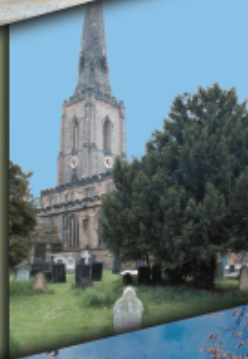




*Nottinghamshire
Historic
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*Annual Report
2011-12*



The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust

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The Trustees of the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust are chosen from various backgrounds to represent a cross-section of occupations and professions suitable to look after the needs of the Trust. Among these trustees are architects, archaeologists, specialists in many historical matters, landowners whose estates include an historic church, representatives from the legal and accountancy professions, surveyors, valuers, and various other appropriate disciplines. All give their services free and are diligent workers in achieving the aims of the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

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Details of our work can be found on our website at: <http://www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk>.

Registered with the Charity Commission No. 518335

How the Trust Works

The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1986 and gave its first grants in 1987. It raises money to grant-aid historic churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire. It is non-denominational and can consider making grants to any Christian historic church or chapel in need of support.

Twenty-six years ago a small handful of committed people, concerned at the decline in the ability of Christian church groups to fund proper care of our historic ecclesiastical buildings, met to sign the Trust Deed on 31st December 1986 thereby creating the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Today there are between twelve and twenty Trustees at any one time, invited to take on the role because of their expertise, knowledge of and interest in the preservation of our architectural heritage.

Last year and this the Trust is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with several interesting events, the first of which was a concert in Southwell Minster last September by Harry Christophers and The Sixteen. The first anniversary event in 2012 was a talk on Friday 23rd March by Loyd Grossman OBE, FSA, Chairman of The Churches Conservation Trust on "The English Parish Church: a National Treasure". The 25th Anniversary Summer Party will be on Friday 29th June at Papplewick Hall by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Godwin-Austen. This will include a talk by Graeme Renton on Papplewick church followed by a concert in the church performed by a choir from St Anselm's School. On Friday 12th October the Trust will be promoting a special anniversary concert in Southwell Minster with the three Cathedral choirs conducted by Paul Hale, Rector Chori.

The Trust raises money from

- Individuals
- Institutions
- Local authorities
- Charitable trusts and foundations
- Legacies

It organises an annual sponsored Ride and Stride event where the Trust receives half the sponsorship money, and the other half goes to the churches from which the cyclists and walkers come. Each year more churches and chapels become involved thus helping to raise the amount of sponsorship year on year. The Trust also raises money through the Friends of NHCT, an important fundraising and networking group for the charity.

Since 1999 the Trust has acted as the channel through which Landfill Tax credits are distributed via WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd).

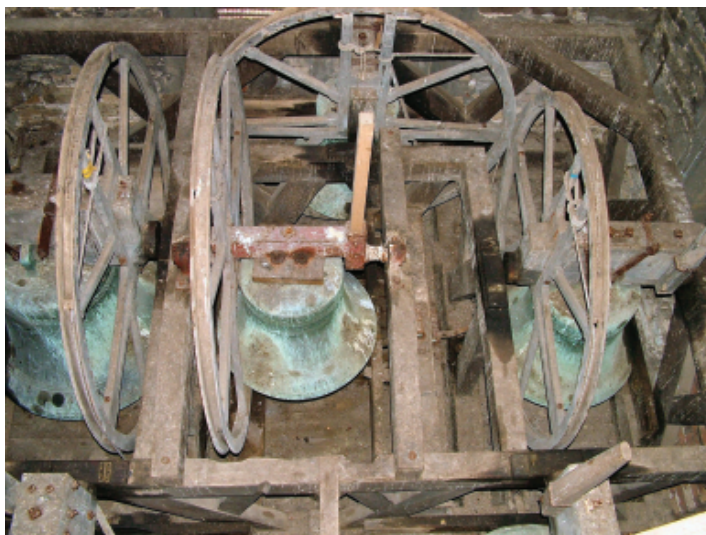
How the Trust Works

It spends money

- By making grants to historic churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire for the repair and maintenance of the fabric and fittings. Most buildings in receipt of grant-aid pre-date 1914, but the Trustees may also consider places of worship built between 1914 and 1969.
- Size of grants depends on various conditions laid down by the Constitution at the discretion of the Trustees.

