



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



**Celebratory
Annual Report 2014**
Commemorating the visit of
Their Royal Highnesses
The Earl and Countess of Wessex

The Earl and Countess of Wessex supporting Devon Historic Churches Trust



The Earl & Countess of Devon
welcome His Royal Highness
The Earl of Wessex accompanied
by Lady Burnell-Nugent



Richard Addington and
Paul Cressy of Savills



Rev. Roderick Withnell, Donald
King, Alice & Patrick May



John & Kester Griffiths with
David Guthrie & Andrew Buxton

The reception at Powderham Castle

The Countess of Devon receiving a bouquet from Maynard School



Ruth Lass, Diane Coombes,
Janet Francis & Jackie Edwards



Susan Foster with
Louise Crossman



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Chairman's Report

I was delighted and honoured to become the Chairman of the DHCT in July 2013. I took over the role from Lady Anne Boles, who is a very hard act to follow. She was chairman for 15 years and during this time she provided great energy and leadership. She handed over a keen, strong and active trust with the great blessing of financial security thanks to the endowment fund.

We were sad to say goodbye to Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford one of our very long standing trustees. For many years Nicholas guided the trust in all financial matters and with great skill managed the endowment fund. He chaired the General Purpose committee and was a loyal friend to the trust. Lt Col Charles Rich also retired from the trustees. He was a trustee of long standing with an extensive knowledge of churches and assessing grant applications. They will be greatly missed.

The trust has welcomed three new trustees: Hendrik Vollers, Charlie Hutchings and Hugh Harrison.

Hendrik Vollers has taken over the post as Hon Director of Finance and is doing a great job in managing the funds and being an important member of the GP committee. Charlie was an assessor before joining us as a trustee. Hugh continues to have a distinguished career in church conservation and design. His knowledge will be a major asset for the trust.

The Right Reverend Michael Langrish has retired as Bishop of Exeter. We thank him for the friendship, interest and support that he gave to the trust. We welcome the new Bishop of Exeter, The Right Reverend Robert Atwell as a Patron of the trust.

With over 1000 places of worship and over 500 parish churches in Devon there is a constant stream of need for financial help from the trust. This is a challenge that we remain keen to meet. We continue to provide grants to many churches but we have also established an emergency fund thanks to a generous legacy from one of our supporters. This fund provides a grant very quickly for an urgent need

such as water or wind damage. The emergency fund has been used five times in the last 6 months, particularly after the February storms. Further requests for both grants and the emergency fund are welcomed.

Following an application for a grant each church is visited by an assessor from the DHCT. This gives us an understanding of what the situation is and what is needed. This year Duncan Michie has written excellent guidance notes for the assessors, particularly those who are new to the role. These have proved very helpful and interesting and we are very grateful for his hard work.

In June of this year we were honoured by a visit to the DHCT by their Royal Highnesses the Earl and Countess of Wessex.

They had an interesting and joyful visit to St Clements Church, Powderham followed by a DHCT evening reception at Powderham Castle hosted by the Earl and Countess of Devon. It was a happy and successful royal visit to the

trust which not only raised significant funds but also gave us a high and royal profile. Many of our members enjoyed the reception. We owe Judith Kauntze, our tireless Vice Chairman and lead fundraiser, many thanks for organising this event as well as the Devon Historic Churches Day.

I would like to thank all the trustees and Assessors for all their hard work on behalf of the DHCT this year and look forward to a successful future supporting the Churches in Devon.

Lady Burnell-Nugent



The Earl & Countess of Wessex.

The Earl & Countess of Wessex honoured the Devon Historic Churches Trust by supporting the charity as part of The Earl's 50th birthday tour of Wessex.

Firstly, The Earl & Countess visited Powderham Church to meet the congregation and support them in the challenges they face with maintaining and preserving this historic building which are typical of those facing all parish churches throughout the Diocese of Exeter and beyond. During the visit to St Clements, Lady Katherine Watney briefed them on the significant history of the church, not least its role in the Civil War, forming part of the siege of Powderham Castle. Hugh Harrison a leading national expert on historic screens and woodwork, illustrated the particular beauty of the church screen and the need for significant work to be undertaken to ensure its survival.

Andrew Johnson, one of Devon's most skilled stained glass window

restorers then escorted Their Royal Highnesses round the church to inspect the works that had been recently completed with funding from the DHCT. After meeting the congregation they departed to the sound of the bells pealing in pleasure at the significance of the visit.

