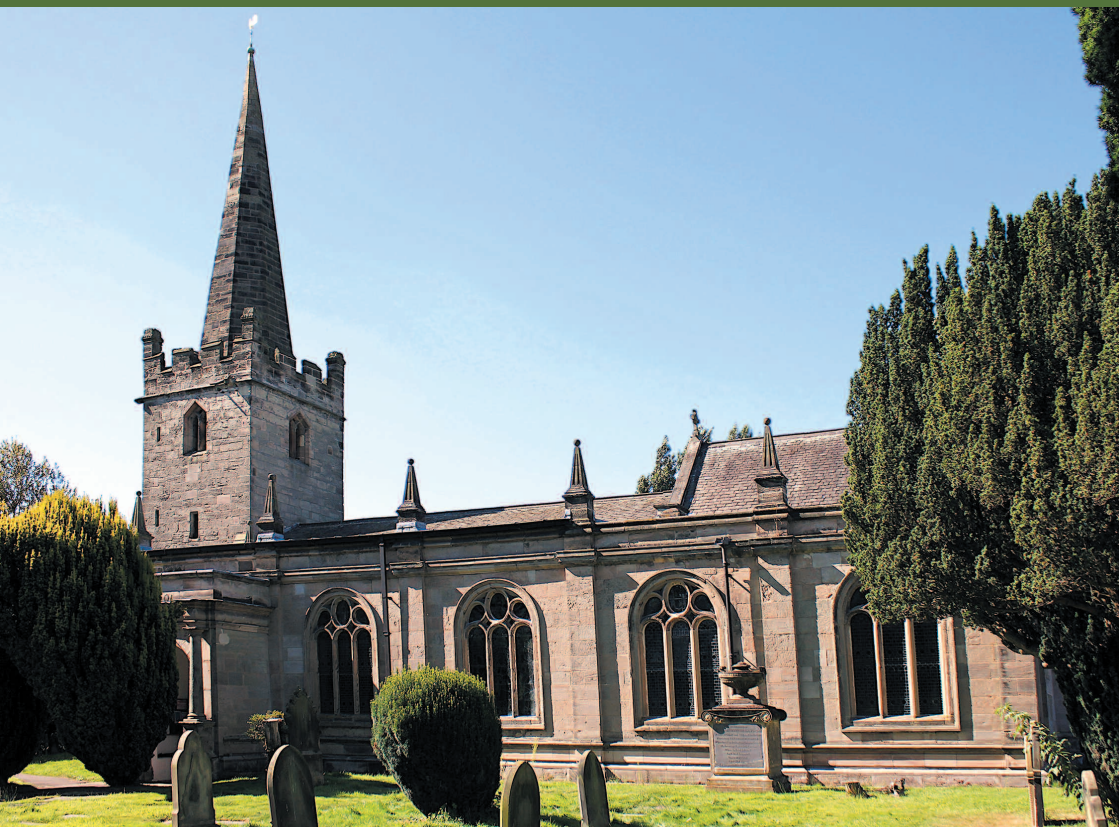




NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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



Annual Review
2018 - 19

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.

On 31 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.

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

The year has once again proved testing in finding the means to progress the initiatives needed to push the Trust forward. In common with most other smaller charities, finding funds is a real challenge. Coupled with that is the fact that those responsible for our parish churches are hesitant to consider work that is not essential because of the difficulty in accessing funds. However, in this context, the Trust has been able to help by progressing applications for grants to the National Churches Trust Partnership Grant scheme. Equally, it has been approved by Allchurches Trust to offer £1,000 grants during the next year to enable PCCs to install roof alarms. The spate of lead theft continues to require serious spending, and the damage to these often thousand-year-old churches is truly heart-breaking.

The retirement as trustees of Jenny Mellors, DL and Keith Goodman has inevitably left gaps in the board of trustees, but we are very pleased to welcome Martin Cooper as a new trustee. Martin is a resident of Averham, a keen bellringer and is the Finance Director of The Conservation Volunteers, a national environmental charity based in Doncaster. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Trust for many years and is a Life member of the Friends. His contacts with Nottingham Trent University will enable the Trust to benefit from a Consultancy Experience Project carried out by students, based on marketing the Ride+Stride event. The outcome of this study will help us promote the Ride+Stride in September, the Trust's main annual fundraising event. This is a small step forward and NHCT is looking forward to raising the event to a higher level of publicity and income in future years.

The growing Friends' group continue to enjoy visits to churches in the County, with several trustees as informal guides. In this context I am very grateful to Jenny Alexander, Chris Brooke and Michael Jones who so bravely take on the role of talking to such a disparate group of amateur church tourists when they are each such eminent experts in their own academic fields.

