

Dates for your Diary

Devon Historic Churches Day
Incorporating the Bike, Ride & Stride event
Saturday 12th September 2009

On this day all the churches in Devon
should be open, welcoming visitors
and holding events to support the
Devon Historic Churches Trust
in their mission to provide
grants for their upkeep.

Devon Historic Churches Trust

Members Day
Wednesday 23rd September 2009
For further details contact
Susan Taverner, Administrative Secretary
Details inside front cover

A Lecture on Devon Churches
illustrated by slides, is available and can be
presented to any interested group.
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Further information on our website
www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk



Devon Historic Churches Trust

**Dedicated to funding repairs
and maintenance to places of worship
in the Diocese of Exeter and throughout Devon**

Annual Report 2009

Devon Historic Churches Trust

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From the Chairman of Devon Historic Churches Trust

We make no apologies for this our 'slimmed down' version of the DHCT's annual report. In a time of financial hardship it seemed wise to economise on the report. We hope however that you will find all the information you need to convince you that the Trust is up and running strongly.

As we all expected the number of churches and chapels asking for assistance with their repairs rose sharply at the beginning of the year. We had the usual requests for help with re-roofing; repairs to windows; re-pointing; cost of scaffolding; re-wiring; re-placement of stonework; re-leading; et al but we just had more of them to deal with. I'm glad to say that we were able to help all those who asked and gave grants varying from £500 to £4,000. We were pleased to note that a growing number of our recipient parishes were getting a grant for the first time, this means that our work and offers to help are getting to a wider audience. The shortfall of cash faced by many church PCCs and appeal committees is daunting; it can range from £4,000 to over £25,000. St. Petrox in Dartmouth has a shortfall of £47,000 on phase 1 of its commitments and the same on phase 2 ! Our admiration for the courage of church and chapel committees knows no bounds; those with an Electoral Roll of 9, and with perhaps an average attendance of 8 at services, even the thought of having to find thousands of pounds would make anyone feel faint; but on they go determined to protect **their** church, keep **their** church weatherproof and safe from all the ills that ancient buildings are prone to.

The work of the Trust has been greatly helped by some generous bequests in the last 12 months. One can never budget on a legacy but what a thrill it is when they arrive! The one from John Stevens-Guille was particularly heart-warming. John had been a very good friend of the Trust in North Devon for a very long time; his Mother had been a founder member way back in 1973. I'm sure that there are many who will remember with pleasure John's musical evenings at Yatton Court when he played with much vigour and enthusiasm the large organ in his front hall.

The National Churches Trust, our parent body, hosted the annual conference this May for all the County Trusts in London, at which 25 County Trusts were represented. There were discussions with English Heritage, the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group and the representative from the Local Government's Dept. for Communities of which threw up interesting points of view and possible ways of funding our work. Our Trust has always been

anxious to keep its administration costs at the minimum and its services at the maximum, and I was surprised that we are among the very few County Trusts which has a paid member of staff, and how adamant some other Trusts were in their arguments that an entirely voluntary organisation was essential. We feel we are very well served by our part time secretary and so are able to share the work load on such events as the Bike, Ride and Stride and in keeping in touch with all our members and church committees. The NCT urged every Trust not to over work their willing helpers and that it is not immoral for charities to have paid help if it makes them more effective. Any organisation is only as good as its results. We at the DHCT feel that our record of help and encouragement is good and is growing. In most years we will hear from 40/50 parishes and where a request is in line with our constitution (we do not fund bells, clocks, monuments or re-ordering) we contribute quickly and with the minimum fuss. All the Trustees are determined that in good times and bad we will be there for churches and chapels throughout the Exeter Diocese and the county of Devon.

There is an inscription in the Church of All Saints in Carlton Rode in Norfolk which reads;

This church was built in it God to adore
 And ought to have been repaired long before
 By which neglect we did great sums expend
 Then let successors look in time to mend
 For if Decay they early don't prevent
 They will, like us, when 'tis too late repent.

A lesson to us all!

Anne Boles

A light-hearted evening of music and song at

Powderham Castle

By kind invitation of

The Earl of Devon

Trustee of Devon Historic Churches Trust

Wednesday 16th December 2009

Featuring Nigel Lindsay-Fynn

**(whose father was a co-founder of DHCT) on the piano
 and The Lucy Ann Singers – some gentlemen from Exeter**

Cathedral Choir

Contact: Judith Kauntze 01271 85 85 65 for details.

