



Meet the Funders Presentations – 26 May 2022

CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Jeremy Sharp, Grants Secretary

CHCT – who Are we?

The Cornwall Historic Churches Trust was formed in 1955 to assist in the restoration and repair of Cornish churches that have architectural or historic merit. The Trust is a registered charity and churches and chapels of all denominations are eligible to apply for assistance.

The Trust is fortunate to have links with other charitable organisations, particularly the Duke of Cornwall's Benevolent Fund, the Tanner Trust and the Cornwall Heritage Trust. We have been given the responsibility of distributing funds on their behalf to churches that meet their criteria, thus supplementing what we are able to provide.

The Trust awards between 15 and 20 grants each year, typically ranging from £250 to £5000 depending on the cost and type of the project.

The Trust is run entirely by volunteers whose committee members combine professional skills with dedicated hard work, visiting churches to assess and report on the need for grant support.



CHCT – Why do we do it?

In Cornwall, four-fifths of our churches are pre-1550. From the Trust's foundation document it was recognized that: "The churches are still there, still praying through the storms and the rains. We must not let down the past which has loved and cared for them".

The preservation and restoration of our churches should not be regarded as a tedious burden. Amongst other outcomes, successful projects

Encourage appreciation of our heritage

- Make our buildings more attractive as places of worship
- Make our buildings better suited for community use
- Engage local communities
- Improve financial viability



St Sampson's Unlocked - 1

'A church restoration makes you realise the importance of things, temporal and spiritual. It makes you think about the faith of others and your own faith. It draws you into something deeper than bricks and mortar. It gives a sense of your place in history and the continuation of history. It provides a timeless stabilising effect on the fast pace of modern life. It is a slow process. It demands working and praying with others. Part of the joy of being a Christian is having hope for the future and serving others.'

Churches are so much more than places of worship and give far more than they take. I have been surprised by the passion of the many crafts people who care deeply about their skill, be it windows, bells or monuments. I have been inspired by the advice and help from other churches and professionals. I have made some very good friends as we work together, laugh together and sometimes cry together. The community values what is often one of the few remaining public places in a rural situation and can become wonderful advocates of 'their' church. Environmental and conservation groups have an interest in preserving habitats in church settings.'



St Sampson's Unlocked Further

'Church restoration often starts with the faith community wanting to 'fix' their building. For us this has had an amazing knock-on effect. We needed to think what we could do with the building and community consultation came up with over one hundred ideas. From the start we realised it was not a building project but a mission project.

Being part of a team or community restoring a precious church is life enhancing. It is fixing a special building but it is more than that. It is about the people that use it and support each other. There is a sense of preserving something for the future, a continuation of what those who have gone before have done. It gives an enormous sense of well-being, working together, making new friends, getting through the challenges together, fundraising and having fun, honouring past generations, and leaving something for the future.'



How can we help?

- Cornwall Historic Churches Trust funds are applied for "the preservation and ***maintenance***, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of churches in Cornwall and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in churches and churchyards".
- In this context "Churches" are defined as places of worship of any age in current use and of denominations belonging to "Churches Together in Britain and Ireland". If your church is in need of restoration or repair, we may be able to help.
- We hope that any support we give will be useful when seeking grants elsewhere.



What do we Support?

Do	Don't
Prioritise our activities to structural work on roofs, rainwater goods, followed by electrical safety, windows, heating systems and bells	Repairs to organs
Promote timely and professional maintenance	New kitchens and toilets, or re-ordering

Churches we helped in 2021



St Grada, Grade: re-roofing, repointing and replacement of rainwater goods, £5,000



Lamorran, internal repairs to enable reopening of church: £5,000



St Sampson, South Hill, gutter repairs and re-leading: £3,000



St Neot, repairs to medieval windows: £5,000



Other Grants in 2021

- Penzance Catholic Church: damp proofing to lower walls, £2,000
- St Julitta, Lanteglos by Camelford: repairs to rope chamber in tower, £2,000
- All Saints Tuckingmill: replacement of louvres in tower, £2,500
- Marazion Quaker meeting house: new roof and heating system, £4,000
- St Just in Roseland: Replacement electric cable, £1,000
- St Tudy Methodist Church, re-slate roof and repairs to windows, £2,000
- Our Lady & St Neot, Liskeard: replacement of slate work and stavbilsation of cross, £2,000
- Truro Cathedral: Repairs to St Mary's Aisle, £4,000



Other Grants in 2021 – Cont'd

- St Andrew's Stratton, Repairs to chancel roof, protecting headstones and monuments below: £3,000
- Connect Church, Wadebridge, Replace roof, repair windows, dryline interior wall: £1,000
- Carharrack Methodist Church, Improvements to lead weatherings, replastering, repointing and joinery repairs £1,000
- St Clether, Treatment of beetle infestation in roof timbers and essential electrical work £1,000



We have three types of grant....

