

Special Points to Note

Devon Historic Churches Day

Incorporating the national Ride+ Stride event

Saturday 14th September 2013

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.

Email Database

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

Similarly please email us if you are a new Parish Representative or have changed your email address in the last 12 months

Your assistance would be of great benefit to the Trust.

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 2013

Devon Historic Churches Trust

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From the Chairman of Devon Historic Churches Trust

This is my last report as chairman of the DHCT after 15 very happy years. I am handing over to Lady Burnell Nugent who will become chairman in July. I have enjoyed my time as chairman very much; this is due to the fact that we all care about the work the trust does, that we all get on well together and that we are now able to see that the Trust is making a difference to so many of the beautiful churches and chapels in Devon. So I am sure that Mary will enjoy her time as chairman as much as I have done.

On 1st of January 1973 the Lord Lieutenant of Devon (Lord Roborough) and the then Bishop of Exeter (Eric Mercer) collected the princely sum of £100 on which they were to lay the foundations of the DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST. They were soon joined by many others who actively began the work for which the Trust had been formed which was; *the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification of churches (including Cathedrals, Abbey Minsters, and Priory Chapels) and any other building for the public worship in the County of Devon and the Diocese of Exeter.*

Tall orders as there are reckoned to be over 1000 places of worship in Devon.

The Trustees 40 years ago realised that financial security was of paramount importance if the Trust was to carry out its aims. So they very bravely decided to raise an endowment fund for a million pounds. They virtually achieved this sum and on this secure money we have been able to carry out our grant giving. I can't say how vital this financial stability has been, how much I admire those who undertook this less than glamorous form of fund raising and what a marvellous legacy it was for the next generations of Trustees.

Over the last 40 years nearly 400 churches and chapels have received grants, some more than once from the DHCT. We have helped the Synagogues in Exeter and Plymouth, and some chapels which you would have had to use your imagination to see as 'historic.' Over the years we have widened our remit to include help towards re-ordering, wheel chair access, kitchens and loos, lighting, heating and audio equipment. The argument is that even if the tower is sound and the roof doesn't leak, but if the building is cold, damp and uncomfortable, it is still not welcoming. We have helped urban churches and the tiny rural churches which have been traditionally in the care of two or three farming families for centuries.

Report from the Hon. Secretary

The major part of our 'every day' funding come from our Annual Bike Ride which over the years has metamorphosed into the 'The DHCT's Special Day' which has been master minded by Judith Kauntze so well, you can now leave the bike in the shed and undertake any form of money raising that you think is going to make the most money for Trust. Year in and year out we have raised £40,000 (and more) and people have had tea parties, jumble sales, hymns singing marathons and all sorts of fun and involving events. So Judith on behalf of the churches, chapels and all the other places of worship a very big THANK YOU.

We shall never be able to pay the 'mega bucks' which some of our most wonderful churches require but we do play our part and we do it quickly and with the least possible fuss. In this way we have at times been able to be the 'pump primer' for other funds to flow in. The longer the Trust has been involved in the maintenance of church building the greater our admiration grows for the Church Wardens, the PCC committee members and the members of the congregations who love and defend their building. So often these people are faced with staggering problems and challenged by huge sums of money which need to be found and often found fast. It is under these circumstances that the communities pull together and work so hard to save, restore, and mend THEIR church. On these occasions these ordinary people display the most extraordinary courage, vision and determination. It has been a privilege to have been able to help their cause.

In June of this year we celebrated the Trust's first 40 years of its work with a celebration of evensong in the Cathedral. It was so rewarding to see so many church and chapel members whom we had come to know gathered together in those glorious surroundings to thank our founding fathers for their forethought and vision, and to remember that these places of worship are some of the greatest gems in the jewels of our Heritage.



Travelling through Devon our churches both rural and urban now look better cared for and are openly more welcoming. The DHCT has played a part in this transformation and in its next 40 years will continue to help churches and chapels of all denominations from all over the County.

Anne Boles

Lady Burnell-Nugent, The Bishop of Exeter & Lady Anne Boles at the 40th Anniversary Evensong at Exeter Cathedral.

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

We continue to fulfil our mission to help Churches with building repair, improvement and associated costs through the award of grants – the past year has seen a significant increase in the number of awards, with some meetings of the Trust giving consideration to 18 or 19 applications, compared with around 8 to 10 previously. Fundraising, mainly from the annual Churches Open Day/Ride and Stride event, thanks to the excellent work of Judith Kauntze and her colleagues, has held up pretty well despite the economic recession. Our capital endowment fund value has increased with movements in the market and our income stream from it continues to be good. The Devon Historic Churches Trust has now been operating for 40 years and has helped over 400 Places of Worship with grants. Although these grants are relatively "modest", they are very important, sometimes providing the first building block in securing a very complex funding package to enable repairs and improvements to take place.

