

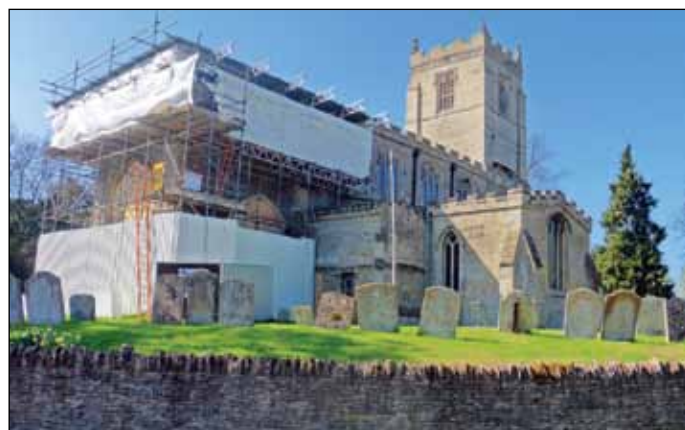


Chairman's Report – New strategy launched

Following my note in the Spring Newsletter, the diocese of Ely launched its new strategy, 'People Fully Alive; towards Ely 2025' in the cathedral on 23rd September. <http://www.elydiocese.org/who-we-are1/diocesan-strategy/> In his sermon, Bishop Stephen recognised that 'many parishes have developed their buildings in imaginative ways to enhance hospitality and multiple community use'.

The Trust has played its part and the list of recent grants and loans on page 4 shows how much we continue to help congregations (and not just those of the Church of England) to upgrade their buildings to secure both their worshipping congregations and to create new uses. The Bishop went on to say 'We definitely need the opportunity to re-imagine our buildings and to target support where there is the greatest need and the greatest opportunity. This is very important for our stewardship and mutual care.'

Trustees have decided to investigate the funding of another support officer with Historic England (the new grants



• The chancel roof repairs underway at Glatton, with a CHCT grant of £2000 and offer of a loan up to £13000.

and advice agency that has emerged from the division of English Heritage). That person can provide parishes with the detailed advice and, most importantly, the confidence to work out how their church can serve their mission needs, without losing its essential historic character. It will not be easy, as so many people have a different idea of what 'their' church should look like (as Dr Williams explained to us so eloquently at last year's Garden Party). The successful regeneration of so many historic buildings demonstrates that it can be done - and done well.

I feel sure that CHCT will continue to help congregations financially and by supporting them to 're-imagine' their buildings, though that will depend both on getting more people involved in the running of the Trust and on raising enough funds to continue with our grants and loans. This is my last Chairman's Report and I am greatly indebted to my fellow Trustees and the officers of the Trust for their support and practical help in running the Trust over the last few years. I will remain a keen supporter from across the border but have no doubt that the Trust will continue to offer whole hearted support for the maintenance of the historic places of worship in Cambridgeshire.

Richard Halsey
Chairman



• A C15th pew end at Eynesbury, where CHCT offered a grant of £1000 towards their quinquennial repairs.

The trust is an independent Charity with a primary task to support the repair and restoration of places of Christian worship in Cambridgeshire. Its funds accrue from the annual sponsored cycle ride and are used to make grants and interest-free loans to churches.

Support to the Trust is also given through Membership. Members receive advance notices of the Annual Conference and the summer afternoon Church Tours. Annual subscription is £20.

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CHCT Secretary's Report 2015

The Trust's full Annual Report and Accounts can be found on our website, but if you would like a printed copy, please ask the Hon Secretary (contact details on the front page) for one.

Our main activities this year have been the Annual Conference and the four Church Tours. The former entitled 'The Search for Significance- writing about churches' was held at Wolfson College on May 9th, in part celebrating the publication of the two new Buildings of England volumes for the county. We were very fortunate to have both editors, Simon Bradley (Cambridgeshire) and Charles O'Brien (Huntingdonshire and Peterborough) explain their approaches to editing Pevsner's original text and showing us some of their discoveries. Dr Alexandra Buchanan, biographer of Professor Robert Willis, told us of his life in Cambridge and how his studies, particularly of English mediaeval cathedrals, remain the foundation of our understanding of their architectural development. Dr Roger Bowdler of Historic England explained how decisions are made to list, schedule or designate today and how the criteria have evolved since the losses of the Second World War prompted the start of listing.

The day was well attended and even made a small profit. It also included a session in which subscribing members received a report on the preceding year's grant giving with an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Church Tours Reach Out

The 2015 Church tours reached the far corners of the county, with two crossing the borders. Our thanks to the congregations for hosting us and especially to those who supplied tea as a welcome finish to the afternoon.

