

Dates for your Diary

Devon Historic Churches Day

Incorporating the national Ride+ Stride event

Saturday 10th September 2011

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.

DHCT Members' Event

Thursday 27th October 2011

Powderham Castle

By kind invitation of the Earl of Devon

Hugh Harrison – the eminent UK conservation specialist

giving a presentation on

'Herbert Read: Artist and Craftsman'

Full details inside

A Lecture on Devon Churches

illustrated by slides, is available and can be presented to any interested group.

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Devon Historic Churches Trust

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

Annual Report 2011

Devon Historic Churches Trust

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From the Chairman of Devon Historic Churches Trust

We are told that there is to be a big reorganisation of Government funds which are allocated to the repair and maintenance of church buildings. There will be fundamental changes in the way the funds from English Heritage, the National Heritage Lottery Fund and the Landfill Tax will be handled; it appears that these bodies are unwilling to deal directly with grants to individual churches.

At a meeting of all the chairmen of the County Historic Churches Trusts the Chairman of the National Churches Trusts told us that he was in detailed discussions with all the organisations concerned with a view to using the NCT as a conduit for all these funds. They would then distribute them to the County trusts which would be available for the churches in their area. This they argue would save time and money and result in repairs being done more quickly.

This idea seems splendidly straight forward but it is in fact full of pitfalls. EH has been renowned for its specialised skills in the diagnoses and treatment of all ills in ancient buildings; they have teams of skilled workmen who are second to none, but how would they work in with any new scheme of things? Also the Diocesan Advisory Committees for the Care of Churches have particular powers to approve or not what work can and should be carried out on historic church buildings; how will they react if more money and therefore more clout is given to County Trusts?

It is certain that changes will take place and the NCT has the unenviable task of trying to get a workable plan together to convince not only the Government but also the Church that they are willing and able to take a far bigger and far more responsible role in the repair and maintenance of the nation's ecclesiastical buildings. To this end the NCT commissioned a large and comprehensive survey of all the churches, chapels and other places of worship of all denominations in England, Wales and Scotland. This has never been done before and they felt that before they could argue that they were the right body to undertake this work they ought to know exactly how many churches there were, how many needed repair and how urgently, together with an estimate of how much it would cost.

Their terms of reference for the survey were to look at 'how they (the church buildings) are maintained, funded, managed and the contribution they make to the Community'. They found that there were an estimated 47,000 places of worship of which 19,500 or 40% are listed. This makes these ecclesiastical buildings the largest single category of listed buildings in the UK.

Some of the key findings of the survey show that 90% of churches hold a service at least once a week and that 80% are also used for community activities. They found that 20% of all church buildings in the UK have more than 50 people volunteering for them, which they estimate means that 1.4 million members of church congregations volunteer in some capacity, along with a further 200,000 from the wider community. Of the churches that responded to their questions 92% said that their church was in 'good' or 'fair' condition whilst some 8% said that it was 'poor' or 'very poor'. With these findings and the Prime Minister's comment "*Our churches are important to our communities and we must do all we can to preserve and maintain them*" (Daily Telegraph 21st August 2010) ringing in their ears the NCT hope to convince the Government, the Government agencies, big business and the great charities, that they should be given the tools i.e. the money so that they can do the job.

For many County Trusts the annual Ride+Stride is their only major fundraising event. As this event is very dependent on good weather and keen riders, some Trusts' income is uncertain. Here in Devon the DHCT's Special Day incorporates the Ride+Stride but encourages Church Councils and congregations to organise some additional events on the day, such as a coffee morning, a jumble sale, a cream tea or even a sponsored 'church-sit-in' all to raise funds for their own church and the DHCT. In 2010 we raised £40,000 in a year when charitable giving has been under some threat and in a county which has a lot of hills! We are very lucky to have two such energetic people as Judith Kauntze and Susan Taverner who do all the organising of the event. As you will see from page 5 we have been able to help 28 churches with the continued generosity of so many people, we are sure that we will be able to come to the rescue of some of the 1000 churches in our county for many years to come.

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their faithful attendance and wise counsel at our meetings; to John Mills for his great input and expertise as our Honorary Secretary and to Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford for his eagle eye which he keeps trained on our finances, and again to Judith Kauntze especially this year for creating our own splendid web-site.

I fear that things financial will not get better this year or next, and who knows when, but I am also quite sure that church communities will continue to fight to keep their churches up and open not only for the use of the wider community and for the pleasure of anyone who loves old and beautiful buildings, but for their most important use which is the worship of God on a regular basis.