As always, we need to be vigilant regarding the overall fiscal framework in which the Devon and other Trusts operate. While issues with the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (which facilitates the recovery by individual churches of VAT on Church repairs) and the recovery of VAT on work to listed buildings appear to be "quiet" at the present, there is no guarantee that this will continue into the future. It will also be interesting to monitor how the Charities Online scheme for the submission of Gift Aid claims electronically and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme work in practice. Clearly, there continues to be a need for the Devon Trust to work very closely with other Trusts and the National Churches Trust.

On a personal note, I was delighted to be appointed to the Chairmanship of the Churches Trusts Forum (formerly the Historic Churches Liaison Group) in May this year and I look forward very much to working with other Trusts to tackle the many issues facing Trusts and Places of Worship.

John Mills

**Devon Historic Churches Trust Grants
2012-2013**

	£
Axminster, St Mary	1000.00
Buckland Monachorum, St Andrew	1500.00
Chudleigh Knighton, St Paul	2000.00
Clyst St Mary, St Mary	2000.00
Colaton Raleigh, St John the Baptist	2000.00
Cornworthy, St Peter	2000.00
East Teignmouth, St Michael the Archangel	1500.00
East Worlington, St Mary	1500.00
Exeter Synagogue	2000.00
Hawkchurch, St John the Baptist	1500.00
Holcombe Rogus, All Saints	3000.00
Huntsham, All Saints	2000.00
Kenn, St Andrew	2500.00
Kentisbury, St Thomas	2000.00
Lamerton, St Peter	1500.00
Manaton, St Winifred	2000.00
Moreleigh, All Saints	500.00
Offwell, St Mary	1000.00
Parracombe, Christ Church	2500.00
Plympton St Mary	1500.00
Plymtree, St John the Baptist	500.00
Powderham, St Clement	1750.00
Pyworthy, St Swithun	1500.00
Salcombe Regis, St Mary & St Peter	1000.00
Sidmouth, St Giles & St Nicholas	500.00
South Tawton, St Andrew	2500.00
Southleigh, St Lawrence	1500.00
Sowton, St Michael & All Angels	1000.00
Sparkwell, All Saints	1000.00

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**Devon Historic Churches Trust Grants
2012-2013**

	£
Continued:	
Stoke Fleming, St Peter	3000.00
Talaton, St James the Great	3000.00
Tavistock Our Lady & St Mary Magdalene.	2000.00
Teigngrace, St Peter and St Paul	1500.00
Teignmouth, St Michael	2000.00
Tiverton, St Paul	1500.00
West Worlington, St Mary	1500.00
Westleigh, St Peter	3000.00
Winkleigh, All Saints	2000.00
Withycombe Raleigh, St John the Evangelist	2000.00
TOTAL	£68,250.00

**Report from the Chairman of the
Finance & General Purposes Committee**

Whilst our overall income was lower than last year, we were able to make grants of £68,250. Grants awarded but not yet paid amounted to £38,000 and we have adequate monies to pay those when needed.

Our investment income has grown slowly and the overall value of our investments has benefited from the rise in world stock markets.

Our income is generated partly by our annual fundraising day and partly by our investment income. Our thanks go to all those involved, however we always need more to fulfill our ambition to provide tangible and vital help for churches in Devon. Legacies are always of special value to the charity.

Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford

**Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2013**

	Income Funds £	Capital Funds £	Total 2013 £	Total 2012 £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	13,421		13,421	16,777
Activities for generating funds	37,907		37,907	38,907
Investment income	37,008		37,008	35,626
Other incoming resources				1,700
Total incoming resources	<u>88,336</u>		<u>88,336</u>	<u>93,010</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds	14,976		14,976	15,240
Charitable activities	93,290		93,290	71,937
Governance costs	3,036		3,036	3,193
Total resources expended	<u>111,302</u>		<u>111,302</u>	<u>90,370</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	(22,966)		(22,966)	2,640
Transfer between funds	(96,453)	96,453		
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognized gains & losses	(119,419)	96,453	(22,966)	2,640
Other recognized gains and losses				
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	102,381		102,381	15,811
Net movement in funds	(17,038)	96,453	79,415	18,451
Total funds brought forward	95,012	1,063,993	1,159,005	1,140,554
Total Funds carried forward	<u>77,974</u>	<u>1,160,446</u>	<u>1,238,420</u>	<u>1,159,005</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 2013**

	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets		117
Investments	1,160,446	1,063,993
	<u>1,160,446</u>	<u>1,064,110</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	1,085	1,833
Cash at bank and in hand	79,547	97,828
	<u>80,632</u>	<u>99,661</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(2,658)	(4,766)
Net current assets	<u>77,974</u>	<u>94,895</u>
Net assets	<u>1,238,420</u>	<u>1,159,005</u>
Funds		
Capital fund	1,160,446	1,063,993
Income fund	77,974	95,012
	<u>1,238,420</u>	<u>1,159,005</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 2013.

