

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 511181

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1981-03-23

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRESERVATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, UPKEEP, BEAUTIFICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CHURCHES IN HEREFORDSHIRE AND OF MOUNUMENTS, FITTINGS, FIXTURES, STAINED GLASS, FURNITURE, ORNAMENTS AND CHATTELS, IN SUCH CHURCHES, AND OF THE CHURCHYARD BELONGING TO ANY OF SUCH CHURCHES.

Activities: The Trust exists to raise money to assist with the maintenance, repairs and improvement of historic churches of all christian denominations and to raise awareness within the administrative county of Herefordshire. This assistance is given by making grants and occasionally, in appropriate circumstances, by offering interest free loans.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HEREFORDSHIRE
- Herefordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£147,664	£130,253	-	-
2023-12-31	£89,500	£92,261	-	-
2022-12-31	£74,241	£133,237	-	-
2021-12-31	£72,434	£86,845	-	-
2020-12-31	£81,260	£99,160	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID JOHN FURNIVAL	Chair	2003-03-12
ALI HAYDN JONES		
JOHN HANDBY		2017-10-12
LADY SUSANNA MCFARLANE MCSP DL		2013-07-04
STEPHEN CHEETHAM		2018-04-20
Sue Burleigh		2023-04-24
The Venerable Derek Christopher Chedzey		2018-09-09
Tim Bridges		2023-04-24

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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity No. 511181

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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Honorary Presidents of the Trust are the Bishop of Hereford and the Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire. New Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and Trustees in office during the year were :

David Furnival	Chairman
The Venerable Derek Chedzey	Archdeacon of Hereford
Ali Haydn Jones	Membership Secretary
Lady Susanna McFarlane DL	
John Handby	Grants & Churches
Stephen Cheetham	Treasurer
Ben Furnival JP	
Tim Bridges	
Sue Burleigh	

The Trust's Charity Registration number is 511181 and the Charity's registered office is The Diocesan Office, The Palace, Hereford, HR4 9BL.

Professional advisers

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc
Broad Street
Hereford, HR4 9BH

Central Board of Finance of the Church of England
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street
London, EC4V 4ET

Investments:

Redmayne-Bentley Stockbrokers
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Independent Examiner:

David Marshall CA
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Purposes and Activities

Objectives and aims of the Charity

The Trust exists to further the object set out in the scheme dated 8 November 1995, which is to make funds available "for the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of Christian Churches in the County of Herefordshire and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels of such churches or situated in the churchyards thereof".

All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Trust is non-denominational and any Christian church congregation may apply to the Trustees for assistance.

The Trust aims to make available grants and loans to all Christian places of worship in the County of Herefordshire in order to enable their PCCs and congregations to preserve, maintain and improve the buildings and churchyards for current and future generations in the County.

Policy for making grants and loans

The Charity will continue to provide financial support to parishes that are undertaking repairs and maintenance to their churches, within the limitations of available funds and prioritizing applications from parishes of limited means.

Grants are available for most activities associated with structural repairs and maintenance. Grants for disabled access and reordering will be considered. Requests for assistance must be substantiated with details of the works proposed and the costs, and fully supported by the PCC or Governing Body of the Church, a Faculty or planning permission as appropriate and an indication of other sources of income. The full conditions are contained in the Grant application forms. Grant requests are considered at the meeting of the Trustees that take place in April and October. The usual maximum grant per project is £15,000 but at the Trustees' discretion larger Cornerstone grants of up to £25,000 can be granted. The offer of a grant is valid for two years, after which the position is reviewed. The grant is paid in arrears against certificates or contractors' invoices.

The Trust will consider making interest free loans to support PCCs, which are experiencing difficulties in meeting the costs of approved projects. Loans of up to £10,000 are available, to be repaid in up to four equal annual instalments but which must be taken up within 6 months of the offer. The decision to offer a loan can be made by the finance committee after receiving evidence of the loan requirement and a simple cash flow showing the shortfall in funds. The Treasurer must receive plans for the repayments before the loan can be paid.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trust furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- supporting the maintenance and upkeep of the churches and churchyards in Herefordshire, so that the current and future generations can enjoy and appreciate these historic buildings.
- encouraging the public to visit the churches and churchyards of Herefordshire, thereby broadening horizons and developing a better understanding of the rich history of the county.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2024 (continued)

Constitution, Structure and Governance

Constitution/Governing document:

The Charity was established on 29 September 1954 by Deed of Appointment and is now regulated by a scheme approved and established by the Charity Commission dated 8 November 1995. It is a Registered Charity.