The Earl & Countess of Wessex then attended an evening Reception at Powderham Castle by kind invitation of the Earl & Countess of Devon. This was a truly memorable occasion when over 200 guests gathered to meet Their Royal Highnesses in these glorious surroundings. Volunteers and supporters from all parts of Devon were formally Presented and the guests were very privileged to meet the Royal couple as they mingled during the evening.

This significant event was given a delightful added zest with a recital by Paul Morgan (emeritus organist at Exeter Cathedral) on the newly restored castle organ and a warmly applauded choral programme performed by the girls' choir of Maynard School, Exeter.

The evening, which was sponsored by Savills estate agents and supported by Bearn's Hampton & Littlewood fine art auctioneers, together with Louise Crossman Architects drew to a close in a spectacular manner with Their Royal Highnesses departing by helicopter from the park in front of Powderham Castle whilst the guests waved farewell from the lawns.

The Trust is very appreciative of the time and interest shown by The Earl & Countess of Wessex both during the time they spent at the church and meeting the guests at the Reception afterwards. It was clear that the future of our parish churches and the volunteers that care for them was very highly valued by our Royal guests – as was the work of the Devon Historic Churches Trust.



John Thompson, Churchwarden, escorts Their Royal Highnesses



Lady Katherine gives historical detail and Hugh Harrison explains a detail of the screen

Report from the Hon. Secretary

We continue to fulfil our mission to help Churches with building repair, improvement and associated costs through the award of grants. Fundraising, mainly from the annual Churches Open Day/Ride and Stride event, thanks to the excellent work of Judith Kauntze and her colleagues, has increased on the previous year. Our capital endowment fund value has increased with movements in the market and our income stream from it continues to be good. We were delighted to hold our 40th Anniversary Celebrations in Exeter Cathedral in June, 2013, taking great pride in the fact that during the past 40 years Devon Historic Churches Trust has helped over 400 Places of Worship with grants. Although these grants are relatively “modest”, they are very important, sometimes providing the first building block in securing a very complex funding package to enable repairs and improvements to take place.

The Trust was very fortunate to receive a legacy of £100,000 from the estate of the late Rev'd Griffiths.

Trustees have given very careful consideration as to how this might be used to fulfil our mission and have decided to establish a repair Emergency Fund to help places of worship in urgent need of modest funds to help with repairs, for instance, following damage from storms or water ingress.

Although I mentioned in my previous Annual Report that we need to be vigilant regarding the overall fiscal framework in which the Devon and other Trusts operate, it is pleasing to report that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (which facilitates the recovery by individual churches of VAT on Church repairs) appears to be working well with valid claims being met in full. There is no guarantee that this will continue into the future after the next General Election. There continues to be a need for the Devon Trust to work very closely with other Trusts and the National Churches Trust to ensure that the fiscal framework is as supportive as possible to places of worship needing repair or improvement.

I would like to pay tribute to the hard work of our Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Susan Taverner, over a period of more than 20 years. Susan leaves us on 31st December, 2014. Susan has an immense knowledge of the running of the Trust and will be missed greatly. During the current year, Susan has been joined by Mrs. Claire Sherlock. Claire has taken on the role of Fundraising Secretary in support of Judith Kauntze and will take over the full range of Susan's duties on 1st January, 2015. We are delighted to welcome Claire.

Finally, my sincere thanks are due to all those who give unstinting support to the Trust – the Chairman, Archdeacons, the General Purposes Committee, fellow Trustees, Grant Assessors and Deanery representatives through to those very keen supporters locally who give freely of their time and effort to support our major fundraising activities. Congratulations also to all those people at individual churches who struggle so valiantly with the variety of funding sources which they have to tap into to ensure that repairs and improvements can actually happen, and to those who actually manage those improvements and repairs.

John Mills

The Devon Historic Churches Day Incorporating the Ride+Stride event Saturday 13th September 2014

Organise an event, gain sponsorship
or send us a donation *gift aided if possible*
thereby supporting the future of Devon's historic churches.

