



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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



Annual Report
2016 - 17

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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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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.

In 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 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. These, together with details of the Ride+Stride and other information, are also on our website: www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk

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 Trust completed the year to the end of March 2017 by converting to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and while this will not make a noticeable difference to the work of the Trust, it does improve the governance and limit the liability of the trustees of NHCT. The only obvious change is the charity's registered number. The fact that this conversion has gone so very smoothly is entirely due to the good offices of Keith Goodman, our now retired Treasurer. Fortunately for us, he remains a trustee so we retain the services of his amazing grasp of all things commercial and financial. He has again taken charge of the Ride+Stride, and once more the event in 2016 was very successful despite some fairly atrocious weather, raising £19,000 of which £8,000 was returned to the participating churches. The increasing use of JustGiving is encouraging and is our first effective step into the world of social media.

This is now an important door which we must push open and of which we must make proper use, and we are actively looking for someone who will lead the Trust in this direction. To this end we are working to identify what needs to be done to move the Trust forward. There is much to be gained via social media, particularly as tourism in the area is being boosted (especially with American interest) by the imminent 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers, many of whom came from our area. Equally, the National Churches Trust's Explore Churches programme is gaining momentum. It is important that NHCT is not left behind since there are many churches in our county which hold keys to this targeted international history.

The Grants Committee under the chairmanship of Graeme Renton has served the Trust well, identifying works that the Trust can support in a variety of churches of all ages and denominations. Applications have been lower than some years, and the reasons for this are unclear. The Grants Committee was able to identify three projects which were suitable to receive the Partnership Grant for the year which the Trust was generously offered by National Churches Trust. I thank all the members of the Grants Committee for their time and expertise, and Margaret Lowe for so efficiently taking on the management of the applications and the contact with the churches involved.

The Trust's new Treasurer, Jon Dawson, is proving a worthy successor to Keith Goodman, and he is beginning to understand the dynamics of the organisation and its component parts. As a trustee and also a Friend of the Trust, his support is greatly appreciated. Maureen Hallam continues to raise funds from outside organisations, calmly persevering in these times of constraint when all things "community" seem to have priority with funders. For this I express my gratitude. I also thank Anthea Moat for organising the Friends' activities, and for keeping the working of the Trust running so smoothly. Without her, we would be far less organised!

The Summer Party 2017 was held on a wonderful summer's evening at the delightful East Bridgford Hill, looking out over the River Trent. Drinks and sumptuous canapés were taken in the drawing room and garden, with piano music floating on the air, before a marvellous concert given by The Bridge Singers in the serene setting of St Peter's church next door. Many guests, supporters and Friends of the Trust attended and I was able to thank them for their support for the work of the Trust.

The Friends continue to grow in number and have enjoyed several church visits during the year and I would like to thank trustees Dr Jenny Alexander, Dr Chris Brooke and Professor Michael Jones for leading these tours. Andrew Paris has given generously of his time and expert knowledge to produce the Trust's literature, and Richard Craven-Smith-Milnes continues to be a most welcoming host at Winkburn Hall, for meetings and for the Ride+Stride launch party.

Richard Brackenbury
Chairman

Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

Income & Expenditure	2017	2016
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	26,602	28,632
Other trading activities	15,465	13,861
Gift Aid received	3,273	4,166
Investment income	2,024	2,027
	<u>47,364</u>	<u>48,686</u>
Expenditure		
Raising funds	9,526	11,356
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	37,318	102,895
Management and administration	5,318	5,026
	<u>52,162</u>	<u>119,277</u>
Net income for the year	(4,798)	(70,591)
Change in value of investments	5,753	<u>(2,571)</u>
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>955</u>	<u>(73,162)</u>
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	37,582	31,829
Current assets		
Stock of Christmas cards	-	-
Debtors	-	-
Cash balances	136,264	199,543
	<u>136,264</u>	<u>199,543</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants payable & other creditors	65,187	123,668
Total net assets	<u>108,659</u>	<u>107,704</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	108,588	102,657
Restricted	71	5,047
	<u>108,659</u>	<u>107,704</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 2017.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 11 September 2017. 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, Jon Dawson, Unit C17, Kestrel Business Centre, Colwick Industrial Estate, Nottingham NG4 2JR. In accordance with the legislation relating to charity accounts, the accounts have been subject to an independent examination by G. K. Abbot FCA.

