



**THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

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and Grants  
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The Right Reverend Bishop of Birkenhead  
The Right Reverend Bishop of Stockport  
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J Graham Clarke FCA

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### **THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

It gives me great pleasure to report on a very satisfactory year for the Trust.

#### **RESTRICTED FUND**

The Trust's relationship with WREN continues to go from strength to strength with the receipt of a further block grant of £100,000.

This enabled the Trust to support 12 churches and chapels with grants totalling £70,280, which are detailed later in this report, whilst at the year end there were commitments to a further 18 churches and chapels, totalling £79,200

I am delighted to announce that WREN have agreed to continue their support into 2007, when we will receive a block grant of £100,000. This means that the Trust will, since 2001, have distributed or committed in excess of £820,000 to 105 churches and chapels throughout Cheshire and South Lancashire, under the renamed Landfill Communities Fund.

Once again, I would like to express the Trustees' appreciation to Cheshire County Council for their great assistance in underwriting the third party funding of 11%, which secured the grant for 2006 and their willingness to do likewise in 2007.

#### **UNRESTRICTED FUND**

I'm pleased to report that our incoming resources were up from £18,500 to £30,500 in 2006, enabling the Trust to pay out grants to 6 churches totalling £20,837, with a further £5,000 committed. The Annual Ride & Stride gross receipts almost doubled, and there were significant donations received from individuals and churches, together with over £2,000 from Archdeacon's Visitations.

The Trust is indebted to all those who gave their support during the year, which we celebrated with a garden party for our Friends, Wren and Trustees at Bishop's House in Chester to mark various landmarks in our development. Again, our thanks go to the Bishop of Chester for hosting this event.

#### **FINANCE**

Graham Clarke was the Treasurer during the year and was responsible for the maintenance of the Trust's financial records and the preparation of the Annual Accounts to 31 December 2006.

As in prior years, these Accounts have been the subject of independent examination prior to submission to the Charities Commission.

The Independent Examiner again was J K H Cook FCA of Kingsmead, Upton Road, Prenton, CH43 7QQ

BANKERS

National Westminster Bank Plc. Accounts are maintained at their Chester branch which have held the Trust's accounts for some years and their assistance is again appreciated by the Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATUS

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

The Trust has deposit accounts with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England (CBF) and MIDAS

INCOME

The Trust derives its income from various sources: -

- Grant from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN).
- Income received from Gift Aid donations and donations from both individuals and churches within the Diocese.
- Subscriptions from Friends of Historic Cheshire Churches.
- Interest received on Cash Deposits and Funds Invested.
- The annual 'Ride and Stride' day, where 50% of the total sponsorship revenue is retained.

GRANTS TO CHURCHES

During the year, the Trust has made the following grants to 18 churches towards the costs they have incurred in the repair and maintenance of their properties: -

|                          |                   | £      |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| St Luke                  | Farnworth         | 6,000  |
| St Peter                 | Congleton         | 10,000 |
| Holy Trinity             | Runcorn           | 5,000  |
| St Wilfrid               | Mobberley         | 2,280  |
| St Paul                  | Boughton, Chester | 2,500  |
| St John                  | Burwardsley       | 7,500  |
| St James                 | Latchford         | 10,000 |
| St Mary Magdalene        | Appleton          | 5,000  |
| Little Neston Methodists | Little Neston     | 5,000  |
| Upton Baptist Church     | Upton-by-Chester  | 3,000  |
| St Marys, Westbank       | Widnes            | 5,000  |
| St Michaels w/St Thomas  | Ditton            | 9,000  |
| St Michael               | Wincle            | 1,837  |
| St Barnabas              | Hattersley, Hyde  | 3,500  |
| All Saints               | Thornton Hough    | 3,000  |
| St Mary                  | Tilston           | 3,000  |
| St Hilary                | Wallasey          | 2,000  |
| Holy Cross               | Woodchurch        | 7,500  |

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ACTIVITIES

**The Friends of Historic Cheshire Churches.**

Although the Friends form an independent association of people interested in the many historic churches, chapels and religious meeting places to be found in the "old" County of Cheshire, they are closely engaged with the work of the Trust in preserving and restoring them.

There are at present about 150 Friends and Associates.

In May,2006 a tour of St Mary's, Astbury enabled Friends to learn something of the long and chequered history of the parish and to explore in detail the beauties and enigmas of this unusual building.