***“Remember, you do not have to ride a bike –
the important thing is to do something!”***

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2014

	(restated)			
	Income Funds	Capital Funds	Total 2014	Total 2013
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	113,481		113,481	13,421
Activities for generating funds	41,010		41,010	37,907
Investment income	39,805		39,805	37,008
Total incoming resources	<u>194,296</u>		<u>194,296</u>	<u>88,336</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds	15,379		15,379	14,976
Charitable activities	92,690		92,690	93,290
Governance costs	3,165		3,165	3,036
Total resources expended	<u>111,234</u>		<u>111,234</u>	<u>111,302</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	83,062		83,062	(22,966)
Transfer between funds	(24,659)	24,659		
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognized gains & losses	58,403	24,659	83,062	(22,966)
Other recognized gains and losses				
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	30,992		30,992	102,381
Net movement in funds	89,395	24,659	114,054	79,415
Total funds brought forward	77,974	1,160,446	1,238,420	1,159,005
Prior year adjustment	(35,600)		(35,600)	
Restated total funds brought forward	42,374	1,160,446	1,202,820	1,159,005
Total Funds carried forward	<u>131,769</u>	<u>1,185,105</u>	<u>1,316,874</u>	<u>1,238,420</u>

Statement by the Trustees of Devon Historic Churches Trust

These financial statements are a summary of information extracted from the full financial statements. They may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full annual financial statements, the independent auditor's report on those financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained, upon payment of a fee, from Dolphins, Popes Lane, Colyford, Colyton, Devon EX24 6QR. It is confirmed that the annual report and financial statements once approved will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2014

	2014		(restated) 2013	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		1,354		
Investments		1,185,105		1,160,446
		<u>1,186,459</u>		<u>1,160,446</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	2,356		1,085	
Cash at bank and in hand	170,077		79,547	
		<u>172,433</u>		<u>80,632</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(42,018)		(2,658)	
Net current assets		<u>130,415</u>		<u>77,974</u>
Net assets		<u>1,316,874</u>		<u>1,238,420</u>
Funds				
Capital fund		1,185,105		1,160,446
Income fund		131,769		77,974
		<u>1,316,874</u>		<u>1,238,420</u>

Auditor's Report

Auditor's statement to the Trustees of Devon Historic Churches Trust: We have examined the summarized financial statements set out in this financial review.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

You are responsible as Trustees for the preparation of the summarized financial statements. We have agreed to report to you our opinion on the summarized statements' consistency with the full financial statements.

Basis of opinion: We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the summarized financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements from which they have been prepared.

Opinion: In our opinion the summarized financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

26-28 Southernhay East, Exeter Devon EX1 1NS. The report of the auditors on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 was unqualified.

- **This summary is provisional until formally approved by the Trustees at their autumn meeting.**

Fundraising Report.

An eventful year....

Devon is an amazing place to live – how lucky we are to have such wonderful countryside and coastline – added to which are our communities with parish churches at their heart. I count myself very fortunate in my role as County Organiser for the Devon Historic Churches Day (incorporating the national Ride+Stride) as it enables us to get to know these churches and their congregations and learn how dedicated they are at maintaining these ancient and often challenging masterpieces.

Every year we send out our plea to individuals, groups and parishes to ‘go the extra mile’ by supporting our major fundraising event, which in turn enables us to give grants to our churches when they are facing the prospect of yet another round of essential fabric repairs, or undertaking re-ordering to enable them to serve their communities in a wider context; something we all know is important if these historical gems are to survive in their current context.

Reviewing all the achievements of our supporters during the past year, I find it difficult to single out just a few for mention in my annual fundraising report, so please forgive me all those other amazing people who have worked hard, if I mention just some of the ‘stars in our firmament’ – but I think you will find them inspirational also.

Jackie Edwards from Kingsteignton won a star prize for originality this year with a day-long celebration of marriage (with tower climbs and cream teas) raising £1,182! Noss Mayo for devising yet again another enjoyable group outing (boats across the Yealm!) raising £1,351 – well done indeed!

A special tribute must always go to Andrew Buxton and John Griffiths (with family and friends) from Clyst St Lawrence for their ‘giant treks’ for countless years, which with matched funding has contributed such significant funds that it would take your breath away. Very special thanks must also go to Alice & Patrick May (and son) from Cheriton Fitzpaine together with her father

Donald King – both these groups are outstanding supporters of the DHCT and together provide significant funding for so many of our churches.

No fundraising report would ever be complete without mentioning the contributions of regular significant supporters who are stunning examples of generosity over many years: the congregations of Talaton church under the leadership of Lady Anne Boles and Charlie Hutchings; the Little Dart Team Ministry led by the Rev. Roderick Withnell. The Deaneries of Aylesbeare, Woodleigh, Tavistock, Kenn, Cadbury and Newton Abbot which year on year are remarkable in achieving income in excess of £2,000, and those groups and individuals the length and breadth of

Moretonhamstead Deanery who respond so magnificently to the encouragement given by Victoria Shaw Curtis.

