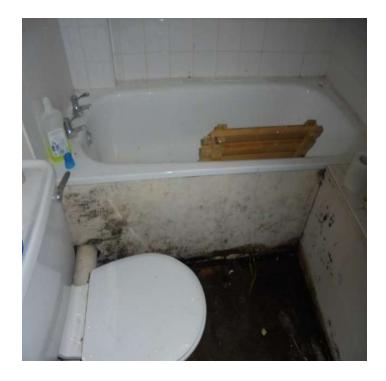
An empty, derelict, two bed flat that had been affected for the last 10 years by extensive water ingress which had resulted in an extreme case of damp and associated mould growth throughout. Empty Homes Officer became aware of this property (which is a flat within one of the oldest Grade II listed buildings within Arun District) due to the length of time it had remained empty. The whole building required significant works and upgrading in order to meet current Fire regulations and following a formal inspection using HHSRS Improvement Notices were served under the Housing Act 2004 to require the significant category 1 and 2 hazards to be mitigated. As the property is not only Grade II listed it is also with a Conservation Area which means it must be restored to its original condition along with consultation and permissions being sought from the council's conservation officer.

















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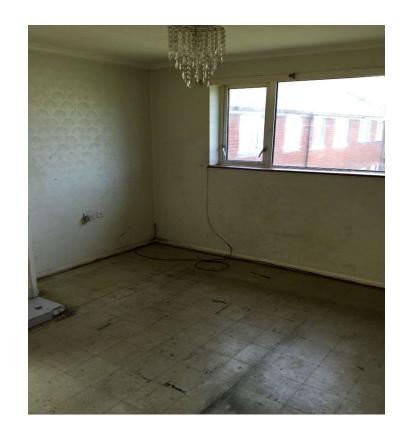
2 bed top floor flat, complaint received by Police in May 2018 of suspected squatting and use of property as a drug den. Access was gained in partnership with the Police which revealed a filthy and verminous property that was hoarded with rotten food and drug paraphernalia. The property had also sustained significant damage. An Emergency locksmith was called and the locks changed once persons had left, a prevention of Damage by Pests Act notice and a Filthy And Verminous Notice was served to deal with the infestation of flies, rubbish and human waste. All notices were not complied with and Works in Default were carried out. The property has since been sold and is now occupied.





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3 bed house, complaint received regarding condition of property and recent police attendance. Access was gained to the property with the owner. The property was in a very, very poor condition. A majority of the ground floor windows had missing glazing due to the severity of the overgrowth in the rear garden which had smashed through. Every space within the property was hoarded of possessions from floor to near enough ceiling level, along with animal/human faeces and carcases. Prevention of Damage by pests Act notice and Filthy and verminous notices served which resulted in Works in default being carried out. Debt secured via Local Land Charge and the property was subsequently sold renovated and occupied.





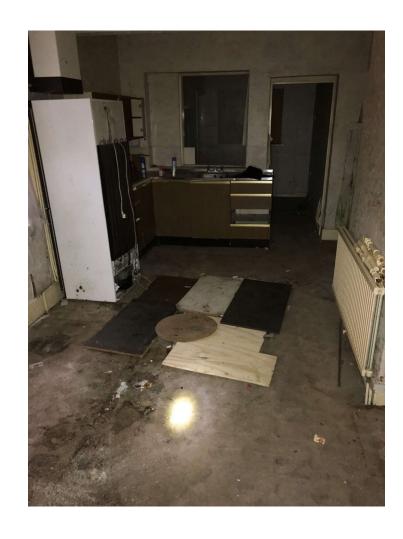












3 bed detached bungalow long term empty for many years and rarely visited by the owner, Improvement Notice Served due to extensive damp and mould and general poor condition of property internally and externally. Notice not complied with and works in default carried out. Extensive refurbishments including new double glazed windows and doors, new kitchen, new central heating system and complete re-wire carried out. Debt secured with Local Land charge and property sold.

























3 bed flat above a disused commercial unit, empty for over 6 years came to the attention of Empty Homes Officer via the Police being used as a squat and drug den. Property secured and Improvement Notice served. Property sold to developer who undertook extensive renovations and converted whole premise into 5 self contained units which are now being used as emergency accommodation by the council.



