

Dates for your Diary

Devon Historic Churches Day
Incorporating the Bike, Ride & Stride event
Saturday 11th September 2010

On this day all the churches in Devon
should be open, welcoming visitors
and holding events to support the
Devon Historic Churches Trust
in their mission to provide
grants for their upkeep.

Devon Historic Churches Trust
Members Day

Wednesday 22nd September 2010

A visit to Dartmouth's churches and the Royal Naval College

For further details contact

Susan Taverner, Administrative Secretary

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A Lecture on Devon Churches
illustrated by slides, is available and can be
presented to any interested group.

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Devon Historic Churches Trust

**Dedicated to funding repairs
and maintenance to places of worship
in the Diocese of Exeter and throughout Devon**

Annual Report 2010

Devon Historic Churches Trust

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From the Chairman of Devon Historic Churches Trust

As I write the whole country is in a state of apprehensive limbo. We know that axes will fall, what we don't know is how radically the cuts will affect our work for the churches and chapels in Devon. One thing for sure is that our help will become even more vital as village committees and PCCs face the same huge problems with their church repairs but with even greater problems as fund-raising becomes more difficult. The DHCT is determined to do all it can to continue and where possible enlarge its grants. We are only able to say this due to the efforts of the Trustees, some 20 years ago, who undertook an endowment appeal which, over the years, has been well looked after and is a very good cushion against hard times. We can hope that this Coalition Government will relax some of the 'dafter' ideas that 'Health and Safety' officials think up perhaps without having set foot in a medieval church! Which at the worst cost unnecessary money and at the best cause irritation.

I would like to highlight a few of the grants that we have made this last year. St. Clements's in Dartmouth one of the two large churches in the town, took the brave decision to re-order the interior into a more flexible space for less formal worship and as a community facility. This was a huge project, but in the process they found the old staircase up to the tower so now the bell ringers don't have to climb up a ladder! The total cost was £304,000. They raised £200,000 but the shortfall was £64,000. The DHCT gave a grant of £1,500, which was put to repairs as we do not fund re-ordering.

St. Andrew Holberton is one of the churches that Simon Jenkins lists in his book '1000 Best Churches'. The church nave is C14th and the South Aisles were built around 1436. They wish to repair the South porch, a two storey affair with a former priest's room on the first floor, which will cost £30,000 plus. The church community has already raised £8,300 and the DCHT gave a grant of £2,500.

St Michaels Church, Blacktawton is a grade 1 listed church dating back to 1333. The roof needs repairing and the estimated cost is £312,313 for which they have had an initial grant from English Heritage but it will leave them with about £113,315 to find. The DCHT gave a grant of £3,000. This is the church that has a screen with paintings that celebrate Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon.

The full list of churches and chapels that we have helped can be found elsewhere in this report.

There has been some good and some sad news for the Trustees. The good news is that we have recruited John Mills to join us. He was a Financial Director for Devon County Council and on retirement was approached by

Nicholas Maxwell Lawford who felt that his wide experience and great knowledge of Devon would be invaluable to us. We are delighted that he has joined us and has become our latest Trustee. We were sad to hear of the death of Philip Plumley who was the Trust's secretary from 1995 to 2002. Philip had a great love of the church and of his church in Stoke Gabriel in particular, where he was churchwarden for many years. He never missed the musical evenings which John Stevens-Guille used to host at Yatton Court in aid of the DHCT. I have very fond memories of him as he was so kind to me when I became chairman in 1997. We are sad to learn that Canon Neil Collins died in June. He was briefly a trustee of the DHCT before he was whisked away to be Dean of Bury St. Edmunds.

The National Churches Trust, the parent body of all the county trusts is undertaking a huge survey of the UK churches, chapels and meeting houses of every Christian denomination which they think is the first ever to be undertaken. Even the Doomsday Books which recorded so much that it was written of it that *'there was no single hide nor yard of land, nor indeed one ox nor one cow nor one pig which was left out'* did not systematically record churches; some 2,700 churches were mentioned but evidence now suggests that was well under half of the number that existed at that time.

The NCT wishes to find out the location, the age and the condition of ecclesiastical buildings in the UK and create a comprehensive national picture of the status of all Christian places of worship. Andrew Edwards the NCT's chief Executive says 'A single, national survey will make a considerable difference to our understanding of church buildings across the UK. These buildings are important, not just as places of worship but also as centres of local life. This survey is seeking to capture the contribution they make to our heritage and our communities'. We hope that all the churches and chapels here in Devon will respond to this survey as their unique knowledge of the history and their first-hand experience of the state of repair of their local church will be invaluable.

A highly successful Devon Historic Churches Day on 12th September 2009 raised a fraction under £45,000 for the DHCT, half of which was immediately returned to supporting churches; a very jolly evening in December at Powderham Castle by kind permission of Lord and Lady Devon further added handsomely to our coffers. We are so grateful to all those who support these major fund-raising events and of course those who work so hard to organise them.