The search for volunteers to organise events for the Trust has been frustrating. In common with other charities, we have found finding volunteers to be a competitive process! Nevertheless, we will keep searching for that elusive organiser of a concert, a garden being open to the public, or some other event, perhaps in one of our many wonderful historic churches.

The Grants Committee, most expertly lead by Graeme Renton, continue to assess and apportion funds, using their wealth of expertise and ably assisted by Margaret Lowe as secretary. Margaret is now into her second year of organising the Ride+Stride, a demanding undertaking which she manages to fit into her busy life with superb time management. The Trust's social media presence continues to rise, and I thank Andy Platt for his posts, and especially for his brilliant photography. The Trust is exceedingly lucky to have Maureen Hallam in charge of searching out organisations which will donate to NHCT. Without the income she generates, our grant making abilities would be seriously reduced. Jon Dawson has got to grips with the complexities of the Trust's accounting as treasurer and keeper of the books and I am very grateful to him for his clear presentation of the accounts. Anthea Moat continues to keep the Trust on course and the administration under control, and to promote the Trust wherever possible.

Richard Brackenbury - *Chairman*

The Friends of NHCT

The Friends of the Trust continue to grow in number, although several have retired during the year, due to age or infirmity, and we do miss them. Apart from the Summer Party, to which Friends come at a reduced rate, they usually have three visits each year to churches in the County which seem to be well received, with special mention of the teas that round off each visit!

The first Friends' outing of 2018 was in July to Skegby and Teversall churches. St Andrew's at Skegby now an island of ancient history amid a sea of mining estates, and St Katherine's at Teversall with its box pews and the Molyneux pew with barley twist columns and a tester which was erected about 1684. The manor house next to the church is said to be the inspiration for Wragby Hall, the house in Lady Chatterley's Lover. Professor Michael Jones and Dr Chris Brooke, together with knowledgeable and helpful churchwardens, informed and entertained some sixty Friends.

The visit in mid-October to Milton Mausoleum and St John the Baptist church at East Markham presented an striking contrast. The Mausoleum, now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, has a sad, aristocratic history and the most moving alabaster figure of Georgiana, Duchess of Newcastle, and is rarely open to the public. The impressive landmark of East Markham church had had approximately 40 tonnes of lead stolen from its roof three days before our visit, but the weary parishioners managed to give us a sumptuous tea after Dr Jenny Alexander had talked about the church in her usual engaging way.

In March 2019 the Friends gathered to visit the church of St James at Normanton-on-Soar, right on the bank of the River Soar. Apart from some very interesting monuments and an unusual plaster Stuart coat of arms, there was a temporary exhibition of Viking artefacts. We moved in convoy to St Mary's church at East Leake, with its amazing shawm, or vamping horn, one of only eight remaining in England, and ended with tea in the church. Once again, Chris Brooke and Michael Jones talked about the people who had influenced the parishes, and the buildings themselves.

The Friends receive the Annual Report and two Newsletters each year, a light look at the Trust, its activities, and the people involved. The Friends are also the Trust's ambassadors, generously promoting its work of supporting historic churches in need of repair, and we hope they sing the Trust's praises. To join, please contact a member of the Trust or go to the website where you will find an application form.

Anthea Moat - *NHCT Secretary*

Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Summary of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019

<i>Income & Expenditure</i>	2019	2018
	£	£
Income		
Donations and legacies	59,455	33,079
Other trading activities	14,576	16,150
Investment income	1,850	1,430
	<u>75,881</u>	<u>50,659</u>
Expenditure		
Raising funds	11,818	11,270
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	30,196	31,050
Management and administration	5,271	5,596
	<u>47,285</u>	<u>47,916</u>
Net income for the year	28,596	2,743
Change in value of investments	-383	1,202
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>28,213</u>	<u>3,945</u>
Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	38,401	38,784
Current assets		
Debtors and prepayments	277	-
Cash balances	156,682	128,359
Total current assets	<u>156,959</u>	<u>128,359</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants awarded not yet paid	54,500	53,800
Other creditors	43	739
Total current liabilities	<u>54,543</u>	<u>54,539</u>
Total net assets	<u>140,817</u>	<u>112,604</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	107,913	107,354
Restricted	32,904	5,250
	<u>140,817</u>	<u>112,604</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 2019.

The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 24 September 2019. 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 Zydna Limited.

On behalf of the trustees.

