



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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The social benefits of maintaining our parish churches must not be under-estimated. By funding repairs and the installation of modern facilities such as kitchens, toilets and disabled access, historic religious buildings which have been at the centre of Christian worship for hundreds of years also become community hubs. Unlike other countries, in Britain neither church authorities nor the state directly support the upkeep of churches. We must work together to bring real social and economic benefit to communities and to ensure their survival for future generations.



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Chairman's Report

The Devon Historic Churches Trust continues to rise to the challenge of providing funds to many of the historic churches in Devon, of all denominations. There is a very large need for the care and preservation of our church buildings and the fabric. Although the DHCT funds are limited they can be obtained quickly and easily and provide a useful start for many projects.

We have had a successful year and in 2015/16 we supported 33 churches in need of some repair and awarded grants of just over £66,000. The trust only manages its commitments and fundraising with the continued help of its Trustees, Church Assessors, Deanery Representatives and the Friends. I am very grateful to all of them.

The Earl of Devon was a dedicated trustee for many years. We were very saddened by his death and he is greatly missed. We received a very generous donation following his memorial service.

Judith Kauntze continues as our tireless and amazing leader for fundraising. The DHCT day raised a sum of over £40,000, a wonderful sum which has been used in full to support the churches. Her excellent newsletter explains the fun and exciting things church groups have done to raise the money.

John Mills, our secretary, provides amazing service and help to the trust and we are all very grateful and thankful. Not only does he do all the Hon Sec jobs but he also provides guidance and care and keeps the trust up to date in all governance and risk matters.

In June a group of DHCT friends and trustees spent a wonderful day touring to four lovely churches in South Devon. It was all arranged and organised brilliantly by Lady Anne Boles and it was a fascinating and very enjoyable day.

The Listed Places of Worship roof repair fund has now allocated a second round of grants. This has been very helpful to many churches in Devon, although it is difficult for the ones that are unsuccessful. The Treasury has also started the

English Churches and Cathedrals Sustainability Review. This is a task force asked to come up with proposals for the future of funding for churches. We will keep a close eye on the developments and outcome of this and contribute to its deliberations as much as we can.

In all, I thank the whole team which makes up the DHCT for all their hard work and commitment and we look forward to another good and successful year.



Lady Burnell-Nugent

St Peters Church, Lamerton



The Lamerton PCC approved sketches by Jon Minshull who, when leaving the church enjoyed a particularly lovely sunset, which he photographed and reproduced on the wall the next day. So they have a genuine Lamerton sunset in church. A great deal of local Dartmoor landscape is incorporated into the painting along with Dartmoor Grey Faced and Dartmoor White Faced sheep. A number of his father's sheep are immortalised in the work.

The lighting in the painting is based on where the sun actually sets in the West. At sunset the light comes through the window where the sun would be in the painting connecting the painting to the real world outside and creates a beautiful glow.

This stunning mural was completed in October 2015 before the rededication of the church by the Bishop of Plymouth following extensive renovations to the tower, rainwater goods and east gable ends towards which the DHCT gave £5,000 in three stages.

Devon Historic Churches Trust.
Grants 2015 – 2016

Ashburton, St Andre's	4,000	
Aylesbeare, St Mary's	2,500	
Bittadon, St Peter's	2,000	
Bradninch, St Disen's	3,000	(Commitment)
Braunton, St Brannock's	1,000	
Brentor, St Michael de Rupe	2,500	
Bridford, St Thomas Beckett	2,500	
Buckland, St Peter's	1,000	
Bucks Mills, St Anne's	3,000	
Cheriton Bishop, St Mary's	2,500	
Chudleigh Knighton, St Paul's	2,500	
Cofton, St Mary's	2,000	
Cornworthy, St Peter's	1,500	
Exeter, St Thomas	2,500	
Halwill, St Peter & St James	1,000	
Harford, St Petroc's	3,500	
Hollacombe, St Petroc	2,000	
Holne, St Mary the Virgin	1,000	
Honiton, St Giles	1,500	
Horrabridge United Church	1,000	
Ilfracombe, St Peter's	2,000	
Instow, St John's	3,000	
Kingsnympton, St James	4,000	
Leusdon, St John the Baptist	1,000	
Meeth, St Michael's & All Angels	3,000	
Plymtree, St John the Baptist	300	
Stoke Gleming, St Peter's	3,000	
Tavistock Methodist Church	1,000	
Tawstock, St Peter's	2,500	
Templeton, St Margaret's	1,500	