Why the Trust needs your help.

- The Trust makes a major contribution to the preservation of our heritage by helping to conserve and repair ecclesiastical buildings of outstanding architectural merit or of historic interest.
- The Trust must keep raising money to continue with its work. The burden of preserving our ecclesiastical heritage increases rather than diminishes with time.



Averham, the bell installation awaiting refurbishment.

Chairman's Report

This is the first Chairman's Report that I have had the privilege of writing following the retirement of David Atkins who chaired the Trust so well for five years prior to his retirement in September 2011. However, I am delighted that David continues as a valued Trustee; his professional architectural expertise coupled with a wry sense of humour proved a wonderful combination to lead the Trust through several difficult years.

As David reported last year, funding from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental) has effectively stopped. A partnership grants programme from the National Churches Trust has helped but has in no way plugged the gap that WREN has left. I echo David's comments in last year's Annual Report in saying that the need for increasing Trust funds from other sources is now greater than ever.

I give the Trust's huge thanks to Bobby Stefanov and Mike Elliott in promoting the Nottinghamshire element of the national "Ride and Stride" event. This takes place on the second Saturday each September, and in 2011 raised £21,175 for the Trust's funds. The "Ride and Stride" is one of the chief fundraising events of the year and as David commented last year, has the added advantage of the potential to engage individuals who might not otherwise know of our existence.

The Trust has for the first time employed some professional marketing help to widen the knowledge of the Trust beyond its historical constituency. This has proved successful with some useful press coverage of Loyd Grossman's visit to the Great Hall at Southwell Minster to talk to the Trustees, our Friends and guests on 23rd March last. Loyd's visit pulled together a number of threads. Drawing on his experience at the head of several national cultural organisations, he spoke about the challenges that face all such organisations as ours in the coming years. His words were prescient given the recent inclusion of church repairs in the VAT regime, another difficulty we now face.

Trust events earlier in the year included a 25th Anniversary Concert at Southwell Minster, when Harry Christophers and his choir "The Sixteen" performed to a packed house. The Trust was lucky to be able to benefit from the visit of such an internationally acclaimed choir performing in such a wonderful setting. In June, the summer garden party at Flintham Hall had been a ringing success, helped by a combination of the hosting by Robert Hildyard and excellent weather. The evening was brought to a fitting conclusion by Elizabeth Williamson (editor of Pevsner's Buildings of Nottinghamshire) talking to the assembled company in the 11th century church next door.

The Trust can only survive and prosper by building on the support that it has enjoyed for the past twenty five years. The challenge lies in using that goodwill to create a stronger and wider body of support for the future.

Finally, thanks must go to those who so willingly support the Trust on a continuing basis: Anthea Moat, our secretary, Maureen Hallam who is in charge of our fundraising, and Linda Francis, the Trust's Grants Administrator. Thanks must also go to the Trustees who between them make the decisions on Trust policy, on the grant applications that are made to us, produce the Trust's publications, its reports, Christmas cards, etc., and who lead visits of the Friends. We are all most grateful to Keith Goodman for his valiant work in continuing to keep the Trust accounts in good order, to collect Gift Aid, and to generally liaise with the Charities Commission. Our thanks go to Richard Craven-Smith-Milnes for his continuing hospitality to the Trustees. Without these dedicated individuals, the Trust could not function.

Richard Brackenbury
Chairman

Grants Committee Report

During 2011/12 the Trust has allocated 24 grants to churches and chapels across Nottinghamshire, totalling £61,800. One grant was made to a Church of England and Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership, one to a Unitarian church, one to a United Reformed church and one to a Christian Greek Orthodox church, with the remainder to Anglican churches. This tends to reflect the distribution and age of ecclesiastical buildings in the county.

