



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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



Annual Review
2020 - 21

Front cover: Church of St Mary, Kilvington
(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.

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

NHCT has been awarded £30,000 from the Allchurches Trust Limited to offer grants of up to £1,500 to provide help for the installation of roof alarms to deter the theft of lead.

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 task of preserving our ecclesiastical heritage increases rather than diminishes with time.

Chairman's Report

I hope that we will never again have to go through such a difficult and confusing year as that which ended on 31st March 2021. You will not need me to set out the pressures of that period and in common with virtually every other person and organisation in the country, the Trust has suffered, in our case through reduced income and inability to offer any of our normal activities to our supporters and Friends.

However, there have been some very positive outcomes. The Trustees have learnt new ways of communicating and moved into the "Zoom era" with enthusiasm! This has enabled us to keep our regular cycle of meetings in place and critically, our fundraising and grant giving.

We are delighted that Andy Platt, our social media volunteer guru, has been joined by a young and enthusiastic volunteer, Cameron Bonser. He has produced an excellent marketing plan for us which we are starting to implement. We are reaching more people with our social media posts, and are about to embark on refreshing our rather tired website, with the help of Andy Nicholson who has kindly overseen it for many years.

Just before Covid-19 hit, we were offered £30,000 by Allchurches Trust to grant to churches who need to install roof alarms. Having suffered several devastating lead roof thefts in the county, roof alarms are something the Trust is very keen to help with. However, the social restrictions have made local fundraising for such work all but impossible for parishes, and we still have some Allchurches Trust funding to hand out in the next few months.

The Ride+Stride in September 2020 was much enjoyed as a permitted event among all the cancelled ones, and it raised a magnificent £14,000. I have to thank Margaret Lowe for managing to turn round what could have been a "damp squib" of an event to a successful and entertaining one, enjoyed by many cyclists and walkers, despite the churches themselves not being able to play their part.

Fundraising from charitable trusts and grant-making organisations has been on-going, although communications have been harder with people working from home. Maureen Hallam has yet again made some useful connections and continued her sterling service to the Trust, as has Anthea Moat without whom I genuinely do not think the Trust would operate at anything like its current level. Equally, money matters, and Jon Dawson continues as the Trust's most able and much valued treasurer.

As all social activities have had to be cancelled, there was no 2020 Summer Party, although we hope to hold the event later in summer 2021. Equally, all Friends' activities have had to be online. This has not been as successful as we might have liked, but we are all still learning how to make the most of social media.

So, on balance, I can say we are weathering the Covid-19 storm, and with determination we will continue to grant aid our wonderful, historic and very precious churches and the art and archaeology for which they provide shelter. They have weathered worse storms than this, and we will not let them down now.

Finally, on a personal note, this is my last Chairman's report. I will resign from that role at the Annual General Meeting in July, as after 10 years I think the Trust would benefit from new leadership. I know that Graeme Renton will prove to be an excellent Chairman, and thank him for taking it on. It has been a privilege and an honour to head this Trust and I hope to be able to continue to support it as a trustee in the years ahead.

Richard Brackenbury - *Chairman*

The Friends of NHCT

In common with most charities, this has been a trying year for Trust activities. Apart from cancelling events, and trying to set up other forms of communication with the Trust's Friends, it has been a very frustrating twelve months, and seems set to continue in this state of uncertainty. We did manage some limited on-line activity, including a lovely piece by trustee Dr Jenny Alexander on her discovery of a mason's mark in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. She has a passion for hunting down these 'signatures' made by the medieval masons, mostly in fairly inaccessible places.

We produced an extra Newsletter with a Christmas Quiz, which helped some of our supporters to while away the hours confined to home, and introduced many to the joys to be found on the Southwell & Nottingham Church History Project website, which NHCT helped to set up some 22 years ago. We also produced another Newsletter Quiz, using some of the thousands of photographs of churches and their component parts that trustee Dr Chris Brooke has amassed over a long career, usually accompanied by his camera.

However, the Friends of the Trust are a stoic lot and I am sure that when we are allowed to venture out again we will have lots to talk about. The trustees are very grateful to them all for continuing to support the Trust, despite having nothing to show for their loyalty during the year. My role as Trust Administrator has been reduced to the boring bits, and I am much looking forward to Friends' church visits and Summer Parties and other activities before we all go stir-crazy. We hope to cautiously arrange a summer Friends' visit; after all, churches may have been closed to worshippers for much of the last year, but they are by nature airy and large spaces where many can congregate safely, so it should soon be possible.

I am pleased to be able to thank all the Trust's supporters for continuing to care about the upkeep of our historic churches, and to let them know that such support is much valued by all the trustees, and especially by the recipients of the grants which the Trust continues to be able to make. While parish fundraising has been almost impossible, work on churches has sometimes had to be put on hold which has led to fewer applications for grants being received by the Trust. It is hoped that this will now pick up again, and especially grants for roof alarms. The lead thieves are still at work, and the money from Allchurches Trust to fund these alarms is still available, but only until 31 March 2022; the trustees urge churches to apply before this generous funding has to be returned if unallocated by this deadline date.

