



DEVON HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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The social benefits of maintaining our parish churches must not be under-estimated. By funding repairs and the installation of modern facilities such as kitchens, toilets and disabled access, historic religious buildings which have been at the centre of Christian worship for hundreds of years also become community hubs.

Unlike other countries, in Britain neither church authorities nor the state directly support the upkeep of churches. We must work together to bring real social and economic benefit to communities and to ensure their survival for future generations.



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Chairman's Report

The Devon Historic Churches Trust has played an important part in the care of Devon's Churches for 45 years. The trust is dedicated to provide some of the funds to preserve, repair, maintain and sometimes modernise our many wonderful churches. Maintaining a church is a mammoth job and increasingly complex with the changing nature of church participation and local support. The church is now not only a sacred building for the congregation but an important neighbourhood asset and a centre for the community. The trust, thanks to all its wonderful, hardworking trustees, assessors and deanery representatives, who are all volunteers, has had a successful year providing help and a contribution to the financial backing needed by many of the Devon churches.



In May this year the DHCT hosted two successful and well attended meetings in Exeter. The first was a workshop by the Heritage Lottery Fund to give assistance and instruction for applying for grants for individual churches. This was both very useful and dynamic and much was learned. The HLF are happy to give individual guidance on applications to their fund. The second meeting was a lively fundraising discussion between eight County Trusts. This was a very useful exchange of concepts and we all learned new ideas. Both meetings were arranged and supported by the National Churches Trust.

We all give great congratulations to Judith Kauntze. She has been given the first national Marsh Church & Community Volunteer award for Southern England. The winners were announced at a ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral. We again give our thanks to Judith for her hard work and energy.

In June there was a Celebration Evensong and reception in the Crypt of St Pauls, London for the 200th anniversary of the Incorporated Church Building Society. This organisation built or reordered over 600 churches in the Industrial Revolution. Their great desire was to provide 'Pews for all'. They are now part of the National Churches Trust. There were enthusiastic speeches given by Huw Edwards and Bill Bryson. The NCT conference the following day emphasised the need for the churches to have both resilience and sustainability. This also backed up the Taylor Report for the Government which was explicit in focusing

primarily on church sustainability via the wider community. Following this report the Government are funding a two year pilot of Community Support Advisers and Fabric Support Officers in two diocesan areas, Manchester and Suffolk. The pilot includes a trial Minor Repairs Fund.

We look forward to future years and working closely with the Devon Churches. With the help and hard work of all our many supporters and the Churches we hope to continue to raise the money to provide some of the ongoing financial support that they need.

Lady Burnell-Nugent

Our Churches. Pilgrims, Tourists and the Future.

At the recent **National Churches Trust** Conference Caroline Spellman, the 2nd Church Commissioner made the following important points with regard to supporting the future of our parish churches:

- There was a need for multiple use of church buildings
- Non church goers need to share heritage and wonder of church buildings.
- The church is a local public resource and provides the backdrop for many of people's happiest memories.
- Are visitors' pilgrims or tourists or both?
- What is the difference between pilgrims and tourists and should a difference be made between the two?
- Both types of visitors should be embraced otherwise churches would not be sustainable.
- To go with tourism churches need to get the idea of 'cultural snacking' – people like to go into interesting places for 10 or 20 minutes but don't want a 2 hour lecture.
- Churches need to work with the Pubs and B&Bs so that people feel that they can come and had a 'cultural snack' in the church.
- One statistic which had become clear is that it makes a vast difference is there is someone in the church to say hello and income could be doubled if there was music in the background.

Devon Historic Churches Trust.

