



Meet the Funders Presentations – 7 March 2019

# CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



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## Cornwall Historic Churches Trust

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# What We Are Going To Talk About

- Who we are
- CHCT grant policy
- The CHCT grant application process
- [Trust Funding.Org.UK](http://TrustFunding.Org.UK)
- National Churches Trust
- Become a Friend
- Some hints and tips
- Any questions

- 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.
- In Cornwall, four-fifths of 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 essential task is to support these historic buildings but also to give help to churches built after this period.
- The Trust has limited capital and resources and its work can only continue and be effective through the continuing generosity and support of both the people of Cornwall, and the many kind and benevolent friends and family from beyond its borders who share the love of this County and its Christian Heritage.
- The Trust is fortunate to have links with other charitable organisations, particularly the Duke of Cornwall's Benevolent Fund 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.

# CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST GRANTS POLICY

- 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".

# The Grant Application Process 1

- Obtain application form (there is a slightly different form for each denomination)
  - Download from: [www.chct.info](http://www.chct.info)
  - Email [grants@chct.info](mailto:grants@chct.info) and ask
  - Phone and ask
  - Write
- Fill in Application Form
- Email application form: [grants@chct.info](mailto:grants@chct.info)
- or post application form

# Details about the repair work: Paragraph 5 on the application

- Para 5 will be used in the summary sheet seen by the committee.
- It can just read “New Roof, “Electrical Rewire”, “Repoint Tower”, or it can go into considerable detail. Providing the scope of the project is covered, the detail will emerge from the visit to the church.
- If you feel the need, a *concise summary* by the architect on a separate sheet can be useful.



# Details about the cost of the repair work

## Paragraph 6

- We are interested in the funding gap, so you need to identify the cost of the project as accurately as you can at the time you fill in the form.
- You then have to show how much you expect to raise by fundraising and from other funders.
- We also need to know how much you will contribute from your reserves. This will be discussed with you during the visit, but when the committee considers your case it needs to get a good feel of your “funding gap”
- The “cost “should include VAT and architects fees, and make it clear if it does not. We would normally expect churches to re-claim VAT under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, and you should make it clear if your Place of Worship is not eligible under the scheme.

# Bells, Organs and Toilets

- Generally the Trust does not repair bells and organs, but it will help if the surrounding structure is involved.
- Often bell frames are an integral part of the tower, and we have in the past helped with those.
- We do not usually support new build kitchens and toilets, or re-ordering.

# The Grant Application Process 2

- Supply supplementary material
  - Accounts
  - Guide
- The Place of Worship will be visited by two members of the CHCT Executive Committee.
- The application and visit report will be considered at a meeting of the Committee at one of three annual meetings held in March, May and October.
- You will be informed of the result.

# CHCT Maintenance Grants

- The CHCT, with help from the Tanner Trust, announces a scheme which will allow churches to replace slates, attend to gutters and down pipes (also called rainwater goods) and maintain drains.
- To apply download the CHCT Maintenance Grant Application Form. The main feature of the scheme is that it is closely aligned to the National Churches Trust (NCT) Foundation Grants Programme described at <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/15200>
- The CHCT will offer immediate grants of £1000 or 20% of the cost of the scheme (including VAT) whichever is less. We will use the same criteria as the NCT and a similar application form to encourage churches to act on small urgent maintenance issues.
- Initially we have 5 grants to offer payable at start of work which should be completed by the end of 2019.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply for NCT Foundation Grants in addition to the above.