As reported last year, changes to regulations in 2009 resulted in the loss of the block grant funding from Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) to all County Churches Trusts and this has impacted on the level of support we have been able to provide. Although this resource has now ceased, we have been able to utilise the balance of Landfill Communities Funds from previous years by making an award to one church. The new Partnership Grants Programme operated by National Churches Trust has benefitted six churches since the beginning of 2011. The programme is best suited for grants towards necessary structural repairs projects and we will be making recommendations to National Churches Trust during the coming year to utilise the £10,000 they have made available to us during 2012.

Scrap lead continues to be of high value and many of the churches in the county, in spite of preventative measures, have fallen victim to lead theft. Most of the requests for support during the financial year were for necessary repairs to roofs, including the replacement of stolen lead roofing with terne-coated stainless steel which is more resistant to theft due to its method of fixing. It is to be hoped that utilising the lead alternative will enable our churches and chapels to remain watertight for many years to come. Other applications have been fairly evenly distributed across a range of projects, with a very small number being rejected as they fell outside the Trust's rules of eligibility.

Further details of our work can be found on our website at: <http://www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk>.

Graeme Renton

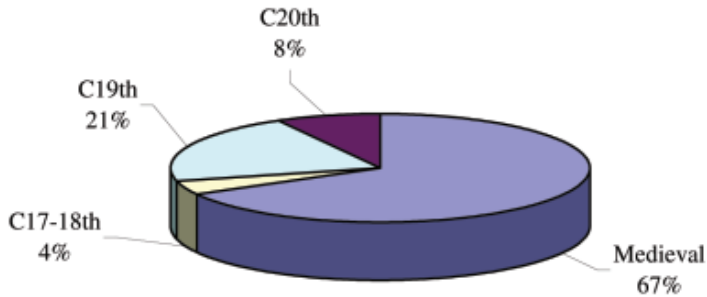
Chairman of the Grants Committee



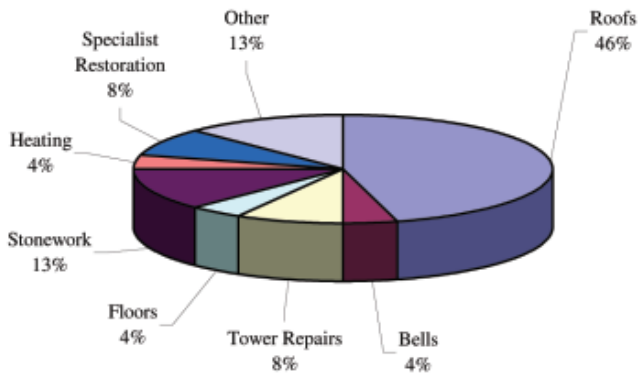
Bilsthorpe, recently repaired boundary wall.

Grants Committee Report

Grants Sub-Committee Report



Breakdown of Grants by Age of Church/Chapel



Breakdown of Grants by Repair Types

The following Churches and Chapels have been allocated grant-aid during the year:

NEW AWARDS (Total £46,800)

Attenborough, St Mary's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Replacement of dry rot infested floor in the choir stall on south side of Church

Averham, St Michael and All Angels (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Bell project - allocation towards restoration and associated accessories only

Bilsthorpe, St Margaret's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Repairs to listed boundary wall

Car Colston, St Mary's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Renewal of Chancel, Nave and Aisle roofs; tower roof repairs and rainwater goods

Clayworth, St Peter's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Replacement of stolen roof-leading on south-west corner of the Church with terne-coated stainless steel

Daybrook, St Paul's (Anglican; C19th; Grade II* listed)

North Porch restoration and repair

Holme Pierrepont, St Edmund's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Restoration of four monuments

Keyworth, St Mary Magdalene (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Re-building of boundary wall

Norwell, St Laurence (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Replacement of stolen roof leading on south transept and south aisle with ternecoated stainless steel

Nottingham, St Mary the Virgin (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Replacement of stolen roof leading from south porch roof, and replacement of the choir vestry and chapter house with terne-coated stainless steel

Radcliffe-on-Trent, St Mary's Parish Church (Anglican; C19th; Grade II listed)

Repair and re-slating of roof over west porch

South Muskham, St Wilfrid's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Tower repairs

Staunton, St Mary's (Anglican; medieval; Grade II* listed)

Tower repairs

Sutton in Ashfield, New Cross Community Church (Local Ecumenical Partnership - Church

of England and Methodist; C20th; not listed)

Removal of asbestos contamination

Thorney, St Helen's (Anglican; C19th church with medieval remains; Grade II* listed)

Repair and maintenance of medieval remains of former church

Thrumpton, All Saints (Anglican; medieval; Grade II* listed)

Repairs to damaged roof tiles and timber work, new drainage and rainwater goods.

