

The Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust

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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.

On 31st December 1986 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 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.

During 2011 and 2012 the Trust celebrated its 25th Anniversary with several fundraising events; the 2012 Summer Party took place on Friday 29th June at Papplewick Hall, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Godwin-Austen. The evening began with a reception in the Hall followed by a concert in Papplewick church performed by a choir of young children from S. Anselm's School. The final anniversary event, on Friday 12th October, was a special 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+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 raises money through the Friends of NHCT, an important fundraising and networking group for the charity. For the last three years the Trust has also raised money by producing its own Christmas cards which have been sold to the general public through the charity 'Cards for Good Causes' in St Peter's Church, Nottingham and St Mary's Church, Newark, and directly from the Trust's Secretary.

Since 1999 the Trust has acted as the channel through which Landfill Tax credits are distributed via WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) but this has now ceased. A new partnership grants programme from the National Churches Trust is now operational.

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.



Worksop Priory Gatehouse Photograph by Dr Chris Brooke

Chairman's Report

2013 has started as a relatively quiet year for the Trust. Quiet, that is, after the activities of our Silver Jubilee year, but nevertheless continuing the steady round of grant disbursements (details of which the reader will find elsewhere in this report), and fundraising.

In May 2012, I attended the Historic Churches Liaison Group conference in London with Anthea Moat. It was very useful to see how other Trusts are working and to swap ideas in that context. Whilst in some ways our own ideas are well developed, the event demonstrated the need to review our own approach to our task.

In June, the Trust's annual Summer Party took place at Papplewick Hall, the home of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Godwin-Austen. The reception was held in the Hall during which our President, Mrs Jenny Mellors, cut an anniversary cake with a sword provided by our hosts! A delightful concert followed, sung by the children of S. Anselm's school in the nearby St James's church, and the evening was a great success in the mould of many similar evenings in the past.

The annual Ride+Stride event took place on a glorious early September day with last summer's all too rare sun shining encouragingly all day long. What is now the single most important source of funds raised almost £20,000; a breakdown of this amount is given in the Ride+Stride report. Particular thanks must be paid to Mike Elliott and Boby Stefanov who for the last ten years have magnificently supported us by organising this event, and I would like to express my own personal gratitude as well as that of the Trust collectively. However, regretfully, Mike and Boby have said that they will be unable to continue doing this most valuable work due to changes in their organisation. They will be a very hard act to follow.

Last October, we were lucky enough to share with The Cathedral Choir Association the annual St. Cecilia Concert with the three Cathedral Choirs at Southwell Minster. This showed the full range of the musical life of our own cathedral in its full glory and it was a wonderful experience for everyone who was fortunate enough to attend.

Outings by the growing number of Friends of the Trust continued during the same month with a visit led by Dr Jenny Alexander to Worksop Priory and Scofton church, together with other afternoon visits during the year, described elsewhere in this report.

Noting that we support all Christian churches in the County, I made contact with the Dean of the Roman Catholic Diocese and am hopeful that we will see both applications and support from that denomination in the near future.

Of course, I must thank all of those who continue to willingly support our work; the Trustees and officers who, between them, make the decisions on Trust policy, who decide on the grant applications that are made, who produce the Trust's publications, its reports, Christmas cards, etc., and who lead visits of the Friends, and to Keith Goodman, our Treasurer, who once more has expertly stewarded our finances. Thanks also to Anthea Moat, our Secretary, Maureen Hallam, who is in charge of our funding appeals, and to Linda Francis, who keeps control of the Grants Committee, three individuals without whom the Trust could not operate.

All that said, with the current economic climate being as it is, the need to find alternative sources of funding remains vital, as is the need to broaden the reach of our membership. Our moves to improve the profile of the Trust have started but have so far made only slow progress. Whilst not wanting to damage the essential characteristics of the Trust, I do feel that we must attract a broader age group of both supporters and funders if we are to succeed in doing what we exist to do. I am confident however that by the time of the next report, readers will notice significant positive change. The help and support of you, our existing Friends and supporters, will be vital in that process.

Richard Brackenbury

Chairman

Grants Committee Report

During 2012/13 the Trust has allocated 26 grants to churches and chapels across Nottinghamshire, totalling £74,312. One grant was made 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, especially for improving toilet facilities and access provision.

The recent Partnership Grants Programme operated by National Churches Trust has benefitted eight churches since the beginning of 2011. The programme is best suited for grants towards necessary structural repairs projects and we have already made recommendations to the National Churches Trust to utilise the £10,000 they have made available to us during 2013. We are hopeful that the full Grant Application will be successful, as there is no guarantee that all the requests will be met.

