

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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The Trust was founded in 1983 with the primary aim is to provide financial assistance to the parish churches of Cambridgeshire, when they undertake repair projects affecting the fabric, fixtures, furniture and ornaments of their historic churches and chapels.

To this end the Trust has a policy of making grants and interest free loans from its funds to allow repair work to be undertaken without delay and to provide a cash-flow for larger scale projects. The Trust has helped the Ely Diocese to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of its Foundation in 2009 and has very nearly distributed over half a million pounds in that time (£500,000).

The Trust's main fund raising event is the Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride, which takes place in September. The continuing success of this event is crucial to the amount of funds available to be distributed to the Historic Churches of Cambridgeshire.

The trust also administers the local distribution of grants on behalf of WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) under object E of the landfill tax credit scheme with funding resourced from the operations at Landfill sites owned by Waste Recycling Group PLC. These WREN grants are available to provide funding for the maintenance, repair, or restoration of the Historic Churches of Cambridgeshire

It invites people sympathetic to this aim and with an interest in the built heritage of churches and chapels to take up membership of the Trust at an annual subscription fee of £10. This entitles a person to receive a copy of the Newsletter in February and of the Annual Report in September, with an invitation to attend the AGM in October. Members and friends are informed of details of the Annual Conference held on a Saturday in April with a theme related to the history, architecture, artistic heritage of church buildings and their furnishings, with particular reference to Cambridgeshire. In the summer a programme of Visits to Churches is offered free of charge.

Precise details of these events are not usually finalised until February, when they are dispatched to members. Queries may be directed to the Secretary.

Information about Membership and the future Programme is available from the Secretary or by visiting the Trust's website: www.cambshistoricchurchestrust.co.uk