Re-pointing of gables

Tollerton, St Peter's (Anglican; medieval; Grade II listed)

Replacement of stolen roof leading on south aisle with terne-coated stainless steel

Underwood, St Michael and All Angels (Anglican; C19th; Grade II listed)

Replacement of heating boiler

Wilford Village, St Wilfrid's (Anglican; medieval; Grade II* listed)

Replacement of stolen lead roofing on south aisle with terne-coated stainless steel

Wollaton, St Leonard's (Anglican; medieval; Grade II listed)

Renovation and restoration of 'Father' Willis organ

"IN PRINCIPLE" AWARDS YET TO BE CONFIRMED (Total £15,000)

Langar, St Andrews (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Repairs to north transept roof, vestry roof, rainwater goods and drainage on south side of Church

Mansfield, Old Meeting House (Unitarian; C18th; Grade II* listed)

Refurbishment of roof with essential slate and timber replacement

Sutton in Ashfield, United Reformed Church (C20th; Grade II listed)

Urgent high-level repairs to slate roof coverings and valleys; renewal of lead covering to spine and tower parapet gutting; high level re-pointing of external brickwork and repairs to water damaged plaster internally

Nottingham, Greek Orthodox Church of Virgin Mary Eleousa (Christian Greek Orthodox;

C19th; Grade II listed)

Replacement of nave roof and repair and replacement of damaged rainwater goods; high level stonework repairs

St. Edmund's Church, Holme Pierrepont

St. Edmund's is a grade 1 listed building with a three bay 13th century nave arcade, a two bay chancel, a 14th century tower and 15th century spire, which stands in parkland adjacent to the Tudor Holme Pierrepont Hall. We are fortunate to have two services each Sunday, a Harvest Supper held within the church, as well as concerts, organ recitals, and a number of weddings each year which provide an important and much needed contribution to our finances.

Within the last ten years extensive works have been carried out with the aid of grants from various local sources, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (NHCT). These have included the installation of a bio-toilet, renewal of the bell frame, a new ringing gallery, restoration of the organ, construction of storage cupboards for chairs and tables, and the restoration of four listed monuments in the churchyard.

There are four very fine monuments by John Flaxman and Michael Taylor of York in the chancel. These had become heavily soiled over time, more so in recent years by the use of oil filled candles rather than the traditional wax variety. The PCC decided to investigate the possibility of having them cleaned, and having obtained estimates for the work, instructed The Skillington Workshop of Grantham to proceed at a cost of £7,860 plus VAT. A grant of £950 from NHCT was a great help, and enabled the PCC to extend the cleaning programme to further monuments in the nave.

This, together with previous grants from NHCT, has been a tremendous help in enabling us to carry out an ongoing programme of maintenance, and is much appreciated by all who use St. Edmund's.

Colin Wightman,
Treasurer and Deputy Churchwarden



- (i) *Conservator from the Skillington Workshop at work at Holme Pierrepont.*
(ii) *The Hon. Evelyn Pierrepont monument at Holme Pierrepont before and after conservation by the Skillington Workshop.*

Norwell St. Laurence

Norwell is a fortunate parish. It has a large grade 1 listed medieval church. It stands at the extreme eastern end of the village in a large tree-filled churchyard looking south across water meadows to open country. It is a church which is held in great regard by parishioners. But it is vulnerable.

Its vulnerability was all too well demonstrated in July 2011 when four and a half tons of lead were removed from the south transept and south aisle. We felt violated and unbelievably anxious about how we were to meet a bill of £30,000 for re-roofing and improving security.