Anne Boles

Devon Historic Churches Trust Grants 2010-2011

	£
Abbots Bickington, St James	2000
Ashprington, St David	2500
Brixton, St Mary	2000
Buckland Monachorum, St Andrew	2000
Charles, St John the Baptist	2000
Chittlehamholt, St John the Baptist	1000
Chudleigh Knighton, St Paul	100
Combe Martin, St Peter ad Vincula	1500
Crediton, Church of the Holy Cross	3000
Dartmouth, St Clements	1500
Dunterton, All Saints	1000
Escot, St Philip & St James	1500
Exeter, St Thomas the Apostle	1500
Great Torrington, St Michael	2000
Gunn, Swimbridge, Church of the Holy Name	500
Hatherleigh, St John the Baptist	3000
Hennock, St Mary	1000
High Bray, All Saints	1500
Hollacombe, St Petroc	2000
Ide, St Ida	2000
Lamerton, St Peter	2000
Langtree, All Saints	3500
Newton St Petrock, St Petrock	4000
Payhembury, St Mary the Virgin	1000
Sourton, St Thomas of Canterbury	4000
Sutcombe, St Andrew	2000
Tavistock Methodist	1500
Tedburn St Mary, St Mary	2000

TOTAL

£53,600

**Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2011**

	Income Funds	Capital Funds	Total 2011	Total 2010
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	22,978		22,978	37,877
Activities for generating funds	34,639		34,639	55,386
Investment income	30,690		30,690	31,498
Other incoming resources	4,681		4,681	100
Total incoming resources	<u>92,988</u>		<u>92,988</u>	<u>124,861</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Cost of generating voluntary income	13,082		13,082	9,222
Charitable activities	78,522		78,522	94,337
Governance costs	3,218		3,218	2,449
Total resources expended	<u>94,822</u>		<u>94,822</u>	<u>106,008</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	(1,834)		(1,834)	18,853
Transfer between funds	(47,171)	47,171		
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognized gains & losses	(49,005)	47,171	(1,834)	18,853
Other recognized gains and losses				
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	44,941		44,941	(205,727)
Net movement in funds	(4,064)	47,171	43,107	224,580
Total funds brought forward	91,809	1,005,638	1,097,447	872,867
Total Funds carried forward	<u>87,745</u>	<u>1,052,809</u>	<u>1,140,554</u>	<u>1,097,447</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 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 2011**

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		252		489
Investments		1,052,809		1,005,638
		<u>1,053,061</u>		<u>1,006,127</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	1,905		1,301	
Cash at bank and in hand	88,026		92,207	
		<u>89,931</u>		<u>93,508</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(2,438)		(2,188)	
Net current assets		<u>87,493</u>		<u>91,320</u>
Net assets		<u>1,140,554</u>		<u>1,097,447</u>
Funds				
Capital fund		1,052,809		1,005,638
Income fund		87,745		91,809
		<u>1,140,554</u>		<u>1,097,447</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 2011.

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 2011 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

Grants to Churches this year fell by £15,000 compared with last year when we made payments of grants agreed in previous years.

Our income fell by 25% due in part to a reduction of legacy income, but this was partly compensated by the strong performance of our investments. I suspect that many charities nowadays are in a similar situation.

Legacies remain very important to us, but in future we shall not necessarily place them into our investment portfolio as we have reached our original target plus a margin of 5%. This may help us to increase grants in the future.

Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford

Report from the Hon. Secretary

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those colleagues who have helped me so much during my first year of tenure – to John Malleson, my predecessor, for establishing such excellent administrative systems; to Judith Kauntze, for all the sheer hard work she has undertaken to make a superb new website for the Trust; and to Lady Anne and the other Trustees and advisors for their unstinting support over the year.

The past year has been very satisfactory from a number of perspectives – in fulfilling our mission to help Churches with building repair and associated costs through the award of a significant number of grants; in fundraising, despite the economic recession, mainly from the annual Churches Open Day/Ride and Stride event; and with our capital endowment fund value moving back to where it was two years ago. The one, real, disappointment during the year was the decision taken by the National Churches Trust to exclude Devon (and some other Trusts) from its new Partnership Grants Scheme. Strong representations were made by the Chairman about this and we hope that we shall be included in the future.

