



**The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust
Annual Report 2011**

**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
WILL BE HELD AT
ST JAMES' CHURCH, STRETHAM
ON SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2011**

Programme for the Day

14.00

Opening Prayers
Annual General Meeting
in St James' Church

14.45

Talk by Architect Shona McKay
about the scheme of improvements,
followed by guided Tour of St James' Church

15.45

Tea

*Cover photograph:
The cover photograph is of tower repairs at St Peter ad Vincula Coveney*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is not all bad news for church repairs! Amidst the economic gloom, two bright lights still shine. The Government has agreed to continue funding the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme (LPOW); enabling places of worship to reclaim some of the VAT, they pay on repairs. The rules have changed and as I write, we are in a confusing interim period mopping up the old scheme as the new rules come into play. This is a worrying time for church treasurers trying to juggle their cash flow, so remember that the Trust can help by offering a loan (and on a shorter term than the usual four years if necessary). Talk to Andy Clarke our Grants Secretary 01223 861314.

The second beam of light is the English Heritage/Heritage Lottery Fund repairs grant scheme, threatened by the 32% Government cut in the EH budget. All the funding will now come from the HLF with EH continuing to administer the scheme from its Cambridge office. It looks likely that HLF will fund a new scheme when it starts a new (and better-funded) plan period in 2013, but the emphasis may change. I think we can expect HLF Trustees to want to see greater educational work carried out whilst the repairs are in progress (talks, site visits, progress bulletins) and on completion, ask for better interpretation of the building and the community it serves – a new guidebook, open days, parish history projects. HLF will help fund these conditions, but fulfilling such requests could well be beyond the resources of smaller parishes. There may be role for the Trust to play here, which could also earn us a little extra income too.

For the Trust has got to do some fund raising if we are to continue operating at the level of recent years. The recent reduction in our investment income and from the Ride and Stride has forced Trustees to lower the maximum levels of both our loans and grants to ensure a spread of funding throughout the year. The Ride and Stride is currently our major fund raiser (as it is in many other county church trusts) and remains very popular. We continue to search for the right person to take on the essential role of county organiser and until then, we are unable to really revitalise the event and so make the most of this important day.

CHCT remains a small organisation and what is very clear to me is that without the dedication and hard work of all the officers and trustees, the Trust could simply not operate as well as it does. In particular, I thank our Secretary, David Stazicker for all the extra work he put in to the tedious job of bringing our membership records up to date, so that our new membership secretary, Jenny Lowles starts with an accurate database.

I look forward to seeing you at our AGM in Stretham, where we will learn how one parish has modernised its church, with the Trust's assistance.

Richard Halsey

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Trust cannot escape the effects of the present chill economic winds, as detailed later in this Report, but fortunately the educational and informative aspects of our work have survived relatively unscathed and indeed in some cases positively buoyant. The church tours have continued to be very well attended, in one instance breaking all records, and much enjoyed, thanks again to the expert contributions of Dr John Maddison, the Revd Dr Lynne Broughton and Richard Halsey, with a warm welcome from the churches visited, valuable added information from local knowledge, and generous hospitality from those who have provided tea. We have also again appreciated the opportunity to finish the day with Evening Prayer, either led by Lynne or by joining the local congregation in their worship. This has been the first year that I have undertaken the planning of these tours without major assistance from Nick Cleaver, but I remain greatly indebted to him for the clear framework of action and the contacts and store of knowledge which he handed on to me. Again, in August 2010, Lynne led an out-county tour organised jointly with the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History, this time of St Alban's Cathedral and town, and in August 2011, she is to lead a tour of Rochester.

We departed from recent practice in holding the Annual General Meeting on a Sunday, 10th October, with an invitation for members to join our host congregation at St Kyneburgha's, Castor, for their morning Sung Eucharist before the meeting. For the very few of us who did so, this was an inspiring experience, with a large congregation of all ages participating heartily in a rich liturgy. However, we recognise that many of our members have commitments in their own churches and we are reverting to Saturday for the AGM. The meeting itself attracted the usual level of attendance and was followed by a tour of St Kyneburgha's, surely one of the most interesting parish churches in the county, with substantial Roman material, possibly from an early Christian church, incorporated in the early medieval fabric. This tour was led by our usual resident experts, with valuable additional information from the Rector, the Revd Canon William Burke. Finally, we enjoyed hospitality generously provided by St Kyneburgha's and William Craven, who is a member of our Executive Committee and churchwarden of another of the local group of parishes.

