



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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



Annual Report
2017 - 18

Front cover: Restoring bible text panels, St John the Baptist, South Collingham
(photograph - Dr Christopher Brooke)

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
- Events and visits

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 partnership grants programme from the National Churches Trust is now in its final year.

The Trust 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

In common with a number of other smaller charities (and not just other County Historic Churches Trusts) 2017/18 has continued to produce challenges, mainly financial. However, it has been another successful year for the Trust with a number of ideas being tried which it is hoped will help in the long term.

Although it seems rather materialistic to start with the question of money, the raising of cash to make grants to churches who need it for maintenance, repair and preservation purposes is of course our *raison d'être*. On the one hand, the Ride+Stride for Churches event every September, which is one of our main sources of funds, raised £16,000, slightly down on the year before. On the other, we were able to very slightly increase our grants paid out to a total of £37,725, together with £15,000 via the National Churches Trust Partnership Fund. Maureen Hallam continues in her role as fundraiser, working extremely hard to obtain support from other charitable trusts, and in the year to 31st March 2018 was able to raise £29,935. However, her role continues to become more difficult as charities that have historically been supporters of the Trust are now being driven by societal conditions to look at more "community-based" projects. This trend includes the Heritage Lottery Fund, and even the National Churches Trust whose Partnership Grants will come to an end in their present form this year. Nottinghamshire has also now lost all funding from Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN) which the Trust had been able to access for churches affected by waste recycling operations.

The Friends continue to grow in number, and are greatly valued for their support and their interest in the work of the Trust. Some most generous Friends have made significant donations to the Trust during the year, either as a one-off donation or by means of a legacy, and such generosity is most welcome indeed. The time and expertise given by a number of our trustees to leading groups of Friends on several interesting trips to churches in the County is acknowledged here with gratitude. In particular I would like to thank Dr Chris Brooke, Professor Michael Jones and Dr Jenny Alexander for giving their time to lead these visits.

For many, the highlight of the year is the annual Summer Party in June to which all Friends and supporters are invited. Blessed with superb summer weather, that of 2018 is probably one of the most successful to date judging by the number of people who supported it. Hosted by Sir John and Lady Peace at Caunton Manor, we had a perfect evening in their beautiful garden followed by a fascinating talk by Dr Philip Hesketh, current Dean of Rochester, about Dean Hole, his 19th century predecessor and renowned rose enthusiast, who had been incumbent at Caunton before moving to Rochester.

Perhaps most significantly, in November 2017 we had our first full review meeting. The idea was to take time away from the routine of the Trust to review what we were doing. Although we decided to carry on with the same objects as those we had always worked to, we did look hard at potential fundraising ideas and came up with a number. The issue, as always, is implementing them. One idea which, at the date of this report, appears to be coming to fruition, is addressing the issue of the Trust's activities through the help of volunteers rather than formally appointed trustees. We thought that the concept of trusteeship could be rather daunting for some and that we may therefore be missing excellent help. Consequently, the first volunteer is about to start by helping with social media, but we are still actively looking for others to help with ideas for and organisation of social and fundraising events.

Whilst a cliché, it is still true to say that the Trust is nothing without its people. As well as Maureen, I would like to thank Anthea Moat who continues to be the anchor of the day-to-day functioning of the Trust. Graeme Renton continues as the very hard working chairman of the Grants Committee, and Margaret Lowe provides sterling service as the secretary to the Grants Committee. She has also taken over from Keith Goodman the running of the Ride+Stride for Churches, who in the three years in which he was in charge of this important event, brought the organisation of it into the 21st century. The Trust has benefitted hugely from Keith's expertise and diligence, especially as its wise treasurer for 15 years, and latterly as Ride+Stride Administrator. In that context, Keith and Jenny Mellors have both given notice that they will retire at the AGM in September. Jenny has been both Chairman and President of the Trust during her 31 years as a trustee, and in both roles she has been an effective and charming ambassador. Both are extremely long-serving and core members of the body of trustees and are synonymous with the Trust; it is no exaggeration to say that it will not be the same without them. I am delighted that they both plan to continue to support the Trust as members of the Friends, so we will not completely lose touch with them.

