

# Churches Trusts Forum

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## Chairman's message

A great big thank you to all those who helped organise our Annual Conference in York on 19 May. The Chairman and Trustees of the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust found a wonderful venue in the Merchant Taylors' Hall and had significant input into the Programme. Our National Churches Trust colleagues put in a huge amount of hard work, much of which went

unnoticed behind the scenes. Our speakers were excellent, informative and entertaining. The Forum would struggle very much without the NCT's resources, support and enthusiasm for working as part of the Forum and with individual county trusts. I was delighted that 100 people attended helping to make it a day to remember.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group were again very generous in providing pads, pens and packs. We are delighted to announce that they have made a further sponsorship commitment towards the CTF Newsletter this year.

The Conference theme was "Working Together – celebrating and supporting churches through our network". It is the issue of

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*John Mills, Chairman, Churches Trusts Forum at Merchant Taylors' Hall, York, May 2016*

### Creating opportunities

The Churches Trusts Forum discusses news, ideas and initiatives, developing new support for churches trusts.

Churches and charities are facing a period of challenge and change. How can we work together to make a difference for churches and the volunteers that manage them? What opportunities do county trusts need to continue their work and plan for the immediate future?

These are key questions for the CTF and we will explore options to strengthen the network with all trusts in the Autumn.

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whether or not we need to strengthen our already vibrant network further which is exercising our minds at the moment. Forum members think that trusts would benefit from making it stronger. With the support of NCT colleagues, we would like to bring individual trusts closer together through regional seminars on subjects of importance to all of us, such as fundraising and governance. We were also wondering what we might do to enhance our influence with funders and government agencies. To do this we need to speak with a very strong, unanimous voice. We might be able to achieve this, perhaps, by signing up more formally to something like a “Charter” which better defines the relationship between our organisations and how we work together. We will bring proposals to you later in the year for your consideration. Please rest assured, however, that we fully recognise the independence of individual trusts and would not wish to diminish this.

To date, working in partnership with each other and with the NCT, has produced clear benefits for individual trusts. For local trusts, the partnership helps to bring great access to information and resources. For the NCT, they are helped by being able to draw on local knowledge, networks and volunteers. From a local trust perspective, I would highlight the following benefits which have recently been achieved from working together:

(a) Ride+Stride: a new [branding guide](#) developed; NCT offering to adapt materials for local trusts at no cost; and the monthly fee free accounts from the national agreement with JustGiving.

(b) Guidance on Charitable Incorporated Organisations or CIOs: at last year’s conference in Winchester, Amanda Francis of

Buzzacott’s, outlined the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a CIO. Work done by Oxfordshire and Devon was then picked up and developed by NCT. The outcome has been the publication of a “[Guide to CIOs](#)” and a template for a constitution developed by solicitors Stone King LLP. Stone King are also prepared to offer a special rate for trusts on their legal services for converting to a CIO.

(c) NCT website pages: new dedicated [support pages](#) for trusts. To start, there will be information about the CTF’s activities and the Ride+Stride Committee including the new branding guide. The resource will grow, with the involvement of local trusts, to provide information on a range of topics.

(d) Other work done in the past few months has seen major lobbying to secure the continuation of the Landfill Communities Fund, with some success being achieved in the Chancellor’s Budget.

The past 18 months have seen some significant developments of help and interest to all of us and I do hope that we can continue to go from strength to strength. Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter and do continue to share with us the challenges you face and the joy of celebrating the successes you have achieved.

John Mills,  
Chairman, Churches Trust Forum  
July 2016

## Brexit — what might it mean for heritage buildings?

The European Union has a significant influence on environmental policy. The Heritage Alliance prepared a helpful and informative paper, [Heritage and the EU: how the EU impacts on our heritage in England](#), prior to the EU Referendum taking place.

The CTF is grateful to Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for their support



# Celebrating the work of our trusts

CTF Annual Conference, Merchant Taylors' Hall, York, 19 May

"Good company,  
excellent ideas, passion  
and enthusiasm"



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Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Trustees, wearing white roses in their lapels, warmly welcomed us to York's [Merchant Taylors' Hall](#) for our best attended Annual Conference to date.

As well as local trust trustees, staff and volunteers, we welcomed guests from the Dioceses of York, Sheffield, Wakefield, Newcastle and Durham and representatives from organisations including Scotland's Churches Trust, NADFAS, the Cinnamon Network, Allchurches Trust and Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

The one-day conference was a stimulating mix of topical presentations, discussions and workshops with guest speakers and plenty of opportunity to network. The always important issues of fundraising, grants and partnership working were high on the agenda. Presentations brought together the perspectives of local trusts, national and regional funders, volunteers at churches,

religious authorities and conservation specialists.

John Mills, chairman of the Churches Trusts Forum, Tom Ramsden, chairman of the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, and Luke March, chairman of the National Churches Trust, began the day



*Sarah Brown, Director of the York Glaziers Trust and course director of the University of York's MA in Stained Glass Conservation and Heritage Management*

by welcoming delegates. Claire Walker, Chief Executive of the National Churches Trust, gave the closing speech.

NCT was tweeting from the Conference for the first time, using the hashtag #CTFConference.