In June the Friends assembled at Capesthorpe Hall (by kind permission of William Bromley-Davenport, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire) to enjoy a most informative guided tour of its historic rooms and antiques, the highlight being the Georgian family chapel with its superb Italian mosaic reredos.

The visit in July was to the mediaeval village of Lower Peover with its ancient and almost fully-timbered church, one of the oldest of its kind in the country.

In September the fifth anniversary of the inauguration of the Friends was celebrated by a meeting (with afternoon tea) in the garden of the Lord Bishop of Chester, with brief speeches from Bishop Peter, Lord Wade and Peter Cox - the Managing Director of WREN.

The Friends' Newsletter was published in July,2006.

**Annual Ride & Stride**

This is a national event, held every year on the second Saturday in September, whereby participants are sponsored and the monies raised are split equally between each church and the Trust. It is still very much in its infancy here, compared to other County Trusts, but we hope that through greater grass roots effort, Cheshire churches can reap the rewards in the years ahead.

Finally, I wish to record my sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees, Graham Clarke, WREN and members of the Development Committee for all the hard work they have undertaken, and the support I have received during the year.

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**Lord Wade of Chorlton**

Date: .....

**THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(Accruals Basis)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006**

|                                 | 2006                       |                          |                     | 2005                       |                          |                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
| <b>Incoming Resources:</b>      |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Donations, Grants and Gift Aid: |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Church Donations                | 1,053                      |                          | 1,053               | 1,675                      |                          | 1,675               |
| Private Donations               | 16,080                     |                          | 16,080              | 9,469                      |                          | 9,469               |
| Archdeacons Visitations         | 2,164                      |                          | 2,164               |                            |                          |                     |
| 'Friends' Subscriptions         | 1,070                      |                          | 1,070               | 1,121                      |                          | 1,121               |
| Income Tax Recovered            | 1,745                      |                          | 1,745               | 1,348                      |                          | 1,348               |
| Block Grant from WREN           |                            | 100,000                  | 100,000             |                            | 100,000                  | 100,000             |
|                                 | <b>22,112</b>              | <b>100,000</b>           | <b>122,112</b>      | <b>13,614</b>              | <b>100,000</b>           | <b>113,613</b>      |
| Income from Activities:         |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Bike Ride (net)                 | 7,037                      |                          | 7,037               | 4,143                      |                          | 4,143               |
| 'Friends' Visits                | 267                        |                          | 267                 | 32                         |                          | 32                  |
|                                 | <b>7,304</b>               | <b>0</b>                 | <b>7,304</b>        | <b>4,175</b>               | <b>0</b>                 | <b>4,175</b>        |
| Investment Income:              |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Nat West Bank                   | 330                        | 1,370                    | 1,700               | 1                          | 4,122                    | 4,123               |
| Midas Fund                      |                            | 2,362                    | 2,362               |                            |                          |                     |
| CBF Deposit                     | 751                        |                          | 751                 | 784                        |                          | 784                 |
|                                 | <b>1,081</b>               | <b>3,732</b>             | <b>4,813</b>        | <b>785</b>                 | <b>4,122</b>             | <b>4,907</b>        |
| <b>Total Incoming Resources</b> | <b>30,497</b>              | <b>103,732</b>           | <b>134,229</b>      | <b>18,574</b>              | <b>104,122</b>           | <b>122,695</b>      |
| <b>Resources Expended:</b>      |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Grants to Churches & Chapels:   |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Paid                            | 15,500                     | 22,000                   | 37,500              | 8,046                      | 38,220                   | 46,266              |
| Payable                         | 5,000                      | 66,200                   | 71,200              | 5,337                      | 52,280                   | 57,617              |
|                                 | <b>20,500</b>              | <b>88,200</b>            | <b>108,700</b>      | <b>13,383</b>              | <b>90,500</b>            | <b>103,883</b>      |
| Costs of Activities:            |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Bike Ride                       | 746                        |                          | 746                 | 327                        |                          | 327                 |
| 'Friends' Visits                | 173                        |                          | 173                 | 244                        |                          | 244                 |
| AGM Garden Party                | 150                        | 150                      | 300                 |                            |                          |                     |
|                                 | <b>1,070</b>               | <b>150</b>               | <b>1,220</b>        | <b>571</b>                 | <b>0</b>                 | <b>571</b>          |
| Support Costs:                  |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Print, Post & Stationery        | 552                        |                          | 552                 | 332                        |                          | 332                 |
| Subscriptions                   | 42                         |                          | 42                  | 21                         |                          | 21                  |
| Secretarial & Sundries          | 299                        |                          | 299                 | 183                        |                          | 183                 |
| Website                         | 324                        |                          | 324                 |                            |                          |                     |
|                                 | <b>1,217</b>               | <b>0</b>                 | <b>1,217</b>        | <b>537</b>                 | <b>0</b>                 | <b>537</b>          |
| Management:                     |                            |                          |                     |                            |                          |                     |
| Administration                  |                            | 7,023                    | 7,023               |                            | 6,043                    | 6,043               |
| Independent Examination         |                            | 294                      | 294                 |                            | 294                      | 294                 |
|                                 | <b>0</b>                   | <b>7,317</b>             | <b>7,317</b>        | <b>0</b>                   | <b>6,337</b>             | <b>6,337</b>        |
| <b>Total Resources Expended</b> | <b>22,787</b>              | <b>95,667</b>            | <b>118,453</b>      | <b>14,490</b>              | <b>96,837</b>            | <b>111,327</b>      |
| <b>Net Incoming Resources</b>   | <b>7,710</b>               | <b>8,065</b>             | <b>15,775</b>       | <b>4,084</b>               | <b>7,285</b>             | <b>11,369</b>       |
| <b>Total Funds b/f</b>          | <b>26,427</b>              | <b>12,930</b>            | <b>39,357</b>       | <b>22,343</b>              | <b>5,645</b>             | <b>27,988</b>       |
| <b>Total Funds c/f</b>          | <b>34,137</b>              | <b>20,995</b>            | <b>55,132</b>       | <b>26,427</b>              | <b>12,930</b>            | <b>39,357</b>       |