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.

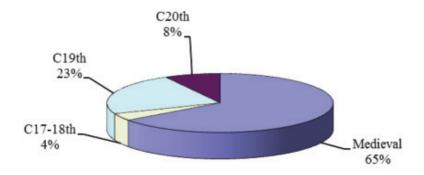
Further details of our work can be found on our website at: http://www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk.

Graeme Renton

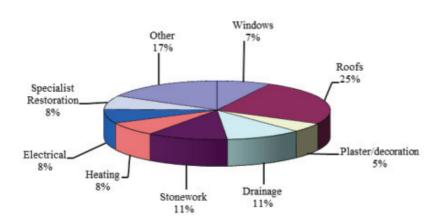
Chairman of the Grants Committee



St. Peter & St. Paul, Upton Photograph by Dr Chris Brooke



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:

AWARDS (Total £74,312)

Attenborough, St Mary's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) Repair/improve rainwater goods and surface water drainage

Beeston, St John the Baptist (Anglican; C19th; Grade II listed) *Drainage work*

Bilborough, St Martin of Tours (Anglican; medieval; Grade Π^* listed) Restoration of the 1946 Evelyn Gibbs Murals

Bramcote, St Michael and All Angels (Anglican; C19th; Grade II listed) *Heating system and repairs to plaster and redecoration*

Cropwell Bishop, St Giles (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) *Stonework repairs and drainage*

East Retford, St Swithun's (Anglican; medieval; Grade II* listed) Major repairs to the roofs of the tower and transepts

East Stoke, St Oswald's (Anglican; medieval; Grade II* listed)
Replacement of stolen lead roof on south aisle with terne-coated stainless steel

Epperstone, Holy Cross (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) *Window repairs*

Gotham, St Lawrence (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) *Boiler replacement*

Halam, St Michael the Archangel (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) *Porch repairs*

Harby with Swinethorpe, All Saints (Anglican; C19th; Grade II listed) *Re-hang bells with new fittings*

Holme Pierrepont, St Edmund's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) Specialist cleaning of masonry and memorial

Hucknall, Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene (Anglican; medieval; Grade II* listed) Extensive stonework repairs and repair of rainwater goods

Hucknall, St Peter and St Paul (Anglican; C20th; not listed) *Replacement of vandalised cross on external roof*

Mansfield, St Mark's (Anglican; C19th; Grade II* listed) Re-wiring

Norwell, St Laurence (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) Replacement of failed north transept lead roof with terne-coated stainless steel

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 (additional award)

Nottingham, St Saviour's (Anglican; C19th; Grade II listed) *Major electrical work*

Ollerton, St Giles (Anglican; C18th; Grade II listed) *Redecoration of tower base, floor repairs and drainage improvements*

Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Holy Trinity (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Restoration of roof with sand cast lead

Sherwood, St Martin's (Anglican; C20th; Grade II* listed)

Roof repairs

 ${\bf Sookholme, St\ Augustine}\ ({\bf Anglican;\ medieval;\ Grade\ I\ listed}) \\ {\it Replacement\ window\ grilles}$

Strelley, All Saints (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) *General repairs and drainage*

Teversal, St Katherine's (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)
Replacement of wooden Sanctuary floor and repairs to north aiste wall and dado panelling (additional award)

Tuxford, St Nicholas (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed) *Stonework, door and heating repairs*

Upton, St Peter and St Paul (Anglican; medieval; Grade I listed)

Replacement of failed lead roofing to the north aisle with terne-coated stainless steel

St. Michael the Archangel, Halam

St Michael's is a Grade 1 listed building consisting of a west tower and nave of the 13th century, a chancel of the 12th to 14th century, and a south aisle and north porch of 1883-84. The south nave arcade is 13th century indicating the former existence of a medieval aisle.

The church contains some fine stained glass windows including those by the famous makers Morris and Co and Edward Burne-Jones. Also in the north window of the chancel there is 14th century glass depicting some interesting characters including Eve spinning with distaff in her left hand and shuttle in her right hand and Adam digging with a T-handled spade.

Installation of a new organ was completed in 2009. This was built by Henry Groves and Son of Nottingham and consists of two manuals and a 32 note pedal boards and has 1049 pipes and 28 speaking stops.

We are fortunate to have a service every Sunday plus All Age Worship on the first Sunday of each month. The church choir consists of nine adults and nine children. Also a number of concerts, organ recitals and weddings are held in the church each year.