Total £63,800

+ £2364 Emergency Grants

Hon. Secretary's report

I continue to be amazed and very grateful for the achievements of all those who give unstinting support to the Trust and places of worship – 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 (and the associated grant application forms), 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.

We were very worried during the year that the Government's proposed changes to the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) regarding the abolition of the 10% third party contribution would be put into place. This would probably have seen a major withdrawal of funding by landfill operating companies, leading to a large diminution in the value of the Fund. Thankfully, following representations by our Trustees and other bodies, Government stepped back and the LCF is likely to continue as a major source of funding for the repair and improvement of places of worship.

The Trust was delighted that Devon's churches continued to do well in their bids for the second round of the Government's Roof Repair Grant scheme. 16 churches were awarded a total of £0.83 millions, out of a national total of £25 millions. Undoubtedly, while we share in the disappointment of those churches which were not successful, we will try to help as much as we can with our limited resources.

It is also pleasing to report again 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, and with Government support for the continuation of the Scheme for the duration of this Parliament.

The Chairman has referred to the Government's new Sustainability Review of England's Cathedrals and Churches. We will do all we can to make a very constructive input into this, both on our own and with other organisations. It is vitally important that we ensure that the future fiscal framework is as supportive as possible to places of worship needing repair or improvement.

John Mills

Finance Director's report

I am pleased to report that our overall income this year is up by 7% to £138,000, boosted by generous donations and legacies.



The annual fundraising Devon Historic Churches Day, another large and valuable source of revenue, was slightly down. Particular thanks go to our organiser, Judith Kauntze, and all those involved.

The overall value of our Capital Fund dropped by 5% in line with world markets, but investment income increased by 16%.

The total disbursed to churches this year was £83,000, of which £66,000 were grants and £17,000 as a result of Devon Historic Churches Day.

Hendrik Vollers

Emergency Grants paid 2015 – 2016

Combe Martin	£1,000
East Worlington	£864
Romansleigh	£500
Total	£2,364

Devon Historic Churches Trust

Here to help in times of emergency

Emergency and Small Grants Scheme

A couple of years ago, the Trust benefitted from a legacy and from this has established a fund to help Places of Worship to progress emergency repairs as quickly as possible. Emergency Grants of up to £1,000 are available.

The need for these repairs could arise from many causes – wind, water ingress, subsidence etc. An Emergency Grant could be required to acquire a tarpaulin to cover a sudden hole in the roof, or for special equipment to tackle the effects of a flood. As time will be of the essence, a short and simple application process is in place.

At the July meeting this year, the Trustees decided to extend the availability of these funds to include small grant provision, again up to a ceiling of £1,000 and with the same simple speedy process.

The application form can be accessed from the Devon Historic Churches Trust website:

www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk under the heading of **Emergency Grant Applications** and a response achieved within a few days.



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Fundraising to secure our churches future

*“Our churches are our history shown
In wood and glass and iron and stone”*

Wrote John Betjeman in *Churchyards*

And they are very vulnerable. Each church is unique, built with great care, expense and skill by our forebears and we all need to give our time, skill and ‘talents’ to ensure they survive for future generations.

Our Devon Historic Churches Day, incorporating the national Ride+Stride, is dedicated to this purpose. It is an ideal concept as it enables all our churches to be open, celebrating their glorious Christian architecture and encouraging everyone to cross the threshold and explore the treasures within. Once viewed, nobody can deny the importance of maintaining these historic gems – and hopefully contributing to the cost of their continuation.

