

# RUTLAND HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 211068

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1962-11-19

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF CHURCHES IN THE COUNTY OF RUTLAND AND OFCHATTELS THEREIN AND IN THE CHURCHYARDS, WITH POWER TO MAKE GRANTS FOR SUCH PURPOSES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

**Activities:** Give grants and loans for the maintenance and improvement of churches in the county of Rutland.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** RUTLAND PRIMARILY
- Rutland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£23,378	£44,935	-	-
2024-03-31	£46,311	£74,878	-	-
2023-03-31	£12,535	£70,044	-	-
2022-03-31	£56,419	£53,910	-	-
2021-03-31	£211,294	£18,575	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Vyvyan Wainwright		2022-06-15
BEVERLEY HANCOCK		2022-06-15
Catherine Alexandra Coulson		2022-06-15
David Neil Hill		2025-06-18
Dr Sandra McCune		2025-06-18
Edward Graham Heckels		2025-06-18
Kerry Nimmons		2024-06-13
MR S HARRIS		
Martin George Wilson		2022-06-15
Peter Hitchcox		2013-12-03
Roger David Wood		2023-06-15
SUSAN MARY THOMAS		2016-06-08
Sarah Furness DR		2020-06-03
Stephen Charles Taylor		2023-06-15

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# Accounts

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# **Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**Registered charity number 211068**

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## **Trustees**

Laurence Howard	President
Sarah Furness	Vice President
Peter Lawson	Chair
John Clement Saunders	Hon. Treasurer
Beverley Hancock	Hon. Secretary
Catherine Coulson	Trustee
Stephen Harris	Trustee
Peter Hitchcox	Trustee
Patricia Morley	Trustee
Stephen Taylor	Trustee
Susan Thomas	Trustee
Vyvyan Wainwright	Trustee
Martin Wilson	Trustee
Roger David Wood	Trustee

The Trust has no employed staff and its activities are conducted by a Board of Trustees. Each trustee has responsibility for liaising with a group of churches. Potential new trustees are considered first by a Nominations Sub Committee then by the Board of Trustees. Officers and trustees are appointed/reappointed at the Annual Meeting.

There were a number of retirements during the year.

- Mr. Howard Philips and Mr Richard Adams both retired after 25 years as Trustees.
- At the end of the year, Sir Laurence Howard KCVO retired as President after 20 years. He will continue as a Trustee in the role of Vice President and be succeeded as President by The Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness.
- At the end of the year, Mr John Saunders retired as Treasurer after 15 years of service: Beverley Hancock will serve as Acting Treasurer.
- Rt. Rev. Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough accepted the role of Patron.

## **Objective and Achievements**

Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust exists to provide financial assistance to all churches and chapels within the County of Rutland, whenever they may need help for conservation and maintenance. The Trust's philosophy is that Rutland's places of worship - many of them fine buildings of architectural and historic interest - have been inherited by our generation and it is our responsibility to use them, diligently care for and preserve them, and pass them on to the next generation.

The Trust's income is derived from investments, donations, legacies and a biennial fundraising event, Ride and Stride. This year income from these sources totalled £46,311, approximately half of which was raised through Ride and Stride. This enables the Trust to provide grants to churches to help with repairs and restoration. Around 50% of the funds raised through Ride and Stride, £11,060 was given to participants' nominated churches. The efforts of participants and church organisers were celebrated at an event in March when gifts and certificates were presented to participants who had cycled to the greatest number of churches, who had used

the quirkiest mode of transport (a unicycle) and to the youngest (6 years and 4 years) and oldest (95 years) participants.

### **Grants**

In addition to payments to churches raised by Ride and Stride, the Trust awarded grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to the following churches:

- Great Casterton St Peter & St Paul towards installation of a new heating system
- Stretton St Nicholas towards roof repairs
- Whitwell St Michael & All Angels for wall repairs
- Braunston All Saints towards repair of the west tower
- Barrowden St Peters towards repairs to the bell tower and bell frame
- Market Overton St Peter & St Paul towards repairs to the lychgate, churchyard wall and tree work.

These six grants totalled £40,000. We extend our sincere thanks to all our supporters for making this possible. Grants are paid on completion of work so there is a difference between the number of grants awarded and the number of grants paid in any year. This year the Trust paid £63,353 to nine places of worship.

### **Finance**

The Trust's finances are managed by a Finance Sub-Committee which reports to the twice-yearly Trustees Meetings. The Trust retains healthy reserves which are invested in ways that will enable support of the county's places of worship for many years to come. The Finance Sub-Committee keeps the Trust Reserves and Investment Policy under close review and proposes an annual budget for grants which is approved at the AGM. Equity investments are under expert management for charitable purposes by CCLA. The Finance Sub-Committee will continue to monitor these funds prudently and afford opportunities to harvest a proportion of the growth in these funds annually in order to increase our grant giving capacity whilst, at the same time, inflation proofing our investments over the long term. In this context, Trustees gratefully acknowledge the most valuable investment advice we receive from our specialist Trustees in this field, and the sterling work of the Treasurer for his very capable management of our range of investment options.