Next year and subsequently could see an increasingly difficult period for Historic Churches Trusts and for the funding of Church repairs generally. Although the Government listened to Trusts and others regarding the continuation of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (which facilitates the recovery by individual churches of VAT on Church repairs), it has introduced cash-limited quarterly budgets against which bids will have to be made. We shall need to watch the operation of this closely to see what impact it will have. There are other significant funding changes taking place at a national level such as the bringing together of funding streams for church repairs from English Heritage with those of the Heritage Lottery Fund. In

addition, the Trust has serious concerns about the move by the Payments Council to abolish cheques in 2018. The abolition of cheques could adversely affect our fundraising. The Trust was pleased to see that the Treasury Select Committee reopened its inquiry into this proposal in April 2011.

On a more positive note, it was very pleasing to see the publication of the National Churches Trust 2010 Survey of Churches. This comprehensive document about the state of repair of churches and their use will undoubtedly be of value in stating the case to national funding bodies and grant making foundations for the funding for church repairs.

Clearly, in such a context of change at a national level, there is a need for the Devon Trust to work very closely with other Trusts and the National Churches Trust. The coming year promises to be one of interest and excitement.

John Mills

Administrative Secretary's Report

In the year ended 31st March 2011 the following donations were received:

Donations	£2891
Legacies	£5866
Subscriptions	£7141

Tax on Gift Aid reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs: £7,080

The Members Day due to be held in September 2010 to visit Dartmouth churches and the Royal Naval College had to be cancelled as we were unable to meet the minimum number required by the Royal Naval College for a tour.

Susan Taverner

Members' Event: Thursday 27th October

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**Hugh Harrison: the eminent UK conservation specialist
giving a presentation on
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7pm Reception. 7.30pm Talk. Followed by a finger buffet with wine.

Tickets £20 available from:

Susan Taverner, 19 Manor Gardens, Abbotskerswell, Newton Abbot TQ12 5RB.

Cheques made payable to Devon Historic Churches Trust.

Report on Fundraising Activities

What a relief.....our Devon Historic Churches Day last September raised over £40,000 – our target each year, which is VITAL if we are to continue being able to award grants towards repairs to our vulnerable Devon churches.

This income is entirely attributable to the support and enthusiasm of our parish communities which each year devise new and interesting ways of raising funds and having fun along the way. We were highly amused by the 100 mile relay by exercise bike at Dolton church (I believe one lady aged over 80 participated!) a particularly clever way of supporting the annual Ride+Stride section of the event, meanwhile Totnes created a 'Pitch and no Put' event which encompassed the wider local community very successfully.

We are always most encouraged when youngsters join in and support an event, so All Saints Church at Sidmouth's 'Can U Spot' challenge was a real winner and we applaud their initiative. Likewise at Westleigh this vibrant church community held a History Day, which provided a particularly interesting and popular formula that other parishes might like to emulate.

Then there are the amazing individuals who do 'their own thing' and a heartfelt tribute must go to Jim Percey of Escott who again travelled 'miles beyond measure' in his car, rising to the challenge and raising £1,250 in sponsorship for his efforts. At Ivybridge, Rosemary Howell undertook a half-marathon sponsored walk, again raising a significant sum for the Devon Historic Churches Trust, of which she is a Trustee.

Cadbury Deanery provided superb support in the 2010 event, rallying to the call of their Deanery Organiser Dr Christopher Maycock and good publicity for the event was provided by James May of Cheriton Fitzpaine and his son on their travels, which received excellent newspaper coverage to promote the needs of our local churches. This is essential if the wider community is going to assist with the funding for our church fabric, which is invaluable for these iconic and historic buildings at the heart of all our communities.

During the winter we have been beavering away to improve our ability to raise funds for the Devon Historic Churches Trust, firstly with the creation of the new website: www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk; please visit it, there is much to enjoy and inform – which I hope will showcase the wonders of our Devon churches that we are all working hard to preserve. Please email us your photos of fundraising events and we will display them for all to share.

Also we have taken a lot of time to create an email database of all parish contacts and individual supporters, so that we can keep everyone in touch with our work – this is a two-way street – enabling us to assist with the awarding of grants to churches and to encourage and support fundraising initiatives. If you have not already supplied us with your email addresses please do so to our Event Secretary Susan Taverner: stavern@nascr.net or to myself (plus unusual stories and interesting photos): Judith.Kauntze@btinternet.com.

REMEMBER: 50% of funds raised are immediately returned to the nominated parish church
50% goes to enable the trust to continue awarding grants.
All churches should try to participate,
as all churches will need grants for their repairs at one time or another.