So our challenge is to ensure that ALL churches in Devon are open on the second Saturday in September each year, welcoming visitors and devising a fundraising event. **There are considerable benefits for ALL** with this event – participating churches gain new supporters and 50% of the profits – and DHCT gains 50% of the profits that is then delivered in grants to ALL churches in Devon. We are entirely flexible about how the fundraising is devised – floral and historical displays, choral and musical events, cakes and refreshments, physical challenges or indeed out and about on Ride+Stride activities.....the choice is yours!

Each year we are very impressed with the variety of ways that church communities raise funds on this important day – and by doing so they enable the work of the DHCT to continue. We are a voluntary organisation, all giving our time and skills to support our Devon churches in their hour of need – and as is shown elsewhere in our Annual Report you will see the large number of grants we have given in the past year, ALL enabled by the generosity of our supporters.

Please, if you are one of the churches not currently actively fundraising on ‘our special day’, can you actively consider doing so – this will in turn enable us to help you ‘in your hour of need’.

Considering the significant fundraising challenges facing so many of our Devon churches, a superb example of considerable initiative comes from Modbury who urgently needed to raise £540,000 for a new roof together with essential repairs to the tower. The DHCT were pleased to assist and their Churchwarden Alex Hammerstein kindly responded *“The goodwill shown to the project by everyone involved has just been amazing and very humbling. I think that the biggest spur was right at the start of the project, when we were talking to Devon Historic Churches Trust. Their grant may not have been the biggest overall, although it was a major grant for them; but more the encouragement and support they gave in the early days was immense and gave us the belief that we could achieve our goal”*.

Their fundraising campaign featured a remarkably effective image – and one that I feel reflects something that many Devon churches face – and indeed encapsulates the mission at the heart of Devon Historic Churches Trust.



So we can continue to help ALL our Devon churches with grants towards their essential repairs, we really need ALL our Friends, communities and individuals to either:

**Actively Fundraise on Saturday 10th September 2016
or send us a donation.**

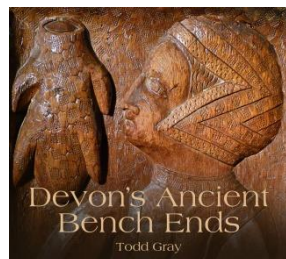
Together we can ensure these unique and historic treasures
are maintained for future generations.

Judith Kauntze

A sample of treasures to be found in our Devon churches

A three year project to investigate the ancient bench ends in the South West has recently finished. This was sponsored by the Pilgrim Trust and administered through the University of Exeter.

This research built on the work for *Devon's Ancient Bench Ends* (now nearly out of print) which was produced with English Heritage in 2012. This latest project has produced gazetteers for the six counties of the South West; these list and describe each parish church



collection of ancient bench ends in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire. Church officers were sent an electronic copy of their report and a printed edition of each gazetteer is being planned for this coming autumn.

Altogether the gazetteers comprise some 250,000 words. The South West has more than 8,000 ancient bench ends of which there are c.2,400 in Devon in 131 churches. The project has involved comparing Westcountry bench ends with those in approximately 700 churches across England (mostly Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Suffolk, Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Oxfordshire and Yorkshire). This has revealed that Devon and Cornwall have the largest collection of early Renaissance and Passion wooden carvings in England. The results of the project were recently discussed in a public lecture to the Annual General Meeting of the Cornish Historic Churches Trust at Altarnun and will be explored further on 3 November 2016 in another lecture open to the public entitled 'Carving Out the Renaissance', Joyce Youings Memorial Lecture, Moot Room, Amory Building, University of Exeter, at 6.30 pm.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this research has been the public response to a topic which has not had much exposure in the recent past. Lectures in Devon and to such national groups as the Regional Furniture Society and the Vernacular Architecture Group have given ancient bench ends a high visibility. In Devon there is marked increase in interest in a number of churches, most notably Alwington, High Bickington and Marwood (which has

just brought out a handsome cloth bag – for sale in the church - which is embellished with an image of one of its prized bench ends – which features a (fox) and West Worlington, shown below.