Our keynote speaker, Sarah Brown (pictured above), Director of

Find this year's presentations on the  
NCT website:

Sarah Brown, Director of the York Glaziers Trust: ["Stained Glass Conservation in the Twenty-First Century"](#)

Katharine Boardman and Louise Clare from the Heritage Lottery Fund: ["Places of Worship and the Heritage Lottery Fund"](#)

Dr Kate Giles, from the University of York: ["Conservation and heritage projects in The Street Benefice in North Yorkshire"](#)

Andrew Duff and David Lovie: ["Inspired Futures – regenerating churches"](#)



*Attendees enjoy Sarah Brown's fascinating presentation*

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the York Glaziers Trust gave an inspirational and enlightening presentation on stained glass conservation.

Attendees were able to enjoy the results of the York Glaziers Trust's magnificent work at York Minster at Evensong, where Tom Ramsden, YHCT Chairman, gave a reading.



Katharine Boardman (pictured above) and Louise Clare of the Yorkshire & the Humber Development Team, Heritage Lottery Fund, gave a warm and encouraging talk about their support and funding streams for churches. They talked about the importance of the sector working together to support churches.

Dr Kate Giles of the University of York reminded us all, with humour, passion and enthusiasm, about the journey and challenges for church volunteers when organising and seeking funding for major projects. Kate also gave a talk about the history of Merchant Taylors' Hall at the end of the day.

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener, Dean of Wakefield gave an apt and knowledgeable talk "A little money can go a long way!" He thanked the county trusts for their invaluable contribution in providing not just grants, but encouragement and support for faith communities. He urged the trusts and all those who support churches to keep working together to help churches actively and appropriately. He stressed the importance of helping churches to look to the future and think about community engagement; thanking the Heritage Lottery Fund for leading the way in changing thinking.

Andrew Duff and David Lovie took us further north to look



at Inspired Futures, a Heritage Lottery funded church regeneration project in Newcastle and Durham Dioceses. The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust and National Churches Trust are represented on the steering group of the project which is using the Churches Conservation Trust's Regeneration Taskforce as consultants. Improving the condition of and re-engaging 18 churches is a worthwhile and rewarding challenge that we will follow with interest.

In the afternoon we had introductions to running events and campaigns. We broke into discussion groups to talk about partnership and the value of working with others and each other to further our mission to help churches.

"All the talks were interesting, informative and optimistic"

**The Churches Trusts Forum Conference 2017 will be held in Manchester on 18th May**

*Representatives of the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust*



## Your feedback – your views shape our activities and help fellow trusts across England

We aim to improve the Conference year by year and are grateful to attendees who provide feedback. This year our Programme was very full. Some attendees would have welcomed more time for Q&As and for the afternoon discussion sessions.

As a result of your feedback at this and other events we are working on a few pilot workshops which we aim to develop into a wider programme. We are also developing more in depth information on a number of relevant topics to be made available through new dedicated pages on the [National Churches Trust website](#).

## The first Marsh Awards for Innovative Projects

A highlight of this year's CTF Annual Conference was the announcement of the first winners of the Marsh Awards for Innovative Projects.

The new awards scheme launched in 2015 and run jointly by the National Churches Trust and the Marsh Christian Trust, are designed to show the positive impact that installing new facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, has on churches and local communities and on harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of volunteers.

The winner and runner up for The 'Marsh Awards for Innovative Projects' were announced by the Dean of Wakefield, the Very Rev. Jonathan Greener, at the Churches Trust Forum Annual Conference at the Merchant Taylors' Hall in York on 19 May 2016.

St Andrew's church was awarded a £1,000 prize. Recycles Club, Salvation Army Ilford was awarded a £500 prize.

### The Winner - The [Space@St Andrew's](#) nominated by the Somerset Churches Trust

Following a major consultation among church members and the wider village, in 2014 it was decided to make St Andrew's church more welcoming and accessible for community use. As a result, a flexible open space was created by removing pews and a mezzanine floor was added, the area separated from the church by a glazed screen to the tower arch. A second



Finalist: St Andrew's, Blagdon. The popular weekly wi-fi workshop helps people to build their confidence in using the internet, emails and mobile phones.

phase of the project created pods at the end of each aisle, with fully accessible toilets, a kitchen, and a utility room. The total cost of the project was £218,000, with £123,000 raised through local fund raising.

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*Rev Jane Chamberlain, Rector of St Andrew's Blagdon, receives the Marsh Award from Chris Hawkings, Somerset Churches Trust*





Presenting the Award at the CTF Annual Conference. From left to right: David Booker, Ambassador, Marsh Christian Trust; Chris Hawkings, Somerset Churches Trust on behalf of their nominee, St Andrew's Blagdon; The Very Rev. Jonathan Greener, Dean of Wakefield; Luke March, Chairman, National Churches Trust

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Users of The [Space@St Andrew's](#) include 'Wi-Fi Wednesday', helping villagers of all ages to get online; 'Prayers and Bears', a toddler group; 'Monday Mix', a weekly social afternoon; exhibitions by local artists as part of the Chew Valley Arts Trail; and the Blagdon Mosaic Project, which created a permanent depiction of village life.

The activities are all run by volunteers and self-funded by participants, following an initial investment from the church using a small legacy designated for community support.

### Serving the community

**Rev'd Jane Chamberlain, Rector, Blagdon with Compton Martin and Ubley, told us**

"This project was never about just 'putting in a lavatory and a servery'. It was always about asking the bigger question: 'What kind of church is God calling us to be?' It led us to a fresh vision for St Andrew's, one strand of which was to reach out and serve the community."

"The church is now serving the community in ways that we could not have imagined at the start: Monday Mix (a social afternoon for elderly people with activities such as scrabble, crafts and

jigsaws and tea and cake), Wifi Wednesday, Prayers and Bears, hosting the village toddler group, charity lunches, funeral teas and even a wedding reception."

