

Dates for your Diary

Devon Historic Churches Day

Incorporating the national Ride+ Stride event

Saturday 8th September 2012

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' Evening

Thursday 18th October 2012

Powderham Castle

By kind invitation of the Earl of Devon

Guest Speaker

Michael Hoare

Chairman, National Churches Trust

Full details inside

A Lecture on Devon Churches

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

Please contact: The Rev. Dr. D J Keep

Heatherdene, Woodbury, Exeter EX5 1NR

Telephone: 01395 232 318

Email: c.d.keep183@btinternet.com

Further information on our website

www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

Editor: Judith Kauntze@btinternet.com



Devon Historic Churches Trust

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

Annual Report 2012

Devon Historic Churches Trust

Patrons: The Lord-Lieutenant of Devon
The Lord Bishop of Exeter

Chairman: Lady Anne Boles DL

Hon. Secretary: John Mills CPFA
Dolphins, Popes Lane, Colyford, Colyton, Devon EX24 6QR
Telephone: 01297 553 666
Email: johnmills49@btinternet.com

Hon. Treasurer: Lt. Col. J D Michie
Hillside Farm, Bratton Clovelly, Okehampton, Devon EX20 4JD
Telephone: 01837 871156

Administrative Secretary: Mrs Susan Taverner
P O Box 55, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2EG
Telephone: 01626 364554
Email: stavern@nascr.net

Finance & General Purposes Committee
N A Maxwell-Lawford OBE DL (Chairman)
The Chairman, The Hon. Treasurer & The Hon. Secretary.
Mrs Rosemary Howell DL and Mrs Judith Kauntze JP

Trustees

Lady Anne Boles DL
Lady Burnell-Nugent DL
The Earl of Devon DL
Mrs T Dudgeon
The Venerable C Hewetson
Mrs Rosemary Howell DL
Mrs Judith Kauntze JP
Rev. Dr David Keep
N A Maxwell-Lawford OBE DL
Lt Col. D Michie
J Mills CPFA
Mrs Carol Plumstead
Col. C Rich
P Tuckett DL Dip SC
Lt Cdr C B Tuke RN

Address for correspondence:

P O Box 55, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2EG
Telephone: 01626 364554 Email: stavern@nascr.net

From the Chairman of Devon Historic Churches Trust

In the year when the Nation celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee it was very right and proper for churches to take centre stage, not only in the capital but also in many villages and towns. The Queen is The Defender of the Faith and has by her example and steadfastness shown how important her Faith has been to her during the 60 years of her reign.

In many villages the church is the oldest and the largest building and is usually in the centre of the community. It was therefore natural for a community to turn to the church for services, exhibitions, displays and for concerts and plays; these, along with the street parties, the barn dances and the lighting of beacons made up a weekend of festivity and fun which will be remembered for a long time.

It should not only be at Jubilee celebrations that communities are reminded what a useful and friendly space a church can be. The National Churches Trust is urging all County Trusts to explore the uses that a working church can be put to. It is wrong to put churches into 'aspic' and never allow any changes, but it also very wrong to damage a fragile, beautiful and historic building in an inappropriate way. As with all things a proper understanding of what can and cannot be done must be the order of the day. For many good reasons the 'use' of churches as working spaces will become more urgent and will cause PCCs to face some interesting and challenging problems. Much will rest on the knowledge and sympathy of church architects, church conservation bodies and church funders.

Increasingly our Trust is being asked to fund more appeals for grants for a variety of differing sorts of repairs. As fundraising gets more difficult for local church councils, and for us, we are so grateful to all who make our annual fundraising day very successful. The Devon Historic Churches Day which incorporates the national Ride+Stride is always on the first Saturday in September. This encourages the people of Devon to go out and enjoy the wonderful churches we have in the county, and by doing so they raise funds to help keep those churches in good working order. In Devon we encourage people to undertake all sorts of fun, interesting and rewarding events as well as riding or striding! Over the last 10 years the Devon Historic Churches Day has raised £561,946(!!!) So a big thank you to those who make the event happen and to all those who take part.