We rang Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust; they had been generous to us in the past for planned repairs and improvements, but we were pessimistic about re-roofing after theft. They could not have been more helpful and assured us that they were prepared to consider an application from us.

It is a pleasure to report that not only did Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust give us a grant of £2,500, but they also passed on our application to the National Churches Trust and they, too, gave us a grant of £2,500. Other grant awarding bodies very kindly supported us. With the help of a loan of £15,000 from Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance we were able to get the work done before the winter. Our parishioners and other supporters have helped us raise money in many different and imaginative ways. Amazingly, after almost six months to the day we had reached our target of £30,000 and were able to repay the loan.

The stolen lead has been replaced by terne-coated stainless steel. We are truly grateful and take enormous comfort from the fact that something most unpleasant has drawn so many people and organisations together to help. Thank you.

Elizabeth Jones,
Churchwarden



Norwell, Church of St. Laurence

St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent

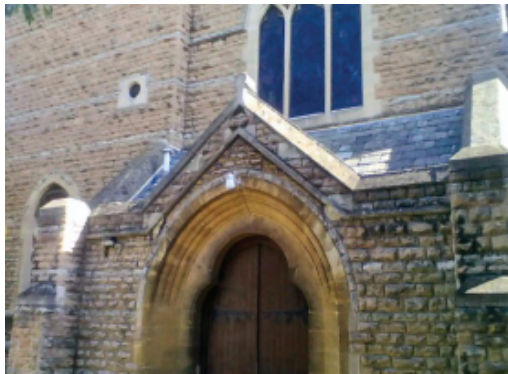
St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe-on-Trent was mainly rebuilt in 1879 and the roof over the west door porch is the only surviving roof with the original slates. However, little had been done to maintain it over the years, and due to nail tiredness, slates had slipped; the leadwork had also cracked, allowing ingress of water whenever it rained, which we later found had caused some of the timber supports to rot.

During 2011 a decision was made by the PCC to apply for a faculty to have the roof repaired and any broken slates replaced. After involving our church architect, three quotations were sought and, with his approval, we decided to go with the one which worked out to be the least expensive.

The whole porch roof was stripped of its slates, and the battens beneath and any rotten timber was made good. A layer of waterproof felt was then applied over existing timber, new battens fixed and the slates rehung.

We are very grateful to Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust for their grant which, with some fundraising and money from our rather depleted fabric fund, helped to pay for the work.

Martin Skeffington,
Churchwarden



The repaired porch at Radcliffe-on-Trent

The Friends of NHCT

The Friends have had some good afternoons out, visiting churches in different parts of the county. In May 2011 Dr. Chris Brooke took about forty Friends to visit the churches at Edingley and Halam, two churches which most of us have driven past on frequent occasions with barely more than an appreciative glance. Chris opened our eyes to details that make them full of interest. The afternoon included the most delicious tea in the beautiful garden of The Old Vicarage at Halam, where spring was on show at its very best. We are so very grateful to Mrs Beverley Perks for being such a super cook and welcoming host.

At the end of October we gathered at Ratcliffe-on-Soar where Dr. Jenny Alexander gave us a wonderful insight into the history of the alabaster monuments in the interesting 12th century church in this lush green corner of our County. We then meandered along the Leicestershire border to Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, where there are yet more fascinating alabaster figures and tomb covers in the warm and welcoming church of St. Mary and All Saints, where we were also treated to a superb tea afterwards.

The next outing for the Friends will be at the end of April 2012 to Hawton and Cotham churches, and it is interesting to note that St. Michael's, Cotham is in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust (of which Loyd Grossman is Chairman). It was saved from complete collapse by the efforts of some of the people who later formed the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, including the architect, John Severn, whose drawing of the church forms the Trust's logo.

The Friends of NHCT continue to grow in number, and we are hoping to reach 100 names in this 25th anniversary year. The Friends are great ambassadors for the Trust, and continue to make new contacts, which all helps to spread the word that the Trust is here to help support those who care for Nottinghamshire's churches.