On behalf of the trustees.

Richard Brackenbury

Chairman

Grants Committee Report

There were a variety of denominations helped by the Trust this year and involving a diverse range of projects.

The grants total given to churches this financial year amounts to £ 28,675.00 slightly down on last year's total grants offered. This sum does not include the £ 15,000 grant monies offered to us by the NCT.

As in previous years we have been fortunate in that we have been able to utilise the money given to us by the National Churches Trust for works to churches within our region.

We have, unfortunately, also had to decline some applications for various reasons, either, insufficient funds available for the works, works classed as new and not repair, and, in some cases, request a revised application detailing specific works required.

The following churches have been helped over the last year:

ANNESLEY	All Saints' grade II* - Quinquennial Report urgent guttering replacement required	£3,000
CODDINGTON	All Saints' grade II - Recover north aisle roof and repair any timber as necessary	£4,500
COSTOCK	St Giles' church - Repairs to roof and rainwater goods following rain penetration and damage	£1,250
COSSELL	St Catherine's church grade II* - Quinquennial Report - fabric repairs to tower stonework and chimney	£1,500
CLAYWORTH	St Peter's grade I - Replace rainwater gutters and downpipes, replace bargeboard	£500
CLAYWORTH	St Peter's grade I - Replace chancel quarry tiles (trip hazard)	£1,100
CROPWELL BISHOP	St Giles' church grade I - Quinquennial Report listed urgent masonry works, repointing, repair walls	£1,250
EPPERSTONE	Holy Cross grade I - Replace old boiler	£2,500
GOTHAM	St Lawrence grade I - Replace damaged, damp and blistered lime plaster	£450
HALAM	St Michael the Archangel grade II* - Replace old boiler (parts no longer available)	£1,800
KELHAM	St Wilfrid grade I - Repairs to Temple Moore organ casing	£1,250
MANSFIELD	Old Meeting House grade II* - Repairs associated with adding a new disabled toilet	£200
NORMANTON ON TRENT	St Matthew's church grade I - Repairs to 1897 clock (replace weight cords overhaul pulleys)	£400

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NOTTINGHAM	St Augustine of England grade II – Renew damaged asphalt roof covering improve drainage	£4,500
SNEINTON	St Cyprian Carthage – Repairs to organ great drawstop machine, primary and main actions	£875
TROWELL	St Helen’s church grade II* – Renewing light & heating systems restoring walls to preserve heritage	£2,500
UPTON	St Peter & St. Paul grade I – Repairs to north gable coping stones	£1,100

We have submitted applications to the National Churches Trust for £ 5,000 for the following churches:

All Saint’s Church HAWTON, All Saint’s Church SUTTON ON TRENT and St Wilfrid NORTH MUSKHAM

Graeme Renton RIBA AABC IMaPS EASA

Chairman of the Grants Committee

Ride + Stride

Another successful Ride+Stride event took place on the second Sunday of September and, although the weather was very wet, almost 100 participants visited 220 churches taking part. Sums raised from sponsorship were £15,635, of which half was returned to the participating churches. On top of this, £1,705 came from Gift Aid claimed. Sponsorship raised through Just Giving rose to £3,262 from £1,044 in 2015, clearly showing how efficient this method is for getting sponsorship.

In spite of the weather, enthusiasm was high. A rider of 80 years rode with his daughter and grandson, visiting 15 churches, and representing a goodly number of riders in their 70s and 80s. A couple on their pre-war tandem visited 14 churches. Fourteen riders struggled on through the downpours and visited 20 or more churches, with two people visiting 34 churches each. A seven year old visited 10 churches with a group riding in memory of their previous Ride+Stride contact person and dedicated motivator, who had died during the year. Four churches raised over £1,000 each, and five participants raised over £500 each.