We have had a hard working but happy year. We look forward to what we are sure will be a challenging year ahead, convinced that we are doing a very worthwhile and important job for the many churches in Devon's villages and towns.

Anno Domini

Devon Historic Churches Trust Grants 2009-2010

Abbots Bickington, St James	£750
Axminster, St Mary	£1,000
Barnstaple, Holy Trinity	£7,000
Blackawton, St Michael	£2,750
Broadwoodkelly, All Saints	£2,000
Buckfastleigh Methodist	£500
Budleigh Salterton RC	£500
Chudleigh Knighton, St Paul	£900
Chulmleigh, St Mary Magdalene	£1,500
Combpyne, St Mary	£1,000
Cornworthy, St Peter	£4,000
Culmstock, All Saints	£750
Dartmouth, St Petrox	£1,000
Drewsteignton, Holy Trinity	£3,000
East Budleigh, All Saints	£250
Ermington, St Peter and St Paul	£1,500
Exmouth, Christ Church	£750
Germansweek, St German	£1,500
Gittisham, St Michael	£3,000
Halwill, St Peter and St James	£3,000
Knowstone, St Peter	£3,000
Landkey, St Paul	£3,500
Langtree, All Saints	£3,000
Marldon, St John the Baptist	£500
Newton Tracey, St Thomas a Beckett	£3,000
North Tawton, St Peter	£100
Plymouth, Ford Park Chapel	£3,000
Shillingford, St George	£750
Sidmouth, St Giles and St Nicholas	£500
Sourton, St Thomas a Beckett	£1,000
Sowton, St Michael & All Angels	£1,000
St Giles on the Heath, St Giles	£1,000
Stokeinteignhead, St Andrew	£750
Tipton St John, St John	£2,000
Tiverton, St Peter	£500
Tiverton, St George	£750
Virginstowe, St Bridget	£1,000
Westleigh, St Peter	£5,000
Willand, St Mary	£2,000
Woodbury, St Swithuns	£500

**Devon Historic Churches Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st March 2010**

	Income Funds	Capital Funds	Total 2010	Total 2009
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	37,494		37,494	12,127
Activities for generating funds	55,386		55,386	40,413
Investment income	31,498		31,498	37,843
Other incoming resources	100		100	491
Total incoming resources	<u>124,478</u>		<u>124,478</u>	<u>90,874</u>
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Cost of generating voluntary income	9,222		9,222	10,028
Charitable Activities	94,337		94,337	81,837
Governance costs	2,449		2,449	2,655
Total resources expended	<u>106,008</u>		<u>106,008</u>	<u>94,520</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	18,470		18,470	(3,646)
Transfer between funds	<u>(228,622)</u>	<u>228,622</u>		
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognized gains & losses	<u>(210,152)</u>	<u>228,622</u>	<u>18,470</u>	<u>(3,646)</u>
Other recognized gains and losses				
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	205,727		205,727	(236,682)
Net movement in funds	<u>(4,425)</u>	<u>228,622</u>	<u>224,197</u>	<u>(240,328)</u>
Total funds brought forward	95,851	777,016	872,867	1,113,195
Total Funds carried forward	<u>91,426</u>	<u>1,005,638</u>	<u>1,097,064</u>	<u>872,867</u>

Statement by the Trustees of Devon Historic Churches Trust

These summarized financial statements are a summary of information extracted from the full financial statements. They may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full annual financial statements, the independent auditors' report on those financial statements and the

Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained, upon payment of a fee, from Clifford Lodge, Clifford Bridge, Drewsteignton EX6 6QE.

It is confirmed that the annual report and financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

**Devon Historic Churches Trust
Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2010**

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets		489		625
Investments		1,005,638		777,016
		<u>1,006,127</u>		<u>777,641</u>
Current assets				
Debtors	918		1,401	
Cash at bank and in hand	92,207		95,983	
		<u>93,125</u>		<u>97,384</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(2,188)		(2,158)	
Net current assets		<u>90,937</u>		<u>95,226</u>
Net assets		<u>1,097,064</u>		<u>872,867</u>
Funds				
Capital fund		1,005,638		777,016
Income fund		91,426		95,851
		<u>1,097,064</u>		<u>872,867</u>

Auditor's Report

Auditors statement to the Trustees of Devon Historic Churches Trust: We have examined the summarized financial statements set out in this financial review.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors

You are responsible as Trustees for the preparation of the summarized financial statements. We have agreed to report to you our opinion on the summarized statements' consistency with the full financial statements.

Basis of opinion: We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the summarized financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements from which they have been prepared.

Opinion: In our opinion the summarized financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010.

Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

26-28 Southernhay East, Exeter Devon EX1 1NS. The report of the auditors on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010 was unqualified.