The NHCT Grants Committee has for some while sought a project with which the Friends might really identify, and several have been put forward, only to be put on hold for a variety of reasons. However, there is a complex and very exciting project being considered for Heritage Lottery Funding at St. Martin of Tours church in Bilborough, which includes work on a wall painting which is possibly the only known surviving monumental work by Evelyn Gibbs. There are many unusual components to this prestigious, major project, and I think we could get quite excited about helping to fund some specific aspect of it. If the go-ahead is received from HLF we will arrange a Friends' visit to the church.

The Trust is well into its twenty-fifth anniversary year now, and so far the celebration events have been interesting and exciting, and many Friends as well as supporters of the Trust have joined us to enjoy them. In September the concert in Southwell Minster by The Sixteen was a sell-out, and hugely enjoyable; in March the Great Hall at Southwell was full to capacity for an interesting and thought provoking talk by Loyd Grossman. We will complete our birthday year with an autumn concert in the Minster given by the three Cathedral choirs, arranged for us by Paul Hale, the Rector Chori and a great friend of the Trust, to whom we are much indebted.

Last year's Summer Party at Flintham Hall will be difficult to improve on, but as I write we are starting to plan the 25th anniversary Summer Party at Papplewick Hall at the end of June, which this year will include a concert by the children of St. Anselm's School in the enchanting little church in the grounds. We will have a birthday cake, and Friends will have priority booking for this "family" celebration. We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Godwin-Austen for inviting us.

Anthea Moat,
Secretary

Historic Ride and Stride

Here at St. Peter's, Stokeham, in the very north of the county, the second Sunday in September is always marked as a fun fundraising day. We may never make a fortune or win the bicycle in one of the competitions, but the joy we get from seeing our annual friends is far more important. We always have a project; for several years it was to pay for stained glass roundels to be put in our front-facing east window. Last year it went towards new fencing.

One of the highlights is providing the lunches. We have been doing these for a number of years, keeping the prices low but at the same time offering something substantial to both the cyclists and to our other visitors. We also have a couple of stalls selling cakes, preserves, fresh produce, books, and other bits and pieces. We have a raffle that has had some weird and wonderful prizes, which have included a purple plastic handbag, a loaf of bread, and even a bottle of wine.

We have several loyal village cyclists, a horse rider or two, and some older residents who visit several churches by other means. We welcome many of our four legged friends, and have our own resident Labrador, Joey, who meets and greets and makes everyone welcome. We are also very fortunate that we have visitors from villages which no longer have an active church membership.

It is a long day, but one that is marked in the church diary as soon as we get it. Do join us, we are open all day and have a really great time.

Caroline Briggs,
PCC Secretary



Stokeham, The East Window

The Trustees' Statement on the Summarised Accounts

The summarised accounts are an extract from the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011. B R Dunn, a chartered accountant, gave an unqualified report on the accounts as independent examiner and he has confirmed to the Trustees that the summarised accounts are consistent with the accounts for the year.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 12th September 2011. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to gain a complete understanding of the financial affairs of the Trust. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Treasurer,

Keith Goodman, 59 Briar Gate, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4BQ.

On behalf of the trustees.

Richard Brackenbury

Chairman



*Nottingham, St.Mary's.
Photograph by Geoff Buxton.*

Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2011

Income & Expenditure

	2011	2010
Income		
Donations including tax refunds	33796	28947
Landfill tax credits	0	0
Cycle ride	10881	9132
Third Party Funding	0	31743
Gift Aid	5184	0
Other fundraising activities	5486	11274
Investment income	2301	3759
	<u>57648</u>	<u>84855</u>
Expenditure		
Costs of cycle ride and other activities	12282	16134
Management & administration	7612	7222
Third Party Funding	0	6600
Grants awarded	27100	63070
	<u>46994</u>	<u>93026</u>
Net income for the year	10654	-8171
Change in value of investments	2663	6911
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>13317</u>	<u>-1260</u>

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	26001	23338
Current assets		
Debtors	254	477
Cash balances	307163	339147
	<u>307417</u>	<u>339624</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants payable & creditors	61939	104800
Net current assets	<u>245478</u>	<u>234824</u>
Total net assets	<u>271479</u>	<u>258162</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	269968	28337
Restricted	1511	229825
	<u>271479</u>	<u>258162</u>



After the bumper year we had in 2010, which exceeded all our expectations and was the best supported one since we have been organising it, we wanted a repeat of the nearly £23,000 that we raised. However, raising funds for charity in the present financial climate is a challenge which we are all faced with but we are equally determined to overcome it thanks to the outstanding effort and work that is done by all of our friends across the county who volunteer their time to help make the Ride and Stride the success it is.