Dr Todd Gray MBE



A selection of ancient Bench Ends at West Worlington church

Photographs and Stories

As Editor of this Report, the DHCT Newsletter and website,
I am always looking for photos and stories of your
fundraising 'fun', fabric repairs and church treasures.

Please email me on Judith.Kauntze@btinternet.com

Poughill Church Notice Board



Devonshire Dialect - Poughill (pronounced 'Poil') church notice board viewed on a tour of Cadbury Deanery Churches, in Mid-Devon by Dr Christopher Maycock, one of our most enthusiastic supporters:

"Dreckly God made ev'n 'n eth.

At dimmets he did see 'twas proper job 'n 'vitty"

Translated: Genesis Chapter 1. Dem Standard Version

"Soon God made heaven and earth.

At dusk he saw it was well done and fitting"

Genesis Chapter 1. Devon Standard Version

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2016

	Income Funds	Capital Funds	Total 2016	Total 2015
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	53,257		53,257	30,996
Activities for generating funds	40,547		40,547	60,137
Investment income	43,915		43,915	37,684
Total incoming resources	<u>137,719</u>		<u>137,719</u>	<u>128,817</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of Generating Income:				
Devon Historic Churches Day	7,444		7,444	11,658
Investment management fees	8,620		8,620	7,002
Royal Visit				4,408
Patronal Evensong	1,296		1,296	
Support costs	7,094		7,094	12,078
Charitable activities	83,301		83,301	112,831
Governance costs	3,821		3,821	3,374
Total resources expended	<u>111,576</u>		<u>111,576</u>	<u>151,351</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other gains and losses	26,143		26,143	(22,534)
Other recognized gains and losses				
Gains on investment assets	7,979	(65,366)	(57,387)	74,071
Net movement in funds	<u>34,122</u>	<u>(65,366)</u>	<u>(31,244)</u>	<u>51,537</u>
Total funds brought forward	115,172	1253,239	1368,411	1316,874
Total funds carried forward	<u>149,294</u>	<u>1187,873</u>	<u>1337,167</u>	<u>1368,841</u>

Statement by the Trustees of Devon Historic Churches Trust

These financial statements are only a summary. For further information the full annual financial statements 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 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		398		598
Investments		1,262,873		1,328,239
		<u>1,263,271</u>		<u>1,328,837</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	2,919		7,292	
Cash at bank and in hand	145,266		97,892	
	<u>148,185</u>		<u>105,184</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(74,289)</u>		<u>(65,610)</u>
Net current assets		<u>73,896</u>		<u>39,574</u>
Net assets		<u>1,337,167</u>		<u>1,368,411</u>
Funds				
Capital fund		1,187,873		1,253,239
Income fund		149,294		115,172
Total funds		<u>1,337,167</u>		<u>1,368,411</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 2016.

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 2016 was unqualified.

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

Devon Historic Churches Day

Incorporating the National Ride + Stride Event

Our Prayer composed by

The Right Revd. Robert Atwell
Bishop of Exeter

Patron of Devon Historic Churches Trust

Gracious God, we thank you for those down the centuries
who built the houses of prayer and praise
that grace our county.

Bless our Devon Historic Churches event, and give us the vision
and resourcefulness to celebrate our heritage that your Name
may be glorified by future generations;
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Grateful thanks are given to the National Churches Trust for their support with this event



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
Saving our glorious church buildings for future generations

The Devon Historic Churches Day in 2015
raised £40,751

50% goes immediately to participating churches
50% is awarded in grants

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US RAISE MORE!

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Email Database

We are currently updating our email database.

If you have not already done so,
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A Lecture on Devon Churches

Illustrated by slides, is available and can be presented to any
interested group. Please contact:

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Devon Historic Churches Day.