Notes

A full set of the Trusts Annual Accounting Statements (as submitted to the Charities Commission) is available on request.

**THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET  
(Accruals Basis)  
as at 31 December 2006**

|   | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2006<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2005<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Current Assets:</b>                                  |                            |                                  |                     |                            |                                  |                     |
| Debtors   | 1,865                      | 0                                | 1,865               | 1,628                      | 0                                | 1,628               |
| Short Term Investments -                                |                            |                                  |                     |                            |                                  |                     |
| Nat West Reserve  | 10,189                     | 0                                | 10,189              |                            | 70,000                           | 70,000              |
| Midas Balanced Fund                                     |                            | 100,000                          | 100,000             |                            |                                  |                     |
| CBF Deposit   | 17,347                     |                                  | 17,347              | 16,596                     |                                  | 16,596              |
| Cash at Bank -  |                            |                                  |                     |                            |                                  | 0                   |
| Nat West  | 9,769                      | 488                              | 10,257              | 13,540                     | 4,503                            | 18,043              |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                             | <b>39,170</b>              | <b>100,488</b>                   | <b>139,658</b>      | <b>31,764</b>              | <b>74,503</b>                    | <b>106,267</b>      |
| <b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year - |                            |                                  |                     |                            |                                  |                     |
| Grants payable (Note 1)                                 | 5,000                      | 79,200                           | 84,200              | 5,337                      | 61,280                           | 66,617              |
| Accruals  | 33                         | 293                              | 326                 | 0                          | 293                              | 293                 |
| <b>Total Creditors</b>                                  | <b>5,033</b>               | <b>79,493</b>                    | <b>84,526</b>       | <b>5,337</b>               | <b>61,573</b>                    | <b>66,910</b>       |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                       | <b>34,137</b>              | <b>20,995</b>                    | <b>55,133</b>       | <b>26,427</b>              | <b>12,930</b>                    | <b>27,988</b>       |
| <b>Income Funds:</b>                                    |                            |                                  |                     |                            |                                  |                     |
| Unrestricted Fund                                       | 34,137                     |                                  | 34,137              | 26,427                     |                                  | 26,427              |
| Restricted Fund   |                            | 20,995                           | 20,995              |                            | 12,930                           | 12,930              |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                                      | <b>34,137</b>              | <b>20,995</b>                    | <b>55,132</b>       | <b>26,427</b>              | <b>12,930</b>                    | <b>39,357</b>       |

Notes

1 There are the following known liabilities at 31 December 2006, being grants awarded to churches but not yet paid: -

|                   | 2006<br>£      | 2005<br>£      |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Unrestricted Fund | 5,000          | 5,337          |
| Restricted Fund   | 79,200         | 61,280         |
|                   | <b>£84,200</b> | <b>£66,617</b> |

**Lord Wade of Chorlton**  
Chairman of the Trustees

**J Graham Clarke FCA**  
Honorary Treasurer