

Devon Historic Churches Day: Saturday 14th September.

Our Devon churches are the jewels in the heart of our communities and on this day the **Devon Historic Churches Trust** is urgently seeking support for this key fundraising event – when the churches of Devon are open, organising events, welcoming visitors and encouraging everyone to contribute financially to secure their future.

The importance of these buildings is undeniable; representing history, architecture and continuity through the generations; a place of quiet contemplation in times of personal crisis or thanksgiving at the end of a life; a place for celebration at a time of birth or marriage and even for those who do not attend regular services, they provide a spiritually uplifting occasion to come together with ones neighbours at Easter, Festivals and Christmastide.



St George's Church, Modbury!

However these architectural treasures are constantly at risk and the challenges their communities face are never-ending and constantly changing. The local volunteers so wonderfully caring for them show considerable strength, ingenuity and determination in their fight against their church building's exposure to the elements. They are faced with the endless need to raise funds to cover running costs and then the tower shows a fault line, the tiles slip away, dry rot is found in the fabric – a multitude of horrors appear, all requiring extra grit and resources from these human treasures at the heart of our communities.

At times like these our churches need all the friends they can garner – and a KEY supporter is the **Devon Historic Churches Trust**, which is dedicated to funding repairs for the preservation and refurbishment of our Christian architectural heritage. Like our parish communities, it is a volunteer organisation working hard to raise funds so that a vital life-line of financial aid can be provided to our Devon churches in their time of need.

On **Saturday 14th September we earnestly appeal** to everyone to support us in any way they wish – visit the DHCT website to view activities being organised in your area – we have heard of cream teas being served at lots of lovely churches, flower festivals, choral music, organ recitals, gardens open, bell ringing and quite amazingly Teddy Bears zip-wiring from the church tower at Christow....they even get a Certificate of Bravery.....how amazing that will be!

These are just a small sample of wonderful events being organised by so many communities in Devon in their determined effort to maintain these glorious buildings.

OR use the **Ride+Stride** formula which encourages you to get 'out and about' in Devon, visiting churches or anywhere you wish.

You can either gain sponsorship for your adventures – walking, cycling indeed any format you wish, or send the **Devon Historic Churches Trust** a kindly donation. All funds received by the DHCT will be gratefully received and faithfully applied to support our valuable but very vulnerable church buildings.

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Devon Historic Churches Trust

For more detail visit:

www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

And support us financially on Just Giving:

<https://www.justgiving.com/devonhistoricchurches>



Exeter Cathedral
the mother church of Devon,
is inspiring us all
with their outstanding support.

On Saturday 14th September
the Dean of Exeter Jonathan Greener,
the Chancellor Chris Palmer,
the Precentor James Mustard and
Canon Treasurer Mike Williams
(pictured above)
will cycle 'enthusiastically'
around Exeter.

Please Pedal Pounds
to support them via the DHCT
justgiving website!