New Grants awarded in 2017 - 2018

Alphington, St Michael & All Angels	4,000	Torquay, St. Mary Magdalene	3,000
Bramford Speke, St Peter's	2,000	Willand, St Mary's	3,000
Bondleigh, St. James	2,000	Worlington, East & West. St Marys'	<u>2,500</u>
Bridgetown, St John	4,000		49,500
Buckland in the Moor, St Peter's	1,500		
Cornworthy, St Peter's	2,000	Small and Emergency Grants.	
Doddiscombeigh, St Michaels	1,500	Alphington, St. Michael's	500
Exeter, St. Thomas	3,000	Budleigh Salterton Temple Methodist	750
Great Torrington, St Michael's	2,500	Chulmleigh. St Mary Magdalene	1,000
Heanton Punchardon, St Augustine's	2,000	Dawlish, St Gregory	1,000
Iddesleigh, St. James	3,000	Ermington. St Peter & St Paul	1,000
Kilmington, St. Giles	2,000	Highweek. All Saints	500
Moretonhampstead, St Andrew's	1,500	Kentisbury. St Thomas	1,000
Newton Ferrers, Holy Cross	3,000	Landscope	500
Poltimore with Huxham, St. Mary's	2,000	Starcross. St Paul's	1,000
South Milton, All Saints	2,500	Torquay, St. Mary Magdalene	<u>1,000</u>
Spreyton, St Michael's	4,000		8,250
St. Giles in the Wood, St. Giles	3,000		
Teignmouth, St Michael's	4,000		
		Combined Total	<u>66,250</u>



For more information on our Grant giving process visit
the Devon Historic Churches Trust website:

www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

Hon. Secretary's report

There are three words which spring to mind when surveying the activities of the past year and in looking forward to the next year – change, challenge and uncertainty. On the administrative and funding front, Judith Kauntze has done a marvellous job in preparing the Trust to deal with the issues arising from new fundraising regulations. In addition, she has led the Trust with the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation in May 2018. Both of these have been major pieces of work and we have yet to see how both will impact upon the Trust's ability to engage with volunteers and to raise funds.

In preparing my report 12 months ago, I raised concerns regarding the amalgamation of the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Grants for Places of Worship (GPOW) with two other HLF schemes. Despite having assurances from the HLF that the total amount of money for the GPOW Scheme and the two other schemes would not be reduced, the Trust still has concerns that churches will have to compete with other projects to gain funding. It is vitally important, therefore, that applicants on behalf of churches become very proficient in making applications to HLF. The Trust, in conjunction with the National Churches Trust, has been active in bringing together staff from the HLF with church representatives from Devon and other counties in southern England to learn more about HLF processes. Clearly, we will need to monitor the outcome of the new arrangements closely to ensure that churches are not disadvantaged.



Another matter which is of concern to the Trust is the progress of the pilot scheme following the publication of the Taylor Review report into the Funding and Sustainability of England's Cathedrals and Churches. Government responded to the Review by setting aside money to establish this scheme, which will run from September 2018 to March 2020. This pilot aims to test the impact of fabric support officers focussing on maintenance and repair of historic fabric and community development advisers helping to increase engagement beyond the worshipping community in both an urban and rural context. Both factors are important – the first for the management of buildings and the second for the potential promotion of attendances, alternative use of buildings and possibly the funding base for churches.



There are other fascinating initiatives around the country designed to help churches with funding and engagement in their communities– the use of buildings for secular activities; ‘Champing’ (allowing churches to be used for “camping”); individual fundraising initiatives such as “Music in Quiet Places”; church tourism; the development of Pilgrimage Trails; and Diocesan initiatives such as “Growing the Rural Church”. Through its contacts nationally, with other county Trusts, and with the Diocese, Devon Historic Churches Trust is already making a positive contribution to some of these.

As always, I’m very grateful for the achievements of all those who give unstinting support to the Trust and places of worship – the Chairman, Archdeacons, the 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 (and the associated grant application forms), 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.

John Mills

DHCT Church Grant Assessors

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Finance Director's report

Overall income this year from donations, legacies, fund-raising activities and investment income was £101,700, and £71,422 was claimed in grants.

The funds raised by the annual Devon Historic Churches Day, a large and valuable source of revenue, was up again, this time by 7%. Particular thanks go to our organiser, Judith Kauntze, and all those involved.

The overall value of our capital fund decreased slightly, but investment income increased slightly. Investment income will vary slightly from year to year but the fund is managed to provide a growing income in real terms.