Within the last ten years several projects have been carried out which have received a grant from NHCT. The latest of these during 2012 was for improvements to the porch consisting of replacing or repairing deteriorated stone blocks and repointing where necessary. The work was carried out at a cost of £2,670 plus VAT and a grant of £500 was received from NHCT towards the cost of the works.

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

Tony Hallam Fabric Officer



St. Michael the Archangel, Halam Photograph by Dr Chris Brooke.

Epperstone Jubilee Clock Tower Appeal

No one knows when the first church was built in Epperstone - the Domesday Record of 1086 speaks of a church and parson here – but the greater part of the present Holy Cross Church was built between 1390 and 1450. During the Quinquennial Inspection in 2011 it became evident that the mullions of the windows at belfry level were seriously eroded, as were sections of the masonry around.

With limited funds, like so many parishes, an appeal was launched to raise at least £10,000, linked to the Jubilee year with a number of community events. These events were very successful - a Jubilee Ball on 4th June contributed £2,000 – and it was good to see the involvement and support of so many parishioners.

The appeal was launched in March and Faculty obtained in April with work due to commence end July. With much of the fundraising happening well into the summer, it was important that the PCC felt confident enough of funds by May/June to authorise the building works to proceed. It was therefore of enormous help that Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust came forward early with an indication of financial assistance, eventually providing the magnificent sum of £5,000 through The National Churches Trust, for which Epperstone PCC are hugely grateful.

The repairs to the masonry were completed successfully in September at a final cost of £13,657 after reclaiming VAT on eligible works. Coincidentally, a separate small group of volunteers raised about £4,000 to refurbish the clock faces which was done at the same time. So although the essential masonry repairs are not immediately apparent from the ground, the clock tower looks much smarter with its smart, bright clock faces!

Patrick Helps *Treasurer of the PCC*



Holy Cross, Epperstone Photograph by Dr Chris Brooke

St Martin's Church, Sherwood

St. Martin's Church is a Grade 2 listed building in Sherwood, three miles to the north of Nottingham, which has just celebrated its 75th birthday.

The beauty of its interior, its versatility as a multi-purpose building, and its excellent facilities means that it is currently used not only for church-related activities but for a number of Diocesan and community events.

Over the years, the building has been well maintained but the constant torrential rains and driving winds of autumn 2012 brought unexpected problems to an area of flat roofing on one side of the church.

The asphalt upstand had failed on a parapet wall and water had therefore gathered underneath. With nowhere else to drain it leaked through the ceiling in a number of places affecting the kitchen, the crèche/office/activity room and all the disabled facilities. It severely hampered many of the activities that took place week by week.

Our architect advised us that we had a choice. We could patch the problem area but this would be temporary and would cause problems again and again over the years. Alternatively, we could re-roof with materials lasting many years. We felt we owed it to succeeding generations to choose the latter option at a cost of over £11,000.

As this was an emergency we were granted a Chancellor's licence allowing immediate action, but we simply did not have the money to pay for such a repair. The grant of £1,200 made by the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust was a tremendous help, which, together with their support and encouragement, spurred us on to raise the rest of the money quickly and for the work to be carried out.

This is not the first time that we have benefited from a grant from the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. We are truly grateful for the support they have given over many years.

Sylvia Griffiths

Vicar





External & internal view of St. Martin's Church, Sherwood

The Friends of NHCT

There are now over 100 Friends of Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, many of them couples who pay just £25 a year for the privilege of supporting the Trust. Last year they also had several outings to churches, and reduced rates for the Summer Party and the other events celebrating the Trust's 25th anniversary. The Friends are great ambassadors for the Trust, and their enthusiasm for Nottinghamshire churches makes for a happy atmosphere when we get together on our visits to interesting churches in the County.

Fifty Friends and their guests visited All Saints, Hawton and St. Michael's, Cotham, near Newark, in April 2012 on a blustery day when the wind whisked around the daffodils in Cotham churchyard. It is a drawing of this church by the architect, the late John Severn, that forms the Trust's logo; he was one of the founders of the Trust, and was also one of the people instrumental in saving Cotham church from ruin, before The Churches Conservation Trust took it on. It is beautifully cared for, and its position sitting gently in fields overlooking the ancient Fosse Way and Trent Valley is redolent with history. Hawton church by contrast buzzes with activity, and the light from its huge East window suffuses the amazing chancel, and the unique figures of the fascinating Easter Sepulchre. We were treated to a magnificent and very welcome tea by the ladies of Hawton church, and Dr. Chris Brooke was, as ever, a most interesting guide.