I could go on at great length as there are so many to mention and thank, but together for the Devon Historic Churches Day, we all achieved a remarkable result of just over £45,000 in 2013 – one of our best years so far – so please, with your help I really hope that we can match that (and more) in 2014. Our glorious church buildings so richly deserve our continued and dedicated support AND we can all have fun in the process.....

Then there was our Crowning Glory, the Royal Reception, but more of that elsewhere!

Judith Kauntze

The Devon Historic Churches Trust

is most appreciative of the additional support given to the Trust by its Church Assessors

Deryn Addington Tom Bigge Paul Holmes

Sue Mumford Victoria Shaw Curtis

Together with selected Trustees.

Devon Historic Churches Trust Grants 2013 - 2014

Alphington, St Michael & All Angels	2,000	North Bovey, St John the Baptist	500
Bideford, Sacred Heart RC	2,000	Ottery St Mary, URC	2,500
Bishops Teignton, St John the Baptist	3,000	Poughill, St Michael & All Angels	2,000
Chittlehampton, All Saints	2,000	South Molton, Methodist	2,000
Clyst St Lawrence, St Mary	1,500	South Tawton, St Andrew	5,000
Colebrook, St Andrew	1,500	Sowton, St Michael & All Angels	1,000
Culmstock, All Saints	1,000	Tavistock, Our Lady & St Mary Mag'lene RC	2,000
Exeter St Thomas	2,500	Teignmouth, St Michael the Archangel	1,500
Exmouth Chapel (Evangelical)	500	Topsham, St Nicholas, Methodist	2,000
Exmouth/Withycombe Raleigh, St John	500	Trusham, St Michael	3,000
Georgeham/Croyde, St Mary	3,000	Walkhampton, St Mary	2,000
Harberton, St Andrew	2,000	Woolfardisworthy East, St Mary	5,000
Hittisleigh, St Andrew	5,000		
Honrabridge, St John CofE/Methodist	500	Sub Total	£72,500
Instow, St John the Baptist	4,000	Emergency Grants	
Kilmington, St Giles	2,000	Dolton, St Edmund	1000
Lidford, St Petroc	2,000	Ermington, St Peter & St Paul	700
Membury, St John the Baptist	1,000		
Newton St Petroc, St Petroc	3,000	Total	£74,200
Newport, Barnstaple. St John the Baptist	5,000		



Their Royal Highnesses are shown features of Powderham Church by window restorer Andrew Johnson

Administrative Secretary's Report

In the year ended 31st March 2014 the following donations were received:

- £3125 from 67 PCC's
- £4142 from 88 individuals
- £1000 from the Binks Trust
- £54 from a talk to the Semper Fidelis Probus Club by the Rev. Dr David Keep, Trustee
- £500 from the estate of a keen supporter of the Trust over many years
- £1496.00 - Tax reclaimed on Gift Aid donations for the year 2012/2013

The Trust was most grateful for the £100,000 legacy received from the estate of the late Reverend Griffiths. This has been used to set up a fund to provide emergency grants of up to £1000 to churches in need of money urgently, without the usual procedure required for grant applications and the need for approval at the quarterly Trustees' meetings.

Susan Taverner

Report from Finance Director

I am delighted to report that our overall income this year has more than doubled. It was boosted in particular by a very generous legacy of £100,000. This legacy has not been added to our investment portfolio, but has been set aside to create a new Emergency Fund.

The annual fundraising Devon Historic Churches Day, which this year was our second largest source of revenue, achieved success in raising income by 8% over last year. Our particular thanks go to all those involved.

Investment income also increased by 8%, and the overall value of our investments increased slightly in line with world markets.

Grants awarded this year increased by 9% to £74,200.

Hendrik Vollers

The reception at Powderham Castle



Christopher Hampton, Bearnes and Louise Crossman Architects



Trustees Rosemary Howell and Hendrik Vollers



Sheelagh and Christopher Michelmore



Sir Richard Curtis and Jo Vollers



Elizabeth, Lady Cave is presented, together with Mr & Mrs Cicconi



Juliet Sutton Scott-Tucker and Her Royal Highness



Rev. Roderick Withnell in discussion with His Royal Highness



Judith Kauntze and her Team of Event Organisers

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*Change to DHCT Address
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Email Database

*We are currently updating our email database
which will enable the DHCT to keep everybody
well informed on activities and events.
If you have not already done so, please can you contact*

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Similarly please email us if you are a new Parish Representative
having changed your email address in the last 12 months
or wish to know more about the DHCT

Your assistance would be of great benefit to the Trust.

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