



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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



Annual Report  
2014 - 15

*Front cover: Hayton Church (photograph - Christopher Brooke)*

# 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.

Twenty nine 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

I am pleased to report that 2014/15 has again been a successful year for the Trust.

The reason for the Trust's existence is the raising of money to help support the maintenance and repair of historic Christian churches in Nottinghamshire and that is what the trustees have focused upon during the year.

Funds have been generated by the efforts of Maureen Hallam, the Trust's fundraiser, concentrating on those charitable trusts whose remit covers support for organisations such as NHCT, and by the significant sums being produced as a result of many individuals cycling or walking to visit churches during the annual Ride+Stride day in September. The event could not be so successful without excellent organization and it is to Keith Goodman that the trustees have once again turned for help. Without Maureen and Keith, the Trust would be nothing like as successful.

On the other side of the coin, the Grants Committee have once again, under the stewardship of its Chairman, Graeme Renton, spent the Trust's funds on many worthy projects helping to preserve Nottinghamshire's wonderful heritage of churches. After the departure of Linda Francis as Grants Administrator, the committee was helped for all too short a time by Peta Keightley, but for some months now it has been lucky enough to be supported by the able secretarial skills of Margaret Lowe.

Alongside those primary activities, the Trust has enjoyed its usual round of events. June 2015 saw the annual Summer Party, with Michael Hall speaking about the Victorian architect, G.F. Bodley, in one of his greatest creations, Clumber Chapel, following refreshment in the restored Walled Kitchen Garden and a recital by Stephen Carey on the magnificent Chapel organ.

Visits by the Friends of the Trust took place to various churches in the County and proved to be "sell out" successes on each occasion. I warmly thank my fellow trustees for their leadership of these visits and the knowledge they share so enthusiastically with the Friends. Throughout, Anthea Moat has operated with the efficiency and dedication the trustees have come to rely upon, and I personally would like to thank her for her continuing support as Secretary to the Trust.

I attended the Churches Trusts' Conference at Winchester in April, as well as other NHCT events, including Friends' visits and those to mark the completion of the restoration of the Evelyn Gibbs murals at Bilborough and the Comper organ doors at Eginton, both projects having received grants from the Trust.

All the trustees were sad to say goodbye to Peter Hoare upon his retirement as a trustee on moving away from the area. Keith Goodman is soon to retire as Treasurer, too, and the words "a difficult act to follow" will never have been more justifiably used than when he steps down from that role. In addition to those two resignations, Jenny Mellors retired as President. Jenny has been deeply involved in the Trust since its inception, and her name has become synonymous with it. Thankfully, she will remain as a trustee, as will Keith, so the Trust will continue to have their wise counsel for many years yet. As President to succeed Jenny, the trustees have been lucky enough to be able to persuade David Atkins to agree to take over as her successor. I very much look forward to working with him.

These departures lead me to finish by once more repeating the trustees' hope that we can encourage younger people to become involved with the Trust, in order to continue the work that has already been undertaken by those particularly mentioned above. Once again, I would like to express my thanks to them, and to all their colleagues who so freely give of their time and considerable expert knowledge to further the aims of the Trust.

**Richard Brackenbury**  
*Chairman*

## Grants Committee Report

During 2014/2015 the Trust awarded 22 grants to churches and chapels well spread across Nottinghamshire amounting to a total of £77838 an increase on last year's total of £77600. One project at Upton received the Trustees' Special Award this year.

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

Averham (St Michael & All Angels)  
*Restoration of a JJ Binns pipe organ*

Beeston (John the Baptist)  
*Drainage works*

Clayworth (St Peter's)  
*Chancel and South aisle roof repairs*

Cropwell Bishop (Methodist Church)  
*Internal plasterwork repairs*

Greasley (St Mary's)  
*Replace roofing*

Kirton (Holy Trinity)  
*Restore Stations of the Cross*

Lenton (Holy Trinity)  
*Repairs to roof, stonework and dry rot*

Norwell (St Laurence)  
*North West Nave death watch beetle treatment*

Sneinton (St Christopher with St Phillip)  
*Replacement of six pillars supporting church*

Sutton on Trent (All Saints)  
*Repairs to roof and Nave guttering*

Wellow (St Swithin's)  
*Wet rot North and South aisles*

Worksop (Priory Gatehouse Chapel)  
*Repair and conservation of stonework*

Besthorpe (Holy Trinity)  
*Metal railing and gates*

Bingham (St Mary & All Saints)  
*Replace roofing*

Cropwell Bishop (Methodist Church)  
*Rebuild Chancel Arch*

East Markham (St John the Baptist)  
*Replace Porch Doors*

Kelham (St Wilfrid)  
*Bell Project*

Laxton (St Michael the Archangel)  
*Repairs to Nave, gutters and Tower roof*

Mansfield Woodhouse (St Edmund's)  
*Repair and restore six bells*

Retford (All Hallows Church)  
*Repairs to roof and stonework*

Sneinton (St Christopher with St Phillip)  
*Repair, replace footpath and stonework*

Upton (St Peter & St Paul)  
*Conservation of 'Angel' wall painting*

Wellow (St Swithin's)  
*Wet rot in central area under nave seating*

The grants went towards a wide variety of repairs and restoration works both internal and external and also helping to support major works of repair greater than £200000 and down to £500. One of the most significant buildings receiving attention this year was Holy Trinity Church, Lenton, where there were major roof gutters and wall repairs.