The event has become an essential part of our working schedule and is one of the main highlights of our year. During the eight years we have organised the Ride and Stride we have met many amazing people and become friends with some who continue to impress us with their dedication to raising funds to keep the churches and chapels of Nottinghamshire in good shape.

Each year we set ourselves a target to beat the total amount collected the previous year and although 2011 fell short of that we were still happy with the final amount collected. We received £19,159 compared to £20,200 from the 2010 event. Our Gift Aid total stood at £2,016, (£2,500 in 2010).

In 2011 we had 243 churches, slightly down on the 252 we had in 2010, and we hope there will be a larger number involved in 2012.

Work has been completed to return 50% of the sponsorship raised by each place of worship last year, which involved a great deal of administration work. The sponsorship we received was from a range of churches, which include most notably St Mary's Church, Walkeringham; Christ Church, Chilwell; Mansfield Christian Community Centre; Old Meeting House, Mansfield; Rainworth Methodist; St Andrews, Cauntton; Elston Methodist; Barnbygate Methodist, Newark; St Marys, Newark; St Wilfrids, South Muskham; St Nicholas Church, Tuxford; St Michaels, Linby with Papplewick; St Martin of Tours, Bilborough; St John the Baptist, Bilborough; St Cyprian, Sneinton; St Peters, Stokeham; All Saints, Cotgrave; St Winifred, Kingston on Soar; St Marys, Radcliffe on Trent; St Marys, Blidworth; St Giles, Edingley; Southwell Minster; Our Lady of Victories, Southwell.

We received a number of entries for the Best Story Competition 2011 and experienced journalist Tony Turner who works in the Keyworth office judged the entries with the winner being Caroline Briggs of St Peter's Church, Stokeham, whose story was also nominated top by Boby. She has received a cheque for £100, half of which she has donated to her church. Second place went to Alan Clarke from St Mary's Church, Keyworth, and third place was awarded to Susan Payne of St Mary of Purification Church, Blidworth.

Work has also been finalised on entering the names of people who have signed the necessary forms to confirm they pay tax to allow us to claim Gift Aid.

Now that all the work has been carried out on the 2011 event, preparations are ongoing to get us in good shape for 2012. In March entry forms and invitation letters were sent to around 550 churches and chapels in the county and we have received many positive replies.

There will be the usual three competitions – a cycle will be awarded to the most active church or chapel who fields the strongest team of riders and walkers, a £50 cheque will be presented to the participant who visits the most places of worship which are normally less attended and are shortlisted by us, as organisers, and finally a cheque for £100 will be given to the person who writes the most exciting story.

In 2011 we teamed up with JustGiving, the UK's leading online fundraising website, so money can be donated and raised online. The pilot year using the website went really well and we received around £500 electronically and would like to encourage more people to make use of the facility. The supporters can make single and monthly donations to the charity through the direct donation area at <http://www.justgiving.com/nhctrideandstride/donate>.

There is also the opportunity to link your own JustGiving page to the Ride and Stride 2012 by visiting the link http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=190295&eid=756238&utm_source=EventLinking&utm_medium=EventLinkingURL&utm_campaign=EventLinking and we would be very grateful to anyone who is able to use this method of donating funds.

Once again a reminder – make a note in your diaries – Saturday, 8th September 2012, between 10am and 6pm – this is the date when the Ride and Stride will take place and we are hoping to see a great turnout as usual. And as we say every year – looking forward to seeing you in your saddles and in your walking shoes! Do not forget it is a healthy way to spend a day!

