

Meet the Funders Presentations – 25 May 2021

CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



Jeremy Sharp, Grants Secretary

CHCT – Who We are & What We Do

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 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

How we can 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.

What we do (and don't do)

- Our resources are limited and therefore we prioritise our activities to structural work on roofs, rainwater goods, followed by electrical safety and heating systems.
- All the evidence points to the value of timely and professional maintenance. It keeps costs down over the long term and helps avoid the need for expensive restoration work.
- Generally the Trust does not repair bells and organs, but it will help if the surrounding structure is involved.
- We do not usually support new build kitchens and toilets, or re-ordering.

Churches we helped in 2020



St German's Priory, £10,000 to stop dry rot, repointing and work to stop water ingress.



St John the Evangelist, Treslothan, £1,000 for urgent roof repairs arising from QI



St Sampson South Hill, £3,000 for window repairs

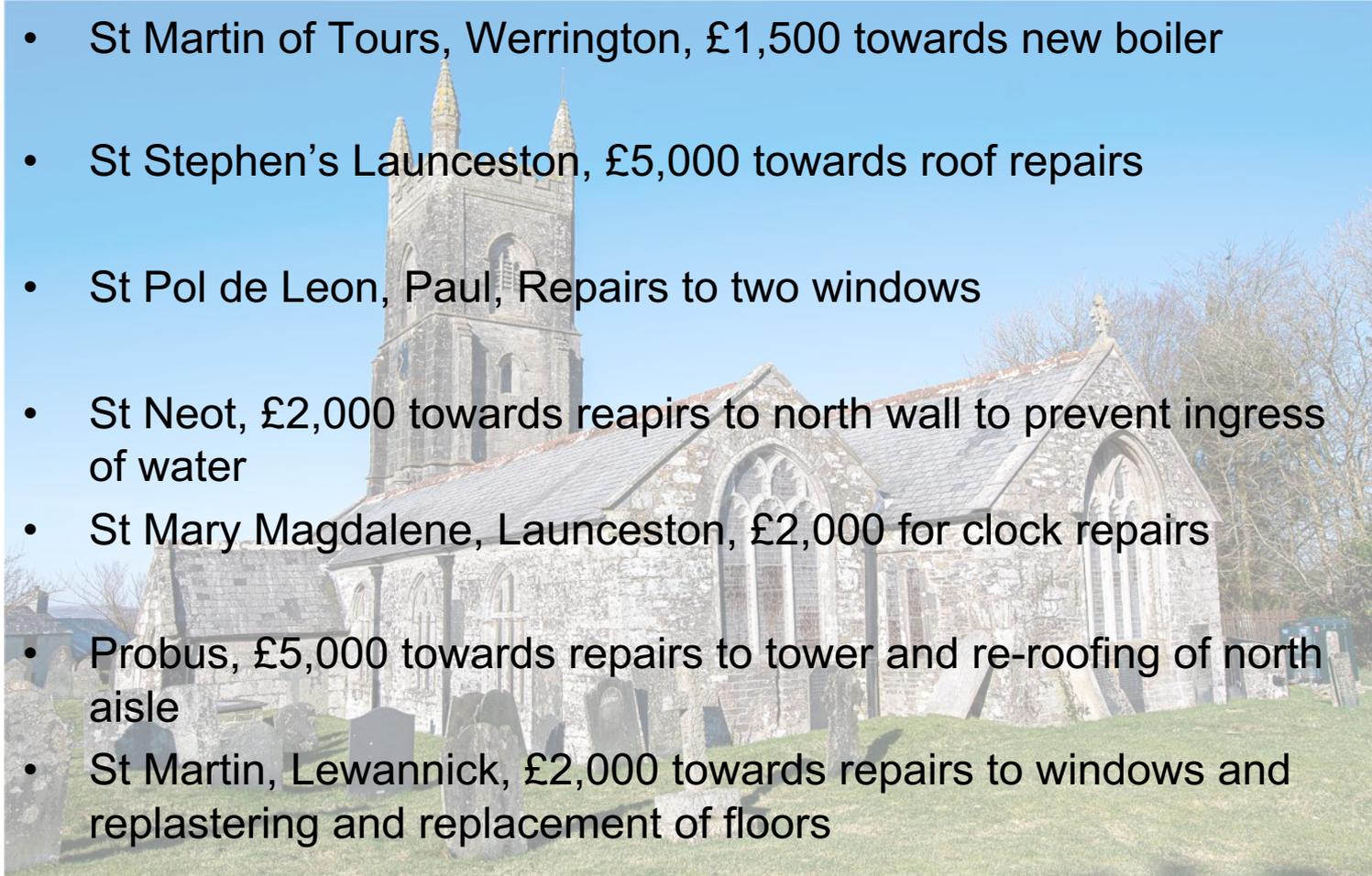


St Michael's Budehaven, £2,000 for repairs to Bellcote



Other Grants in 2020

- St Martin of Tours, Werrington, £1,500 towards new boiler
- St Stephen's Launceston, £5,000 towards roof repairs
- St Pol de Leon, Paul, Repairs to two windows
- St Neot, £2,000 towards repairs to north wall to prevent ingress of water
- St Mary Magdalene, Launceston, £2,000 for clock repairs
- Probus, £5,000 towards repairs to tower and re-roofing of north aisle
- St Martin, Lewannick, £2,000 towards repairs to windows and replastering and replacement of floors



We have three types of grant....

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

Applying 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** - Emma Thompson

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

Area 9 - **West Wivelshire** - Jill

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 you can 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.

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 or us to use on our website.
- Jeremy Sharp, Grants Secretary.
- grants@chct.info



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President: The Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall

Vice President: The Right Revd Bishop of Truro

Honorary Life President: The Right Hon Viscount Falmouth

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