"Winning the first 'Marsh Award for Innovative Projects' is a real honour and I hope and pray that those who have supported the project in so many ways will receive this as further affirmation of our journey together."

### The Runner Up - Recycles Project, Salvation Army Ilford nominated by the National Churches Trust

Ilford Salvation Army serves a population of over 75,000, in an area containing some of the 20% most deprived wards in the country. In 2014, the Salvation Army building underwent extensive refurbishment, remodelling the entrance to provide a more hospitable reception area, and adding a kitchen and a disabled toilet, and creating a multi-use drop in space which also operates as a café. The welcoming open area is a physical reminder of their mission to meet the needs of the local community.

### Training and a brighter future

Participants in Recycles work with trained bike mechanics to recycle bikes so that they are ready for sale. Making the cost of

a bike and bike repairs more affordable removes a barrier to bike ownership. The café is also run by volunteers, providing both a community service and training in customer service skills.

**Lieutenant John Clifton of the Ilford Salvation Army said:**

“The ongoing support of the National Churches Trust has been essential to our work assisting those requiring the skills, and the confidence, necessary to give them the best possible chance of seeking and securing employment and enabling us to reach out to those living in poverty in the local area.”

“The work we do through this project is a tangible example of how the Salvation Army strives to



offer disadvantaged people not just practical support in a time of crisis, but also the tools to help people overcome the challenges they face and restart, restore and rebuild their lives.”

“Support from the National Churches Trust is fundamental to The Salvation Army’s mission to transform the lives of vulnerable and deprived people so thank you for sharing our vision and giving us this award.”

**The shortlisted projects**

To raise awareness of the valuable work being done in local communities by church volunteers, the National Churches Trust promoted all the [shortlisted projects](#). Each church was all highly commended by the panel of judges which comprised Emily Reeves of the Marsh Christian Trust; Clare de Silva, Managing Director of C Squared Consultants, funding strategy specialists; and the Revd Canon Dr Mandy Ford, Canon Chancellor of Southwark Cathedral.

The judges had a challenging time selecting our first winners. Entries were assessed on the difference made locally, evidence of excellent management practices, innovation and on the ways in which they had considered and were addressing local

needs.

All the shortlisted projects attracted local press coverage. St Andrew’s Blagdon and the Somerset Churches Trust were featured in several publications and on websites.



**The other winners**

Two of the other shortlisted projects:

The Garron Centre, St Deinst, Llangarron, Herefordshire (pictured above) nominated by the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust.. The church is now a hub for a wide range of social and cultural activities, reducing isolation for the young, the disabled, and the old. This is especially valuable in such a scattered rural community, with no school, shop, or pub.

In Norfolk, the Events Committee at All Saints Church, Hemblington (pictured below), developed their previously underused Grade I Listed building. They have increased the number of regular users of the church, bringing together the community in new



and traditional ways, particularly around nature and engagement with heritage.

For full details on the other shortlisted projects follow [this link](#)

**Nominate your local churches for next year’s Awards**

The Marsh Awards for Innovative Projects will re-open in August 2016. Charities that support places of worship can nominate churches where recent adaptation has enabled great local church led clubs and activities that have involved and are benefitting their communities. See the [National Churches Trust](#) website.

# Metal Theft from Church Roofs: a word from our sponsor

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group provides great information, support and advice for churches

The instance of metal thefts from churches has reduced in recent years but the issue has not gone away and at Ecclesiastical we continue to see new claims. Lead, copper and stainless steel roof coverings, roof flashings, copper lightning conductors and lead rainwater pipes have all been targeted.

To help PCCs we recommend churches review our [Metal Theft Checklist](#) to see if there are any precautions they can put in place to reduce the risk.

## Top tips for protecting your church from metal theft

Depending on the level of risk your church faces our top tips for churches are:

### Security mark your external metal

Applying SmartWater to external metal (or an alternative forensic marking system approved by us) is a condition of Ecclesiastical church insurance policies. Where SmartWater is detected in stolen metal many prosecutions have resulted for example, Damon Whitcombe, age 32, was recently convicted of metal theft from St Michaels and All Angels church in Hatfield thanks to SmartWater being able to confirm where stolen lead had come from (read more [here](#)). We ask all churches we insure to apply SmartWater solution and to register with SmartWater and make sure that warning signs have been prominently displayed warning that metal has been protected. For more information read our [SmartWater page](#).

### Engage with your local community

Joining the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme and urging the church's neighbours to keep a watchful eye out for anything suspicious around the church can be a big help that costs nothing. Anything suspicious should be reported to the police straightaway and you should inform other churches in your area to put them on their guard.

### Install an electronic roof security system

Lots of churches now have roof alarms to help protect

external metal. Alarms can be virtually invisible and large roof areas can be protected cost effectively. For more information visit our [roof alarms page](#). Roof alarms provide the best deterrent to metal thieves and our own claims experience has proven this to be the case.

Thanks to the success of alarms, since 1st August 2015, where a roof alarm approved by Ecclesiastical has been installed and SmartWater (or an alternative forensic marker approved by us) has been applied and registered, there are no longer any limits applicable to our church policies for theft or attempted theft of external metal and the subsequent damage as a result of the theft or attempted theft.