1. Restoration and Repair Grants: - for larger and more complex works. Maximum grant £4,000, £5,000 for Church Friends (see below)

2. Smaller Project Grants: - for maintenance and repairs identified in QI survey or similar for works costed at £10,000 or less. Maximum grant £1,000 or 20% of project size, whichever smaller.

3. Maintenance Inspection Incentive Grants: - for Church Friends, to help with up to half the annual cost of routine inspections of roofs, gutters, rainwater goods etc. Maximum grant £250.

- In the first instance please look at our website: www.chct.info or email our Grants Secretary, Jeremy Sharp: grants@chct.info, Alternatively, contact your area representative:



How can you apply for a grant?

If you wish, seek guidance from us before you start: grants@chct.info or your local Deanery or Area rep, whose name is shown on our website: www.chct.info

All the criteria, application forms and other requirements for each type of grant are displayed / available on the website.

We have a simplified application for Small Projects and Maintenance Incentive Grants.

Normally your Church will be visited by two members of the CHCT Executive Committee, one of whom will be your Deanery or Area rep.

Applications for Restoration & Repair Grants are considered at the thrice-yearly trustee meetings. Decisions for other grants are made after assessment visits (Smaller Projects) or on receipt of correct paperwork (Maintenance Incentive Grants)





Area Reps

Area 1 - **Penwith** - Alexandra Bolitho

Area 2 - **Kerrier** - Cecilia Bisson

Area 3 - **Carnmarth North** - David Purser

Area 4 - **Carnmarth South** - Libby Reed

Area 5 - **Powder** - Kirsty Newton

Area 6 - **Pydar** - Katharine Willis

Area 7 - **St Austell** - Caroline Tetley

Area 8 - **Trigg Minor & Bodmin** - Andrew Langdon

Area 9 - **West Wivelshire** - Jill Jobson

Area 10 - **East Wivelshire** - James Kitson

Area 11 - **Trigg Major** - Willa Bailey

Area 12 - **Stratton** - Caroline Tetley



Some other sources of help

National Churches Trust: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants.

Fundsonline.org.uk. A subscription website if you are running out of ideas. It might be worth subscribing if you are considering a big project.

Churches Together Charity Funding Links: ctbi.org.uk

Historic England: <https://historicengland.org.uk>

ChurchCare: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare>

Parish Resources Funding Guides, especially National List of Charitable Grants for Churches:
parishresources.org.uk

Truro Diocese has given every parish access to the **Church Grants Scheme database**. All PCCs have been contacted in this respect.

CHCT has a limited database that we are happy to share on request. Many of our committee members are acknowledged experts in their fields. They will be happy to share their knowledge with you.

How can you help us?

Become a Friend:

Friends receive an annual report with invitations to all of our events, often without charge. These include guided church visits and talks as well as our renowned annual lunch and Christmas drinks party.

Persuade your church to become a Friend:

A Church Friend applying for a grant has the benefit of a maximum possible offer increased from £4,000 to £5,000 as well as being directed to other grant funding bodies which have helped with similar projects. We very much hope that every church in the Duchy will become a Friend and suggest a minimum donation of £50 a year.

Email: membership@chct.info





How you can help us further?

Corporate Sponsorship:

Suggest that your company or business supports us through corporate sponsorship. For more information contact carolinetetley@chct.info

Organise a fundraising event:

“CORNISH CHURCHES DAY” is officially in September but your church can host any event at any time of the year to raise funds for the Trust. We are hoping that all Duchy churches will hold a joint fundraising event annually. Full details can be found on our website.



Registered Charity No. 218340

SUMMER PICNIC

Trebartha Gardens PL15 7PD

Sunday

19th June 2022

11am - 4pm



This historic landscape garden features ponds, streams, cascades, rock falls and woodland, with specimen trees, an ornamental walled garden and private modern country garden at Lemarne.

Additionally there are ongoing developments of the C19th American garden and C18th fish ponds to view.

Map provided, allow at least 1¹/₂ hours to complete a circumnavigation of the 40 acre garden.

Welcome talk by Caroline Latham at 11.30am.

Collect your picnic and enjoy while walking around the garden.

Tea served 3 – 4pm.

Produce and Plant Stall

Tickets for Talk, Picnic Lunch and Tea £25 pp

or groups of 4 or more £20 pp

Children under 16yrs Free,

Optional picnic available for £5 pp

2 - 4pm Garden Open inc tea £10 pp book or pay on day

Children under 16yrs Free

For picnics RSVP by Sunday 12th June

Tickets online or by post:

buytickets.at/cornwallhistoricchurchestrust

or download application form: www.chct.info

The Nare

The country house hotel by the sea

Finally....

- If you haven't done so already, please provide us with a history of your church for our website to enable us to cover the whole of Cornwall.
- Please keep in touch! Do send us before and after photos that you are happy for us to use on our website.
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Cornwall Historic Churches Trust

Patron: HRH The Duke of Cornwall

President: The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall

Vice President: The Right Revd Bishop of Truro

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