Sunday 10th May Stuntney Holy Cross, Little Downham St Leonard, Coveney, St Peter ad Vincula

Sunday 14th June Sutton (Beds.) All Saints, Tadlow St Giles, Hatley St George St George

Sunday 12th July Maxey St Peter, Peakirk St Pega, Crowland (Lincs.) St Mary, St Bartholomew and St Guthlac

Sunday 9th August Graveley St Botolph, Papworth Everard St Peter, Eltisley St Pandionia and St John the Baptist.



• Ely Methodist Church. The Trust gave a grant of £1000 towards the renovation of this facade facing Chapel Street.

On the last tour, Dr John Maddison was heartily thanked for his many years of superb guiding, that brought to life the architecture of even the humblest building. Dr Lynne Broughton will continue to offer attendees her expertise and we are recruiting new guides, including some from the University of Cambridge.

Thanks to Richard Halsey

As he mentions in his own report, our Chairman Richard Halsey is also leaving us. His guiding of our tours from time to time in John's absence has been equally brilliant, but this has been the tip of the iceberg in terms of the time, effort and expertise he has devoted to the Trust. His hands-on approach, attention to both strategy and administrative detail, and willingness to join in mundane practical tasks, have given me as Secretary an undeservedly easy ride. The Trust, and I personally, are deeply indebted to him.



• The RC church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Philip Neri at Kirtling received a £2000 grant for the repair and protection of the west window glazing.

Membership Secretary's Report

The Trust's total membership as at 30 June 2015 stood at 278 consisting of 187 individual members (including 32 joint members at the same address) and 91 corporate or church members. This is a slight drop in numbers compared to 2013-4.

We have welcomed 14 individuals, 12 churches and a Buildings Preservation Trust as new members since 1 July 2014. There have been 8 resignations and 9 members were removed as they were either in arrears or were not paying the correct subscription.

Most members now pay by Banker's Order (which makes my life so much easier!) If any of the forty current members paying by cheque would like to switch to payment by Banker's Order, please complete the form available on the website or contact me direct – my contact details are shown on the front page.

Jenny Lowles

Membership Secretary



• The new heating going in at Meldreth, with a CHCT grant of £1000 and loan of up to £10000.

2016 Dates for your diary

January 1st 2016 subscriptions are due. Please send cheques made out to the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust to the Membership Secretary, care of the Hon Secretary's address (front page). Those on email will be sent a reminder.

Saturday April 16th our Annual Conference at Wolfson College, focussing on pilgrimage

Sundays 8th May, 12th June, 10th July and 14th August Church Tours

Further details in the Spring Newsletter.

CHCT Accounts 2015

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
2015 Conference	1,320	1,520
Subscriptions (Gift Aid)	3,890	3,655
Subscriptions (other)	5,695	4,870
2014 Sponsored Ride, Drive & Stride	20,438	21,425
Income Tax refund on Gift Aid	4,105	4,403
Other Income	<u>2,573</u>	<u>4,648</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>38,021</u>	<u>40,521</u>
Resources Expended		
2015 Conference expenses	1,138	1,196
2014 Sponsored Ride, Drive & Stride share to churches	9,547	10,069
Grants to churches	28,500	33,000
Grants for memorials	1,000	
Other expenditure	<u>3,164</u>	<u>3,536</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>43,349</u>	<u>47,801</u>
Net Incoming Resources	-5,328	-7,280
Balance at 30 June 2014	<u>508,823</u>	<u>516,103</u>
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u>503,495</u>	<u>508,823</u>

Loans Outstanding	£	Grants to churches (CHCT)	£
Bartlow St Andrew	1,250	Barrington All Saints	3,000
Buckworth All Saints	500	Castle Camps All Saints	2,000
Cambridge St Matthew	20,000	Cheveley St Mary	2,500
Coveney St Peter ad Vincula	5,000	Ely Methodist	1,000
Eltisley St Pandionia & StJB	11,250	Farcet St Mary	3,000
Elton All Saints	5,000	Grafham All Saints	2,000
Fridaybridge St Mark	4,000	Guilden Morden St Mary	2,500
Grafham All Saints	15,000	Horningsea St Peter	2,000
Great Gransden St Barts	10,000	Kirtling Our Lady & St Philip Neri	2,000
Harston All Saints	2,500	Knapwell All Saints	3,000
Haslingfield All Saints	5,000	St Ives All Saints	1,500
Hemingford Grey St James	11,250	St Neots St Mary	1,000
Horningsea St Peter	10,000	Tydd St Giles, St Giles	<u>3,000</u>
Little Paxton St James	5,000		<u>28,500</u>
Little Wilbraham St John E	1,000	Grants for memorials	£
Oakington St Andrew	3,750	Doddington St Laurence	<u>1,000</u>
Orwell St Andrew	11,250		<u>1,000</u>
Rampton All Saints	20,000	Grants for memorials approved but not paid by 30 June 2015	£
Tydd St Giles, St Giles	10,250	Brampton St Mary Magdalene	1,000
Whaddon St Mary	5,000	Over St Mary	<u>1,000</u>
Whittlesey St Andrew	10,000		<u>2,000</u>
Woodditton St Mary	<u>7,500</u>		
	<u>174,500</u>		

The surplus funds of £83,000 are available for Grants (£26,000) i.e. the net income for the year plus £2,000 not allocated in the year to 30 June 2015 and £3,000 for grants for memorials. The balance of £54,000 plus £69,000 due to be repaid in the next financial year will leave £123,000 for interest free loans.