Richard Brackenbury - *Chairman*

The Friends of NHCT

There are currently 130 annual subscriptions to the Friends of NHCT, some single, some double and some PCCs, together with 12 Life Friends. In total the Friends' subscriptions and donations contributed £5,091 to the Trust during the year. Many Friends enjoyed the three visits during the year which were arranged to churches of interest in the County. These were to Scrooby and Babworth in July 2017, Thurgarton Priory and Lambley in October 2017, and Daybrook and Carrington in March 2018. Trustees Chris Brooke, Michael Jones, Jenny Alexander and Andrew Paris were among those who spoke about these churches, together with others with local or other expert knowledge.

The trustees are also much indebted to the churchwardens and other church members who make the Friends so welcome on these visits 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.

The General Data Protection Regulations (which came into force in May 2018) require that all supporters of the Trust sign a consent form before being contacted by the Trust. The effect of this is that this means of attracting new Friends has become much harder. It is hoped that existing Friends will introduce others, and that the group will continue to grow and to promote and support the work of the Trust. The Trustees are most grateful for this financial support, enabling them to make occasional Special Friends' Awards for the restoration of some specific artefact within an historic church.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends should talk to a member of the Trust or download an application form from the website www.nottshistoricchurchtrust.org.uk

Anthea Moat - *NHCT Secretary*

Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Summary of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018

Income & Expenditure	2018	2017
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	29,935	26,602
Other trading activities	16,150	15,465
Gift Aid received	3,144	3,273
Investment income	1,430	2,024
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	50,659	47,364
Expenditure		
Raising funds	11,270	9,526
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	31,050	37,318
Management and administration	5,596	5,318
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	47,916	52,162
Net income for the year	2,743	(4,798)
Change in value of investments	1,202	5,753
Net movement in funds in the year	<hr/>	<hr/>
	3,945	955
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	38,784	37,582
Current assets		
Cash balances	128,359	136,264
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	128,359	136,264
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants payable & other creditors	54,539	65,187
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Total net assets	<hr/>	<hr/>
	112,604	108,659
Funds		
Unrestricted	107,354	108,588
Restricted	5,250	71
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	112,604	108,659

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 2018.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 11 September 2018. 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 M.A. Clarke FCCA.

On behalf of the trustees.

Richard Brackenbury

Chairman

Grants Committee Report

There were a variety of denominations helped by the Trust this year, including Anglican and Church of England. Unfortunately we have also had to decline some applications due to these being for new works and not repairs to existing fabric of the building.

The grants total distributed to churches in this financial year amounts to £37,725. There does seem to be a downturn in churches requesting help. We have been fortunate, as in previous years, in that we have been able to utilize the £15,000 given to us by the National Churches Trust for works to various churches within our region. Unfortunately this is the last year that NCT will be giving this type of grant as next year they are changing all their grant offers - we await the outcome.

The following grants have been paid out over the last year:

