

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust



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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

*raising money to grant-aid historic churches
and chapels in Nottinghamshire*



Annual Report
2013 - 14

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: www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk
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Front cover: Winkburn Church

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 eight 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 31 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.

The Trust raises money from

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

It organises

- The annual Ride+Stride
- The Friends of NHCT
- Annual Summer Party
- Occasional events

A Friends' Application Form and Standing Order is available from the Trust secretary and, together with the Ride+Stride and other information, is also on our website.

A new partnership grants programme from the National Churches Trust is now operational.

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.

Chairman's Report

The year has been a relatively uneventful one for the Trust. The updating of the marketing literature and website continues, with the redesigned logo. I do thank Andy Nicholson for all his work on the website, including the posting of 'Church of the Month'. The Trustees have been joined by Sir Edward Nall whose experience is proving a great benefit to the Trust already. The 2014 Summer Party was held at Bishop's Manor in Southwell, followed by a lecture in the Minster Quire by the architectural historian, archaeologist and author, Professor David Stocker. In July the 2014 Ride+Stride was again launched at Winkburn Hall. Keith Goodman has taken on the running of the event, updating the technology used, and researching possibilities for improvement and I would like to record my thanks to him for this.

I attended a number of events on behalf of the Trust, representing it at Lincoln Cathedral for the East Midlands Heritage Forum, and at a service to mark the completion of works, part funded by the Trust, at St Michael's Church, Sutton Bonington. I spoke about the work of the Trust to the Wollaton Park Rotary Club, and again to church representatives at the "Faculty and Funding" event held at Jubilee House, Southwell. I joined the Friends of the Trust visiting St Mary & St Martin's church, Blyth, where Dr Jenny Alexander entertained us with a talk entitled "What the Normans Did for Us in Nottinghamshire".

The Trust is nothing without its people. I was sad to see the retirement of Linda Francis who has given the Trustees unstinting and efficient service as Administrator to the Grants Committee for eleven years. The Trustees have now appointed Peta Keightley, who has been warmly welcomed and is now taking up the reins where Linda left off, serving the Grants Committee which continues to be so ably chaired by Graeme Renton.

I would also like to thank all who have helped the Trust in the past year, for the sterling work carried out by Anthea Moat as Trust Secretary, and Keith Goodman as Treasurer and in practice the "anchor" of the Trust in so many ways. A significant part of the Trust's income is gained from charitable trusts, and Maureen Hallam has continued her role as Fundraiser superbly well, despite considerable personal difficulty. I would also like to thank Richard Craven-Smith-Milnes for his generous hospitality and encouragement.

The underlying need to improve the Trust's base and to attract younger people to become involved in the work remains as vital as ever. The last year has been reasonably successful and I hope that the Trust can continue to develop and improve its extremely important work.

Richard Brackenbury

Chairman

Grants Committee Report

During 2013/2014 the Trust has offered 24 grants to churches and chapels across Nottinghamshire amounting to £77600.

It was encouraging to report the spread of grants across a number of church denominations to reflect our interest in and support of historic churches which all form part of our heritage. The awards went to 15 Anglican churches, two Methodist churches, a United Reformed Church, a Greek Coptic orthodox church and an old Meeting House Unitarian Chapel.

The majority of the grants were from our own funds but we were able to maximise the money available from the National Churches Trust via their Partnership Grants Programme.

A special Trust award of £9000 was awarded to Our Lady of Eglington for the restoration of the south door and the organ case and associated screen.

The following churches have all been helped over the past 12 months:

Orston, St Mary's	Underwood, St Michael and All Angels
Coddington, All Saint's	Nottingham, St Mary and St George (Coptic Orthodox)
Cromwell, St Giles'	Willoughby on the Wolds, St Mary and All Saints
Kinoulton, St Luke's	Mansfield Old Meeting House (Unitarian Chapel)
Laneham, St Peter's	Bakersfield, The Dales United Reformed Church
Brinsley, St James the Great	Carlton, St John's Methodist Church
Langold, St Luke's	Sutton Bonnington, St Michael's
Edwinstowe, St Mary's	Beeston, Chilwell Road Methodist
Beckingham, All Saints	Eglington, Our Lady of Eglington
Jacksdale, St Mary's	Hucknall, St John the Evangelist
Calverton, St Wilfrid's	Bilborough, St Martin of Tours
Cropwell Bishop, St Giles'	Barton in Fabis, St George's

The grants covered a wide range of work including external masonry and roofing repairs, window and stained glass repairs, resolving rising damp and fungal and beetle activity. The grants also covered repairs to plaster internally, careful restoration of internal decoration and screens, and improvements to heating systems. There was also a challenging repair to be undertaken on the existing internal structure of St Mary and St George Church, Nottingham.

A highlight was awarding further funding to help restore the 1946 Evelyn Gibb murals at St Martin of Tours, Bilborough.

