

**DORCHESTER, DORSET**

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**New Homes From Old Buildings**

A non-profitmaking society of business men in Dorchester, Dorset, are buying up old and disused buildings and converting them into homes for local families.

The pictures below tell the story of their success. Top is an old watermill derelict for 18 years. The Mill-street Housing Society bought it.

The lower picture shows the mill now, where nine families live in small but modern and comfortable flats. The River Frome, which used to turn the big millstones—now garden ornaments—still flows underneath the building, in the basement of which an ex-Service man has set up in business as a hairdresser.

Mr. A. H. Edwards, a Dorchester solicitor, and unpaid secretary to the society, said yesterday: " We have 85 properties now. A large part of the rent goes in repairs, the rest enables us to seek out likely places for conversion. "There are thousands of old properties and ex-war buildings standing about the country which, with a little Ingenuity and the will to do good on the part of the Government and local authorities, could house an untold number of families."