Hendrik Vollers

Devon Historic Churches Trust

Here to help, quickly, simply and efficiently

Small Grants Scheme

A couple of years ago, the Trust benefitted from a legacy which has enabled them to establish a fund to help Places of Worship to progress emergency repairs as quickly as possible. Emergency Grants of up to £1,000 are available. The need for these repairs could arise from many causes – wind, water ingress, subsidence etc. An Emergency Grant could be required to acquire a tarpaulin to cover a sudden hole in the roof, or for special equipment to tackle the effects of a flood. As time will be of the essence, a short and simple application process is in place.

This concept has now been extended to include **Small Grant** provision, again up to a ceiling of £1,000 and with the same simple speedy process.

The application form can be accessed from the Devon Historic Churches Trust website: www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk under the heading of Small & Emergency Grant Applications and a response achieved very quickly.



A guide to the DHCT's grant assessment process

The mission of Devon Historic Churches Trust is to help places of worship in Devon with repairs, maintenance and improvements by awarding grants. The process of achieving this mission is in three stages which are described below.

Application

A church faced with the daunting task of raising money can apply to the Trust for a grant by means of a simple application process which is explained in detail on the Trust's website www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk. This application is passed to one of the Trust's assessors who will arrange to visit the church and discuss the application with the person nominated on the application form.



Assessment

Before the visit the assessor will have studied the application and will know the extent of the work required, its cost and how the church is hoping to pay for it; however, the information on the application form is limited and the assessor will require more detail. Apart from seeing the architect's report, builders tenders/estimates and a statement of the church finances, the assessor will need to see the proposed work, discuss the actual money available from church funds, the running expenses of the church (common share, utilities, insurance etc), the enthusiasm and success of fundraising including participation in Devon Historic Churches Day and whether there is additional work outstanding outside the application.

Whilst the assessor is unlikely to have a relevant professional qualification, he/she will have acquired useful experience from previous assessments and be able to offer advice on such matters as the Listed Place Of Worship (LPOW) VAT Recovery scheme, Landfill Communities fund, fundraising, applying to other charities/trusts for grants, and liaison with the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Following the visit, the assessor will prepare a report which will include a recommendation as to the amount of the grant.

Decision

At the next quarterly meeting of the trustees the assessor will summarise the application including the extent of the work, the financial statement, particularly the shortfall in funding, and a description of the church including any significant features such as age, history, architecture, screen, glass, carved wood etc.



He/she will give their personal reasons for the recommended level of the grant which could include the state of maintenance and care of the church and churchyard, the enthusiasm of the church's representative/s met at the visit, the success of local fundraising and the size of the community supported by the church. If the appropriate Archdeacon is at the meeting he would also give his views.

Following questions by the trustees and further discussion of the application, the trustees will decide upon the size of the grant, which could be what the assessor recommended or increased or decreased as a result of the deliberations. The Trust's secretary will then inform the church of the amount of the grant with instructions on how it should be claimed.

Duncan Michie
Lead Church Assessor for DHCT



Administrative & Fundraising Secretary's Report

In the year ended 31st March 2018 the following donations were received:

- £2227 from 49 PCCs
- £4368 from 63 individuals
- £373.81 reclaimed tax on Gift Aid donations for the year 2017/18



Claire Sherlock

Fundraising to secure our churches future

'Devon, glorious Devon' is not glorious only because of a very special blend of natural beauties; it has a truly glorious heritage of parish churches

- and more important, the history of countless Christian communities that goes with this.

+Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury

Forward to the **Pilgrim's guide to Devon's Churches** published by Cloister Books

Both these words and the book illustrate so perfectly the mission of the **Devon Historic Churches Trust**, a committed group of volunteers dedicated to providing funding for our parish churches for their essential repairs and refurbishment in 'their hour of need'.

'Volunteers' is a key word in every part of the church community, not only within the DHCT but in every parish throughout the land. We appreciate and identify very strongly with all the challenges that every PCC faces with rising bills and limited income to maintain their churches and ensure they remain open – and then the roof springs a leak and the damp rises! This all combines with the need to provide a more welcoming environment that enables their churches to serve their parishes in a more flexible manner.