In the event of a loss claims will be paid in full up to the buildings and/or contents sums insured. Roof alarms are specifically set up to detect and deter intruders before any damage is caused and are designed to be virtually invisible and reversible. Alarms are also perfect for buildings in remote or rural locations - if the security system is activated, a planned response based on your specific instructions is carried out.

Ecclesiastical maintains a list of [approved suppliers](#) who meet our stringent security requirements – call 0345 777 3322 for more information.



## Cover for theft of metal when scaffolding is to be erected

The presence of scaffolding on any building can seriously compromise general security and because of this Ecclesiastical church insurance policies normally exclude theft of external metal (normally on roofs) when scaffolding is erected.

Subject to various conditions when a church with external metal is having scaffolding erected for repairs or other building work we may be able to provide insurance cover

up to the limit of your building and/or contents sum insured for theft of external metal and for any subsequent damage.

We have developed a detailed [checklist](#) for churches to refer to their architect or contractor before any work takes place so that the security requirements can be built into the project. Due to the technical nature of the requirements your architect must complete this check list.

For more information go to [www.ecclesiastical.com/](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/)



## Reaching out, Inviting In

Ecclesiastical is pleased to invite entries to our 2016 church competition. We know that churches provide a unique and valuable focus for local communities, and we'd like to reward the best examples of this community engagement. To enter, all you need to do is let us know about your church community activity – what is it you are doing? We will be judging the competition based on:

**Creative – What is new, different or imaginative about the way you help your community?**

**Effective – How has your community been supported?**

**Inspirational – Will your idea inspire other churches?**

The competition is open to any Anglican church in the UK. You can enter any activity your church has organised in the past 12 months, so it doesn't have to be currently active. For example, it can be an ongoing activity or a one-off community outreach event.

The entries must be clearly aimed at supporting, helping or reaching out to local communities (not primarily for fundraising) and must be managed by the PCC or church council entering the competition.

The deadline for entries is 31 August 2016; and the winning entries will be invited to a prize giving lunch in London on 9th November. You will find an entry form online at [www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp) where you can also read the full terms and conditions.





This section of the newsletter includes national news and some of the ways in which the National Churches Trust is working as part of the CTF to support local trusts.

## Important changes for Partnership Grants

The Partnership Grants Programme, which sees 26 counties and NCT working together, has distributed over £1 million in grants to churches, mostly in rural areas.

The Programme is dependent on NCT raising income. To show support and aid promotion of the scheme all participants must make sure that the NCT logo and an explanation about the Partnership Grants Programme is featured on websites and in other publications. Doing so will become a condition of participation in 2017.

The eligibility criteria for applicants will expand in the New Year. Trusts that are having difficulty allocating their budget or that have not yet spent from their allocation, must let us know by September how they plan to allocate the funds. Contact [Alison Pollard](#).

## Pilot workshops

The NCT, with the CTF, is developing pilot workshops to bring trusts training and information on important topics. The recent CTF Survey showed that trusts would like fundraising and promotional support; information on recruiting and managing trustees and volunteers; and assistance on developing ways of demonstrating and talking about public benefit.

The first event is a fundraising workshop by the Gifted Philanthropy fundraising consultancy in London on 29 July. A programme of events for 2017 will follow.

To express an interest in hosting or attending an event, or for more information please contact [Alison Pollard](#).

## New Grants for 2016

Visit the [National Churches Trust](#) website for full information on grants.

A pilot **Project Viability and Project Development grant programme** offers awards of between £3,000 and £10,000 to support churches to become more sustainable through the diagnosis of issues affecting the church, by testing the viability of proposed solutions to improve sustainability, and through development of guiding policies and plans that will be implemented through an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund or other large church heritage funders. This a limited pilot programme. The deadline will be 12th September 2016. Decisions will be made in December 2016.

Contact [Catherine Townsend](#) for more information.

## KPMG offer and Churches Trusts Forum web pages

Succession and attracting new Trustees remains an issue for most county trusts. To take advantage of the offer from [KPMG](#) to advertise for new trustees across their UK network contact [Alison Pollard](#).

We are developing information on Trustee recruitment. It will be available on the [Churches Trusts Forum](#) section of the National Churches Trust website where you will find a growing resource of information for local trust volunteers and Trustees.

## JustGiving™

Over £0.5 million has been raised for churches and counties via the monthly fee free Justgiving accounts offered via the NCT! If your trust has not taken up the offer of a monthly fee free account and you would like to make more of online fundraising please contact [Alison Pollard](#).

## Charitable Incorporated Organisations and Stone King LLP

From January 2013 charities have been able to register as Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs). This simplified structure allows local trusts to protect their trustees from being personally liable for the activities of the charity.

A CIO structure may not be the ideal solution for all local trusts and we would always recommend that you consult with professional advisors. However, a CIO structure is likely to be attractive to those trusts that enter into contractual obligations, employ staff, own property or take on leases.

It is important that you receive professional advice before amending the corporate structure of your charity. The leading charity law firm Stone King LLP are prepared to offer local trusts a standardised package for completing the incorporation process. Information about this package can be found on page seven of the pack.

To find out more visit the [Churches Trusts Forum pages](#) or contact [Alison Pollard](#) for a copy of the pack.

## Yorkshire Maintenance Project

Michael Murray, new Director of Church Support at NCT, has successfully secured a Heritage Lottery Fund grant offer of c£90,000 to develop a maintenance project in Yorkshire. With considerable input from the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, the Pilgrim Trust, SPAB, the three Yorkshire Dioceses' and others, the project will launch later this year. To make it easier for churches to take part and to encourage commitment, NCT, with the support of the Pilgrim Trust, is supporting them by offering micro-grants that are match funded by the church.