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**Grants paid by Devon Historic Churches Trust
 In the year ended 31st March 2009**

Atherington, St Mary	4000
Brixton, St Mary	1000
Broadhempston, St Peter & St Paul	1500
Chittlehampton, St Hieritha	3500
Clayhanger, St Peter	2000
Colyton, St Andrew	2000
Combeinteignhead, St Andrew	500
Cruwys Morchard, Holy Cross	1000
East Budleigh, All Saints	500
Exeter, Southernhay URC	2500
Feniton, St Andrew (flood damage)	500
Feniton, St Andrew	2000
Gulworthy, St Paul	1000
Exmouth, Holy Trinity	1000
Ideford, St Mary	2000
Kenton, All Saints	2000
Musbury, St Michael	4000
North Bovey, St John the Baptist	2000
Pilton, St Mary	8000
Romansleigh, St Rumon	2000
Shobrooke, St Swithin	1000
Topsham, St Nicholas Methodist	2000
Tiverton, St George	5000
Withycombe Raleigh,	
St John the Evangelist	4000
TOTAL	£55,000

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2009

	Income Funds	Capital Funds	Total Funds 2009	Total Funds 2008
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations & gifts	11,127		11,127	11,612
Legacies	1,000		1,000	144,882
Activities to generate fund	40,413		40,413	47,085
Investment income	37,843		37,843	34,434
Other income	491		491	150
Total incoming resources	<u>90,874</u>		<u>90,874</u>	<u>238,163</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds	10,028		10,028	8,307
Charitable Expenditure				
Bike Ride sponsorship apportioned	17,049		17,049	20,223
Grants payable	55,000		55,000	51,645
Support costs	9,788		9,788	7,827
Governance costs	2,655		2,655	2,281
Total resources expended	<u>94,520</u>		<u>94,520</u>	<u>90,283</u>
Net incoming resources for the year	(3,646)		(3,646)	147,880
Other recognized gains and losses				
Unrealised loss on investments	(181,811)		(181,811)	(90,030)
Loss on disposal of investments	(54,871)		(54,871)	(10,104)
Net movement in funds	<u>(240,328)</u>		<u>(240,328)</u>	<u>47,746</u>
Transfer between funds	160,398	(160,398)		
Funds brought forward	175,781	937,414	1,113,195	1,065,449
Funds carried forward	<u>95,851</u>	<u>777,016</u>	<u>872,867</u>	<u>1,113,195</u>

Statement by the Trustees of Devon Historic Churches Trust

These summarized 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 auditors' 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 Clifford Lodge, Clifford Bridge, Drewsteignton EX6 6QE.

It is confirmed that the annual report and financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2009

	2009		2008	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		625		452
Investments		777,016		1,014,521
		<u>777,641</u>		<u>1,014,973</u>
Current assets				
Debtors & prepayments	1,401		1,539	
CBF Church of England deposit	72,699		48,301	
Cash at bank and in hand	23,284		50,456	
		<u>97,384</u>		<u>100,296</u>
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>2,158</u>		<u>2,074</u>	
Net current assets		<u>95,226</u>		<u>98,222</u>
Net assets		<u>872,867</u>		<u>1,113,195</u>
Funds				
Income fund		95,851		175,781
Capital fund		777,016		937,414
		<u>872,867</u>		<u>1,113,195</u>

Auditor's Report

Auditors 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 2009.

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 2009 was unqualified.

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

Report from the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

The main asset of the Trust is the Investment Portfolio, which has fallen in value in line with market conditions worldwide. At the moment we do not expect this income to decline seriously. Our cash reserves have been maintained at previous levels and we are satisfied we can meet our targets with a margin to spare. Our ability to make Grants is also dependent on the enormous contributions of all who help with the Devon Historic Churches Day and Bike, Ride & Stride.

We remain extremely grateful to anyone who can remember the Trust in their Will.

Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford

Report on Fundraising Activities For the year ending 31st March 2009

Our Devon Historic Churches Day in September, which incorporates the Bike Ride, is the main fundraising event each year for the Trust - so it is particularly important that all our churches are open and actively doing something to raise funds.

When talking to people across the county I am often told that they are too old to take part – however the Bike Ride is just one part of our ‘special’ day and I really hope that more churches can be open and holding an event to welcome their local communities into their churches – this will immediately help them with support in keeping their churches alive and also help to raise funds to pay the bills.

Another point often raised is that the church was open, but nobody came. I am afraid there is no magic wand one can wave to create visitors; this has to be done at a local level to promote their church – although we work very hard creating our Guide to Open Churches, which has a wide circulation and is a very useful tool in increasing visitor numbers.