The Trust has welcomed two new Trustees: Lady Burnell-Nugent and Muff Dudgeon.

Lady Burnell-Nugent DBE has for over 25 years been Medical Director of St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth where she is simply known as Dr Mary. Her father was the Dean of Windsor and she is married to Admiral Sir James Burnell-Nugent, they have three sons and a daughter and live near Modbury. Lady Burnell-Nugent brings to the Trust a great knowledge of her part of Devon, great knowledge of fundraising, key administrative skills and a keen interest in Devon's churches.

Muff Dudgeon has lived in Devon for 30 years, she is married to Dr Tim Dudgeon GP for Mortonhampstead; they have one son. Muff trained as a nurse and worked in Exeter among other places for 10 years. When she needed a change of career she studied at Plymouth and Exeter Universities and her courses included Heritage and Landscape, Gothic Art and Architecture which fuelled her love for medieval churches. She had been involved with a number of organisations which promote Devon in many of its varied aspects.

John Mills our honorary secretary has joined the Historic Churches Trust's Liaison Group which aims to keep all Trusts in touch with each other, to compare working practices and to discuss with the NCT any ideas and suggestions that are forthcoming.

Judith Kauntze has been a long time member of the NCT's Ride+Stride committee and has brought many new and interesting ideas to that forum. She is able to bring her great fundraising experience and publicity skills to this gathering. We in the Trust owe her a great many thanks for organising our most prestigious and profitable fundraising event.

The Members' Evening is again to be held at Powderham Castle by kind permission of the Earl and Countess of Devon. The evening will follow the usual pattern with an evening reception and speaker. This year we will welcome the Chairman of the National Churches Trust, Michael Hoare who will be able to bring us all up to date with what is happening at head office and how he sees the trends for funding churches in the future. The date is 18th October and tickets will be available from Susan Taverner at £20 per head.

I thank all the Trustees and Assessors for all their hard work on behalf of the DHCT and am delighted to report that we have had a good and productive year. All our thanks once again go to Susan Taverner who works tirelessly for the DHCT from the DHCT's 'office' which is in fact her spare bedroom!

Anne Boles

Devon Historic Churches Trust Grants 2011-2012

	£
Atherington, St Mary	5000.00
Beaford All Saints	3000.00
Bradninch, St Disen	1500.00
Chivelstone St Sylvester	5000.00
Cornworthy St Peter	2000.00
Dawlish St Gregory	2000.00 *
Feniton, St Andrew	1000.00
Gulworthy St Paul	1000.00
High Bickington St Mary	4000.00
Kingsbridge St Edmund	3000.00 *
Littlehempston St John the Baptist	3000.00
Meeth St Michael & All Angels	2500.00
Newton Poppleford St Luke	2000.00
South Molton Baptist	1500.00
Thornbury St Peter	7000.00
West Worlington St Mary	1500.00
Westleigh St Peter	2000.00
TOTAL	£47,000.00

* NB Kingsbridge & Dawlish:
£1000 of both donations was provided by
the D & C Williams Charitable Trust

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2012

	Income Funds	Capital Funds	Total 2012	Total 2011
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	16,777		16,777	22,978
Activities for generating funds	38,907		38,907	34,639
Investment income	35,626		35,626	30,690
Other incoming resources	1,700		1,700	4,681
Total incoming resources	<u>93,010</u>		<u>93,010</u>	<u>92,988</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Cost of generating voluntary income	15,240		15,240	13,082
Charitable activities	71,937		71,937	78,522
Governance costs	3,193		3,193	3,218
Total resources expended	<u>90,370</u>		<u>90,370</u>	<u>94,822</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	2,640		2,640	(1,834)
Transfer between funds	(11,184)	11,184		
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognized gains & losses	(8,544)	11,184	2,640	(1,834)
Other recognized gains and losses				
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	15,811		15,811	44,941
Net movement in funds	7,267	11,184	18,451	43,107
Total funds brought forward	87,745	1,052,809	1,140,554	1,097,447
Total Funds carried forward	<u>95,012</u>	<u>1,063,993</u>	<u>1,159,005</u>	<u>1,140,554</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 2012

