



THE HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011**

Vice Presidents

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

Trustees and Grants Committee

Lord Wade of Chorlton
The Ven Archdeacon of Chester
The Ven Archdeacon of Macclesfield
Chairman of the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District Methodist Church
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Hon Secretary

Canon Dr John Mason

Hon Treasurer

Michael Caputo

Development and Fundraising Committee

Phillip Posnett
Vincent Whitehead
John Freeman
John Headon
John Mason

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 2011

Introduction

As income to the Trust in 2011 was below the threshold required for detailed reporting to the Charity Commission (and for independent examination), the Trustees present a brief report of activities during the year. 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. The Trust was delighted to welcome Mr Ben Chapman as a new trustee during the course of the year. Following his retirement, the Bishop of Shrewsbury, Brian Noble, stood down as a vice-president.

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

As envisaged at the time of writing the Annual Report last year, 2011 was a comparatively quiet period of consolidation during which the Trust laid the groundwork for future expansion. However, the payment and awarding of grants continued, albeit at a low level, and during the year to 31 December 2011, the Trust paid grants to eight churches to assist with repair, restoration and maintenance projects:

St Michael, Wincle	£1,000
St John, Over	£4,000
Alderley Edge Methodist Church	£5,000
Thornton Hough URC Church	£4,000
Christ Church Eaton Congleton	£1,000
Warrington Spiritualist Church	£1,750
St Oswald, Backford	£500
St Hildeburgh, Hoylake	£2,000
Total	£19,250

The payments to St John Over, Alderley Edge Methodist Church and Warrington Spiritualist Church were restricted and related to grants awarded under the WREN scheme in previous years. All other payments were made from unrestricted funds. At the end of the year there remained committed grants of £17,000 made up of £4,000 of new unrestricted grants made in 2011 and £13,000 relating to grants made in previous years (£12,000 of which were restricted).

Financial Review

The total incoming resources for the year were at the low level of £6,576 which is below the thresholds required for independent examination of the report and accounts or for submission of the report and accounts to the Charity Commission. The level of new grants awarded was just £5,000 so the net

assets of the Trust were virtually unchanged. However, as a result of an examination of historical transactions (see below) a transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds was necessary, and the split of the net assets therefore changed significantly in 2011.

Restricted funds

During the course of the year £10,750 of grants awarded in previous years were paid out, and there remained £12,000 of committed grants.

An inspection by ENTRUST (the statutory body that regulates the Landfill Community Fund) prompted the examination of historical records, leading to a reappraisal of the level of restricted funds still available to be awarded as grants under the WREN scheme. As a result it became apparent that just over £20,000 of restricted funds remained available to be awarded under the scheme.

Unrestricted funds

Grants totalling £8,500 were paid from unrestricted funds during the year of which £7,500 related to awards made in previous years. £5,000 of new grants were awarded during the year. Following the transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds, around £5,000 of unrestricted funds remained available for grants at the year end.

Future plans

Most of the plans set out in the last annual report remained in place for progression in 2012:

- An improved website that will provide information on the Trust's objectives and administrative details including application forms and guidance, publication of Trust policies, and a comprehensive guide to the annual Ride & Stride event. We aim also to provide a section on the Friends and on the Professional Alliance, a route to make electronic donations, and possibly a social networking capability as well. The site will also provide links to WREN and other websites of interest.
- A move to solicit contributions from present and past donors, emphasising the value of the work of the Trust and the need for support given the changed circumstances that the Trust finds itself in.
- A revitalisation of the Friends network with more communications and events.
- A development of the annual Ride & Stride event, broadening its scope and learning lessons from the success of similar events carried out by other county trusts.
- The holding of large fund-raising events such as "open houses".
- Succession planning and, where appropriate, the appointment of new Trustees with specific skills and experience in the areas that will be especially needed in the future such as PR and marketing.

Thanks

I was delighted to take over from Lord Wade as Chair during the course of the year. Lord Wade had provided many years of sterling service to the Trust, and I would like to pay tribute to his contributions during that time. I hope that, in the somewhat changed circumstances that the Trust now finds itself in, we will nevertheless be able once more to emulate the achievements of the Trust during his tenure and to provide assistance to the many historic churches that so urgently need this help.

I would also like to thank all my fellow trustees, officers and members of the development committee for their contributions during 2011.