The majority of the grants were from our own funds but we were able to use the maximum £20000 that we received from the National Churches Trust and the following churches benefited:

St Peter's Church, Clayworth, Roof repairs

All Hallows Retford, Stone and Tower repairs

St Mary and All Saints, Bingham, Roof repairs

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Shelford, Roof repairs

All Saint's Church, Barnaby in the Willows, Roof repairs

Very few applications were turned down for not matching the eligible criteria of the Trust.

For further details of our work and the latest information see the link below:

<http://notshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant>

**Graeme Renton RIBA AABC RMaPS**  
*Chairman of the Grants Committee*

## The Friends of NHCT

The Friends of NHCT continue to grow in number, and in their enjoyment of the churches visited each year. These are not usually the grand and important edifices, but our local parish churches which have stood witness to the ebb and flow of spiritual and domestic life for many hundreds of years. Looking for the clues that indicate social and architectural changes becomes a treasure hunt when led by one or other of the Trustees and local experts. Invariably, individual Friends add local knowledge and colour, or specialist expertise.

A visit to the awe inspiring project to restore St. Martin of Tours church at Billborough to a beautiful building that looks loved, works well, and is using new technology such as ground source underfloor heating, was enjoyed by a large group of Friends. The horrifying treatment of the Evelyn Gibbs murals in the past reminded us of the value of the Faculty system in safeguarding treasures. The tomb monuments at Strelley are always appealing, especially when Dr. Jenny Alexander is there to roll up the carpet to look at the brasses in the chancel floor!

In the spring we returned to the theme of murals and visited Clayworth where over a hundred years ago the Scottish mural artist, Phoebe Tracquir, had decorated the church with beautiful local scenes, including people of the village at the time. The parish churches at Clarborough and Hayton are two of those quiet, serene sentinels of Christian worship where over the centuries major events have largely brushed over them and the daily round was noted in small details.

On a lovely summer's afternoon the Friends visited Carlton-, Sutton- and Normanton-on-Trent, a group of Trent-side churches which were also on or near the old Great North Road so have always seen the world go by – what stories their ancient stones could tell! We were very grateful to our hosts at Normanton for a magnificent tea to round off the visit, (teas feature largely in these visits!) and to Dr. Chris Brooke and Professor Michael Jones for sharing their diligent research and wide knowledge of the people and the archeology of these living monuments to our shared history.

The annual Summer Party was held in the restored Walled Kitchen Garden at Clumber, and Michael Hall spoke about the major Victorian architect, G.F. Bodley, builder of Clumber Chapel among other great buildings, and about the family who commissioned it. A picture of Clumber Chapel is the frontispiece to Michael Hall's impressive new monograph on Bodley. Stephen Carey gave us a recital on the Chapel organ before the talk, which brought to life this extravagant peon to Victorian Christian prayer and praise.

If you would like to join the Friends of NHCT please contact the Secretary for an application form. You will be made most welcome by this happy band of church explorers, and incidentally help the Trust with your subscription, in its founding aim to keep our Christian churches in repair.

**Anthea Moat**

*NHCT Secretary*

## Ride + Stride

The second Saturday of September sees thousands of riders and striders setting forth across the country to raise money towards the repair of our church buildings. Nottinghamshire is no exception with 208 Churches taking part this year, an increase from 170 last year.

The weather was on the whole nothing like as traumatic as the predicted weather forecast. Over the last five years we have been blessed with some very good weather. Indeed, one group from Chilwell had just reached the doors of West Bridgford Methodist church at 1pm when the lightning and rain arrived. With the tempting smells of bacon rolls and visual display of cakes, they just had to struggle inside for lunch, to emerge 30 minutes later in bright sunshine. Good, or is that God, timing!

Immense credit is due to those who made the cakes and welcomed in visitors, especially in a number of new churches which had opened their doors for the first time this year to the participants of the Ride+Stride. It was very encouraging to see so many enthusiastic volunteers and to hear of so many positive comments and experiences throughout the county.

A huge thank you to Keith Goodman for organising a very successful event all for all who took part along the way. He is busy collating the figures as the sponsorship money comes in, and we will have a final figure for 2015 in the New Year, including Gift Aid. The Ride+Stride 2014 raised £19,835 in Nottinghamshire, shared between NHCT and the 170 individual churches taking part. The ability to donate via JustGiving has raised the national Ride+Stride income considerably, including Nottinghamshire.

***If you would like to take part in the Ride+Stride in Nottinghamshire on Saturday 10th September 2016 to help the NHCT and your favourite church raise money, please contact Keith Goodman on 0115 972 6590 or email [nhct@keithgoodman.com](mailto:nhct@keithgoodman.com), or Anthea Moat on 01909 472324***

## 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 2015

<i>Income &amp; Expenditure</i>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Voluntary income-donations	35216	32801
Activities for generating funds	12848	13839
Gift Aid received	4775	2278
Investment income	2353	2414
	<u>55192</u>	<u>51332</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Cost of generating voluntary income	5931	9742
Cost of fund raising activities	8295	5606
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	75588	66400
Management & administration	6287	5788
	<u>96101</u>	<u>87536</u>
Net income for the year	-40909	-36204
Change in value of investments	<u>-232</u>	<u>1216</u>
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>-41141</u>	<u>-34988</u>
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	34400	34632
Current assets		
Stock of Christmas cards	24	249
Debtors	274	2713
Cash balances	<u>247214</u>	<u>285275</u>
	<u>247512</u>	<u>288237</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants payable & creditors	101046	100862
Total net assets	<u>180866</u>	<u>222007</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	175840	217007
Restricted	<u>5026</u>	<u>5000</u>
	<u>180866</u>	<u>222007</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 2015. 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 14 September 2015. 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

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

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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.**

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 below.

### 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.

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