	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		117		252
Investments		1,063,993		1,052,809
		<u>1,064,110</u>		<u>1,053,061</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	1,833		1,905	
Cash at bank and in hand	97,828		88,026	
		<u>99,661</u>		<u>89,931</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(4,766)		(2,438)	
Net current assets		94,895		87,493
Net assets		<u>1,159,005</u>		<u>1,140,554</u>
Funds				
Capital fund		1,063,993		1,052,809
Income fund		95,012		87,745
		<u>1,159,005</u>		<u>1,140,554</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 2012.

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 2012 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

We have had another satisfactory year. Our income increased due to a successful Devon Historic Churches Day and our grants were down by £7,000. This was due to lower demands and reduced volume of grants being taken up in this financial year. Many of our grants are taken over a period of years and our accountants only record actual payments so there is bound to be some flexibility in the overall figures. At the end of our financial year we had outstanding unpaid grants of £56,000 for which provision has been made.

Our investment income rose marginally as we have adjusted our portfolio to produce a higher income. Our largest source of income remains the Devon Historic Churches Day and we are extremely grateful to all who supported us and organised the event.

Sadly we received no legacies this year, which have been so important in the past.

Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford

Report from the Hon. Secretary

I would like to start by giving my sincere thanks to all those who give unstinting support to the Trust – from the Chairman, 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. I would also like to congratulate 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.

The past year has again 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; and in fundraising, despite the economic recession, mainly from the annual Devon Historic Churches Day incorporating the Ride+Stride event. Our capital endowment fund value continues to change with movements in the market, but so far our income stream from them continues to be good.

I mentioned last year that we could see an increasingly difficult period for Historic Churches Trusts and for the funding of Church repairs generally. While 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), the

uncertainty arising from the introduction of cash-limited quarterly budgets has caused difficulties for many of our churches. The impact of the other recent change to VAT on listed buildings (the removal of the concession and the subsequent input of £30m by the Government to compensate for this) will need to be watched very carefully. On a slightly different note, the Trust was delighted that the Payments Council had listened to representations from Trusts and decided not to press ahead with the abolition of cheque payments from 2018.

Clearly, in such a context of change at a national level, there continues to be a need for the Devon Trust to work very closely with other Trusts and the National Churches Trust.

John Mills

Administrative Secretary's Report

In the year ended 31st March 2012 the following donations were received:

£2465 from 63 PCC's

£6369 from 98 individuals

£3700 from 4 Trusts

Talks to local organisations by Rev. Dr Keep on the work of the Trust raised £120.

Tax on Gift Aid reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs for 2010/2011 (received July 2011) £1800.

The Members Day event was held at Powderham Castle on 27th October 2011. An interesting talk was given by Hugh Harrison, the eminent UK conservation specialist, on "HERBERT READ – ARTIST & CRAFTSMAN" this was well attended and produced a net profit of £558. Several past supporters of the Trust were invited to attend, and some who could not attend nevertheless created new standing orders in favour of the Trust.

Susan Taverner

Members' Evening: Thursday 18th October

At Powderham Castle. By kind invitation of the **Earl of Devon**

Guest Speaker

Michael Hoare

Chairman, National Churches Trust

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

The past twelve months have been a challenging year for everyone, not least for those trying to raise funds to support charitable endeavours. However, it was hugely encouraging to have so many parish churches and individuals supporting our main fundraising event the 'Devon Historic Churches Day' last September.

The final income of £44,204 was a truly marvellous result and shows the dedication and enthusiasm of so many people the length and breadth of the county. Special mention must go to the Cadbury Deanery under the energetic leadership of Dr Christopher Maycock, who for the first time achieved the distinction of coming top in the annual League Tables with the outstanding total of £5,039.