We also thank Gill Brand, for independently examining, the Trust's finances and annual report.

## Receipts and Payments: Year Ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

	2023 – 2024			2022 – 2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Opening Cash Balance</b>			<b>95,849</b>			<b>160,787</b>
<b>Receipts</b>						
Ride & Stride Sponsors	21,120			464		
+ Gift Aid	2,582			0		
less payments to churches	-11,065			0		
less administration	0	-		0	-	
Ride & Stride Surplus	12,637			464		
Donations (inc. Gift Aid)	10,453			1,145		
Interest & Dividends	11,656			10,326		
Calendar Sales Donation	500	<b>35,246</b>		600	<b>12,535</b>	
<b>Payments</b>						
Grants	63,353			69,547		
Administration	460	<b>63,813</b>	-	497	<b>70,044</b>	-
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>			<b>-28,567</b>			<b>-57,509</b>
<b>Movement of Investments</b>						
Deposits opened		-27,000			50,000	
Deposits withdrawn	-	50,680	<b>23,680</b>	-	-42,571	<b>-7,429</b>
<b>Closing Cash balance</b>			<b>90,962</b>			<b>95,849</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Bank Balances</b>						
Barclays current account		50,110			56,833	
COIF deposit account	-	40,852	<b>90,962</b>	-	39,016	<b>95,849</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
Equity based (market value)		763,271			672,136	
Short term deposit		52,449			51,214	
Fixed term deposits	-	158,378	<b>974,098</b>	-	178,652	<b>902,002</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	-	-	<b>1,065,060</b>	-	-	<b>997,851</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Grants committed			<b>41,500</b>			<b>64,853</b>
<b>Total Net Funds</b>			<b>1,023,560</b>			<b>932,998</b>



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of** Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended** MARCH 31st 2024 **Charity no  
(if any)** 211068

**Set out on pages** 1 - 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report** As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement** I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:** G Brand **Date:** 3-6-24

**Name:** Gill Brand

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):** AAT

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OAKHAM  
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**RUTLAND HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST**

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# Accounts

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## **Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust.**

### **Annual Report for 2021/22**

**Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust** exists to provide financial assistance to all churches and chapels within the County of Rutland, whenever they may need help for conservation and maintenance. All of these places of worship, fine buildings, have been inherited by our generation to use and to care for, and to pass on to the next generation, diligently preserved, as we have received them.

Our new income for this year has come from very kind donations totalling £4,572 from 7 individual well-wishers, two parochial church councils, the Lions, Uppingham Rotary and the artistic director of the Rutland Calendar, Richard Adams. We also received a further generous distribution from the Estate of the late Peter Harbot. To all of these supporters we extend our sincere thanks and gratitude.

The Finance Sub-Committee continues to keep our Reserves and Investment Policy closely under review. In response to the climate of very low interest rates for cash investments the Trustees have followed a policy of an increased proportion of our investments which are held in the COIF range of recommended equity funds suitable for Charities. These funds have performed well over recent years, and are now recovering well after the downturn during mid 2020 due to Covid. Overall therefore, the growth of these investments has been significant. World events have caused a degree of re-setting during recent months but our investments are under expert management for charitable purposes by CCLA. The Finance Sub-Committee will continue to monitor these funds prudently and afford opportunities to harvest a small proportion of the growth in these funds annually in order to increase our grant giving capacity whilst, at the same time, inflation proofing our investments over the long term. In this context, Trustees gratefully acknowledge the most valuable investment advice we receive from our specialist Trustees in this field, and also the sterling work of our Treasurer for his very capable management of our range of investment options.

During the Financial Year 2021/22 the Trust has paid grants totalling £43,400 to Stretton, Braunston, Edith Weston, Egleton, Whitwell, Hambleton and Tinwell. Grants approved which have not yet been paid because work is still in progress, amount to a further £59,400 (to nine churches) most of which are likely to be paid out during the coming financial year of 2022/23

The **2021 Sponsored Ride and Stride took place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. This event raised a total sum of over £21,000 including Gift Aid re-claimed. All of our Rutland churches were open to receive and record the visits of cyclists and walkers, so we have around 300 Church Recorders on the day to thank for this. The number of active participants was about 90, representing 41 Rutland parishes. Presentations were held at the Barnsdale Lodge Hotel on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Davenport-Handley Cup was awarded jointly to Niles and Mike Beadman (representing Brooke) and to John Williams from Pilton who narrowly failed to cycle to all 64 churches to mark his 64 years of age. The walkers prize, presented by Barnsdale Lodge, was awarded to John Williams of Morcott for his efforts over very many years. This biennial event is planned, publicised and all documentation is prepared by a small sub-committee of two trustees, to whom our Board of Trustees owe a great debt of thanks for their time and effort involved. The next Ride & Stride will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## Changes to our Board of Trustees

Archdeacon Gordon Steele, a trustee appointed in May 2012, retired from his position in the Diocese last October and accordingly retired as Trustee of RHCPT at the same time. Archdeacon Gordon has been a diligent adviser and supporter of our Trust during his years of service providing that most important link with Peterborough Diocese. We shall miss him and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

Four new trustees have been appointed during this year to commence their duties on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. They will be taking over the responsibilities of three of our trustees who each look after a group of our Rutland churches and who are planning to retire as trustees during the next six months or so after they have introduced their successors to our customs and practice as trustees. The newly appointed trustees are: Mrs Catherine Coulson, Mrs Beverley Hancock, Mr Vyv Wainwright and Mr Martin Wilson. We extend a warm welcome to them in their future work for our Trust.

