

The Trust recommended an NCT Grant for the repair of the Spire at St James, Abinger Common



Surrey Churches Preservation Trust

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(Registered Charity No 1063656)

Annual Report for the year to 31st March 2017



The Trust gave a grant to repair the clock face at Holy Trinity, Guildford



*Memorial Brass of Sir John
d'Abernon in St Mary's
Church, Stoke d'Abernon.
An example members visited
on the Study Day in April
2017*

Trustees' Report

The Trustees present this abridged report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2017. A copy of the full report may be obtained from the Chairman at the registered office, Edgecombe, Hill Road, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 2JN.

Trustees

Hamish Donaldson MBE DL, Chairman, Sam Osmond, Hon Secretary, Dr Mary Alexander, John Harris, Martin Higgins, Geoffrey Pink, Rev Michael Phillips, Andrew Plumridge, John Roll Pickering.

Patrons

The Bishop of Guildford, The Bishop of Arundel & Brighton, The Bishop of Southwark, Dame Sarah Goad DCVO JP, Michael More-Molyneux Esq Lord Lieutenant of Surrey.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Charitable Trust was established on 7th July 1997 with a Trust Deed which established its objects and powers. The Trust is not incorporated.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The work of the Trust falls into three categories: the raising of money (mainly through the annual sponsored Ride & Stride), the distribution of grants to needy churches in the county and the education of the public in our church heritage. Accordingly the Trustees require skills which reflect these needs in addition to the need to be representative of different Christian denominations. When vacancies occur the Trustees identify what skills might be strengthened and consult with the relevant Diocesan Advisory Committees (DACs) and others so as to identify suitable candidates.

Sam Osmond leads on the marketing and publicity aspects; Geoffrey Pink and Andrew Plumridge are architects who sit on relevant DACs, Martin Higgins is Conservation Officer, Surrey History Centre and Hamish Donaldson was chair of the Guildford DAC for 19 years.

The Trustees also take into account the benefits of a broad representation of different Christian denominations. Hamish Donaldson, John Roll Pickering and Sam Osmond represent Anglican churches in the Diocese of Guildford, Rev Michael Phillips represents the Roman Catholic Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, John Harris represents URC churches, Martin Higgins is a member of Southwark DAC and, with Geoffrey Pink, represents Anglican churches in the Diocese of Southwark.

One third of the Trustees retire by rotation every year but may offer themselves for re-election. At the Annual General Meeting to be held on 19th June 2017, Mary Alexander, John Harris and Andrew Plumridge retire by rotation but offer themselves for re-election.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 31 March 2017

Income	2017	2016
Donations, subscriptions, & legacies	8,099.49	5,121
Charitable Objects		
Ride & Stride Sponsorship	13497.61	13044
Church Tour	452.50	519
Study Day	471	220
Investment Income	10.68	42
Total Income	22,531.28	18,946
Expenditure		
Costs of raising funds	-906.87	-888
Charitable Activities	-13,463.03	-17,667
Total Expenditure	-14,369.90	-18,555
Net Income for the year	8,161.38	391
Total Funds Brought Forward	27,049.06	26,658
Total Funds Carried Forward	35,210.44	27,049

Approved




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Hamish Donaldson, Chairman

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John Roll Pickering, Treasurer



Members visited St Martin, Dorking for the May Study Day 2016 talk on Henry Woodyer, Master Builder and Gentleman Architect

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Harrison Renwick, Incorporated Financial Accountants

<u>BALANCE SHEET At 31 MARCH</u>	2017	2016
Current Assets	£	£
Deposit Account	17,208.14	15,395
Current Account	20,002.30	18,654
	<u>37,210.44</u>	<u>34,049</u>
Liabilities		
Grants to Churches authorised but not yet paid	(2,000.00)	(7,000)
The Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	<u>35,210.44</u>	<u>27,048</u>

Organisation

In addition to the AGM, the Trustees meet three times a year. At two of the meetings (in April and October) they consider Grants and once a year (in December) they review the last Ride & Stride and plan the next one. The annual sponsored Ride & Stride is organised by the County Organiser (Hamish Donaldson) and a team of up to 16 area organisers. Andrew Plumridge has taken over from Martin Higgins as Grant's Secretary.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charity is exposed and have systems in place to mitigate the risks the Charity faces.