This event had so many entertaining and enjoyable activities arranged that it would be impossible to cover them all in the small space available, but to mention just a few: Patrick May's amusing family outing from Cheriton Fitzpaine; Diane Coombes who not only takes part in the Exeter Prayer Walk but also raises funds for St Gregory at Dawlish, John Stewart-Smith of Chulmleigh who with his granddaughter has provided entertaining activities over many years; Mrs Jean Moss of Galmpton & Hope Cove, the Rev Michael Brierley of St Eustachius Tavistock and our new intrepid Deanery Organiser for Moretonhampstead Victoria Shaw Curtis who also raised a significant sum for Throwleigh Church.

In 2011 Andrew Buxton and John Griffiths again undertook their cycle tour in the Cullompton area and combined with their annual matched funding by Thomson Reuters brought the overall amount they raised to £11,551 since 1998. This is certainly the largest individual contribution by any supporter as part of our fundraising event – and we are deeply grateful.

Many of us have found the exploits of the intrepid Golden Retriever Florence from Northam hugely entertaining as she provided the inspiration for a series of amusing articles over many years; delighting the readers of the local parish magazine with her adventures in support of the Devon Historic Churches Trust. Sadly Florence died recently, but her 'Mum' cleverly compiled a bound edition of these articles with all profits generously going to the Trust, with a total to date of £500 – Florence would be proud of her!

Another new and innovative supporter of the DHCT is Louise Crossman Architects – who have been encouraging clients to make a contribution when work is undertaken by them, a total of £873 to date – hopefully other firms

could take a lead from this initiative to the lasting benefit of our glorious Christian architectural heritage.

In January 2012 our first e-Newsletter was published, which met with considerable enthusiasm and interest by our supporters and it is hoped that another edition will follow in due course.

At Easter, Exeter Festival Chorus delighted a packed Cathedral with a moving performance of St Matthew Passion and thanks to the Foster Charitable Trust the DHCT benefited by £586 from the retiring collection.

Looking forward to the Devon Historic Churches Day taking place this September, there has been a couple of innovations to our extremely useful Guide to Open Churches. Firstly each Deanery section has a brief description of the area it serves, designed to encourage visitors and secondly the introduction of postcodes (where provided) will enable visitors to find these delightful churches often tucked away down our Devon lanes.

Our Website: Devonhistoricchurches.co.uk continues to provide a valuable outreach to the wider world and has seen a number of enquiries from prospective visitors to Devon (and indeed interested locals) on churches to visit and specific points of interest to be found in them. Hopefully this will generate direct income to these churches by way of appreciative donations in their collection boxes.

One message that we would like to emphasise is that raising funds to support our work can be huge fun – and have the added bonus of drawing in the wider community to activities that will benefit each parish church in a wider context – so 'think outside the box', new ideas draw in new supporters.

In closing I would offer our sincere thanks to all the parishes and individual supporters throughout Devon (and beyond!) who raise funds and send donations in support of the Trust, which is dedicated to funding repairs and maintenance to our glorious, but vulnerable Devon churches.

- **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.**

Information on the Application Process

Application forms may be downloaded from our website. www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk. When we receive a completed application form it is sent to one of the Devon Historic Churches Trust's local assessors, who will get in contact with the Church applying to arrange a meeting. They will be requested to bring with them a copy of their latest accounts and Quinquennial report, and any other documents which they think would be helpful.

The meeting will consist of a visit to the church so that the PCC can explain the intended work, and discuss how the Trust can assist.

Following the meeting the assessor will report on his or her visit at the next meeting of the Trustees. These meetings take place at quarterly intervals, and grants are not made in between. From this it will be seen that there may be a delay of some months between a first approach to the Trust and a letter notifying the applicant of a decision. We regret it is not possible to avoid this, but grants are sometimes given towards work which has already begun.

What the Trust can help fund

Churches can be 'historic' for a number of reasons and the Trust certainly does not confine itself to the rich legacy of our mediaeval past. Many of the fine churches of the Victorian area, and even later, qualify. At the other end of the scale, a church built in the last half century would be unlikely to be able to be described as historic.