At the beginning of August a capacity crowd of Friends met at St. Gregory's, Fledborough. It must have been witness to great activity in the days when the Trent was the highway of the East Midlands. It stands on a rise above the flood plain, almost alone now, but there is plenty to indicate that it was a busy place for much of its life. In the 18th century it was known as the Gretna Green of the Midlands where runaway couples could be married in secret by the enigmatic Revd. Sweetapple. The wonderful collection of medieval stained glass, and a ladder from the same period, were just some of the fascinating relics brought to life by Dr. Chris Brooke and Professor Michael Jones, whose combined research provided us with fascinating insights into the life of Fledborough, and of Low Marnham three miles up river. Although there is still a lively village population here, St. Wilfred's church is only used for occasional services. The building is an enigma with many little clues to a past now largely forgotten, although trying to piece together the clues could give church visitors hours of happy puzzling. We had too brief a time there after another superb tea in the Parish Room which is now used for worship and other village activities.

Our last visit of 2012 was to Worksop Priory and its medieval Gatehouse. Dr. Jenny Alexander gave us her expert vision of the superb Gatehouse to this once magnificent 12th century Augustinian Priory. The Gatehouse has been in more or less continuous use serving the community since it was built in the 12th century, and the church itself has much of its Norman origins still visible; we were very grateful to one of the Church Wardens for his guidance here. We plan to come back to the theme of "What the Normans Did For Us in Nottinghamshire" next October, when Jenny has agreed to expand on the subject in Blyth church on 12th October (Friends please note!). We finished off our visit to the Worksop area with tea in the village hall at Scofton and a brief visit to St. John's, the Estate church of Osberton Hall, built in 1836 as a memorial chapel to the wife of the squire at the time, who had died in childbirth producing a son and heir. This little 19th century Romanesque revival church in the parkland surrounding Osberton Hall was an interesting contrast to the ancient stones of Worksop Priory. Tea in the former village school was much enjoyed.

Many Friends joined us for the wonderful 25th Birthday Summer Party at Papplewick Hall and the concert in St. James's Church afterwards by The Chapel Choir of S. Anselms' School. The final event celebrating the Trust's 25th anniversary was also well patronised by Friends, when the annual St. Cecilia Concert at Southwell Minster was shared between the Cathedral Choir Association and NHCT. A full house enjoyed a magical evening of choral music from the three Cathedral Choirs.

There is a Friends' Application Form at the back of this Annual Report and on the website, or please contact me for information. As a Friend, there is no obligation to commit to any of the activities arranged, and friends of Friends are always welcome to join the outings for a small donation to the Trust. We are most grateful to the Trustees who volunteer to talk to us about the churches we visit, and the teas are usually a highlight of the afternoon!

Anthea	Moat.
Secretar	v

The Trustees' Statement on the Summarised Accounts

The summarised accounts are an extract from the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012. 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 20 August 2012. 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*

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Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

Income & Expenditure		
•	2012	2011
Income		
Donations including tax refunds	33296	33796
Landfill tax credits	0	0
Cycle ride	9202	10881
Gift Aid	2950	5184
Other fundraising activities	21642	5486
Investment income	3002	2301
	70092	57648
Expenditure		
Costs of cycle ride and other activities	19522	13974
Management & administration	14182	5920
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	44300	27100
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Net income for the year	-7912	10654
Change in value of investments	1907	2663
Net movement in funds in the year	-6005	13317
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	27908	26001
Current assets		
Stock of Christmas cards	690	
Debtors	442	254
Cash balances	300841	307163
Liabilities due within one year	<u>301973</u>	<u>307417</u>
Grants payable & creditors	64407	61939
Total net assets	265474	271479
Funds Unrestricted	263860	1510
Restricted	1614	269969
	265474	271479



Yet another year has passed and in 2012 we enjoyed the best weather we can remember for the Ride+Stride day and all the hard work that has been put together by all of our friends reaped rewards as we received the large and small amounts of sponsorship raised by riders, striders, church recorders and friends of the Nottinghamshire churches.

Cycling was the highlight of 2012 following the huge success of the London Olympics held only a month before the Ride+Stride and it was great to see so many people out on their saddles challenging the country roads of our beautiful county.

There was, as usual, an amazing response to our efforts to raise sponsorship as part of the 2012 event and although raising funds for charity in the present financial climate is a tough challenge, which we all face, we are determined to overcome it and thanks to the outstanding effort and work that is undertaken by all of our friends who volunteer their time it continues to be a great success.