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Date:

Phillip Posnett, Chair

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Dec-11			Dec-10		
	UNRESTR. FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNRESTR. FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<u>Donations, Grants and Gift Aid</u>						
Church Donations	2,384		2,384	2,295		2,295
Private Donations	115		115	2,524		2,524
CWAC			-	5,000		5,000
Friends Subscriptions	780		780			-
Gift Aid and tax Recovered			-	23		23
	3,279	-	3,279	9,842	-	9,842
<u>Income from Activities</u>						
Ride and Stride Event	3,287		3,287	6,292		6,292
<u>Investment Income</u>						
Bank Interest	9	1	10	6	27	33
Midas Fund			-		3	3
	9	1	10	6	30	36
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	6,575	1	6,576	16,140	30	16,170
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
<u>Cost of Activities</u>						
Ride and Stride			-	230		230
Friends			-	96		96
	-	-	-	326	-	326
<u>Support Costs</u>						
Print, Postages and Stationery			-	33		33
Subscriptions			-	30		30
Secretarial and Sundries	330		330	414		414
Website and IT			-	146		146
	330	-	330	623	-	623
<u>Management Costs</u>						
Administration	250	250	500	1,000		1,000
Insurances	194	-	194	194	-	194
Bank Charges				20	12	32
Independent Examination	185	185	370	350		350
	629	435	1,064	1,564	12	1,576
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	959	435	1,394	2,513	12	2,525
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	5,616	-	434	5,182	18	13,645
TOTAL FUNDS B/F	46,482	-	20,283	26,199	-	25,856
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GRANT	52,098	-	20,717	31,381	-	25,838
<u>Grants to Churches and Chapels</u>						
Paid	1,000		1,000	2,500	-	2,500
Payable	4,000		4,000			-
	5,000	-	5,000	2,500	-	2,500
Transfers between funds	-	42,091	42,091	-	5,555	5,555
SURPLUS AFTER GRANT ALLOCATIONS	5,007	21,374	26,381	46,482	-	20,283

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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 DECEMBER 2011**

		31/12/2011			31/12/2010		
		UNREST. FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL	UNREST. FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL
CURRENT ASSETS							
Cash at Bank							
Deposit Accounts	HSBC	1,473	12,744	14,217	17,235	972	18,207
	CBF		19,565	19,565	19,565		19,565
Current Accounts	HSBC	9,268	1,495	10,763	19,241	1,495	20,736
		10,741	33,804	44,545	56,041	2,467	58,508
Debtors and Prepayments		696	-	696	572	-	572
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		11,437	33,804	45,241	56,613	2,467	59,080
CREDITORS due within one year							
Grants Payable		5,000	12,000	17,000	8,500	22,750	31,250
Accrued Expenses		1,430	430	1,860	1,631		1,631
		6,430	12,430	18,860	10,131	22,750	32,881
CREDITORS due after one year							
		-	-		-	-	
TOTAL CREDITORS		6,430	12,430	18,860	10,131	22,750	32,881
NET ASSETS		5,007	21,374	26,381	46,482	20,283	26,199
INCOME FUNDS							
Unrestricted Funds		5,007		5,007	46,482		46,482
Restricted Funds			21,374	21,374	-	20,283	20,283
TOTAL FUNDS		5,007	21,374	26,381	46,482	20,283	26,199

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Phillip Posnett (Chair)

Date:

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31-Dec-11

GRANTS

	AT 1/1/11	PAYMENTS	NEW	AT 31/12/2011
RESTRICTED				
154 St Andrews Tarvin	3,000.00			3,000.00
171 St Johns Over	4,000.00	4,000.00		-
174 St Lukes Dunham	3,000.00			3,000.00
175 Alderley Edge Method	5,000.00	5,000.00		-
177 St Matthews Haslington	6,000.00			6,000.00
178 Warrington Spirit	1,750.00	1,750.00		-
	<u>22,750.00</u>	<u>10,750.00</u>	-	<u>12,000.00</u>
UNRESTRICTED				
St Hildeburg Hoylake	2,000.00	2,000.00		-
St George Thornton H	4,000.00	4,000.00		-
St Martins Ashton Mersey	1,000.00			1,000.00
St Oswald , Backford	500.00	500.00		-
Christ Church, Eaton	1,000.00	1,000.00		-
St Michaels Wincle		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
St Chad Farndon			2,500.00	2,500.00
St John Sandiway			1,500.00	1,500.00
	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>31,250.00</u>	<u>19,250.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>