Full information on the project will be released later this year.

NCT is also working with organisations and trusts in the West Midlands to bring support to congregations in Birmingham.

For more information contact [Michael Murray](#)

## Kids Company - The lessons no trustee can afford to ignore

Amanda Francis, Managing Partner, Buzzacott Chartered Accountants, spoke entertainingly and informatively about Annual Reports at the CTF Conference in Winchester in 2015. Amanda has written a valuable and insightful article about the Kids Company. The article highlights current public areas of concern about all charities. It emphasises the crucial role of Trustees and Treasurers in addressing and meeting good practice.

To receive a copy of the article, please contact [Alison Pollard](#).

## New Vice Presidents for the National Churches Trust

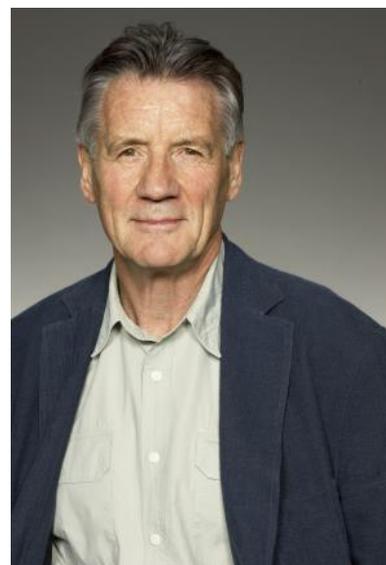


NCT is delighted that writer and broadcaster, Michael Palin (pictured right) and historian, Bettany Hughes (pictured left), have become Vice Presidents.

Both Bettany Hughes and Michael Palin participated in our [UK's Favourite Churches](#) campaign.

Bettany attended the Westminster Abbey service celebrating our 60th anniversary.

A campaign letter from Michael Palin asking support for the National Churches Trust is to be released shortly.



## 2016 Church Architecture Awards

We are now accepting entries for the 2016 National Churches Trust and Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association Church Architecture Awards. Entries will be accepted online until 31 July 2016.

### The Presidents' Award

The award for new church buildings and new designs in church re-ordering, alterations or extensions.

### The King of Prussia Gold Medal

The award for innovative, high quality church conservation or repair work projects.

This year, for the first time a 'Young Church Architect of the Year' award is available to an architect under 40 who has worked on a winning or shortlisted design entered for The King of Prussia Gold Medal or The Presidents' Award.

For information visit the NCT website or contact [Eddie Tulasiewicz](#)

## National Churches Trust Friends Visit Leicester

On 19 April 2016 the National Churches Trust and the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust welcomed 40 Friends of the National Churches Trust to Leicester. We were delighted to welcome colleagues from other trusts amongst the group.

The tour started at St Mary de Castro, the city's second oldest church, dating from 1107. It was awarded a £40,000 National Churches Trust Cornerstone Grant in 2012 for work to its spire. Warden Frank Gallagher explained the past, present and future of "the jewel of Leicester's churches" which stands within the precincts of the Royal Castle of Leicester.

After lunch, the tour moved to the King Richard III Visitor Centre. A renovated former school metres from where Richard III was discovered in 2012, there was time to explore its fascinating story of the life, death, and discovery of one of England's most controversial kings.

The final stop was Leicester Cathedral, dedicated to St Martin of Tours, the Roman soldier who shared his cloak with a beggar in an act of compassion. Tour guides led a fascinating tour of the cathedral, including the medieval hammerbeam roof, fourteenth century carvings, and glorious Victorian glass. A focal point was, of course, the tomb of King Richard III, made from fossil stone from Yorkshire as befits the last King of the House of York. Friends were also able to see the new jewel-like stained glass windows by Thomas Denny in St Katharine's Chapel, which use the story of Richard III to reflect on the human

experience of family, journey, betrayal, and death.

It was particularly good to welcome local members of the [Professional Trades Directory](#), stained glass designer Rachael Aldridge from Aldridge Glass and blacksmith Dan Liggins, from Black Dragon Forge.

Emily Beahan, Development Manager, is liaising with the Lincolnshire Churches Trust over holding a similar event next year.

To express an interest in hosting an event with us, please contact [Alison Pollard](#).



## Celebrating our Patron's 90th birthday

We are proud that Her Majesty the Queen has been our Patron since 1953 and we have been paying tribute to her unwavering support for churches for 63 years. NCT staff, Trustees and special guests enjoyed the Patron's Lunch in the Mall on 15 June. Churches across the country held their own celebrations. Rain did not dampen anyone's spirits and nothing could damage the festive mood. See our [Facebook](#) page for our posts on the Patron's Lunch and follow our activities.

# Churches Trusts Forum Members

Who to contact to share questions, concerns and ideas. The Forum's next meeting is on 6th October at the National Churches Trust's offices

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Please email your contributions for the next CTF Newsletter to [alison.pollard@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:alison.pollard@nationalchurchestrust.org) by 1st November for publication in December 2016.

# Supporters and Events

Most trusts have members or subscribers. Most run events of some kind whether for Friends, for fundraising or awareness raising purposes. Trusts run and organise events in different ways . In this issue we look at Wiltshire, where there is a thriving Friends organisation, and Herefordshire's concert series, Music in Quiet Places.



## Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust



*Pictures provided by the WHCT: St Michael's Church, Aldbourne (above) and Christ Church, Bradford on Avon (below right)*

### Friends of Wiltshire Churches going from strength to strength

With over 400 Friends in a large county with some 500 churches, the Friends offer a wide span of expertise, really interesting activities and warm fellowship. This year the Friends are enjoying an active programme of visits across the county that are led by first-rate guides.

Most recently, in May they toured Bradford on Avon and visited most of its fascinating array of churches of all ages and denominations, and the other delights of this historic town.

In July they visited the churches around Marlbor-

ough under the guidance of John Osborne, much respected for his local knowledge and a popular lecturer at the Marlborough Summer School. The itinerary for this tour and details of how to join it were at the following link <http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/the-friends-of-wiltshire-churches-tour/>

The Friends of Wiltshire Churches would welcome the involvement of members of other Trusts and Friends in their activities and tours. Please see the [Friends web page](#) and its companion [Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust website](#).

Nigel Jackson

Hon. Sec. , Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust



# How to ensure a good time is had by all

Trusts around the country run very successful events, particularly talks and tours. Your trust may be thinking of starting an events programme. Perhaps you already hold successful events but are looking to expand your programme and attract greater numbers of attendees. Emily Beahan, Development Manager, at the National Churches Trust shares her top tips.

## Attracting supporters

### Why do people join?

The Friends page of the [WHCT website](#) clearly explains how joining benefits places of worship. The primary reason why people join, volunteer or donate to charities is because they want to make a difference.

### Make it easy

There are clear instructions on how to join and what will happen next.

### What will people get?

Friends of Wiltshire Churches is marketed as “a way of learning about, and supporting, the county’s rich heritage of church and chapels”.

The Friends was set up to raise awareness of the rich heritage of churches and chapels in the county and to raise additional funds for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

### Keeping and engaging supporters

Events are a great way of attracting new potential audiences as well as thanking or giving tried and trusted supporters a specific opportunity to help you. Trustees, volunteers, and supporters can all play an active role in promoting your trust through word of mouth, which is the most effective promotional tool we have!

## My Top Tips

### 1. Plan the essentials

Decide why you are holding the event, what the content is and who your guests are.

### 2. Committee/Event Team

Who do you need to help you deliver the event? Who has the skills or connections that will add to the event? Decide who will do what and when.

### 3. Plan your budget

How much can you spend or are you prepared to spend? What return is likely? Are you going to charge? If so, how much?

### 4. Event sponsor

Are there any local companies that might invest in sponsorship? What sort of organisations do you have connections with or shared interests with? If they sponsor you, what will you offer them in return?

### 5. Choose your location/venue

Is the venue the right size? Does it have adequate facilities and how will people get there?

### 6. Promote your event

Plan how you are going to reach your target audience. Use any local opportunities where you know people are likely to see your event. Make any materials eye catching, simple and colourful. Ensure that all the

necessary information is on them and make it easy to buy tickets or sign up.

### 7. Health & Safety

You need to ask if people have particular access, dietary or other needs. You are responsible for the care of your guests. Whilst venues will usually have public liability insurance, your trust must also have it as part of its insurance arrangements. Some venues will ask for evidence of this before allowing a booking.

### 8. Evaluation

Did people have a good time? Did the event achieve what you wanted it to? What can you learn and how can you improve? Simple feedback forms and gathering reactions and ideas is essential.



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‘Music in Quiet Places’ has been an extremely successful collaboration between HHCT and Hereford Cathedral School’s Music Outreach Programme. It is organised by a small group of interested people from both organisations with a brief to present a variety of live performances in both large and small churches within the County. The aim of MIQP is to expand a following of people who appreciate top quality music, using both local talent and professional musicians, in historically different places of worship throughout Herefordshire.

Our first season has consisted of six concerts across the county. Two in town churches (Holy Trinity, Hereford and St Katherine’s Ledbury), and St Leonards Blakemere in the west, St Peter and St Paul, Weobley in the north, St Bartholomew’s, Much Marcle in the south east and St Catherine’s, Hoarwithy in the south west. The concerts have been varied – a mixture of choral, chamber, organ and piano music. At each venue, as well as HCS musicians, we have worked with enthusiastic young musicians from local schools (and at Holy Trinity, the Chetham’s School of Music Chamber Orchestra)

The concerts were free entry but a retiring collection in aid of HHCT (half of which was then given to the church venue) and donations requested for drinks and refreshments during the interval have ensured each has been financially beneficial. Every concert has been extremely well attended - standing room only at several venues and of all ages (from proud grandparents to baby siblings).

**Ali Haydn Jones**

Photographs courtesy of Sophie Corness, Hereford Cathedral School

We have learned some lessons on the way!

- **Good communication with churchwardens is essential**
- **Awareness of access and parking**
- **Outside lighting and directions**
- **Adequate refreshments for both audience and performers**
- **Seasonal location of church venues**



## Raising awareness and funding

The CTF will keep you up to date on fundraising regulations in an environment when public trust in charities is at an unprecedented low. We are developing support and information on a range of fundraising issues. These resources will be made available on the [National Churches Trust](#) website.

Changes to Gift Aid regulations came into force earlier this year as did further SORP accounting requirements.

Changes in the regulation of charities will follow, as will further fundraising regulations.

If you have any questions on governance, fundraising and financial issues, please contact [Alison Pollard](#), and we will try to help as much as we can with the support of the National Churches Trust.