Organizational structure

Executive Committee
Grant making Committee
Finance Committee

All Trustees are members of the Executive committee which also includes a number of additional members with skills or experience which may be of benefit to the Trust.

The Grant-making and Finance committees are small sub-committees of the Executive. The Chairman and Treasurer are members of both committees. The services of a secretary may be contracted to facilitate effective minute taking.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

When appointing members to the Executive committee the needs of the Trust are assessed; new Executive members should possess the skills to address any perceived gaps. New Trustees are normally chosen from members of the Executive committee after a period of time serving on the committee. Enthusiasm for the job and the time to commit to it are of greatest importance.

Trustees' induction and training

Possible new members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend our biannual meetings and subject to their enthusiasm and willingness to help in areas of need within the Trust are then invited to be a permanent member of the Executive Committee. Subject to there being a vacancy, a member from the Executive committee may then be invited to become a Trustee. He or she will, by that time, be aware of the work of the Trust and the responsibilities a Trustee will hold.

Main Activities in 2024

Main objective for the year

The Trust's annual objective is to administer grants and loans as agreed by the Executive committee and to continue to raise money for the benefit of the Trust and advise PCCs on grant applications. As a guideline, the Executive committee consider 10% of the Trust net asset value as a target, or maximum budget, for grant awards in a year. That figure is reviewed annually in the light of prior year financial performance and awards.

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31 DECEMBER 2024

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Significant activities in the year

Grant payments to PCC's and other church bodies increased to £106,818 compared to £65,105 in 2023.

23 grants were approved during the year, totalling £114,962, a significant increase on 2022's total of £87,535 and reflecting increased funds available as a result of somewhat better investment performance in 2023. A grant of £10,000 to Dorstone lapsed during the year but was reinstated at the lower amount of £8,000.

Performance of Fundraising in 2024

Total donations increased significantly during the year to £90,980 from £40,687 in 2023, primarily reflecting a good year for legacies (£43,211), as well as some very generous personal donations. Trust and Corporate donations were broadly flat on the year, reflecting continued corporate sponsorship of our Opera Evening event. Overall it was a good year for the Trust's fundraising activities, and income and costs for these activities are shown in detail in Notes 3 and 6 to the accounts.

Investment Policy and Performance in 2024

In 2024 there was no material change in the investment policy of the Trust which continued to aim for a balanced return between capital and income with a medium approach to risk. Some portfolio rebalancing was carried out during the year, and new funds of £55,000 were added to the portfolio. At year end the portfolio was valued at £994,961, some 10% higher than the £906,994 recorded at the beginning of the year, reflecting both the additional funds invested and satisfactory investment performance. Investment movements and major holdings are summarised in Note 10 to the accounts. Redmayne Bentley continued as the Trust's investment broker throughout 2024 and their fees are shown in Note 5.

Review of Financial Position

Overview of the Year

The Trust aims to make Grants each year totalling about 10% of its asset value and it is the "free reserves" (ie net current assets) which provide the immediate funding. Due to grant approvals during 2024 net current assets were negative at the end of the year at minus £68,576: however although all grant approvals are recorded as current liabilities due within 12 months, in practice many projects take longer to come to fruition. The timing of grant claims and associated payments therefore remains uncertain and further liquidation of investment assets will be undertaken should it prove necessary in 2025. However, the Trust's investments are sound and there are ample funds available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

Reserves policy

There were no changes to the Reserves Policy during the year and as in previous years, the bulk of the Charity's reserves were held in investments, generating income to provide financial assistance to churches. As mentioned above, the Trust may liquidate investments and use that capital to improve the level of free reserves thereby allowing it to give away up to 10% of asset value every year. Sufficient funds are available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

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31 DECEMBER 2024
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Risk management

The Trust has no property assets and is not subject to third party risks. Investment performance is the principal risk to the Trust. The investment portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by brokers, with whom the Finance Committee is in close contact. Two signatures are required on the Trust's cheques and three Trustees are authorised in this capacity. Most records are maintained in duplicate or can be retrieved from other sources. The knowledge shared by the Trustees would enable the Trust's function to be carried out if one member became unable to undertake his or her duties. The Trust is covered by Public Liability Insurance and Trustee Liability Insurance.