The DHCT is here to help and support them with these challenges and we are focussing on finding the funding to provide the grants they so desperately need. A vital factor in delivering this is our main fundraising event:

The Devon Historic Churches Day

including the national Ride+Stride

Saturday 8th September 2018

50% of funds raised by churches is returned immediately to them.

Your support is most earnestly sought for this opportunity to provide essential funding – either send the DHCT a donation (ref: DHCD), attend a fundraising event or arrange one yourself:

Any day in any way would be just wonderful.

We produce a **Guide to Supporting & Open Churches** which gives very useful information on churches you can visit on our 'special day'. This can be found on our website: www.devonhistoricchurches.co.uk

If everyone gives a little (or more!) we can give a lot.

We were delighted to see the excellent article recently in the *Country Life* magazine promoting the national Ride+Stride event which is very much part of our fundraising profile. This is promoted by the National Churches Trust with which the DHCT works in close partnership.

The *Saddle up!* article featured this most amazing cartoon by John Holder which encapsulates so brilliantly the spirit and profile of our fundraising endeavours.

Of course you do not have to ride a bike or walk miles to support our Devon churches – the important thing is to ensure our funding can continue and for this we need your help.

The DHCT gives its warmest thanks for all those kindly folk who arrange fundraising events, in a format that suits themselves. We are always thrilled to learn of the many innovative ways so many parishes and individuals devise to support this important event. As this report is being compiled we learn of Flower Festivals, Teddy Bears jumping from towers, Concerts, Cream Teas and even rumours of school children dancing in the street....there must surely be an amazing cartoon by John Holder to record that!



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So please **Actively Fundraise on Saturday 8th September 2018**
or any date to suit yourself
or send us a kindly DONATION.

Together we can ensure these unique and historic treasures
are maintained for future generations.



Judith Kauntze

PS. Perhaps someone should sponsor a Devon Gargoyle count!

Country Flower Festival

The Parish Church of St James the Great, Bondleigh

Friday 14th September to Sunday 16th September

A harvest themed Country Flower Festival will take place in Bondleigh Church from Friday, 14th September at 2pm until the Harvest service at 3pm on Sunday, September 16th. In addition to the floral displays there will be refreshments and a Local Produce stall to include jams, chutneys, fruit and vegetables and hopefully locally baked bread and possibly a brew or two.

On Saturday evening, 15th September, Mariners Away, a local folk band will sing and play in the Church and wine and cheese will be served. You will see the floral displays at their best and your entry ticket will cover a glass of wine and cheese and nibbles.

- Tickets are £8. Booking is essential. Please ring Jane Semorad 01837 82319 or Caroline Stokes on 01837 82240 to book no later than 7th September.

There is free car parking and admission to the Flower Festival is free but donations would be most welcome. To find Bondleigh church follow the signs from A3124 Cadditon Cross, 2 miles south of Winkleigh or Sat Nav: EX20 2AN.

The harvest themed displays will be loosely based on lines taken from Harvest hymns and we aim to have slightly different and occasionally quirky versions of the usual Harvest festival displays. One of the displays will feature the famous Bondleigh Treacle mines and produce from this year's harvest, including treacle tarts, will be on sale! A competition for children to make a harvest themed display will be held and these will be on show over the weekend



The event is in aid of Devon Historic Churches Trust. The DHCT provides grant funds for church repairs and the installation of modern facilities such as kitchens, heating, lighting, toilets and disabled access.

Bondleigh Church Warden, Danny Semorad, says: *“Raising money to repair our church roof the year before last was a daunting task. The DHCT was very supportive and encouraging and thanks to them and many other funders and village events we managed to reach our target of £90,000. We felt we would like to give something back to the DHCT to go towards helping other Devon churches. The money raised from our Flower Festival will go to the DHCT but it has been agreed that half of funds raised will be returned to Bondleigh for our current lighting and heating project.”*

Bondleigh is a small village deep in the Taw Valley and is home to about 130 people. As with many small Devon villages there are no longer any shops, pubs or schools in the village so the Church has been the only public building for many years. The Church has become in many ways the hub of the community and is increasingly used for village events. Bondleigh held their previous Flower Festival in 2013 to help raise money for the installation of a kitchen area so that refreshments could be offered after services and at village events.