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## Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund

Results have just been released from the second opportunity for grant funding to help make the UK's listed places of worship weather-tight, safe and open for use. It is administered by the National Heritage Memorial Fund on behalf of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Awards between £10,000 and £100,000 have been offered towards the urgent repair of roofs, gutters and drains, failure of which is the principal cause of decay in historic churches. In total, 401 listed places of worship will benefit from awards from the £25 million funding package given by the Treasury. 300 of these are Church of England churches. This follows the 501 awards announced in the first round in Spring 2015. Overall, the Treasury has allocated £55 million to the scheme.

A full list of successful projects is available in a pdf format [here](#)

# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

## Ride+Stride Committee strengthens brand identity for 10 September 2016!

Ride+Stride continues, thirty four years on, the key fundraiser for around thirty trusts which raised around £1.4m in 2014. We are still collecting the figures for 2015, so please supply yours if you have not yet done so.

It is a day of joy, fellowship and exercise for the hundreds of voluntary participants cycling, walking, running, jogging, horse-riding and even travelling on disability scooters. The annual events, on the second Saturday in September, benefit churches, chapels and meeting houses across England. Five counties raise over £100,000 and your Committee continues to be a conduit for ideas and inspiration.

## Consistent branding helps with national and local promotion

The National Ride+Stride Committee has for some years endeavoured to develop ideas and material to create a wider public recognition of the event. Thanks to significant work by NCT staff with the SO Agency, a Ride+Stride for Churches brand guide has been funded

**Celebrating volunteers:** High Sheriff Gordon Arthur presents his Award for Services to Anne Bloor, Leicestershire's long serving R+S Treasurer and County Coordinator. Anne richly deserved her Award. Thank you Anne! **David Knowles**



by NCT. It was launched and admired at the CTF Annual Conference. The guide contains instructions on using colourful, attractive templates for posters, banners, flyers and other materials. All the items can be individualised for your event and the NCT offer to do the design work for free.

On professional advice the logo was styled to read "Ride+Stride for Churches" to clearly indicate that places of worship benefit from the events. The Committee encourages wide use of the logo and the publicity material. Leicestershire has taken a lead, along with Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and Somerset whilst several Counties including Buckinghamshire, Devon, Dorset and Kent have adopted the revised logo.

## Meet your representatives and vote for your Committee

At the R+S National County Co-ordinators' Annual Meeting on Thursday 17 November at St Augustine's Church Hall, Edgbaston the 2016/17 Committee will be elected. Expressions of interest from Counties are very welcome. Please contact me with any questions and expressions of interest.

## Send in your stories and photos

Please update your event's page on [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org). Share your plans, stories and photos with Eddie Tulasiewicz ([eddie.tulasiewicz@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:eddie.tulasiewicz@nationalchurchestrust.org)). If your trust is planning something special or unique for 2016, let Eddie know. Photographs of any launch events, special moments from last year or award ceremonies are valuable in promoting this year's Ride+Stride.

*David Knowles*

*Chairman, Ride+Stride National Committee*



## Heralding a weekend of supporting and visiting churches

The National Churches Trust and Ride+Stride Committee work with the Heritage Open Days (HOD) national office to support and promote each other's work. Ride+Stride events are featured on the HOD website if a church is taking part. HOD is, this year, running a campaign that we see as a real opportunity for Ride+Stride. HOD asks for the counties help in broadcasting and supporting an exciting bell ringing campaign —Challenge 500. Trusts might like to consider how they can make the most of this opportunity to encourage people to take part or simply donate.

# Challenge 500



## heritage open days

A quest to open up 500 of England's bell towers this September by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and Heritage Open Days

Join in and help us meet our target of 500 churches and cathedrals!

Can you open your tower or join with a neighbouring tower to open up?

England's many bell towers represent some of the most iconic heritage landmarks in our communities and this year is our chance to celebrate our ringing tradition and what makes them special!

Open your tower to visitors this September, host interactive demonstrations or become part of a magnificent cho-

rus of ringing bands simultaneously sounding out across the country on Thursday 8 September 2016, 6-7pm.

Your opportunity to:

- Put your bell tower on the national Heritage Open Days map
- Meet your local community and celebrate cultural treasures
- Share little known facts about bell ringing
- Encourage others to have a go

Once registered, we will support you with:

- Online promotion
- A downloadable logo to include on your publicity
- A marketing pack to help you sign post your event on the day
- A downloadable leaflet which can be used for future events

Interested?

- To be connected with ringing groups near you, contact [kate-flavell@f2s.com](mailto:kate-flavell@f2s.com)
- For more information contact [info@heritageopendays.org.uk](mailto:info@heritageopendays.org.uk)



### Thanking volunteers

HIHCT gave a supper party in the Chairman's garden for Area Coordinators and their spouses to thank them for all they do. We have 15 Area Coordinators in Hampshire who look after and encourage Church Reps on their patch. The evening was hugely appreciated and certainly boosted morale! It wouldn't have been possible but for the generous help and support I had from our County Coordinators, Geoffrey and Christine Wort and other members of the committee. It was lovely to be able to chat at leisure to our guests and to see them enjoying meeting one another and making friends across what is a large county.

*Lady Joan Appleyard, Chairman, Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust*

### Share and Inspire

The next **Ride+Stride Coordinators Annual Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 17 November 2016** in Birmingham.

The day is an opportunity to meet colleagues and share ideas. There are discussions on helpful topics to support that will support you in running a Ride+Stride event. It is also a chance to meet your Committee members and National Churches Trust staff to discuss the national Ride+Stride brand and its direction.

Venue: St Augustine's Church Hall, Edgbaston. Please contact [David Knowles](#) for information.