- **This summary is provisional until formally approved by the Trustees at their autumn meeting.**

Report from the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Grants to Churches rose by 25% to £69,000 although some grants had been made in the previous accounting year. Our overall income increased by almost 30% despite a fall of 20% in our investment income which we had anticipated.

Legacies remain very important to the finances of The Trust. We are extremely grateful to have received £20,000 from the estate of Mr J Stevens-Guille. We also received £4,800 from a final distribution of the estate of Mrs Mary Watkins. We hope that other friends will remember us in their Will.

We received a magnificent contribution of over £10,000 for a very successful musical evening arranged by Mrs Judith Kauntze at Powderham Castle, the home of our Trustee Lord Devon.

The overall financial health of the Trust benefited by a rise in the value of our Investments by almost 30% to a total of £1,005,638. We expect to be able to maintain or even exceed our grants for the coming year.

Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford

Report on Fundraising Activities

Our Devon Historic Churches Day in September, which incorporates the Ride + Stride, is the main fundraising event each year for the Trust - so it is particularly important that all our churches are open and actively doing something to raise funds.

When talking to people across the county I am often told that they are too old to take part – however the Ride + Stride is just one part of our ‘special’ day and I really hope that more churches can be open and holding an event to welcome their local communities into their churches – this will immediately help them with support in keeping their churches alive and also help to raise funds to pay the bills.

Another point often raised is that the church was open, but nobody came. I am afraid there is no magic wand one can wave to create visitors; this has to be done at a local level to promote their church – although we work very hard creating our Guide to Open Churches, which has a wide circulation and is a very useful tool in increasing visitor numbers.

For the second year, the National Churches Trust will be giving this event significant national publicity and information is available on their website

www.rideandstrideuk.org. This will we hope give a substantial boost to visitor numbers, which will in turn increase revenue for the churches and the Trust combined.

Our event last year raised over £44,000, which is an excellent result in such difficult times and a tribute to our hard working supporters. An interesting part of this event in 2009, was the ‘11 Walks in 11 Weeks’ undertaken by our Trustee Muff Dudgeon, and this raised just over £3,000 – a remarkable endeavour and one for which we are most grateful, both to Muff and all who supported her.

This year we are pleased to see Westleigh in North Devon creating a Day of History in their church and Cheriton Fitzpaine near Crediton holding a croquet competition – both excellent initiatives, details of which can be found in our Guide to Open Churches, together with a church by church guide to all the events that are taking part on Saturday 11th September.

Remember – all our joint work in making this day a success results in immediate benefit to Devon’s churches as 50% of revenue is kept directly by the participating churches and the other 50% goes to fund valuable grants to assist with the ever-present need for maintenance and repair.

- **So please support us.....everyone’s a winner!**

Judith Kauntze

Please either take part in one of our fundraising events or send us a donation (gift aided if possible) thereby supporting the future of Devon’s historic churches.

Report from the Hon. Secretary

Valete

When I moved to Devon in 2002 I had already known Anne Boles for over twenty years, and it therefore came as no surprise to find myself recruited to fill the Hon. Sec. vacancy. It was ‘home-from-home’ in that, for the previous nearly thirty years I had been running a national grant awarding charity, and now, here I was, helping run a little one in my spare time! Is it really eight years? The time has gone so remarkably swiftly, and the fun I have had and the people I have met have made it all so agreeable. There have been changes – we have modernised our trust deed, which was showing its age, and we have brought the administration of the Trust into the computer age. Generous legacies and favourable investment have increased the effectiveness of our work. Few county church trusts have such healthy fundraising, in such capable and enthusiastic hands. So now, with high confidence, I pass on the Secretaryship to John Mills, in the knowledge that

in his capable hands progress will proceed apace. I wish him, and the trust, of which I remain a trustee, every good fortune.

John Malleson

The Earl of Devon, Trustee of Devon Historic Churches Trust

Very generously hosted a memorable evening of music and song at **Powderham Castle** just before Christmas last year.

Nigel Lindsay-Fynn

whose father was a co-founder of the Trust shared his talents as a composer and pianist, which was hugely enjoyed by the many guests present.

The catering for the evening was done by volunteer supporters of the Trust and wine was generously donated by **Christopher Piper Wines**.

Altogether a magnificent total of £10,650 was raised to assist with Grants for Devon's church repairs.

Administrative Secretary's Report

Donations

In the year ended 31st March 2010 the following donations were received:

Receipts from PCCs, private individuals and local Trusts:	£7,915
Subscriptions	£4,048
Tax on Gift Aid reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs	£1,045
Legacies	£24,869

Members Day visit to churches in the Cullompton & Ottery Deaneries

Income @ £15 per person	£375
Expenditure: Transport, donation to church, refreshments	£275
Net income	£100

Susan Taverner

Devon Historic Churches Day

Incorporating the Ride+Stride event

Saturday 11th September 2010

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