The Annual Conference on 21st May on "The Church Revived" concentrated on the architectural impact of various episodes of religious renewal in England. There were presentations by Professor Graham Parry, author of "Glory, Laud and Honour", on the seventeenth-century revival of elaboration in liturgy; by Dr Christopher Wakeling on Wesley and the architecture of Methodism, and by Christopher Webster on the Cambridge Camden Society. The day concluded with a practical session by Scilla Latham, the recently appointed Church Buildings Support Officer, who described her work in helping parishes to find ways of maintaining and adapting their churches to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

Thanks are again due to John Maddison, Jane Kennedy, and Andrew Westwood-Bate for organising a very successful conference. Attendance was very slightly down on the previous year, but costs were more than covered, and we feel that Wolfson College continues to be a highly suitable venue for this event.

Last year we expressed thanks to Kevin Doyle for agreeing to resume temporarily his former role as Grants Secretary pending the recruitment of a new successor. We are delighted to report that Andy Clarke took this work over in January, and we can record our gratitude to him and to Kevin. I have been greatly relieved and thankful that Jenny Lowles has accepted appointment as Membership Secretary, and I am no longer struggling to combine the duties of that post with those of Hon Secretary. We have also welcomed the Revd Annette Reed as a member of the Executive Committee, replacing the Revd Canon Christopher Barber who has stood down from the Committee but continues as a Trustee.

These changes unfortunately still leave a vacancy for Ride and Stride organiser. Once more, this situation has required Herculean efforts by Andrew Westwood-Bate to distribute the necessary paperwork to deanery organisers and others. The Ride and Stride in 2010 again raised slightly less than in the previous year. This is especially serious in view of the diminution of other sources of revenue from which we award financial assistance to churches, namely the withdrawal of the WREN block grant and the minimal return on invested capital. The changes in our subscription regime have produced a worthwhile increase from that source, but the gain is very small in the context of the demands on our resources. We shall do our best to fulfil our part in meeting the continuing and growing needs of the places of worship of Cambridgeshire.

David Stazicker

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2011**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
Incoming Resources:					
2011 Conference		1,735	~	1,735	2,270
Subscriptions (Gift Aid)		3,109	~	3,109	2,164
Subscriptions (other)		3,432	~	3,432	2,358
Donations		585	~	585	1,984
Legacies		~	~	~	1,000
2010 sponsored ride and stride		25,724	~	25,724	26,171
Bank interest receivable	4	2,041	~	2,041	1,978
Income Tax refund of Gift Aid 2010-11		<u>4,852</u>	~	<u>4,852</u>	<u>4,900</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>41,478</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,478</u>	<u>42,825</u>
Resources Expended					
2011 Conference expenses		1,717	~	1,717	1,752
Auditors fee		540	~	540	499
Donation		50	~	50	30
Historic Churches conference fees		30	~	30	50
Liability and accident insurance		238	~	238	236
Printing		1,470	~	1,470	1,751
Room Hire		28	~	28	~
Rural Churches Project		1,000	~	1,000	~
2010 sponsored ride and stride share to churches		12,363	~	12,363	13,074
Stationery and postage		514	~	514	737
Subscriptions		15	~	15	45
Travel expenses		128	~	128	207
Web site costs		59	~	59	58
Grants (WREN) Landfill Tax Credits	5a)	~	24,500	24,500	61,500
Grants (WREN) Gift Aid to Churches	5b)	~	5,000	5,000	3,000
Grants (CHCT) for memorials		~	~	~	500
Grants (CHCT) to churches	5c)	<u>27,100</u>	~	<u>27,100</u>	<u>30,935</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>45,252</u>	<u>29,500</u>	<u>74,752</u>	<u>114,374</u>
Net incoming resources		-3,774	-29,500	-33,274	-71,549
Balances at 30th June 2010		<u>599,163</u>	<u>41,500</u>	<u>640,663</u>	<u>712,212</u>
Balances at 30th June 2011		<u>595,389</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>607,389</u>	<u>640,663</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH JUNE 2011

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2011	Total 2010
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets:					
Debtors - Loans due from churches	6	240,750	~	240,750	261,350
Income tax refund due		41	~	41	122
Accrued bank interest		146	~	146	157
Cash at Bank					
National Westminster Bank plc:					
Capital Reserve Account		28	~	28	28
Current Account		2,395	~	2,395	1,777
National Savings:					
Investment Account		92,544	~	92,544	92,268
Central Board of Finance:					
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		261,600	~	261,600	243,960
Deposit Fund Account - WREN		~	12,000	12,000	41,500
		<u>597,504</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>609,504</u>	<u>641,162</u>
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year - accruals		<u>2,115</u>	~	<u>2,115</u>	<u>499</u>
Net Assets		<u>595,389</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>607,389</u>	<u>640,663</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds		~	12,000	12,000	41,500
Unrestricted income funds		<u>595,389</u>	~	<u>595,389</u>	<u>599,163</u>
		<u>595,389</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>607,389</u>	<u>640,663</u>

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2011**I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****(a) Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.