Anthea Moat - *Secretary / Administrator*

Summarised Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

<i>Income & Expenditure</i>	2021	2020
		£
Income		
Donations and legacies	33106	31054
Other trading activities	9635	14149
Investment income	2162	1961
	<u>44,903</u>	<u>47,164</u>
Expenditure		
Raising funds	10128	10635
Grants awarded (less withdrawn)	37740	34970
Management and administration	5401	5397
	<u>53,269</u>	<u>51,002</u>
Net income for the year	(8,366)	(3,838)
Change in value of investments	12712	-11675
Net movement in funds in the year	<u>4,346</u>	<u>(15,513)</u>
 Balance Sheet		
Fixed Assets		
Investments at market value	39438	26726
Current assets		
Debtors and prepayments		1626
Cash balances	144629	149620
Total current assets	<u>144,629</u>	<u>151,246</u>
Liabilities due within one year		
Grants awarded not yet paid	54374	52474
Other creditors	43	194
Total current liabilities	<u>54,417</u>	<u>52,668</u>
Total net assets	129,650	125,304
 Funds		
Unrestricted	99695	95970
Restricted	29,955	29334
	<u>129,650</u>	<u>125,304</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 2021. The Annual Report and Accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 14 July 2021.

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.

Jon Dawson

Treasurer

Grants Committee Report

There were a variety of denominations helped by the Trust this financial year, involving a diverse range of projects. The total grants paid to churches amounted to £ 43,006. Unfortunately, as in previous years, we have had to decline some applications for various reasons, either insufficient funds available, works classed as new and not repair, and, in some cases, requesting a revised application detailing the specific works required.

We have been able to utilise monies given to us by Allchurches Trust to be used for the sole purpose of installing, or renewing, church roof alarms. The amount is included in the above total.

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

ARNOLD	St Mary: grade II* - new access door to tower, refurbishment of louvres	£ 3,500
AVERHAM	St Michael and All Angels': grade I - renew existing mesh entrance gate	£ 400
BLIDWORTH	St Mary: grade II* - essential internal plasterwork repairs	£ 400
CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK	St John: grade I - replace stolen lead roofing - install roof alarm	£3,000 £1,500
COLLINGHAM	All Saints: grade I - restoration of reredos	£ 250
EAST DRAYTON	St Peter: grade I - repair and paint clock faces	£ 2,000
EDWINSTOWE	St Mary: grade I - replace old Clyde combustion boiler	£ 2,800
FLINTHAM	St Augustine of Canterbury: grade I - installation of roof alarm	£ 2,000
HALLOUGHTON	St James: grade II - restoration of mosaics	£ 2,000
HUCKNALL	St John the Evangelist: not listed - install new electrical heaters	£ 2,500
KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD	St Wilfrid: grade II - replace roof alarm system	£ 1,500
MORTON	St Denis: grade II* - re-roofing slipped and missing slates	£ 2,750
NOTTINGHAM	St Peter: grade I - nave and south aisle roof works	£ 3,000
NOTTINGHAM	St George in the Meadows: grade II - replace failed plasterwork	£ 1.250
NOTTINGHAM	All Hallows: not listed - relocate sarcophagus and Commandment panel	£ 300
RETFORD	St Michael the Archangel: grade II* - cleaning and restoration of reredos	£ 1,100
SHERWOOD	St Martin: grade II - restoration and overhaul of organ	£ 900
SNEINTON	St Christopher with St Philip: not listed - roof, gutter and chimney stack repairs	£ 4,000

WIDMERPOOL	St Peter: grade II* - reroofing works	£ 3,500
WINTHORPE	All Saints: grade II* - new gas boiler and radiators, new cold water supply	£ 3,500
WORKSOP PRIORY	Grade I - restoration of gilding to arcade	£ 706
WARSOP	St Peter and St Paul: grade I - repairs for water ingress to upper windows	£ 100

Graeme Renton RIBA AABC IMaPS EASA

Chairman of the Grants Committee

Ride+Stride 2020

Unfortunately, due to the Covid pandemic, the Meet and Greet for the annual Ride+Stride, usually held at Winkburn Hall, had to be cancelled, and it seemed as though the whole event would have to be abandoned. Luckily, some restrictions were lifted slightly in time for the event date, although churches were still closed to visitors, and a number of them decided not to join in. We ended with a final total of 88 churches agreeing to take part in some form or another, placing the Visitors' Register within easy reach. A few churches did open, albeit with the most stringent of rules to ensure the safety of everyone; some had even left out basic refreshments, suitably sanitised, for the riders/walkers who took part.

An additional incentive to taking part this year was a photographic competition with prizes; there were also small changes to show how the points tally was added up; being able to donate sponsorship directly into the Trust's bank account was seemingly well received. One particular church organised its own family competition, visiting four local churches, and taking part in a quiz involving each of the churches, again with small prizes. This may be an idea for the future in some other parishes.

Recently an independent duo (brother and sister) have ridden their tandem in the event, but this year the brother was to play the organ at a wedding on the day, so they were unable to take part. However, he generously donated the £100 he earned whilst playing for the wedding to the Ride+Stride coffers!

Fifty two completed Registers of Visitors' sheets were returned by the churches, with visitors numbering between one and twelve, which was a good result in the present circumstances. The amount raised this year was over £13,084, to which will be added the Gift Aid. There were four churches which managed to raise over £1,000 each. The Just Giving page and direct payments were used by many. Congratulations to all who took part.

The amount raised in 2019 was £18,704, including the Gift Aid claimed, so all in all, I think the 2020 result, although down slightly, is an encouraging one for the future of the event in Nottinghamshire.

Mrs Margaret Lowe - Ride+Stride Administrator

A Gift to Last for Generations to Come - Leaving a Legacy

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 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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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 Richard Craven Smith Milnes for letting us hold our meetings, when allowed, at Winkburn Hall.

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