

70 churches and chapels in England, Wales and Scotland are set to benefit from rescue funding of £522,241 from the National Churches Trust, the UK's church support charity.

MAINTENANCE GRANTS

Awarded in July 2017, 19 churches receive National Churches Trust Maintenance Grants, a new pilot programme, run in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, offering awards of between £1,000 and £2,500 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to listed church buildings.

BIRMINGHAM

Edgbaston, St Mary and St Ambrose

Anglican, Diocese of Birmingham, Grade I

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,500 grant to remove and replace some roof tiles, repair the cast iron gutter on the upper chancel roof, and ensure that joints and bolts are leak-free.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Wingrave, St Peter and St Paul

Anglican, Grade II*

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,500 grant for masonry repair, including fixing the coping stones above the south aisle parapet windows.

GREATER MANCHESTER

Bolton, St Paul Halliwell

Anglican, Diocese of Manchester, Grade II

£1,101 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £1,101 grant for maintenance to rainwater goods, including clearing the drains and replacing four downspouts with larger ones to deal with damp issues inside the church.

HAMPSHIRE

Micheldever, St Mary the Virgin

Anglican, Diocese of Winchester, Grade II*

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded a £2,500 grant for much-needed repointing and repairs to the outer walls, tower roof, and turret of the church building.

Weston Patrick, St Lawrence

Anglican, Diocese of Winchester, Grade II*

£2,000 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,000 grant for roof repairs to the entrance porch and north side of the main roof, and carry out slate and leadwork repairs to the south aisle.

KENT

Eastling, St Mary

Anglican, Diocese of Canterbury, Grade II*

£1,900 Maintenance Grant

Awarded a £1,900 grant for work to the belfry to prevent birds accessing the belfry and roofspaces, and re-laying paved ground gutters around the perimeter.

Southborough, St Peter

Anglican, Diocese of Rochester, Grade II

£1,347 Maintenance Grant

Awarded a £1,347 grant to replace a lean-to asbestos boiler house with a slate tiled oak structure to prevent damp.

OXFORDSHIRE

Letcombe Bassett, St Michael and All Angels

Anglican, Diocese of Oxford, Grade II*

£2,298 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,298 grant to improve rainwater goods, including soakaways to lead water away from the roof and improve the rain water venting. This will alleviate damp on the inside walls.

SHROPSHIRE

Astley, St Mary the Virgin

Anglican, Diocese of Lichfield, Grade II*

£1,882 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £1,882 grant to remove hard cement point from the exterior Norman stonework of the nave, chancel, and south wall; and replace it with traditional lime mortar to prevent further frost damage.

Wem, St Peter and St Paul

Anglican, Diocese of Lichfield, Grade II*

£1,000 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £1,000 grant to repair rainwater goods, including degraded guttering, downpipes, and rainwater systems which are causing damage and damp both inside and outside the building.

SUFFOLK

Kettleburgh, St Andrew

Anglican, Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Grade I

£2,000 Maintenance Grant

Awarded a £2,000 Grant for repairs to the belfry including cleaning, replacing louvre netting to stop pigeons entering, and adding additional wiring and polyester sheeting to ensure the conditions are safe for bellringers.

SUSSEX

Oving, St Andrew

Anglican, Diocese of Chichester, Grade II

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,500 grant to repair crumbling stonework around two stained glass windows in the tower, so the windows can be safely replaced.

WARWICKSHIRE

Ashby St Ledgers, Blessed Virgin Mary and St Leodegarius

Anglican, Diocese of Peterborough, Grade I

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,500 grant to repoint three exterior walls which are badly eroded and let in damp, which in turn is damaging wall paintings and causing plaster to peel.

Newbold-on-Stour, St David

Anglican, Diocese of Coventry, Grade II

£1,000 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £1,000 grant for roof repairs, to reposition and replace lead flashing and slipped slates on the south side of the nave roof.

WORCESTERSHIRE

Little Witley, St Michael and All Angels

Anglican, Diocese of Worcester, Grade II

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,500 grant for extensive lime repointing to replace cement, mending damaged parapet and fractured stones, and replacing missing tiles. This will prevent damp and deterioration of the stone.

YORKSHIRE

Sowerby Bridge, Christ Church

Anglican, Diocese of Leeds, Grade II

£1,816 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £1,816 to carry out door repairs to the north porch, boiler room, and organ room; repoint roof flashing; and clear and repair gutters.

NORTHERN IRELAND

COUNTY DOWN

Newtownards, St Mark

Anglican, Diocese of Down and Dromore, Grade A

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,500 for work to improve safe roof access by installing an access hatch and two permanent roof ladders. This will ensure routine maintenance can be conducted quickly and safely.

SCOTLAND

PERTSHIRE

Caputh, Caputh Parish Church

Presbyterian, Grade B

£1,397 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £1,397 grant to address rising damp, by removing rotting timbers, clearing debris, and refitting a new internal wall and flooring and repointing as necessary

WALES

CARDIFF

Cardiff, Llanishen Methodist Church

Methodist, Grade II

£2,500 Maintenance Grant

Awarded £2,500 grant for window repairs in the vestry, including replacing the rotten lower sashes and sills with hardwood replacements, and repairing the upper sashes and sash lifts.