(b) Funds Structure

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds, which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are funds, which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There is a single restricted fund from the Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) for which the charity is required to allocate grants under the specific criteria.

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(c) Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(d) Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.

(e) Contingent Liabilities and Provisions

In accordance with the SORP, a contingent liability is disclosed for those grants, which do not represent liabilities, where the possible obligation, which arises from past events, will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control. Provisions are recognised for those grants where there is uncertainty as to the timing or amount, and any uncertainty regarding the amount is more than one of determining a basis for reasonable estimation of the liability arising from the constructive obligation.

2. WREN GRANTS

Grants made from WREN funds are detailed at Note 5, and Grants authorised but not paid by 30 June 2011 are detailed in note 7.

3. AUDITORS

In common with many other organisations of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

4. BANK INTEREST RECEIVABLE	£
National Westminster Bank plc	0
National Savings	277
Central Board of Finance	<u>1,764</u>
	<u>2,041</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2011
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5. GRANTS PAYABLE

a) Grants to churches (WREN)	£
Alwalton St Andrew	3,000
Easton St Peter	1,500
Godmanchester St Mary the Virgin	3,000
Great Catworth St Leonard	3,000
Little Downham St Leonard	5,000
Little Wilbraham St John the Evangelist	4,000
Peterborough St John the Baptist	3,000
Willingham St Mary & All Saints	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>24,500</u>

b) Grants (WREN) Gift Aid Donation	£
Orton Waterville St Mary	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>5,000</u>

c) Grants to churches (CHCT)	£
Castor St Kyneburgha	3,000
Duxford URC	2,000
Great Paxton Holy Trinity	100
Hildersham Holy Trinity	4,000
Madingley St Mary Magdalene	3,000
Somersham St John the Baptist	3,000
St Neots URC	3,000
Sutton St Michael & All Angels	3,000
Tydd St Giles	4,000
Witcham St Martin	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>27,100</u>

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6. LOANS OUTSTANDING	£
Abbots Ripton St Peter	4,250
Barton St Peter	3,000
Buckden St Mary	20,000
Cambridge St Martin	5,000
Cambridge Zion Baptist	7,000
Castor St Kyneburgha	7,000
Colne St Helen	2,500
Dry Drayton St Peter & St Paul	10,000
Easton St Peter	7,500
Eynesbury St Mary the Virgin	11,000
Fowlmere St Mary	16,000
Girton St Andrew	750
Godmanchester St Mary the Virgin	20,000
Great Catworth St Leonard	6,250
Great Paxton Holy Trinity	7,500
Harston All Saints	2,500
Huntingdon St Mary	2,500
Isleham St Andrew	7,500
Little Wilbraham St John the Evangelist	6,000
March St Mary	9,000
March St Peter	15,000
Marholm St Mary the Virgin	3,000
Oakington St Andrew	2,000
Rampton All Saints	20,000
St Neots URC	10,000
Stanground St John the Baptist	5,000
Stretham St James	5,000
Whaddon St Mary	20,000
Witcham St Martin	5,000
Woodhurst St John the Baptist	<u>500</u>
	<u>240,750</u>
To be repaid within 1 year	88,000
To be repaid after 1 year	152,750
No loans are in arrears	

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taken up in the following year.

a) Loans	£
Bartlow St Mary	5,000
Coveney St Peter ad Vincula	20,000
Elton All Saints	20,000
Haslingfield All Saints	20,000
Hemingford Grey St James	20,000
Kings Ripton St Peter	2,500
Litlington St Catherine	5,000
Little Gransden St Peter & St Paul	20,000
Little Paxton St James	20,000
Oakington St Andrew	<u>15,000</u>
	<u>147,500</u>
b) Grants (CHCT)	£
Bartlow St Mary	5,000
Bottisham Holy Trinity	1,800
Cheveley St Mary	500
Coveney St Peter ad Vincula	5,000
Elton All Saints	5,000
Eynesbury St Mary the Virgin	5,000
Eynesbury St Mary the Virgin	3,000
Fowlmere St Mary	3,000
Haslingfield All Saints	5,000
Hemingford Grey St James	5,000
Kings Ripton St Peter	5,000
Litlington St Catherine	7,000
Little Gransden St Peter & St Paul	5,000
Little Paxton St James	5,000
Littleport St George	4,000
Oakington St Andrew	3,000
Offord Cluny All Saints	5,000
Orton Longeville Holy Trinity	5,000
Rampton All Saints	7,000
Somersham St John the Baptist	150
Southoe St Leonard	5,000
Whaddon St Mary the Virgin	6,000
Wilburton St Peter	5,000
Wilburton St Peter	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>105,450</u>

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c) Grants (CHCT) for memorials	£
Somersham St John the Baptist	<u>275</u>
	<u>275</u>
d) Grants (WREN)	£
Harston All Saints	4,000
Houghton with Wyton St Mary	5,000
Whittlesford St Mary & St Andrew	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>12,000</u>

8. RESERVE POLICY

The overheads of the Trust are minimal as no staff are employed, so a specific reserve is unnecessary. The surplus unrestricted funds of £103,000 are available for immediate loans (£60,000), Grants (CHCT) for memorials (£3,000) and Grants (CHCT) (£40,000). All restricted funds available for Grants (WREN) have been allocated.