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
Current Assets		
Loans due from churches	174,500	134,750
Accrued Income	686	586
National Westminster Bank	3,616	12,122
National Savings Investment	173,306	172,087
Central Board of Finance		
COIF Deposit Fund	<u>152,047</u>	<u>190,263</u>
	<u>504,155</u>	<u>509,808</u>
Creditors		
Accruals	660	985
Net Assets	<u>503,495</u>	<u>508,823</u>
The funds of the charity	<u>503,495</u>	<u>508,823</u>

Loans and Grants approved but not paid by 30 June 2015

Loans	£
Alconbury St Peter & St Paul	20,000
Castor St Kyneburgha	12,000
Diddington St Laurence	15,000
Elton Methodist	20,000
Farcet St Mary	5,000
Fen Ditton St Mary	20,000
Great Abington St Mary	20,000
Guilden Morden St Mary	10,000
Harston All Saints	20,000
Hildersham Holy Trinity	15,000
Horningsea St Peter	10,000
Meldreth Holy Trinity	10,000
Pidley All Saints	3,000
Southoe St Leonard	10,000
Thriplow St George	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>205,000</u>
Grants (CHCT)	£
Elton Methodist	2,000
Eynesbury St Mary	1,000
Fen Ditton St Mary	2,000
Glatton St Nicholas	2,000
Great Abington St Mary	3,000
Great Eversden St Mary	3,000
Great Gransden St Barts	2,500
Harston All Saints	1,500
Hatley St George	1,000
Hildersham Holy Trinity	3,000
Histon Methodist	2,000
Horningsea St Peter	3,000
Meldreth Holy Trinity	1,000
Pidley All Saints	2,000
Rampton All Saints	1,000
Southoe St Leonard	3,000
Thriplow St George	3000
Whittlesey St Andrew	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>39,000</u>

Grants Secretary's Report

During the year we offered £41,000 in grants to 21 churches as well as £243,000 in loans to 17 churches, all from our own resources. This huge increase on 2014-15 makes up for the previous year of low offers and was partly achieved by releasing some capital for grants. Lower rates of interest and decreased income from the Ride, Drive and Stride mean that we will not be able to offer as much in 2015-16. Two offers have been made for the conservation of monuments, eleven for fabric repair projects, two for access improvements and nine for toilet/servery/heating schemes to make churches more useable.

	£ Grant	£ Loan	
Brampton St Mary Magdalene	1000	-	monument conservation
Cambridge St Matthew	-	20000	improving access
Castor St Kyneburgha	-	12000	roof repairs
Cheveley St Mary	2000	-	roof repairs
Diddington St Laurence	1000	15000	quinquennial repairs
Elton Methodist Church	2000	20000	roof repairs
Ely Methodist Church	1000	-	facade repairs
Eynesbury St Mary	1000	-	quinquennial repairs
Fen Ditton St Mary the Virgin	2000	20000	quinquennial repairs
Glatton St Nicholas	2000	13000	chancel roof repairs
Great Abington St Mary	3000	20000	new facilities
Gt Gransden St Bartholomew	2500	10000	quinquennial repairs
Guilden Morden	2500	10000	new facilities
Harston All Saints	1500	20,000	extension for WCs
Hatley St George, St George	1000	-	composting toilet
Hildersham Holy Trinity	3000	15000	new facilities
Histon Methodist Church	2000	-	fabric repairs
Horningsea St Peter	3000	10,000	new facilities
Meldreth Holy Trinity	1000	10000	new heating
Pidley All Saints	2000	3000	quinquennial repairs
Rampton All Saints	1000	20000	access improvements
Southoe St Leonard	3000	10000	new heating
Thriplow St George	3000	15000	extension for WCs
	41000	243000	

Through our Partnership Programme with the National Churches Trust two of these churches, Diddington and Castor, were offered a further £5,000 each by NCT for urgent major fabric repairs.

The Annual Accounts section shows all the CHCT grants and loans paid this year from offers made in this and previous years and offers still to be taken up.

For the financial year June 2015-16 we have £26,000 available for offers and £123,000 for loans. Please contact me before filling in our application form, so that I can advise you on your particular circumstances.

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• The new path at Rampton for which the Trust offered a grant of £1000 and loan of up to £20000.

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