

FUNDING FOR CHURCH BUILDINGS: FABRIC REPAIR

FUNDING SHEET **8**

Local Trusts

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

The GHCT is an excellent place to start for any appeal – provided your church is actually in Gloucestershire or South Gloucestershire. See below if it is not !

The GHCT is very 'user-friendly' and sympathetic. For example – and this is most unusual for a grant-making trust – retrospective applications are not ruled out. The GHCT organises the annual Ride and Stride event locally. This can be a good way of raising funds for your own church, since the proceeds of the sponsored ride are split 50/50 between your church and the Trust.

The GHCT distributes grants twice yearly, in **June** and **December**, and application forms can be obtained from their website <http://www.ghct.org.uk/grants.php>

The trust will make grants not only towards repair, but also a wide range of new works projects.

If you are in Gloucester Diocese but not in Gloucestershire (or South Gloucestershire) you should apply to the relevant county trust:

Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust:

www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

Warwickshire & Coventry Historic Churches Trust:

www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust:

www.ohct.org.uk

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust:

<http://wiltshirehistoricchurches.org.uk/Home.html>

Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust:

<http://worcestershirechurches.blogspot.co.uk/>

The Langtree Trust

The Langtree Trust assists general charitable work in Gloucestershire. Their turnover is in the region of £50,000 per annum. The trustees are generally sympathetic to church appeals. There is no application form - a letter to the Secretary, giving a clear statement of what is needed, is all that is required. Grants are small, (most unlikely to exceed £1,000) but are paid out quickly.

The Langtree Trust does not have its own website, but can be contacted as follows:-

C/o Sutton Dipple, 8 Wheelwrights Corner, Old Market, Nailsworth, Stroud GL6 0DB

The Warneford Ecclesiastical Charity

Grants for straight fabric repairs only - not electrics, heating, organs, bells, etc. Annual income is limited - grants are not likely to exceed three figures. There is no website. The Charity allocates grants annually in December and completed application forms must be with the Secretary by 31 October. Secretary : Mr Michael Williams. 6 Kingsholm Square, Gloucester, GL1 2QJ. He can be contacted on 01452 538440.

The Jack Lane Charitable Trust

www.jacklane.co.uk

This is a fairly new trust, with a wide range of interests. Income is in the region of £50,000 per annum. The main area of interest is the southern part of Gloucestershire (not just South Glos Council area) and North Wiltshire. Application forms can be downloaded direct from the website.

The Gloucestershire Environmental Trust (GET)

www.glos-environment-trust.co.uk

The GET is our local distributive environmental body under the Landfill Community Fund. It is an important potential source of grant-aid for major repair or community based schemes for church buildings, and we have prepared a separate sheet number 10 in this series, dealing with the whole range of landfill-based opportunities.

The Summerfield Charitable Trust

www.summerfield.org.uk

The Summerfield is an important local trust but its policy on churches is variable. In 2012 they were not accepting applications for church repair projects, but may consider community based schemes of development.

National Trusts

These trusts are all described in the various national websites which give advice on funding for church appeals (See our Resources sheet, number 2).

Allchurches Trust www.allchurches.co.uk

It is usually worth applying to the Allchurches Trust, which owns Ecclesiastical Insurance.

On the whole, grants are relatively small, but there is a good chance of success.

The Garfield Weston Foundation www.garfieldweston.org

A very important source of grant-aid both for fabric and general appeals.

The Church Buildings Council www.churchcare.co.uk/funding

Conservation grants for church contents and treasures, also grants for ordinary fabric repairs from the Wolfson Foundation budget. There are some important constraints which are explained on the website.

The National Churches Trust www.nationalchurchestrust.org

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation www.woodroffebenton.org.uk

Grants are considered towards the preservation of buildings of national historic or architectural interest. Grants do not normally exceed £2,000 and unsuccessful applicants are not notified. Trustee meetings are held quarterly.

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation www.bernardsunley.org

The CHK Charities Ltd www.chkcharities.co.uk

This trust has helped a number of churches in our diocese : the Trustees have a particular interest in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire, with a Cotswold focus, however they have occasionally helped churches elsewhere in the diocese.

The Veneziana Fund www.pwvsolicitors.co.uk

The Veneziana Fund has a cut off date of 1750 : buildings and/or their fixtures and fittings dating before 1750 may be eligible.

The Lankelly Chase Foundation www.lankellychase.org.uk

The Lankelly Chase Foundation has changed its guidelines on church grants and at present is not likely to be of relevance to a typical repair or improvement project.

The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trust

www.sfct.org.uk

There are a number of Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts, several of which, particularly the Monument Historic Buildings Trust, do grant-aid church repair work generally. One letter to the address above will ensure that an appeal is considered by whichever of the trusts is the most appropriate. It has to be said that the success rate is not high.

If you need further advice in relation to this guidance sheet, please contact us at Church House on 01452 410022 or by email at dac@glosdioc.org.uk