The lower part of Bondleigh lies on the river Taw and the Tarka Trail winds along the river bank with a lovely old stone bridge over the river. The village name, Bondleigh comes from old English meaning “a woodland clearing of a man named Bola” There are records of the village being in existence back to 1205 and possible even 1086. Most of the recorded history dates back to the 15th century when the present Grade 1 Listed church of St James the Great was built on the site of a previous 12th century Norman building.

Photos of Bondleigh flower arrangers planning and preparing for the Flower Festival.



*Danny Semorad
Church Warden*

Re-ordering at St Michael's Church, Alphington.

Our vision was to update and enlarge our village church so that we could provide greatly enhanced facilities for the whole community, which we believed would help the congregation to grow and thus preserve our precious Grade II* building well into the future. By re-ordering the building, we intended to make it more user-friendly for both current residents and the new residents who will be occupying the 2,500 homes being built in the near future within Alphington village and just beyond.

Before we started our re-ordering project in 2014, it was difficult to hold social or business events as we had no church hall, no space for meetings or children's work, no office, and only one tiny toilet, unsuitable for disabled people and without baby-changing facilities. The primitive bell-ringing chamber had to be approached by a ladder and what we called our kitchen consisted of a small sink in a cupboard with no facilities for preparing or serving food, or for arranging flowers.

In order to fulfil our ambitious project a working committee was formed in 2009 to identify exactly what was needed. It was agreed to split the construction work into two phases, the first of which was to replace the pre-existing extension to the west end of the church, to erect a new gallery accessed by a lift and stairs leading to rooms for children's work and meetings, an office, and a modified bell-ringing chamber. Part of the gallery overlooking the nave was to be left open.



After many difficult months spent by our re-ordering committee chairman seeking permission to go ahead from the DAC, the Phase 1 work finally began in January 2014, and under a year later, thanks to our brilliant architect, Paul Heighway, the church was re-opened to the public on 2 November.

In addition to the new gallery, downstairs we now have two modern toilets, including baby-changing facilities, a fully-equipped kitchen with a long servery, and sliding glass doors between this area and the main part of the church. An attractive new entrance has been

made at the west door, with a large patio outside, replacing the original entrance through the cold north porch. The steps leading up to and into the church have been removed, enabling easier access for wheelchairs and prams. Also there are two new boilers for the heating system, with under-floor heating on the first floor, storage cupboards for general use and a sink for the flower arrangers. The unique Norman font has been moved to a new baptistery area by the north door so that families can be nearer the baptism.



Phase 2 started in the summer of 2017 and was completed within two months. This included a slate floor with under-floor heating in the main body of the church, new lighting and AV system, and the removal of most of the pews, which have been replaced by solid wooden chairs with rush seating. The most precious pews have been shortened to two seats, re-using the memorial ends, and moved to the sides of the nave for those who prefer sitting in pews than chairs.

You may wonder how we paid for all this work, which totalled over £800,000, but we had been left a very generous legacy for Phase 1 and had a large donation for Phase 2. The rest of the income was made up of other donations, fundraising and grants, including £2,000 for each of the two phases of the project from the DHCT. Since then we have restored our historic bells, for which DHCT gave us another £2,000 towards repairs to the frames, as well as £500 towards the replacing of a stone cross above our north entrance. We are extremely grateful for these generous grants, which have helped us achieve our great vision for St Michael's Church - to modernise the building in the hope of increasing its use by the community and growing a congregation that will wish to preserve the building well into the future.



Juliet Meadowcroft

PCC Member, Deanery Synod representative and member of Finance Committee

The DHCT gave a total of 6,500 spread over a period of time towards the costs of the work.