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Our Trust wishes to acknowledge and thank the **Churches Conservation Trust** for their work in our County. The CCT continues to fund the care of Rutland churches at Ayston, Wardley, Burley on the Hill and, most recently, St. Peter's Church Tickencote. We truly appreciate the work done by the Churches Conservation Trust in our County.

As and when their Church Quinquennial Reports are issued we are encouraging the parochial church councils to contact us for financial help, if they need it, so that they may complete the recommended work promptly, thus avoiding any unnecessary deterioration to their Church fabric. Please contact the Secretary as early as possible when you have decided upon a project, **and always before an order has to be placed for the work.**

To close this report the Trustees wish to take this public opportunity of thanking, once again, all of our supporters, sponsors and donors for all they have contributed during the past year. During the coming year, as in the past, we confidently look forward to receiving the continuing favour of our benefactors, and to providing all necessary support to our beautiful Rutland churches.

**June 2022.**

**RUTLAND HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST**
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**RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st 2022**

	2021 - 2022			2020 - 2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>OPENING CASH BALANCE</b>			<b>108,078</b>			<b>45,259</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Ride & Stride Sponsors	21,013			0		
less payments to churches	-9,458			0		
less administration	-50			-50		
Ride & Stride Surplus	11,505			-50		
Donations (inc. Gift Aid)	4,072			849		
Interest & Dividends	9,325			8,995		
Calendar Sales Donation	<u>500</u>	<b>25,402</b>		<u>800</u>	<b>10,594</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Grants	43,400			18,000		
Administration	<u>802</u>	<b>44,202</b>		<u>525</u>	<b>18,525</b>	
<b>SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>			<b>-18,800</b>			<b>-7,931</b>
Legacies			<b>21,509</b>			<b>200,750</b>
<b>MOVEMENT OF INVESTMENTS</b>						
Deposits withdrawn		50,000			20,000	
Deposits opened		0	<b>50,000</b>		<b>-150,000</b>	<b>-130,000</b>
<b>CLOSING CASH BALANCE</b>			<b>160,787</b>			<b>108,078</b>

**STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES at MARCH 31st 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>BANK BALANCES</b>						
Barclays current account		57,603			54,933	
COIF deposit account		<u>103,184</u>	<b>160,787</b>		<u>53,145</u>	<b>108,078</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>						
Equity based (market value)		687,659			676,074	
Short term deposit		90,311			89,558	
Fixed term deposits		<u>130,207</u>	<b>908,177</b>		<u>128,259</u>	<b>893,891</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>1,068,964</b>			<b>1,001,969</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Grants committed			<b>-59,400</b>			<b>-56,400</b>
<b>TOTAL NET FUNDS</b>			<b>1,009,564</b>			<b>945,569</b>





Report to the trustees/ members of

RUTLAND HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no (if any)

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Signed:

G Brand

Date:

27/5/22

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Our new income for this year has come from very kind donations totalling £1,445 from two parochial church councils and seven individuals. We also received two legacies and a very generous gift from Richard Adams, the producer of *The Rutland Calendar 2021*. To all of these supporters we extend our sincere thanks and gratitude.

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June 2021

RHCPT FINANCIAL ASSETS		at March 31st 2021			B	
		£	£	Int. %	Matures	%
<b><u>INSTANT ACCESS</u></b>						
Barclays Current a/c		54,933		0.00		
COIF Charities Deposit Fund		53,145		0.01		
			108,078			10.8
<b><u>SHORT TERM DEPOSIT</u></b>						
Cambridge & Counties Bank 95 day a/c			89,558	1.00		8.9
<b><u>FIXED TERM DEPOSITS</u></b>						
Hodge Bank	3 yr	15,370		1.30	24.04.2022	
United Trust Bank	3 yr	45,000		2.10	16.05.2022	
Hodge Bank	3 yr	26,638		0.30	06.03.2023	
United Trust Bank	3 yr	41,251		1.75	14.04.2023	
			128,259			12.8
<b><u>EQUITY BASED</u></b>						
COIF Charities Investment Fund						
Income units 15,615.60		279,931				
COIF Charities Global Equity Income Fund						
Accumulation units 78,432.55		347,668				
COIF Fixed Interest Fund						
Accumulation units 5,215.40		48,475	676,074			67.5
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>			<b><u>1,001,969</u></b>			<b>100.0</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

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**Signed:**

*Brand*

**Date:**

16/5/21

**Name:**

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