# The National Churches Trust

- 'We are a small team that supports places of worship from all Christian denominations across the country through funding, advice and other initiatives. We are dependent on donations and grants from other organisations and individuals to allow us to do this. We do this by:
- **GIVING GRANTS** - The National Churches Trust has recently [launched its new 2019-23 strategy](#) to replace its Partnership Programme.
- Details of all of our grants programmes can be found at: [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants).
- For all of our grants we expect applicants to have **50% match-funding in place at the time of application**. Unfortunately we do not have grants available for all types of work, or projects of all sizes.
- You will also find an FAQs page at: [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/grants-faq](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/grants-faq)'

# Our revised grant programmes

## Cornerstone Grants

- *Awards of between £10,000 and £50,000*
- *Urgent structural repairs costing over £100,000*
- *New facilities (kitchens & toilets) over £30,000*

## Gateway Grants (for churches)

- *Awards of between £3,000 and £10,000*
- *Project development upto RIBA Stage 1*

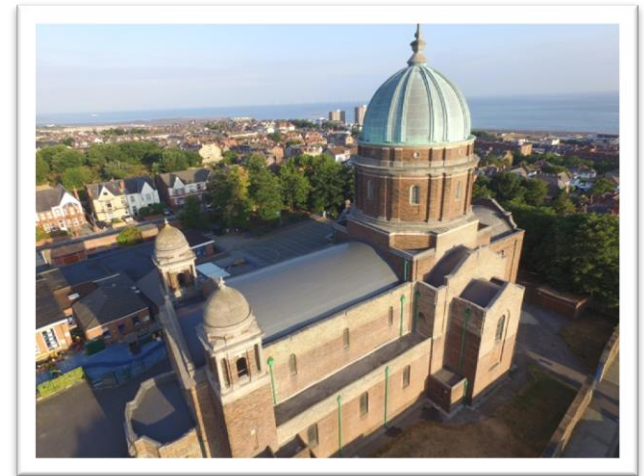
## Foundation Grants (for maintenance)

- *Awards of £500 to £3,000*
- *Maintenance and repairs identified in recent QI or inspection report, costing up to £10,000*



# Will you be eligible?

- ✓ Located in the UK (although we fund projects from across the UK, the North East of England, Wales and Northern Ireland have been identified as priority areas)
- ✓ Originally built as a place of worship (over 30 years ago) and open for regular public worship
- ✓ Work not yet started
- ✓ Over 50% funds raised
- ✓ Open at least 100 days per year
- ✓ Leading qualified professional with conservation accreditation if listed
- ✓ Necessary permissions and multiple quotes in place



# Scoring Criteria

- Heritage
- Need
- Case for investment
- Risk management & Project planning
- Heritage & Community impact
  - Preserving heritage
  - Promoting sustainability
  - Inspiring support





# Outcomes

- Preserving Heritage
  - Building will be in better condition
  - Building will be better managed
  - Building / heritage will be better understood
- Promoting Sustainability
  - Building will be more suitable for wider community uses
  - Building / organisation will be more secure for the future building
  - Problems will be diagnosed and / or projects well planned
- Inspiring Support
  - Church will engage with more people
  - Increased opportunity for volunteering
  - Place of worship will be more financially viable



# trustfunding.org.uk becoming fundsonline.org.uk

- This is a subscription website run by the Directory of Social Change.
- CHCT has a subscription (£390 per Year)
- We are happy to demonstrate it to any church running out of fundraising ideas.
- You may wish to subscribe yourself if you are starting a big project

# Become a Friend!

- We encourage those who are entitled to benefit from a grant from the Trust join the Trust as a Corporate Friend, and join us in our fund raising activities.
- Those who receive a grant, and who are not already Friends, are encouraged to join.
- About 130 Places of Worship are already Friends.
- Email [dollyscott@CHCT.info](mailto:dollyscott@CHCT.info) for an application form and more information, or download from website [www.chct.info](http://www.chct.info)

# General hints and tips

- We run a paperless charity. Information is stored electronically, and circulated by email. If you write to us your letter will be scanned and stored electronically. It follows that documents originating from a computer and transmitted electronically will be easier to read by those who make judgements on your application.
- Brevity is good! Read the question and stick to the point. Covering letters are not required, but if included they will be seen by the committee.
- If you are about to fill in the application form in February, April or September, contact me to find the date of the next meeting. We need at least three weeks between receiving the form and the date of the meeting.
- Your Privacy. Preservation of your privacy is important to CHCT and we are committed to letting you know how we use your personal information and to making only responsible use of your data. For full details please see the Privacy Statement on our website.

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