Richard Brackenbury

Chairman

Grants Committee Report

There were churches of a variety of denominations helped by the Trust this year and grants were made for a diverse range of projects. The grants total given to churches this financial year amounts to £35,950 slightly down on last year's total grants paid (£37,725). In previous years NHCT benefited from some National Churches Trust (NCT) funding, however this grant scheme finished in December 2018 and a new Partnership grant scheme was introduced earlier this year called Gateway Grants. Individual churches need to apply directly for Gateway Grants funding. However we have been able to acquire funds from Allchurches Trust to help with the costs of the installation of roof alarms to churches.

Unfortunately, as in previous years we have also had to decline some applications for various reasons such as churches not being able to raise sufficient funding in addition to the NHCT grant to pay for a specific project. The Trust has also received grant applications for works classed as "new works" and not repair or restoration. Some grant applications have also been delayed where information may be lacking on the application form and the Trust has to request a revised application giving further details of the works proposed.

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

BECKINGHAM	All Saints': grade II* - internal replastering and redecoration	£ 2,000
BECKINGHAM	All Saints': grade II* - re-routing rainwater drainage (chancel compromised)	£ 2,750
BOTHAMSALL	Our Lady and St Peter: grade II - roof tiles replacement on nave	£ 6,250
CLAYWORTH	St Peter's: grade I - replace chancel flooring	£ 1,600
CROPWELL BISHOP	St Giles': grade I - Quinquennial report repairs	£ 1,250
COSSALL	St Catherine's: grade II* - tower fabric repairs	£ 1,500
COSTOCK	St Giles': grade II - roof and guttering repairs	£ 1,250
EAST BRIDGFORD	St Peter's: grade I - enable clock to be wound mechanically	£ 750
EAST MARKHAM	St John the Baptist: grade I - new porches	£ 1,200
HAWTON	All Saints': grade I - stonework repairs	£ 1,100
HOLME PIERREPONT	St Edmund's: grade I - north side roof repairs	£ 500
KELHAM	St Wilfrid's: grade I - replace organ (Gothic Revival Architects)	£ 1,250
LANGAR	St Andrew's: grade I - repairs to bell bearings, clappers of organ	£ 1,000
MANSFIELD	Old Meeting House: grade II* - replace/repairs to heating system	£ 750
RATCLIFFE ON SOAR	Holy Trinity: grade I - replace 1937 electrical wiring	£ 500
STAUNTON	St Mary's: grade II* - re-roof chancel with Welsh slates	£ 2,000
SYERSTON	All Saints': grade II - deterioration of roof tiles (Quinquennial report)	£ 2,000

WOLLATON	St Leonard's: grade II* - repairs to external stonework	£ 2,000
WORKSOP PRIORY	St Mary and St Cuthbert: grade I - restoration of north transept blind arcade of seats	£1,596

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Chairman of the Grants Committee

Ride+Stride 2018

The Ride+Stride Meet & Greet was held at Winkburn Hall on Friday, 6th July 2018. Fortunately, it was a lovely evening and the tables and chairs on the terrace were most welcoming. It was good to see so many churches have representatives attending - a big thank you to all who attended.

A total of 206 churches has agreed to take part (including seven new ones for this year) but unfortunately we had replies from fifteen others saying they were not able to take part. Contacting some churches proved difficult; email addresses had changed, other contacts had moved and new paperwork had to be sent. Independent riders also took part in the R+S event including a 13 year old and a 10 year old who rode between churches with guidance from accompanying adults.

This year coincided with the Tour of Britain race through the Nottinghamshire villages, starting in West Bridgford and ending up at Mansfield. So extra provision had to be made by all. A list of the route, times and estimated road closures were posted onto the Ride+Stride web page.

We had a surprise email from Robert Cleave (St Michael's church, Bramcote) who is currently undertaking a round-the-world bicycle ride that will see him cover 18,000 miles to raise money for charity. His message of encouragement was signed 'Robert the round the world cyclist from Athens' - such a lovely gesture of support!

A total of 124 churches had visitors with eight having more than twenty Ride+Stride visitors signing in. The majority of churches provided some form of refreshments - which was gratefully received by the riders.

Although there were many difficulties for the riders with road closures and the weather not being particularly kind, a grand total of £15,597 was raised with £ 7,217 being returned to churches through their sponsors' efforts.

And of course the 2019 Ride+Stride will take place on Saturday 14th September.

Mrs Margaret Lowe

Ride+Stride Administrator

Some gifts are easily forgotten - others last for generations

Leaving a gift in your Will to the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust isn't just a gift, it's an investment in history and heritage. 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 their local communities.

A gift in your Will helps the Trust to preserve these precious buildings for future generations. As a small charity with limited resources, your legacy could make a big impact on what we are able to achieve.

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.

You are 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.

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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