Objectives and Activities

The trustees apply the funds of the Trust for the restoration, maintenance, preservation, repair and reconstruction of Christian Churches and Churchyards (and of any fixtures and fittings in the said churches) in the County of Surrey. The funds are applied through grants (typically of £1,000 to £3,000) made to churches that apply to the Trust. The main fund raising event is the Annual Ride & Stride which is described below.

The Trust also educates the public in the appreciation of church buildings and their heritage by organising study days and church tours.

Achievements and Performance

The 2016 Fund Raising Ride & Stride

The second Saturday in September is always the day of the National Churches Ride & Stride and this year it again coincided with National Heritage Day. Over 30,000 people took part nationwide, raising over £1.2 million to aid church preservation. This was the twentieth year that we in Surrey have participated and 46 churches welcomed cyclists and walkers, who raised £13,498, again a rather disappointing result compared with previous years. Fetcham St Mary was the top scorer; Leatherhead and Godstone were the top areas.

The organising committee consisted of: Hamish Donaldson, Chairman & County Organiser, John Roll Pickering, Hon. Treasurer, Sam Osmond, Hon. Secretary, and a team of dedicated and experienced Area Organisers. Our Gift Aid procedure was handled by the Treasurer who was able to reclaim £2,349 in tax refunds. Our Treasurer, our Secretary and our Area Organisers put in a great deal of time and effort to make the Ride & Stride a success and we are very grateful for all their enthusiasm and hard work.

This year's Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 9th September – and we hope that as many as possible will take part. Unsurprisingly, churches taking an active part get preference when applying for grants.

Grants

For the last five years the Trust has participated in the National Churches Trust (NCT) scheme for smaller projects (now costing up to £100,000 including VAT and fees). This is an excellent scheme which works to the benefit of churches (simpler application process) and the NCT (able to use local resources to recommend applications). The Trust was able to recommend a total of £15,000 for NCT grants in addition to the £2,000 allocated from the Trust's resources.

At the April 2016 meeting, an NCT grant of £10,000 was recommended for St James' Church, Abinger Common, for re-shingling of the spire

At the October 2016 meeting an NCT grant of £5,000 was recommended for St Mary's Church, Chiddingfold for roof repairs. From the Trust's own resources, £1,000 was awarded to St Matthew's Church, Redhill for roof repairs and £1,000 to Christ Church, West Croydon for roof & drain work.

May Study Day

Our May study day was a talk entitled 'Henry Woodyer in Surrey: Master Builder and Gentleman Architect'. The talk was given by Robin Stannard, Historic Building Surveyor with Adam Architecture to mark the bi-centenary of Woodyer's birth. After the excellent talk members visited St Martin's Church, Dorking, which is one of Woodyer's masterpieces.

Church Tour

The October church tour, organised by Peter and Angela Gillman, visited three outstanding churches in the East of the county - St Peter's Church, Limpsfield (Grade 1), St Mary's Church, Oxted (Grade 1) and St Peter & St Paul, Nutfield (Grade 2*).

Events planned for 2017

Events planned for the coming year include:

- Talk on Church Brasses by Sam Osmond (Hon Sec) on 22nd April
- Annual General Meeting of the Trust on Monday 19th June
- The annual Ride & Stride Day on Saturday 9th September
- Our church study day on Saturday 9th October

Details of all these events can be obtained from 01252 716772

Financial Review

Funding Sources

The money raised by the Ride & Stride together with Gift Aid recovery and donations means that the Trust had a gross income of £22,531 for the year. Half of the funds raised by the Rider is given to the church for whom he rides. A total of £6,400 was

returned to the fund raising churches in this way.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy of retaining £10,000 as a reserve in the event of an urgent call from a church in need. Otherwise it is the policy of the Trustees to distribute all monies raised by the Trust. The Trust has liabilities of £2,000 for grants awarded but not yet paid (2016 £7,000).

Investment policy

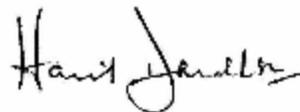
The Trustees run a current account with Barclays Bank and a deposit account with CAF (Charities Aid Foundation). This deposit account meets the needs of the Trust to have access to the funds while obtaining a higher rate of interest than that available in a bank current account or deposit account.

Plans for the Future

The Trustees have set themselves the objectives of

1. finding a new County Ride & Stride Organiser for 2018/19
2. increasing the number of Area Organisers from 10 to 12
3. increasing the number of paid up members to 200 during the next 18 months
4. improving PR and publicity by appointing a PR person

Approved by the Trustees on 19th June, 2016 and signed on their behalf by:



Hamish Donaldson MBE DL, Chairman