing the town and boosting the local economy.

They have also been proactive in supporting Goole in Bloom and other ventures in the town. Goole was conceived and planned around The Lowther Hotel, and the completion of the renovation of this prestigious building is extremely important for the town.

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Councillor Jean Kitchen,
East Riding of Yorkshire Council member for
Goole

*A lounge in one of the
renovated Station Hotel
Apartments, Goole.*



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“ The Julie Howard Partnership has been involved in a number of schemes in Goole. All their work has involved the restoration and re-use of some of the town's largest former commercial buildings.

Each of their schemes has had a **significant impact** on the town, ringing previously disused or under-used buildings into full and far more productive use, as well as **restoring and repairing the fabric of the buildings to a very high standard**.

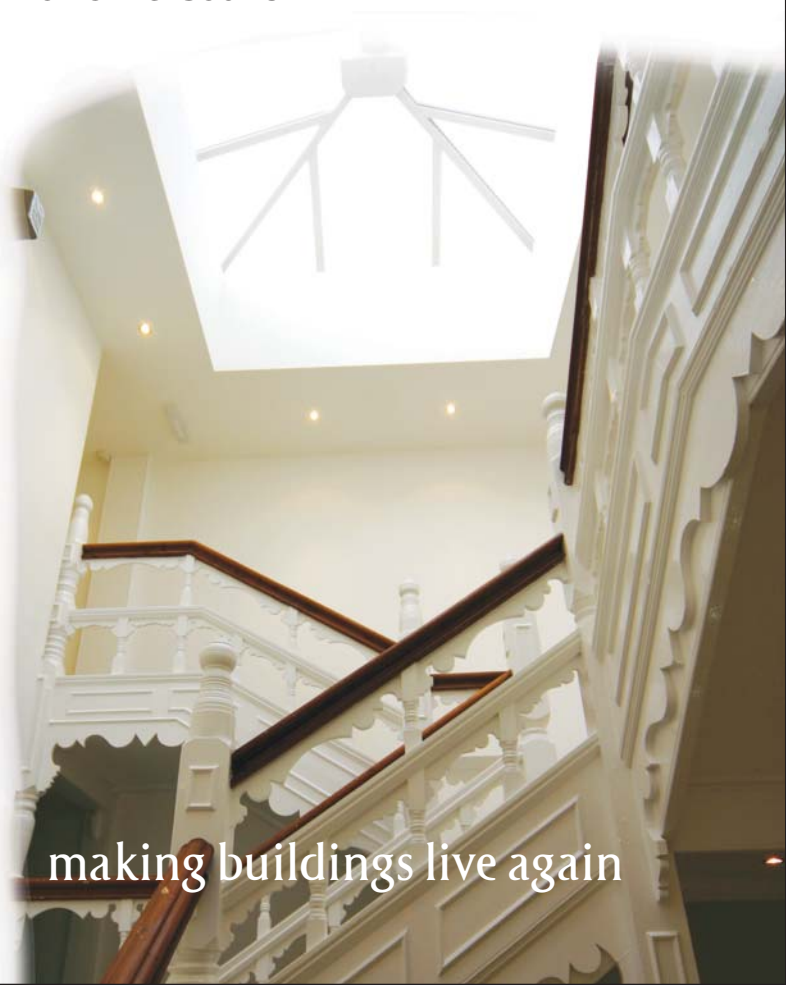
This has been reflected in the recognition their schemes have received in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Chairman's Award Scheme.

Their work in Stanhope Street, Goole not only brought the building back to life, but also had a **significant impact** on the immediate area. This has been a common theme with their developments at the former Station Hotel on the corner of Boothferry Road and Pasture Road, and on Aire Street, which have sought to re-use the fabric of **some of the most important landmark buildings in Goole**, for both residential and commercial uses.

The stairwell in the renovated Station Hotel.

I am sure, from their track record and my dealings with them in respect of the Lowther Hotel, that they will produce an equally good, if not better, result in this scheme. If the project is completed, it will not only save one of Goole's most important Listed historic buildings, but will be a major asset to the town of Goole and its surrounding area in providing a high quality venue for events.”

Stephen Devey,
Team Leader in Conservation, Landscape and Archaeology, East Riding of Yorkshire Council.



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