Saturday 10th September 2016

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Devon Historic Churches Day

Incorporating the National Ride + Stride Event

On this day we celebrate and support the work of our wonderful
Devon churches and the communities they serve

5 Good Reasons to Help

1. The Devon Historic Churches Day & 'Ride + Stride' is a great way to raise money for your church.
2. 50% of the funds raised are returned immediately to your parish.
3. 50% goes to funding grants for the maintenance of our Devon churches.
4. An inclusive way to involve all age groups and all abilities.
5. A worthwhile way to actively promote your church

5 Good Reasons to Remember

1. You do not have to get on a bike. The important thing is to do something.
2. You can hold a church or community event that brings in funds from local people.
3. Visit your neighbouring church – and invite them back, it is good for everybody.
4. Positive leadership in your parish encourages others to help you save our churches.
5. **Organise an event, create publicity**, open your church, and welcome visitors – we do not have a 'magic' group to visit you!

Everybody will be a winner!

The Devon Historic Churches Trust is helping you to save your church
Please support us on this very important day

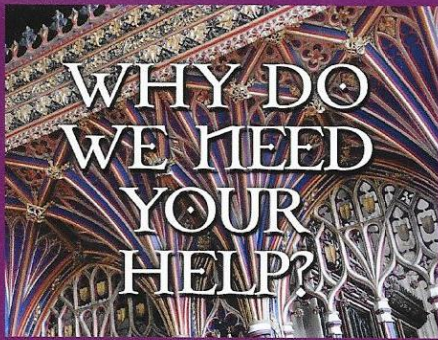
If you are no longer the PCC Secretary or Parish Organiser, please pass this literature to your successor and contact us on 01626 835 820 or email contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk so that we can update our records and delete your name from our database.

All forms and the Guide to Open Churches can be downloaded from our website,
please visit it to learn much more about the Trust.



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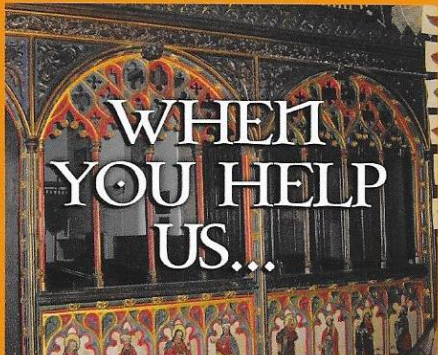
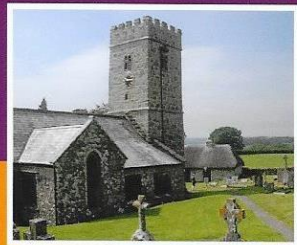
Saving our glorious church buildings for future generations



WHY DO WE NEED YOUR HELP?

Devon's Churches have been a focal part of life in the county for centuries, providing both a spiritual and physical focus for the communities they serve.

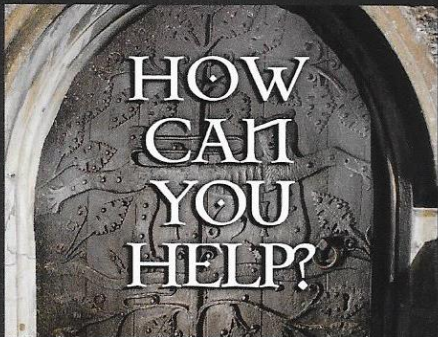
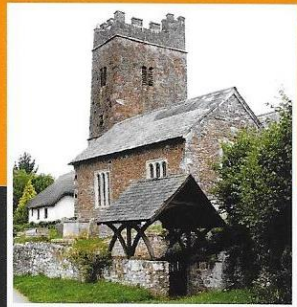
They are also an important part of both the landscape and our cultural heritage. Often the cost of the work required to maintain or repair a church or chapel is far beyond the means of the local congregation and community.



WHEN YOU HELP US...

...You will have the satisfaction of knowing that everything you give will be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

Your contribution will help to ensure the survival of an important part of Devon's heritage and beautiful country landscapes.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Become a Friend
- Send a Donation
- Remember us in your Will

Details of how to help are on our website: devonshistoricchurches.co.uk Which includes Justgiving facilities for on-line giving.



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