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2018

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	11,680		11,680	<i>16,943</i>
Other trading activities	47,444		47,444	<i>42,969</i>
Investment income	42,576		42,576	<i>41,369</i>
Total income	<u>101,700</u>		<u>101,700</u>	<u><i>110,281</i></u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of other trading activities	(8,466)		(8,466)	<i>(7,568)</i>
Investment management costs	(9,058)		(9,058)	<i>(12,921)</i>
Expenditure on charitable activities	(95,722)		(95,722)	<i>(120,373)</i>
Total expenditure	<u>(113,296)</u>		<u>(113,296)</u>	<u><i>(140,864)</i></u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8,249	(47,514)	(39,265)	141,207
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds	<u>(3,347)</u>	<u>(47,514)</u>	<u>(50,861)</u>	<u><i>101,624</i></u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	123,413	1,315,378	1,438,791	1,337,167
Total funds carried forward	<u>120,066</u>	<u>1,267,864</u>	<u>1,387,930</u>	<u><i>1,438,791</i></u>

This provisional statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible fixed assets	-	198
Investments	1,342,864	1,390,378
	<u>1,342,864</u>	<u>1,390,576</u>
Current assets		
Debtors	1,110	2,551
Cash at bank and in hand	127,121	128,517
	<u>128,231</u>	<u>131,068</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>83,165</u>	<u>82,853</u>
Net current assets	<u>45,066</u>	<u>48,215</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>1,387,930</u>	<u>1,438,791</u>
Net assets	<u>1,387,930</u>	<u>1,438,791</u>
Funds of the charity		
Restricted funds	1,267,864	1,315,378
Unrestricted fund	120,066	123,413
Total charity funds	<u>1,387,930</u>	<u>1,438,791</u>

Statement by the Trustees of Devon Historic Churches Trust

These financial statements are only a summary and not yet fully audited.

For further information the full annual financial statements 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 finalized and approved by the Trustees will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

An outstanding Devon church volunteer receives national recognition.

A Devon volunteer was judged to have made a real difference to church communities and has won the first national Marsh Church and Community Volunteer Award for southern England.

These awards celebrate people who have had great ideas about using their church buildings, have contributed significantly to the sustainability of church buildings or who have helped their local community through or in the church building with exceptional dedication and kindness.

These awards are run jointly by the National Churches Trust and the Marsh Christian Trust and the winners were announced recently at an awards ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral in London.

Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust, said:

"The works of seven truly inspiring volunteers, each representing a region of the UK, have won a Marsh Church and Community Volunteer Award. Churches, chapels and meeting houses are at the centre of communities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. It is thanks to the tireless work of these volunteers, and many thousands more, that they are open and welcoming to all."

Brian Marsh OBE, Chairman of the Marsh Christian Trust, said:

"We set up this Award with the National Churches Trust to recognise the excellent work being done by church volunteers in transforming their places of worship and to help expand their work in addressing local need within their communities. We hope that the Award will help highlight the outstanding efforts of these volunteers in reaching out and supporting those in need."

Judith Kauntze, the winner of this award for Southern England is a Trustee of Devon Historic Churches Trust. The trust's grants are substantially funded by the trust's main fundraising event the Devon Historic Churches Day including the national Ride+Stride. As County Organiser of this event Judith has been dedicated to securing the maximum support and income for 18 years, together with promoting donations, legacy giving and designing and developing the DHCT's website and publicity material.

Mary Burnell-Nugent DL. Chairman of the Devon Historic Churches Trust said: *“Judith works tirelessly for many good causes and is always willing and available to help. Her contribution towards the work of the DHCT is immense”.*

John Mills, Hon. Secretary of the Devon Historic Churches Trust, said: *“Judith has made a huge contribution to the DHCT through fundraising, administration of the Trust and recruitment of new trustees and volunteers.”*



Photographs and Stories

As Editor of this Report, the DHCT Newsletter and website,
I am always looking for photos and stories of your
fundraising ‘fun’, fabric repairs and church treasures.
Please email me on judith.kauntze@btinternet.com

Facebook and Twitter

We are currently developing our profile
on these two networking sites.
So please keep a ‘look out’.