There were a few applications that were turned down as they did not match the criteria stated in the Trust rules of eligibility. Overall, churches should be encouraged to submit applications for grants or indeed to contact the Grants Administrator to discuss the eligibility of work.

For further details of our work and the latest information see the link below
<http://nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant/>

Graeme Renton RIBA AABC RMaPS
Chairman of the Grants Committee

The Friends of NHCT

The Friends of the Trust are a much valued group who pay a small annual subscription which entitles them to join several visits each year to some of the historic churches and chapels in Nottinghamshire, as well as enjoying special rates for Trust events.

In October 2013 a group visited St Mary & St Martin's church, Blyth, where Dr Jenny Alexander gave a talk on "What the Normans Did for Us in Nottinghamshire", following on from an earlier visit to Worksop Priory nearby. In March some 36 Friends visited the Historic Chapter Library, housed in Southwell Minster, where the Librarian, Christine Whitehouse, introduced some of the magnificent books and documents held there.

Many Friends enjoyed the Summer Party drinks and canapés in Bishop's Manor, followed by a talk in the Minster Quire by Dr David Stocker on the pre-Norman ecclesiastical buildings of Southwell and elsewhere.

The summer visit was to the Trent-side churches of Kelham and Averham, the latter having completed major projects, funded in part by the Trust, which Dr Christopher Brooke and Professor Michael Jones highlighted in their talk on the history of the church and local families. This visit was extended to include a tour of the refurbished Robin Hood Theatre, following tea there.

The next visit in October will take in the churches at Strelley and Bilborough, where St Martin of Tours church is having major work done to repair some of the damage caused by a 1970s addition and earlier neglect, and which a donation from the subscriptions of the Friends is helping to fund.

The support and interest of the Friends is extremely important to the Trust, both financially and as enthusiastic advocates of the work of the Trust. To become a Friend please see the website or contact the Trust Secretary.

Anthea Moat
NHCT Secretary

Ride + Stride

On the second Saturday in September each year riders and striders visit churches and chapels across the county raising funds to be shared between their church or chapel and the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people from all over the county walk, cycle and even ride their horses between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside. The money they raise helps to preserve some of Nottinghamshire's churches and chapels which are at risk of falling into serious disrepair.

The amount raised for the Ride+Stride in 2013 amounted to £15627 of which £6428 has been returned to the parishes taking part. Expenses incurred were £2256 leaving the net amount available for the Trust of £6943. The total amount raised in 2013 is less than the 2012 figure of £17482.

The Ride+Stride this year took place on Saturday 13 September and although the weather was hazy to start with it soon cleared up to be a dry and warm day. There was a good turnout by enthusiastic supporters of the event and although sponsorship money is being received at the time of going to press the figures for the 2014 event are not yet available.

In 2015 the R+S will take place on Saturday 12 September between 10am and 6pm and we are hoping to see a very good turnout. Ride+Stride is a great way to raise money for your local church and for the NHCT and is an exciting day out - visit unique historic buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with friends and family.

Keith Goodman

NHCT Treasurer and Ride+Stride Administrator

Legacy

A bequest or legacy in your will is one of the more traditional forms of giving to charity and remains a very important one. All bequests to a charity are deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated. Therefore you could reduce or remove your estate's inheritance tax liability by including a bequest to a charity in your will.

If you wish to leave a legacy in your will to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust please indicate your intention by completing the legacy reply form at the back of this report; alternatively please contact Mr Keith Goodman, Treasurer.

Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2014

<i>Income & Expenditure</i>	2014	2013
Income		
Voluntary income-donations	32801	40875
Activities for generating funds	13839	15765
Gift Aid received	2278	2214
Investment income	2414	3316
	<u>51332</u>	<u>62170</u>
Expenditure		
Cost of generating voluntary income	9742	6956
Cost of fund raising activities	5606	8655
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	66400	54812
Management & administration	5788	5734
	<u>87536</u>	<u>76157</u>
Net income for the year	-36204	-13987
Change in value of investments	1216	5508
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>-34988</u>	<u>-8479</u>
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	34632	33416
Current assets		
Stock of Christmas cards	249	568
Debtors	2713	427
Cash balances	285275	300496
	<u>288237</u>	<u>301491</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants payable & creditors	100862	77912
Total net assets	<u>222007</u>	<u>256995</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	217007	256995
Restricted	5000	0
	<u>222007</u>	<u>256995</u>

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 2014. 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 8 September 2014. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to gain 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

Legacy Reply Form

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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.

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Details:

Title

Forename(s)

Surname

Address

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Postcode

Telephone number

Please return to the Treasurer:

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We would also like to thank all of our Friends, supporters, and the Trustees who work so hard for the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. Finally, our thanks to Mr and Mrs Craven-Smith-Milnes for allowing us to hold our meetings at Winkburn Hall.