Mike Elliott
Boby Stefanov
Ride and Stride Organiser



Ruth Hyde, Sarah Gadzik and Boby Stefanov outside St John of Beverley Church, Scarrington

Christmas Cards

The Trust's Christmas Cards for 2012



Window in the Church of St Giles, Holme-by-Newark



Holy Trinity Church, Bulcote



Bleasby, St Mary: Christopher Whall glass 1910

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Conservation of 'Christ in the Garden' by Thomas Barber, St. Peter's Church, Nottingham



Clayworth, St. Peter.

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Donation Form

If you would like to give a donation to the Trust you can send a cheque, including the signed Gift Aid Declaration if appropriate, directly to the Treasurer at the address below, Alternatively, you might like to complete the Friends' Application Form on the next page, together with the Bank Standing Order, to become a Friend of Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

I enclose £
(in words)

as a donation to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

Name
Address
.....
Postcode

Gift Aid Declaration

I request that the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust treat this donation and any further donations I make as Gift Aid Donation. *In order to Gift Aid, donors must pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax which the Trust reclaims from the donation. Please inform the Trust if this ceases to be the case.*

Signature Date

Please send to:-

The Treasurer,
Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust,
59 Briar Gate,
Long Eaton,
Nottingham
NG10 4BQ

Friends' Application Form and Standing Order

I / We would like to become a Friend of NHCT.

Title: Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Email:

Signed: Date:

Category of Membership - please tick

Annual individual	£15	Annual couple	£25
Annual church member	£25	Annual corporate/business	£250
Life membership	£250		

Payment – please help us to cut down our administration costs by paying by Standing Order below, and send it to the Secretary:

Mrs Anthea Moat, The Old School House, Scofton, Worksop, Notts. S81 0UE

Standing Order to your bank (please send to NHCT Secretary):

To: (your bank or building society)

Address: Postcode:

Your account name:

Your account number: Sort code:

Please pay to the NatWest Bank, 9 Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HW for the credit of Friends of Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (Registered Charity No 518335), account number: 36011088, sort code: 60 20 15

The sum of (words)

£..... (figures) **annually**

starting on the day of20

until further notice in writing. This cancels all previous Standing Orders payable from my account to Friends of Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

Signed: Date:

Gift Aid Declaration

Name of Charity: Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust
Registered Charity Number 518335

Details of donor:

Title

Forename(s)

Surname

Address

.....

Postcode

Telephone number

I wish the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust to treat all donations I have made since April 2000, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.

I have read and understand the notes* below.

Signature

Date

***Notes: You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount that the charity can reclaim on your donation in the tax year.**

A declaration should be cancelled if you no longer pay tax to cover this amount.

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your tax return.

Please notify the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust if you change your name or address at any time whilst this declaration is in force.

Legacy

Have you thought about leaving a bequest or legacy to the Trust?

A bequest or legacy in your Will is one of the more traditional forms of giving to charity but remains a very important one.

All gifts given to charity in your Will are tax-free and are deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated. Therefore, you could reduce or remove your estate's potential inheritance tax liability by including a gift to charity in your Will.

There are several ways to benefit a charity:

By a specific legacy which is a fixed amount from your estate
e.g. "I leave the sum of £....."

or

By leaving the charity a share of your residuary estate, so that after any funeral, taxes and testimonial expenses are paid the balance left is known as your residuary estate and that too can be left to charity in full or in part.

All legacy income is spent on direct project work, and is never spent on general administration costs.

The Patrons and Trustees would be extremely grateful to anyone who decided that the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust would be a suitable recipient for a bequest.

Ask your solicitor or professional advisor to draw up your Will, or a codicil to an existing Will. For those who write their own Wills, your bequest should be to:

"The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust (registered charity number 518335) 59 Briar Gate, Long Eaton, Nottingham, NG10 4BQ" and the following declaration should be added, "I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the legatees shall be good and sufficient discharge to my Executors".

If you wish to leave a legacy in your Will to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and would like to indicate your intention, please use the reply form overleaf.

Legacy Reply Form

Details:

Title

Forename(s)

Surname

Address

.....

Postcode

Telephone number

Please return to the Treasurer:

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