The event has become an essential part of our working schedule and is one of the main highlights of our calendar each year. After the dizzy heights we reached in 2010, when we recorded our best total in the history of the event, it will always be difficult to raise the same sums in the current economic climate. Subsequently, 2012 saw a slight decrease in sponsorship but even so we have almost reached £20,000. In 2012 we managed to raise £17,170.47 with £1,115.32 received through the use of JustGiving, a huge jump from the £354.94 we raised in 2011. In addition to the above amount we have also received £181.75 in Gift Aid from JustGiving and we are due a further £1,823.25 from our Gift Aid list which has been compiled and ready for submission, which would eventually take our overall amount raised to £19,175.47, slightly less than our totals in the last few years.

Although the above figures give a slightly negative impression we are hoping that the increased use of JustGiving will show improved figures in the following years. We are doing our best to promote the use of the online facility and some of our participants have showed some amazing results, with one rider raising nearly £500 online.

In 2012 we had 240 churches, slightly down on the 243 we had in 2011, and we hope there will be a larger number involved in September 2013.

Work has been completed to return 50% of the sponsorship raised by each place of worship which involved a great deal of administrative activity. The sponsorship received was from a range of churches, which include most notably St Mary the Virgin, Attenborough; Christ Church, Chilwell; All Saints, Strelley; Rainworth Methodist; St Andrews, Caunton; St Bartholomew, Kneesall; St Marys, Staunton; St Nicholas, Tuxford; St James the Great, Brinsley; St Michael, Linby with Papplewick; St Peter, Ravenshead; St Marys, Westwood; St Martin of Tours, Bilborough; St Georges in the Meadows, Nottingham; All Saints, Cotgrave; East Bridgford Methodist; St Lawrence, Gotham; St Luke, Hickling; St Mary's, Keyworth; St Winifred, Kingston on Soar; St Mary's, Radcliffe on Trent; St Peter, Tollerton; St Helena, West Leake; St Giles, Edingley and St Marys, Edwinstowe.

We received a number of entries for the Best Story Competition 2012 and experienced journalist, Tony Turner, judged the entries with the winner being Mrs Fiona Murphy, St Nicholas' Church, Tuxford, whose story was also nominated top by Boby. She has received a cheque for £100, which has been donated to her church. Second place went to Alan Clarke from St Mary's Church, Keyworth, and third place was awarded to Mr John Severn from All Saints Church, Cotgrave.

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 of the work has been successfully carried out for 2012, preparations are ongoing to get us in good shape for the 2013 event. Entry forms and invitation letters were sent in March to around 500 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.

Use of JustGiving, the UK's leading online fundraising website, has grown greatly since we first registered and in 2012 we received more than £1,300 through it. People who support the event in this way 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+Stride 2013 by visiting the link http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-

page/creation/?cid=190295&eid=992785&utm_source=EventCreatedEmail&utm_medium=EventLinkin gURL&utm_campaign=EventCreatedEmail (type the link in your browser address box). We would be very grateful to anyone who is able to use this method of donating funds.

On a sad note we need to advise all our friends that this will be our last year at the helm of the Ride+Stride event. We have met many super people over the years and made many new friends. We will miss the event more than words can describe. However, our circumstances have changed over the last few months and we are no longer in a position to undertake the work required to make this event the success we hope it has been over the last nine years. Boby, who has undertaken all but a very minimal part of the work, has secured a full time position with Leicester City Council, but will, however, continue to participate as a rider each year because of the tremendous enjoyment he gets out of the day.

Once again a reminder – make a note in your diaries – Saturday, 14th September, 2013, between 10am and 6pm – this is the date when the Ride+Stride will take place and we are hoping as usual to see a very good turnout. And as we normally 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+Stride Organiser



Ruth Hyde, Sarah Gadzik and Boby Stefanov.

Christmas Cards

The Trust's Christmas Cards for 2013



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



Holy Trinity Church, Bulcote



Bleasby, St Mary: Christopher Whall glass 1910

10 cards, all of one design with envelopes: £3.95 from the Trust and Cards for Good Causes at St Peter's Church, Nottingham and St Mary Magdalene Church, Newark.

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 - Environmental monitoring and recommendations for stabilisation
 - Paint and mortar analysis
 - · Historic materials supply
- Full consultancy services are also supplied, including condition surveys and treatment recommendations for the interiors and exteriors of historic buildings.

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust

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.

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Friends' Application Form and Standing Order

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Gift Aid Declaration

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

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