There is some cause for concern that the amount raised and the numbers taking part are falling, although no doubt the atrocious weather had an effect on the situation. The overall organization has been streamlined, and it is hoped that more help with this will be forthcoming before the 2017 Ride+Stride, and that better promotion of the event nationally will have an effect in Nottinghamshire.

Keith Goodman

Ride+Stride Administrator

The Friends of NHCT

Once again the Friends of NHCT have turned out to support the Trust in its work to make sure the churches in our county are kept watertight and standing safely. Of course, the Trust does much more than this, but in these days of funding famine it is sometimes the small grant which can make all the difference to the upkeep of these places of such historic significance. Today there are 157 Friends and they are greatly appreciated for their support, and also for their ambassadorial role, promoting the work of the Trust. The trustees are hugely grateful.

In return for this support the Friends have enjoyed several visits to churches in the County during the year. After our summer visit to Holme and Collingham (reported on in the last Annual Report) in October we visited St Mary's church in Clifton Village with its wonderful memorials in alabaster, and intriguing stories of medieval knights, and a black slave, and the amazing Danish 1973 Organ which is such a feature of the nave. And in the chancel, did Dr Jenny Alexander un-mask the legend of the "Spitting Jew", we wondered? We then moved on to another St Mary's, in what originated as the Saxon settlement of Bunny, now right on the A60. Here the see-saw effect of investment followed by neglect over the centuries makes the church we see today like a jigsaw puzzle, and the story of the Parkyns family and the eccentric Sir Thomas is well illustrated in his flamboyant memorial. The good ladies of the church produced a wonderful tea for us, seated at tables in the nave.

In March we visited the Roman Catholic cathedral of St Barnabas in Nottingham, which began life on land acquired in 1841 outside the city limits. A.W. Pugin was engaged as architect of what was to be a parish church for the growing Catholic community in the city. Much of his interior decoration was lost in the 1870s alterations, although partly restored in the 1920s and '30s. The Blessed Sacrament chapel is a particularly glorious example of what is usually thought of as Pugin decoration. In this quite modest building it is easy to feel the effect it must have had on the Roman Catholic community, newly able to practise their faith again. There is a wealth of wonderful detail which the Dean was kind enough to talk about, and Dr Jenny Alexander enlarged upon in the cathedral hall before we enjoyed tea and cake.

Many Friends took advantage of the special rate for tickets to the Summer Party at Carlton Hall, followed by the talk in the church at Carlton-on-Trent by The Lord Cormack which followed. This annual event is primarily a celebration of the Trust's work throughout the year, shared with supporters from all walks of life. Anyone interested in joining the Friends should talk to a member of the Trust or download an application form from the website www.historicchurchtrust.org.uk

As always, most grateful thanks go to trustees Professor Michael Jones, Dr Chris Brooke and Dr Jenny Alexander for making our church visits such enjoyable and interesting afternoons out. We are also much indebted to the churchwardens and other church members who make us so welcome, and who frequently have stories of their own to tell, as well as the people who produce tea for us on these occasions, always refreshing, delicious and an indulgent treat; it is also good to be able to sit and chat with other Friends about what we have seen and heard during the afternoon.

Anthea Moat

NHCT Secretary



Some gifts are easily forgotten: others last for generations

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

Leaving a gift in your will to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust isn't just a gift; it's an investment.

Many of the county's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are fighting a battle against the ravages of time. We need to make sure that they get the repairs and renovations they need to remain at the heart of the local communities. Leaving a gift in your Will helps the Trust to keep these precious buildings alive for future generations.

You're never too young to consider leaving us a legacy to ensure that future generations will enjoy our county's rich heritage of churches and chapels.

We welcome all legacies, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to the historic legacy of churches in Nottinghamshire. 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. After any funeral, taxes and testimonial expenses are paid the balance left is known as your residuary estate and 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 contact one of the Trust's officers.

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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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