



THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Vice Presidents

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

Trustees and Grants Committee

The Revd Peter Barber, Chair of the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District Methodist Church
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Mr Derek Lawson
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Mr David Walton
Mr Christian Wewer

Hon Secretary

Canon Dr John Mason (to September 2013)
Mrs Dianne Arden (from September 2013)

Hon Treasurer

Mr Michael Caputo

Development and Fundraising Committee

Mr Phillip Posnett
Mr Vincent Whitehead
Mr John Freeman
Mr John Headon
Canon Dr John Mason (to September 2013)
Mrs Dianne Arden (from September 2013)

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 2013

Introduction

Income to the Trust in 2013 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 three occasions during the year, whilst sub-committee meetings were held to conduct business between meetings.

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 objects.

Achievements

During the year to 31 December 2013, the Trust paid grants to five churches to assist with repair, restoration and maintenance projects:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| St Chad, Farndon | £2,500 |
| St Mary's Bosley | £1,000 |
| St Lawrence, Stoak | £2,000 |
| Englesea Brook Chapel, Englesea Brook | £5,000 |
| St John, Doddington | £2,000 |
| Total | £12,500 |

The payments were made from unrestricted funds. At the end of the year there remained committed grants of £28,000 made up of £4,000 of new unrestricted grants, £20,000 of restricted grants, and £4,000 of unrestricted grants made in previous years.

Financial Review

The total incoming resources for the year were £6,732 considerably lower compared with the previous year (2012, £28,163) 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 £16k in grants and other costs, the assets of the Trust reduced by nearly £11k to £23k.

Grant commitments of £20K from restricted funds remained at the end of 2013.

As noted above, there remained around £23,000 of unrestricted funds available for grants at the end of the year.

Development and future plans

Most of the plans set out in the last annual report remained in place for progression in 2014

- The appointment of a Fund Raiser.
- A more pro-active approach to the Ride and Stride event.

During the year a revised grant making policy was approved which assists with prioritising grant applications (and in guiding those making applications).

Secretariat

John Mason stepped down as Honorary Secretary during the course of the year, and was replaced by Dianne Arden in September 2013.

Thanks

I would like to thank my fellow trustees and the officers and members of the development committee for their contributions and support during 2013. In particular I wish to thank John Mason, who as Honorary Secretary oversaw the administration of the Trust for a period of 4 years before standing down in May 2013.

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

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Date:

Phillip Posnett, Chair

THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

| | Dec-13 | | | Dec-12 | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | RESTRICTED FUNDS | TOTAL | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | RESTRICTED FUNDS | TOTAL |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | |
| <u>Donations, Grants and Gift Aid</u> | | | | | | |
| Donations | 2,487 | | 2,487 | 21,289 | | 21,289 |
| Subscriptions | 712 | | 712 | 930 | | 930 |
| | <u>3,199</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,199</u> | <u>22,219</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>22,219</u> |
| <u>Income from Activities</u> | | | | | | |
| Ride and Stride Event | 3,402 | | 3,402 | 5,537 | | 5,537 |
| <u>Investment Income</u> | | | | | | |
| CBF Interest | | 115 | 115 | | 401 | 401 |
| Bank Interest | 16 | | 16 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| | <u>16</u> | <u>115</u> | <u>131</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>404</u> | <u>407</u> |
| TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES | <u>6,617</u> | <u>115</u> | <u>6,732</u> | <u>27,759</u> | <u>404</u> | <u>28,163</u> |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | |
| <u>Cost of Activities</u> | | | | | | |
| Ride and Stride Levies | 40 | | 40 | 110 | | 110 |
| | <u>40</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>40</u> | <u>110</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>110</u> |
| <u>Support Costs</u> | | | | | | |
| Secretarial and Sundries | 278 | | 278 | 266 | | 266 |
| | <u>278</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>278</u> | <u>266</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>266</u> |
| <u>Management Costs</u> | | | | | | |
| Administration | | 1,033 | 1,033 | | 2,290 | 2,290 |
| Insurances | 196 | | 196 | 196 | - | 196 |
| Bank Charges | 37 | | 37 | 76 | - | 76 |
| Independent Examination | 100 | | 100 | 180 | 180 | 360 |
| | <u>333</u> | <u>1,033</u> | <u>1,366</u> | <u>92</u> | <u>2,110</u> | <u>2,202</u> |
| TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED | <u>651</u> | <u>1,033</u> | <u>1,684</u> | <u>468</u> | <u>2,110</u> | <u>2,578</u> |
| NET INCOMING RESOURCES | <u>5,966</u> | <u>918</u> | <u>5,048</u> | <u>27,291</u> | <u>1,706</u> | <u>25,585</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS B/F | <u>33,048</u> | <u>918</u> | <u>33,966</u> | <u>5,007</u> | <u>21,374</u> | <u>26,381</u> |
| FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GRANT | <u>39,014</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>39,014</u> | <u>32,298</u> | <u>19,668</u> | <u>51,966</u> |
| <u>Grants to Churches and Chapels</u> | | | | | | |
| Paid | 9,000 | | 9,000 | | - | - |
| Payable | 7,000 | | 7,000 | 1,000 | 17,000 | 18,000 |
| | <u>16,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>16,000</u> | <u>1,000</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>18,000</u> |
| Transfers between funds | | | | 1,750 | 1,750 | |
| SURPLUS AFTER GRANT ALLOCATIONS | <u>23,014</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>23,014</u> | <u>33,048</u> | <u>918</u> | <u>33,966</u> |

**THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2013**

| | | 31/12/2013 | | | 31/12/2012 | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | RESTRICTED FUNDS | TOTAL | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | RESTRICTED FUNDS | TOTAL |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | | |
| Cash at Bank | | | | | | | |
| Deposit Accounts | HSBC | 23,243 | 8 | 23,251 | 23,226 | 8 | 23,234 |
| | CBF | | | - | | 19,966 | 19,966 |
| Current Accounts | HSBC | 8,492 | 20,095 | 28,587 | 14,981 | 944 | 15,925 |
| | | <u>31,735</u> | <u>20,103</u> | <u>51,838</u> | <u>38,207</u> | <u>20,918</u> | <u>59,125</u> |
| Debtors and Prepayments | | 216 | | 216 | 591 | - | 591 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>31,951</u> | <u>20,103</u> | <u>52,054</u> | <u>38,798</u> | <u>20,918</u> | <u>59,716</u> |
| CREDITORS due within one year | | | | | | | |
| Grants Payable | | 8,000 | 20,000 | 28,000 | 4,500 | 20,000 | 24,500 |
| Accrued Expenses | | 937 | 103 | 1,040 | 1,250 | | 1,250 |
| TOTAL CREDITORS | | <u>8,937</u> | <u>20,103</u> | <u>29,040</u> | <u>5,750</u> | <u>20,000</u> | <u>25,750</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>23,014</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>23,014</u> | <u>33,048</u> | <u>918</u> | <u>33,966</u> |
| INCOME FUNDS | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | | 23,014 | | 23,014 | 33,048 | | 33,048 |
| Restricted Funds | | | - | - | | 918 | 918 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | <u>23,014</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>23,014</u> | <u>33,048</u> | <u>918</u> | <u>33,966</u> |

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Phillip Posnett (Chair)

Date:

HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

31-Dec-13

GRANTS

| | AT 01/01/13 | PAYMENTS | NEW | AT 31/12/2013 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| RESTRICTED | | | | |
| St Pauls Seacombe | 20,000.00 | | | 20,000.00 |
| | <u>20,000.00</u> | - | - | <u>20,000.00</u> |
| UNRESTRICTED | | | | |
| St Martins Ashton Mersey | 1,000.00 | | | 1,000.00 |
| St Chad Farndon | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | | - |
| St Marys, Bosley | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | - |
| St Lawrence, Stoak | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | - |
| Englesea Brook Chapel | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | - |
| St Mary, Astbury | | | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| St John, Doddington | | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | - |
| St Marys, Alsager | | | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| St Oswalds , Brereton | | | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| | <u>4,500.00</u> | <u>12,500.00</u> | <u>16,000.00</u> | <u>8,000.00</u> |
| | <u>24,500.00</u> | <u>12,500.00</u> | <u>16,000.00</u> | <u>28,000.00</u> |