

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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The Trust was founded in 1983 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. The Trust makes 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 and since its inception has distributed over half a million pounds. It has helped the Ely Diocese to celebrate the 900th Anniversary of its Foundation. The Trust's main fund raising event is the Annual Sponsored Ride and Stride, 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.

Membership benefits include the *Newsletter* in spring and the *Annual Report* in September, with an invitation to attend the AGM in October; there is an Annual Conference held on a Saturday in April or early May with a theme related to the history, architecture, and 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. Queries about membership and the programme may be directed to the Secretary.
