



## **THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

#### **Vice Presidents**

The Rt Revd Bishop of Chester  
The Rt Revd Bishop of Birkenhead

#### **Trustees and Grants Committee**

The Revd Peter Barber, Chair of the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District Methodist Church  
The Ven Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield  
Sir Wm. A Bromley Davenport KCVO - (to September 2016)  
Mr Ben Chapman –(to March 2016)  
The Ven Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester  
Mr Derek Lawson  
Mr Phillip Posnett  
Mr David Walton  
Mr Christian Wewer  
Mr John Freeman (from November 2016)  
Mr John Headon (from November 2016)

#### **Hon Secretary**

Mrs Dianne Arden

#### **Hon Treasurer**

Mr Michael Caputo

#### **Development and Fundraising Committee**

Mr Phillip Posnett  
Mr Vincent Whitehead  
Mr John Freeman  
The Ven Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester  
Mr John Headon  
Mrs Dianne Arden

#### **Bankers**

HSBC, Chester.

#### **Charitable Status**

The Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust is a charity, registered with the Charities Commission, Registered Number 213837.

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## **THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

### **Introduction**

Income to the Trust in 2016 was below the threshold required for detailed reporting to the Charity Commission (and for independent examination). As a result the Trustees are now able to present a brief report of activities during the year together with plans for the future. In carrying out their duties and in the awarding of grants the trustees paid due regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission regarding public benefit.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The governance of the trust is set out in a Trust Deed dated 10 July 1953 (and amended 27 November 1992). The trustees met on two occasions during the year, whilst sub-committee meetings were held to conduct business between meetings. The Trust was delighted to welcome John Headon and John Freeman as new Trustees, although they have served on the Development Committee for many years. The Trust also bids farewell to Sir Bromley Davenport and Ben Chapman after many years of service

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the Trust are set out in the Trust Deed: the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of churches in the Diocese of Chester, and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in such churches, and of the churchyard belonging to any of such churches. Churches of all denominations are included in these objectives.

### **Achievements**

During the year to 31 December 2016, the Trust paid grants to six churches to assist with repair, restoration and maintenance projects:

St Thomas, Stockport	£500.00
Knutsford Methodist Church	£3000.00
St Margaret's, Dunham Massey	£2,500.00
The Cross, Appleton Thorn	£500.00
St Thomas, Warrington	£2000.00
St Michael's, Baddiley	£500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9000.00</b>

At the end of the year there remained committed grants of £7,000 made up of £5000 of new unrestricted grants, and £2,000 of unrestricted grants made in the previous year.

### **Financial Review**

The total incoming resources for the year were £6,314 which is below the threshold required for independent examination of the report and accounts and for submission of the report and accounts to the Charity Commission. After the net award of £6,500 in grants and other costs, the assets of the Trust reduced by £708 to £8,445.

As noted above, there remained £8,445 of unrestricted funds available for grants at the end of the year.

### **Development and future plans**

Since the last report the Trust has been looking to recruit a new Fund-raiser to take forward and implement the Fund-raising strategy which was developed in 2013. The Trust continues to raise funds through the Ride & Stride event.

### **Thanks**

I would like to thank my fellow trustees and the officers and members of the development committee for their contributions and support during 2016. In particular I wish to thank Sir Bromley Davenport and Mr Ben Chapman who resigned as Trustees due to retirement and relocation during the year, their valuable support and contribution to the Trust over many years has been very much appreciated.

Finally I would like to thank David Stewart for maintaining and updating the website.

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Date:

**Phillip Posnett, Chair**



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Dec-16			Dec-15		
	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<u>Donations, Grants and Gift Aid</u>						
Donations	2,737		2,737	1,769		1,769
Giving	612		612	658		658
	3,349	-	3,349	2,427	-	2,427
<u>Income from Activities</u>						
Ride and Stride Event	2,956		2,956	3,729		3,729
<u>Investment Income</u>						
Bank Interest	9		9	11		11
	9	-	9	11	-	11
	6,314	-	6,314	6,167	-	6,167
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<u>Cost of Activities</u>						
Ride and Stride Levies			-	90		90
	-	-	-	90	-	90
<u>Support Costs</u>						
Fundraising Wages			-	3,650		3,650
Expenses and Sundries	299		299	720		720
	299	-	299	4,370	-	4,370
<u>Management Costs</u>						
Administration			-	69		69
Insurances	223		223	216		216
	223	-	223	285	-	285
	522	-	522	4,745	-	4,745
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	5,792	-	5,792	1,422	-	1,422
<b>TOTAL FUNDS B/F</b>	9,153	-	9,153	13,231		13,231
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GRANT</b>	14,945	-	14,945	14,653	-	14,653
<u>Grants to Churches and Chapels</u>						
Paid	1,500		1,500			-
Payable	4,000		4,000	5,500		5,500
	5,500	-	5,500	5,500	-	5,500
<b>SURPLUS AFTER GRANT ALLOCATIONS</b>	9,445	-	9,445	9,153	-	9,153

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BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

		12/31/2016			12/31/2015		
		UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>							
<b>Cash at Bank</b>							
Deposit Accounts	HSBC	13,279		13,279	13,270	8	13,278
Current Accounts	HSBC	2,983		2,983	6,160	1	6,161
		16,262	-	16,262	19,430	9	19,439
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Debtors and Prepayments		192		192	223		223
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<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		16,454	-	16,454	19,653	9	19,662
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<b>CREDITORS due within one year</b>							
Grants Payable		6,000		6,000	9,500		9,500
Accrued Expenses		1,009		1,009	1,000	9	1,009
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<b>TOTAL CREDITORS</b>		7,009	-	7,009	10,500	9	10,509
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		9,445	-	9,445	9,153	-	9,153
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<b>INCOME FUNDS</b>							
Unrestricted Funds		9,445		9,445	9,153		9,153
Restricted Funds			-	-		-	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		9,445	-	9,445	9,153	-	9,153
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

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Phillip Posnett (Chair)

Date: .....

**HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST**  
**31-Dec-16**

	AT 1/1/16	PAYMENTS	NEW	AT 31/12/2016
<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>				
St Marys, Alsager	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
St Michaels North Rode	2,000.00			2,000.00
St Alban/St thomas , Offerton, Th	500.00	500.00		-
Knutsford Methodist church	3,000.00	3,000.00		-
St Margarets, Dunham Massey	2,500.00	2,500.00		-
St Phillips, Alderley Edge			3,000.00	3,000.00
The Cross, Appleton Thorn		500.00	500.00	-
St Thomas, Warrington		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
St Michaels Baddiley		500.00	500.00	-
St James Congelton			1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>9,500.00</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>