ANNESLEY	All Saints': grade II* - Quinquennial report; replace damaged, broken guttering	£3,000
COTGRAVE	All Saint's: grade I - Repairs to boundary wall	£1,100
CLAYWORTH	St Peter's: grade I - Replace damaged guttering and downpipes	£500
EVERTON	Holy Trinity: grade II* - Re-facing damage to lower part of tower walls	£2,900
EPPERSTONE	Holy Cross: grade I - Replace boiler and improve flue ventilation	£2,500
GOTHAM	St Lawrence: grade I - Replace damaged lime plaster	£450
GREASLEY	St Mary: grade II - Replace damaged roof	£5,000
HUCKNALL	St Peter & St Paul: not listed - Replace external doors for security and safety	£1,200
HUCKNALL	St John the Evangelist: not listed - Repairs to internal plasterwork	£600
MANSFIELD	Old Meeting House: grade II* - Repair works associated with new disabled toilet	£200
MANSFIELD	St Mark's: grade II* - Replace wall heaters and add eco-condensing boiler	£2,500
NORMANTON ON TRENT	St Matthew's: grade II* - Repairs to an 1897 clock	£400
NORMANTON ON SOAR	St James: grade I - Restore pipe organ to original	£1,500
NORTH MUSKHAM	St Wilfrid's: grade I - Repair tower & south aisle roofs, replace gutter	£5,000
RETFORD	All Hallows: grade II* - Repairs to roof and stonework	£2,500
RETFORD	St Michael the Archangel: grade II* - Restore salt damaged brickwork	£2,000
SNEINTON	St Cyprian of Carthage: not listed - Repairs to organ	£875
THOROTON	St Helena: grade I - Structural repairs	£3,000
TROWELL	St. Helen's: grade II* - Replacement boiler	£2,500

The following all received an award of £ 5000 from National Churches Trust:

HAWTON	All Saint's: grade I - Major repair/renewal works to sections of church
NORTH MUSKHAM	St Wilfrid's church: grade I - Replace defective beam ends to external wall faces
SUTTON ON TRENT	All Saint's: grade I - Replace defective beam ends to external wall faces

Graeme Renton RIBA AABC IMaPS EASA

Chairman of the Grants Committee

Ride + Stride

This year the amount raised by sponsorship was £15,157. Gift Aid received was £3,142 making a total of £18,300 - just slightly less than last year. £7,078 was returned to the individual churches who took part.

This year 218 churches took part, with 60 churches having riders or striders. There were 85 riders, 47 striders, and 20 welcomers and others. These figures show a marked increase over last year. The total number of visits made was 1,558.

Two churches raised over £1,000 and five more raised between £500 and £1,000.

There were a couple of particularly magnificent efforts by Martin Langdale of All Saints, Strelley who visited 42 churches and Mike Woolley of Carlton St John Methodist who visited 37 churches. Martin started promptly at 10 a.m. from Farnsfield and worked his way westwards staying north of the Trent as far south as Attenborough before finishing at his home church of Strelley. Mike started in Carlton before making his way over the Trent and visiting the villages to the east of the Fosse. Martin travelled about 40 miles and Mike about 46.

It was good to see Martha Pudney aged eight of Inham Nook riding again this year. She visited 16 churches. However, the youngest participant was Felix West of Norwell who rode 14 miles.

Joey the dog continues to take part. At the advanced age of 14 he still welcomes visitors to Stokeham, St Peter with a wag of his tale. Animals also featured at Norwell where Liz Taylor and two of her friends visited five churches on horseback.

Some churches use Ride+Stride as an opportunity to have an outing for the church community. A group of ten people from Sneinton, St Cyprian's, walked to 13 churches and a group of 15 cyclists from Linby and Papplework visited 19 churches in the Vale of Belvoir.

Ed Compton managed to ride again this year in spite of an operation on his shoulder and, as usual, sent in his enjoyable blog. This year for the first time he used his electric bicycle. He started off at East Midlands Parkway and visited the Soar valley villages but was thwarted by a four mile diversion caused by bridge work to accommodate the Midland Line electrification - now late lamented! He then worked his way along the south of the river and into the Vale of Belvoir - sampling Esme's walnut sponge en route - before turning towards home. His battery died 50 minutes from home but he still managed to visit 30 churches and ride 62 miles. Perhaps in the future we shall include those churches with charging points in the list of facilities offered!

Keith Goodman

Ride+Stride Administrator

Why leave a gift in your Will?

A gift in your Will is one of the greatest gifts you can give. Legacies help care for the places that enrich our lives - supporting the historic buildings and irreplaceable history for everyone to enjoy.

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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