

## CORNERSTONE BUILDING CONSERVATION

# Banffy Castle



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In the centre of the Carpathian mountains in Romania, stands the ruins of Banffy castle. In East European terms it is often referred the Versailles of the East.

In an unprecedented move to break down the barriers between Eastern and Western Europe , the IHBC undertook a program of exchanges in crafts people and professionals.

Richard Barrow from CBC travelled out to the project to instruct in the use and application of traditional materials and techniques. The project required Romanian site operative to be re-trained by the British contingent.

The result although not true to West European ethos, has transformed the ruins of Banffy Castle into the East European Centre for Craft

Excellence. In 2002 the Prince of Wales visited the site and has since returned to see further progress.

Architect; The Transylvania Trust