Devon Historic Churches Day.

Saturday 8th September 2018

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Saturday 8th September 2018

Incorporating the National Ride + Stride Event



Ottery St Mary Parish Church

On this day we celebrate and support the work of our wonderful Devon churches and the communities they serve

5 Good Reasons to Help

1. The Devon Historic Churches Day & 'Ride + Stride' is a great way to raise money for your church.
2. 50% of the funds raised are returned immediately to your parish.
3. 50% goes to funding grants for the maintenance of our Devon churches.
4. An inclusive way to involve all age groups and all abilities.
5. A worthwhile way to actively promote your church

5 Good Reasons to Remember

1. You do not have to get on a bike. The important thing is to do something.
2. You can hold a church or community event that brings in funds from local people.
3. Visit your neighbouring church – and invite them back, it is good for everybody.
4. Positive leadership in your parish encourages others to help you save our churches.
5. **Organise an event, create publicity**, open your church, and welcome visitors – we do not have a 'magic' group to visit you!

Everybody will be a winner!

The Devon Historic Churches Trust is helping you to save your church

Please support us on this very important day

If you are no longer the PCC Secretary or Parish Organiser, please pass this literature to your successor and contact us on 01626 835 820 or email contact@devonhistoricchurches.co.uk so that we can update our records and delete your name from our database.

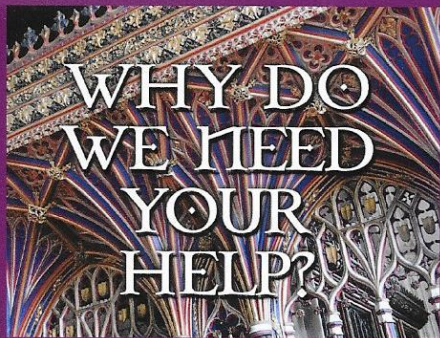
All forms and the Guide to Open Churches can be downloaded from our website, please visit it to learn much more about the Trust.



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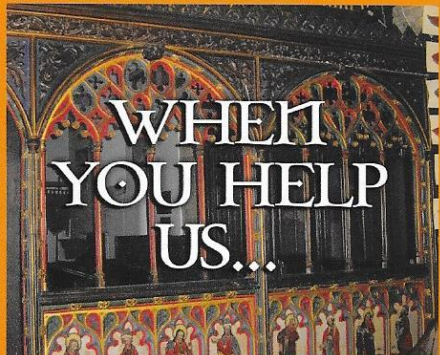
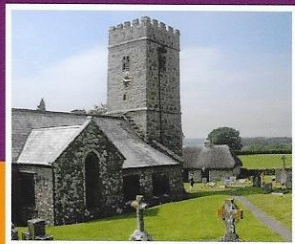
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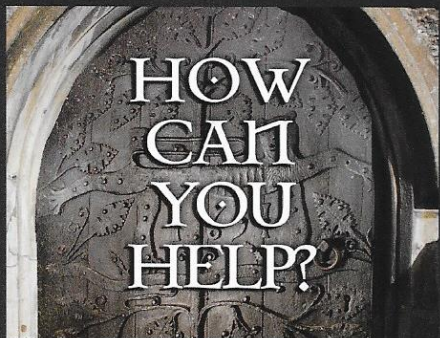
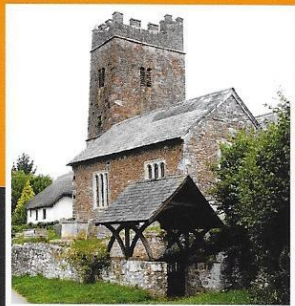
Devon's Churches have been a focal part of life in the county for centuries, providing both a spiritual and physical focus for the communities they serve.

They are also an important part of both the landscape and our cultural heritage. Often the cost of the work required to maintain or repair a church or chapel is far beyond the means of the local congregation and community.



...You will have the satisfaction of knowing that everything you give will be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

Your contribution will help to ensure the survival of an important part of Devon's heritage and beautiful country landscapes.



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Remember us in your Will

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devonhsitoricchurches.co.uk
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