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 2013 was unqualified.

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

Administrative Secretary's Report

In the year ended 31st March 2013 the following donations were received:

- £2545 from 61 PCCs
- £2188 from 81 personal donations – mostly Gift-Aided.
- £550 was received from Louise Crossman Architects in respect of donations they received from prospective clients.
- £343 was received from Oakford church in respect of their Messiah Concert, the income having been shared with Age UK.
- £60 was received from talks on the work of the Trust given by Trustee Dr David Keep.
- A legacy from a supporter of the Devon Historic Churches Day in East Devon was gratefully received.

Tax on Gift Aid donations totalling £1496.00 was received in May 2012 in respect of the 2011/12 tax year.

The annual Members Day event was held at Powderham Castle on 18th October 2012 and the speaker was the past Chairman of the National Churches Trust, Mr Michael Hoare. Following his talk there was a questions and answers session, and afterwards an excellent buffet was provided. These annual events for Members are not fundraising events, but a way of the Trust saying thank you to those individuals who financially support the work of the Trust. There was a small loss for this event.

Susan Taverner

Report on Fundraising Activities

Every year we worry –the DHCT is dedicated to raising funds to enable us to give grants to our churches when they are faced with major repairs – and raising these funds is a considerable challenge for us all.

As you see elsewhere in this Annual Report, the trust has been able to give grants just short of £70,000 in the last financial year – and this is only possible because of the support given by so many at our annual fundraising event, the Devon Historic Churches Day, incorporating the Ride+Stride.

However, this is not the only way that the DHCT helps its parish churches. With this particular event 50% of funds raised are returned to our supporting churches, which for the 2012 event came to an additional £17,500.

The DHCT takes very seriously its commitment to help our churches and is actively considering new initiatives that can assist them, not only now, but for the future. An example of these strategies was the Viewpoyn audio tour

promotion, which enabled four of our Devon churches to have a downloadable mobile phone App which will ensure that visitors have a truly memorable and enjoyable discovery of the churches special features and history.

Generous supporters from around the county delivered various fundraising events in support of the Trust through the year, and a special mention must go to General and Mrs Roland Notley, ably assisted by Monica Colvin and other friends who created a memorable and stimulating Handel's Messiah 'from Scratch' occasion at Oakford Church, raising £443 in the process.

The Devon Historic Churches Day each September is however our main income generator and one must never forget the fun that is had by so many in generating the highly valuable and very necessary funds. We are always rather cheered by the cheery enthusiasm of Alice May each year, who together with her husband Patrick and father Donald King take the Cadbury Deanery 'by storm' covering almost all of this considerable area by foot or bike, with incredible financial success.

The prize for initiative, from feedback received, must surely go to the party led by Sue Mumford, who together with a group of friends (and dogs!) set out from Brixton visiting churches, enjoying lunch and spectacular coastal paths and managing at the same time to 'walk on water' with a ferry journey across the River Yealm. A report of this particular adventure is being posted on the national Ride+Stride website to encourage other parties to be creative and of course enjoy a fun day with their friends at the same time.

Yet again in 2012 the Chulmleigh Group of churches led by one of the Trust's most active supporters the Rev. Roderick Withnell, provided the top amount raised in this event.

For me as the County Organiser of this annual event, my greatest challenge has always come in two parts. Firstly to overcome the misconception that to support the work of the DHCT and provide really vital income for our churches in their time of need, one needs to Ride a Bike! This could not be further from the truth – you can raise funds by any method you wish, or indeed send us a donation. The really, really important thing to remember is that our churches need our grant aid and to deliver that we need your financial support by any means that appeals to you.

The second misconception is that there is a magic group of cyclists that will descend on your local church and give donations in the process. The Devon Historic Churches Day is very much a self-help event. We rely on those in our parishes or the wider community to create their own way of raising funds

on this day, in a manner that appeals to them. We provide the publicity and promote the concept, but we do not provide groups of visitors – the support for each event or open church must be generated locally.

One of my aims is to ensure that all churches in the Diocese of Exeter are open on the second Saturday in September and doing something to generate funds; again as stressed before, 50% of all income raised goes immediately back to our supporting churches. There are still iro 40% of our local churches who do not participate on this day, which is a great shame as the trust is dedicated to supporting the full 100%!

2013 marks the end of an era at the DHCT – and one that is particularly sad for me. Susan Taverner who has provided outstanding support in a variety of ways for our fundraising activities over many years, is retiring at the end of the year. I extend here my sincerest gratitude for all that she has done and for the friendship we have enjoyed over the years working together.

In closing, one very important 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.

I also 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

**The Devon Historic Churches Day
Incorporating the Ride+Stride event
Saturday 14th September 2013**

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

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Plymouth	Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser	
Shirwell	Currently seeking a volunteer. Contact County Organiser	
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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