- **So please support us.....everyone's 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.**

'Florence' from Northam

The DHCT would like to express its appreciation for the support of Di Hopkins from Northam in North Devon. For six years Diana, her husband Roger and their golden Labrador Florence took part in a sponsored Mini Drive in support of the Devon Historic Churches Trust raising hundreds of pounds each year.

This was however only part of their contribution, 'Florence' then created the most marvellously amusing articles of their exploits which were published in the Northam Parish Magazine.

Sadly Florence died in February this year – and in her memory Di Hopkins has published these articles – 53 in all and I can thoroughly recommend them to our supporters for an entertaining read.

All proceeds from this book will go to Florence's favourite charity – the Devon Historic Churches Trust. Cost £5 each.

For further details contact Judith.Kauntze@btinternet.com or 01271 858565

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Saturday 10th September 2011

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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

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'South Molton' benefice: Contact County Organiser

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Tavistock

Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser

Tiverton

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Torbay

Torrington Ashreigney, Broadwoodkelly, Brushford, Winkleigh, Dolton , Iddesleigh with Dowland & Monkokehampton.

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'Two Rivers' and 'Torridge' benefices

Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser

Totnes

Mr John Battison 01803 690592

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Woodleigh

Mr David Scott 01548 830217

Non-Conformist Churches:

The Rev. Dr David Keep 01395 232318

Email Database

We are currently collating an email database of all the Devon Historic Churches Trust supporters – be they private individuals, parish representatives or corporate bodies.

This will enable the DHCT to keep everybody well informed on activities and events. If you have not already done so, please can you contact the Secretary Susan Taverner by email: stavern@nascr.net.

This will enable the DHCT to reduce printing and postage costs, together with saving valuable time, all of which will enable us to have increased funds available for giving to Devon's churches in grants.

DHCT new website

If you have not already done so, we urge you to visit the new website which went live this spring.

The purpose of this new profile is to showcase the wonders of our Devon churches – not only the iconic buildings which are at the heart of our communities, but also the treasures they contain.

Only through visiting our churches can you gain any concept of the range and quality of the screens, pews, pulpits, carvings – to name just a few. However we hope that by visiting our website you will get a glimpse of a representative sample which will encourage you to visit as many as possible. Then you will be able to appreciate the rich tapestry of our Christian architectural heritage – and also appreciate why we are working so hard to raise funds to assist with its preservation for future generations.

There is also a section dedicated to individual church histories, but this is still very much works in progress. We are actively seeking potted histories of each of our Devon churches, together with a suitable (high-resolution) photograph which can be included for others to share – and encourage their support of our churches. So please if you are able to assist in this way I would like to hear from you.

Another area very much under development is the Supporters section, where we are hoping to display as many photographs (and hopefully anecdotes also) to share with the wider world. This will not only entertain, but also inform and encourage greater support – as you know, although the Ride+Stride is a valuable part of our fundraising activities it is certainly not the only way – and the challenge is laid down here to find unusual and most importantly, enjoyable ways of raising funds in support of our church buildings.

And of course your church may need a Grant to assist with important and very necessary repairs – this website provides guidance notes and the forms you will require to apply. We strive to make our application process as simple and straightforward as possible – just download and complete the forms and a Church Assessor will make an appointment to visit you to discuss your needs.

Judith Kauntze

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Visit without delay: www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

Legacies

Where there's a **Will** there's a way for you to help
Devon Historic Churches Trust
preserve Devon's Churches



The Devon Historic Churches Trust is a registered charity. It was inaugurated in 1973 to raise funds to repair and preserve churches and chapels, of all denominations, throughout Devon.

Often the work required to maintain or repair a church is beyond the means of the local congregation and community. A grant from the Devon Historic Churches Trust, whilst not always meeting the full cost of what is required, encourages local fund raising efforts and other charitable funding sources to finance the work that needs doing.

Devon's churches have been a focal part of life in the county for centuries, providing both a spiritual and a physical focus for the communities they serve. They are an important part of the landscape and of our natural heritage. With your help we can ensure that they remain so.

These churches also contain so much of our heritage by way of wood and stone carvings, ornate screens and stained glass windows – when the buildings fail these historical treasures are at risk also.

How can you help?

By remembering The Devon Historic Churches Trust in your will.

You will have our own favourite charities and causes that you might wish to support, we would simply ask that in considering any bequest you think of us.

Please make a Will, it is important that you do so, and any legacy that you make, however small, will be important to us.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

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