# RIDE+STRIDES for Churches

## Branding for success

Find the Ride+Stride for Churches brand guide and downloads on the new National Churches Trust [support pages](#) for Ride+Stride organisers. This new resource has been developed with the Ride+Stride National Committee. There are templates for posters (below left), signs, envelopes, banners and postcards. There is even a poster for churches to use to show that they are open for visitors (below right).

The 'Ride+Stride for Churches' logo is now an official trademark and our branding and marketing guidelines are to help local churches trusts publicise their events even more consistently and widely, and to attract even more participants and sponsors. They accord with the national 'Ride+Stride for Churches' website, [www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org). Together they create a consistent look and feel, in the same way that people all over the UK host their own Macmillan Coffee Morning, but use the same nationally recognisable branding and marketing materials. The templates are flexible, allowing for the insertion of your own wording, logos, contact information and images as you can see from the Leicestershire posters pictured below.

The National Ride+Stride Committee encourage you to consider following the guidelines and marketing materials in the belief that consistent and attractive national communications, personalised for your Ride+Stride day within a nationally recognised brand, could enhance your publicity and particularly help counties raising smaller sums to increase their fundraising.

If you want further advice and support on branding and communications, or would like to use the templates and designs for your county, the National Churches Trust can help you produce print ready materials. Do get in touch by email to [Alison Pollard](mailto:Alison.Pollard@nct.org.uk) if you need any assistance.



**10<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2016** LEICESTERSHIRE'S CHURCHES AND CHAPELS OPEN DAY



Join us for a sponsored cycle ride, walk or horse ride or even run, jog or use a mobility scooter and visit beautiful churches and chapels to raise funds for urgent repairs.

With around 400 churches and chapels open between 10am - 6pm, Ride+Stride for Churches is a great way to discover Leicestershire's history and heritage.

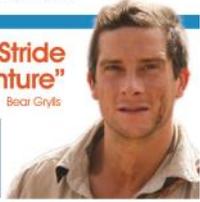
All the money you raise will be shared between Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and a church or chapel you nominate.

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### Fond farewell

David Knowles, Chairman of the Ride+Stride Committee has written a few words to honour Patricia Burstall of the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

In the spring we heard the very sad news of the death of Patricia Burstall following a fall at her home. Patricia was the County organiser for Bucks Ride +Stride for many years; she was a keen cyclist with an interest in church history, a dedication to charitable work and a gentle nature masking a steely resolve: the perfect combination for a Ride+Stride organiser.

Patricia dedicated her life to charitable work in Marlow and Bisham, for which she received a BEM in 2015. It would be a fitting tribute to Patricia's life and her achievements on behalf of Ride+Stride if we can make this year's event really special.

For those minded to read up on the subject, Patricia wrote a pioneering book on the technological and social aspects of cycling: "**The Golden Age of the Bicycle - The world-wide story of cycling in the 1890s**". This may not sound as though it has much relevance to modern life, until you read about folding bikes, goo that can be squeezed into tyres to repair punctures, ergonomic split saddles, special mudguards for off-roading and a wide range of tyres to facilitate cycling on all terrains – all so-called modern inventions that have clearly been around for years.

### Thank you Michael Mallender

Canon Michael Mallender passed away suddenly on 6th February 2016 aged 75 years. He was much loved and will be sorely missed.

Michael was deeply dedicated to whatever he did. For the Derbyshire Churches and Chapels Preservation Trust he was a tireless organiser and participant for Ride+Stride. He took part every year from 1993 onwards raising a significant sum over the years. He raised awareness of Derbyshire's churches and chapels through the local press and sometimes represented Derbyshire at CTF Annual Conferences.

He started with cycling, then, from 1993, he strode, walking twenty-four miles in his first year.

A former solicitor and senior partner of Taylor, Simpson & Mosley, Michael was an Honorary Lay Canon and sometime Clerk to Derby Cathedral Chapter & Council, Clerk to General Commissioners of Income Tax, and President of Derbyshire Archaeological Society. Fittingly and supporting his interests and generous spirit, his family asked for donations to Church Charities or the Woodland Trust instead of flowers for his funeral at Trusley.

Sadly, the Derbyshire Churches and Chapels Preservation Trust had to decide not to hold a Ride+Stride event this year. Without Michael's help, it was impossible for them to do so. The CTF sends its appreciation of Michael's support and contribution to Derbyshire churches over many years of selfless volunteering and sends the Trust its support at a difficult time.

### Remembering Sir Clifford Boulton (1930-2015)

Sir Clifford Boulton died on Christmas Day 2015 aged 85. Born in Staffordshire, educated at Cambridge, he will be known by many of our readers as the Chairman of Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. He became so after a distinguished four decade career in the House of Commons. Married to Anne with two adopted children, he was described in The Daily Telegraph (18 January 2016) as "A man of wit, courtesy in heated situations, impartiality, intellect and vast experience." He was Clerk of the Commons from 1987-1994. On retirement he joined Lord Nolan's Committee on Standards in Public Life bringing the valuable experience of his work on the Poulson committee. His influence brought changes that led to the ability to prosecute MPs for fraud. He was appointed CB in 1985, KCB in 1990 and, in 1994, GCB. He was churchwarden for a time at St Margaret's, Westminster. He played a large part in a Speaker's Appeal for £900,000 for its restoration. After retirement he moved from Caterham to Rutland where continued to be active in civic life, including becoming deputy lieutenant in 1997.