We tend to direct our funds to the historic fabric, so that we do not normally assist the installation of plumbing, sound amplification and lighting, nor the work which public buildings perceive to be necessary to conform with ever changing legal requirements for safety or disability access. There are other organisations which specialise in this. Where it can be shown that heating or re-wiring benefit the fabric we may be able to help.

Since we are better at 'fabric' than at 'furnishings', we have for instance assisted with the towers, and even the historic frames in which bells are hung, but not with work to the bells themselves, and the same logic might be applied to other items often found within a church. As a rule we do not assist with monuments.

The Trust is non-denominational, and welcomes applications on that basis.

The level of support

The Trust has limited funds each year, and tends to spread its support widely. We estimate that there are some seven hundred and fifty buildings in Devon which might be eligible for consideration for grant aid. For this reason the level of grants has to be modest, and grants range from £250 - £5,000, with the majority falling in the lower half of this range.

Further Advice

The Trust is not able to offer advice in a formal way, but many of its assessors and trustees have a depth of experience gained over a number of years which is offered at the assessment meetings on the basis that it is no substitute for professional advice, and that the trust and its assessors accept no responsibility arising from it. There are many sources of advice about building restoration and fund raising, and a convenient directory to most of them can be found on the Web at www.buildingconservation.com, www.ffhb.org.uk and www.exeter.anglican.org from the Care of Churches pages. Another very helpful site, sponsored by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, is www.churchcare.co.uk. For information about how to obtain grants under the Landfill Tax Credits Scheme go to www.entrust.org.uk and follow links to Funders Directory.

John Mills

Legacies

Where there's a **Will** there's a way for you to help

Devon Historic Churches Trust preserve Devon's Churches

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.

Devon Historic Churches Day
Incorporating the Ride+Stride event
Saturday 8th September 2012

County Organiser: Mrs Judith Kauntze

Harracott House, Nr Barnstaple, Devon EX31 3JT
 Telephone: 01271 85 85 65 Email: Judith.Kauntze@btinternet.com

Secretary: Mrs Susan Taverner

PO Box 55 Newton Abbot, TQ12 2EG
 Telephone: 01626 364 554 Email: stavern@nascr.net

Deanery Representatives

Aylesbeare	The Rev Dr David Keep.	01395 232318
Barnstaple	Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser	
Cullompton	Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser	
Cadbury	Dr Christopher Maycock	01363 772803
	Email: mayconep@btinternet.com	
Exeter	Mrs Carol Plumstead	01395 442 625
Hartland	'Hartland Coast' benefice: Currently seeking a volunteer	
	'Torrige Estuary' benefice, Instow & Westleigh:	
	Mr Paul Dean (evenings/week ends)	01237 470017
	Email: paul@gloverstanbury.co.uk	
Holsworthy	Lt. Col. Duncan Michie	01837 871156
	Email: DuncMcnen@aol.com	
Honiton	Mr Charles Pegman	01404 549738
	Email: CharlesPegman@aol.com	
Ivybridge	Mrs Sue Mumford	01752 872 448
Kenn	Mr David Garnsworthy	01392 832 689
	Email: garnsworthy@talktalk.net	
Moreton	Mrs Victoria Shaw Curtis	Email: vms.999@tiscali.co.uk
Newton Abbot/Ipplepen		
	Mrs Liz Clyne	01803 812480
Okehampton	Mrs Alethea Kennerley	01837 840 974
Ottery	Mr Charles Hutchings	01404 822 205
	Email pcc@larkbeare.net	
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

Mr W May Somerville 01822 833715

Tavistock

Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser

Tiverton

Mrs Jacqueline Jones 01803 323002

Torbay

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

Mrs Jane Gibson 01769 560734

Email: gibson2sms@btinternet.com

'Two Rivers' and 'Torrige' benefices

Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser

Totnes

Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser

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.

Your assistance with this would be enormously beneficial to everyone.