EXTRACT FROM INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT:

We have audited the financial statements of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust for the year ended 30 June 2011 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2011 and of its incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended and have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

Kinnaird Hill

Statutory Auditor
Montagu House, 81 High Street, Huntingdon PE29 3NY

Date: 27th September 2011

The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust
Registered as a Charity in England and Wales No. 2876486

CHARITIES ACT 2006

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the requirement to report on the Charity's public benefit, and the Charity Commission's guidance on the matter.

The Trust's objectives as set out in its Declaration of Trust are 'The preservation repair maintenance improvement upkeep and reconstruction of Churches in the County of Cambridge and or monuments fittings fixtures stained glass furniture ornaments and chattels in such churches and of the churchyard belonging to any such Churches'.

The Trust's predominant activity is the award of loans and grants to churches to assist with the cost of works falling within the foregoing description, as detailed in the foregoing Financial Statements and Notes. As described in the Chairman's and Secretary's Reports, it also organises tours of local churches, and occasionally those further afield, guided by specialists in architectural history and iconography, and conferences addressed by specialists on matters within the Trust's objectives. In so doing it is fulfilling several of the purposes specified in the 2006 Act: the advancement of religion, by assisting churches to maintain their buildings in a fit state for worship, and to improve facilities so as to encourage attendance; the advancement of community development, by assisting churches to adapt their buildings for wider community use; and the advancement of the arts, culture and heritage, by supporting the conservation of buildings and artefacts of architectural, artistic and historic interest, and by spreading knowledge and understanding of those buildings and artefacts.

The Trust's loans and grants are available to all Christian denominations, the local tours are free of charge irrespective of membership of the Trust, and other activities are available to members and non-members alike. Although assistance to any individual church may chiefly benefit its own regular worshippers, churches almost invariably welcome all comers to their services, and if a church is not regularly open at other times keys are usually available to visitors on request. The benefits arising from the Trust's activities are accordingly available in all cases to a wide section of the public, without express qualification, and in many respects to the public as a whole, without exclusion of people in poverty.

The Trustees meet twice yearly to review the Trust's organisation and activities and to monitor the achievement of its objectives. Detailed administration, including the award of loans and grants, is delegated to the Executive Committee which meets every two months. In considering applications for assistance, the Executive Committee has regard to the relative urgency of the works, the relative architectural, artistic or historic significance of the buildings or artefacts, the other resources available, the size and means of the worshipping community, and where applicable the benefit to the wider local community, thus investigating rigorously the various aspects of public benefit which may accrue from the proposed works.

EXCURSIONS REPORT

During the summers of 2010 and 2011, the Trust again held a successful series of tours of parish churches in or adjoining the county. Those within the period covered by this report were:

Sunday 11th July 2010

Histon	St Andrew
Longstanton	All Saints
Oakington	St Andrew

Sunday 8th August 2010

Chatteris	St Peter & St Paul
Witchford	St Andrew
Mepal	St Mary

Sunday 8th May 2011

Thriplow	St George
Fowlmere	St Mary
Melbourn	All Saints

Sunday 12th June 2011

Offord Cluny	All Saints
Offord D'Arcy	St Peter
Yelling	Holy Cross

Also within the period of this report on **Saturday 21st August 2010**, there was an equally successful visit with the Revd Dr Lynne Broughton to St Albans Cathedral.

Dates for your 2012 diary: -

- Sunday 13th May:** first Church Tour – venues to be arranged.
- Saturday 17th March:** Annual Conference at Wolfson College, Cambridge.
- Saturday 18th August:** Joint excursion with the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History to Litchfield Cathedral with the Revd Dr Lynne Broughton.

THE TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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*Nick Cleaver talking to David Stazicker at
St Michael & All Saints, Sutton during this summer's church tour*

As we go to press, we have heard the sad news that our former secretary Nick Cleaver has died. He was a real stalwart of the Trust, quietly working away behind the scenes and guiding trustees and the Executive with wise and considered advice. His encyclopaedic knowledge of Cambridgeshire churches really came into its own when devising Church Tours. Nick was much respected throughout the diocese of Ely and his kindness will be remembered by many. We send our heartfelt condolences to Marian and his family.