This year, the National Churches Trust will be giving this event significant national publicity and information and sponsorship forms will shortly be available on their website. This will we hope give a substantial boost to visitor numbers, which will in turn increase revenue for the churches and the Trust combined.

Remember – all our joint work in making this day a success results in immediate benefit to Devon’s churches as 50% of revenue is kept directly by the nominated churches and the other 50% goes to fund valuable grants to assist with the ever-present need for maintenance and repair.

- So please support us.....everybody is a winner!

Judith Kauntze

Please either take part in one of our fundraising events or send us a donation (gift aided if possible) thereby supporting the future of Devon’s historic churches.

Report from the Hon. Secretary

DHCT in the Recession

As has been written elsewhere in this report, charities such as DHCT suffer reduced income in a recession, and, sadly, all those churches and chapels that we would like to help suffer with us, as grant levels have to be reduced. This effect is somewhat masked in the annual accounts, because the sums that we give away were awarded up to two years ago, and because the trust has been fortunate in being the recipient of legacies, but current awards have to reflect current income, and so the reduction will show in future years. While ‘weathering the storm’ we have been fine-tuning our practices to reduce incidental costs. The slimmer form of this annual report is one such change. Another is our increasing use of e-mail and the internet, not only for much of the trust’s correspondence and business, but now also in the grant application process. This is a development only just introduced, which we hope will not only save us much postage and paper (a ‘green’ improvement) but will speed up the whole process and make it more efficient. If you are contemplating asking the Trust for funds make our website your first port of call.

John Malleon

Administrative Secretary’s Report

Donations

In the year ended 31st March 2009 the following donations were received:

PCC’s	87 donations totalling	£4933
Private individuals	85 donations totalling	£3910
Local Trusts	2 donations totalling	£2050
Income from Rev. Dr Keep’s talk to various societies/groups		£375

Most of the donations from individuals were gift aided and the Trust was able to claim back from HM Revenue & Customs the tax paid totalling £1037. This compares with the previous year’s claim of £1094, a drop in income of £57 with several donors not renewing their membership.

Susan Taverner

Cycling for Devon's Churches

Emma Wood and Holly Moser set off from Romansleigh church on a sponsored cycle ride to raise money for the Historic Churches' Trust. It was a lovely day and we were very excited knowing we had nearly fourteen miles and three more churches ahead of us, wondering whether we would make it. We signed the visitors' book and set off, feeling famous because we'd just had our picture taken.

Holly's Mum followed for the first five minutes because Holly was worried that her pedal was going to fall off. In fact it was Holly who fell off in a heap at the side, as soon as she saw her Mum! Emma just laughed! From then on we went on our own. Just before we got into Chulmleigh, a big combine-harvester filled the road in front of us. Emma who was leading, swerved into the lay-by and Holly went into the hedge!

We got to Chulmleigh church and had a welcome drink and biscuit. Holly's grandpa took the next photo and then we went to Emma's Gran for lunch. We needed some energy for the next big cycle up Chawleigh Hill. We didn't last very long and ended up pushing our bikes to the top. On the way up we met Holly's Granny driving back from her sponsored walk, but neither Holly nor Emma fell off! At Chawleigh church there was a big welcome and homemade biscuits.

Now we were on the last leg to Eggesford and it was downhill –hurrah! Emma was in front. We were freewheeling really fast with the wind rushing in our faces. Then Holly's Mum drove up from the A377 - Emma stopped and Holly ran into the back of her and went flying. We were both OK but Holly's chain came off. We crossed the A377 and just as we crossed the train tracks, the barriers came down. We got to Eggesford church for one last photo stop and then cycled to the garden centre for a lovely cold drink! We'd made it, raised over £100 and had a really great day.

By Holly Moser and Emma Wood

Devon Historic Churches Day Incorporating the Bike, Ride & Stride event

**The Second Saturday of September every year
County Organiser Mrs Judith Kauntze**

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Ottery	Mr Charles Hutchings Email pcc@larkbear.net	01404 822 205
Plymouth	Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser	
Shirwell	Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser	
South Molton	Part 'Oakmoor' and part 'Little Dart' benefices , i.e. Oakmoor, Witheridge, Thelbridge, Creacombe, Meshaw, East & West Worlington: Contact County Organiser Part 'Little Dart' benefice, i.e. Chulmleigh, Chawleigh, Cheldon, Wembworthy with Eggesford and Burrington Mrs Jane Gibson 01769 560734 Email:gibson2sms@btinternet.com 'South Molton' benefice: Contact County Organiser	
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