Related parties and transactions therewith are set out in Note 9.

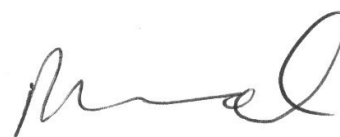
Plans for the future

2025 will see a repeat of our very successful opera evening, this year at Eastnor Castle, as well as the continuation of our other fundraising efforts. We will continue to provide grants to Churches and expect to match our grant awards with income and some capital, and to provide loans to Churches where these are required and fulfil our criteria.

Independent Examiners

David Marshall CA, of Damage Limited Chartered Accountants, has indicated his wish to step down as Independent Examiner due to retirement. We thank him for his many years' service to the Trust. A successor will be appointed in due course.

On behalf of the Trustees



David Furnival
Chairman

Diocesan Office
The Palace
Hereford
October 14th 2025

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In managing the Trust, the Trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

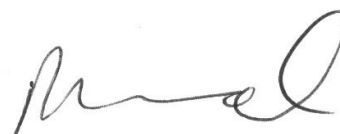
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on October 14th 2025.

and signed on their behalf by:



David Furnival
Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I report on the accounts of The Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in 2005 which is referred to in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Although the law has not been changed, we understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DAVID MARSHALL CA

14th October 2025

DAMAGE LIMITED Chartered Accountants
Barton House, Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire HR2 0QN

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	90,980		40,687	
Income from Charitable Activities	3	14,249		13,283	
Income from Investments	4	42,435		35,530	
Total Income			<u>147,664</u>		<u>89,500</u>
 EXPENDITURE					
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>					
Investment management costs	5		7,456		5,478
Fundraising activities	6		7,711		7,594
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	7				
Activity Grants		7,750		5,730	
Major Grants and Awards		107,336		73,459	
Cost of Grants			<u>115,086</u>		<u>79,189</u>
 Total resources expended			<u>130,253</u>		<u>92,261</u>
 Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments			<u>17,411</u>		<u>(2,761)</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	10		38,716		24,289
 Net income and movement in funds			<u>56,127</u>		<u>21,528</u>
 Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward			869,988		848,460
 Fund Balance at Year End			<u>926,115</u>	6%	<u>869,988</u>

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Investments	10	994,691		906,994	
<i>Current assets</i>					
Debtors:	11	1,000		-	
Cash at bank and in hand:	12	36,018		70,144	
Total Current Assets		37,018		70,144	
<i>Current liabilities</i>					
Creditors due within one year	13	105,594		107,150	
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets		(68,576)		(37,006)	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		926,115		869,988	
Net Assets		926,115		869,988	
 <i>Funds</i>					
Unrestricted		926,115		869,988	

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act of 2011, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The Trust holds only Unrestricted Funds. The Trust has no Restricted Funds and no Endowment Funds. Furthermore, the Trust does not undertake any Trading Activities, as a result, the SoFA and the Balance Sheet present only the Trusts actual activities. Unused categories and their columns are omitted.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on October 14th 2025



D. Furnival, Chairman

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019, as recommended by guidance notes prepared by the Charity Commission. Historical cost accounting rules have been applied, except for investments which are stated at market valuation. The usual practice of rounding exact figures to the nearest pound has been followed. Individual adjustments of one pound or accumulated adjustments of £5 are treated as “not material” and are made without reference.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation or sale is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

Debtors

Debtors, including interest-free loans to PCCs and others, are stated at their recoverable amounts.

Creditors

Creditors are stated at their settlement amounts.

Taxation

The Charity is not generally liable to taxation. For this reason, no tax reconciliation note is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For bequests, entitlement is the earlier of the Charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be directly allocated to the activities and the relevant support costs. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity. Note 7 contains further details.

Grants payable

Grants are recognised once they are authorised by the Trustees and are valid for two years after which they lapse.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance with the general objectives of the Charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds, if held, are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds would be charged against the specific fund, if relevant.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the SoFA as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the recognised market value at year end and their carrying value at the start of the financial period.

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Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

As in previous years, the most significant area of uncertainty that would affect the carrying value of the Trust's assets with respect to the next reporting period (i.e. 2025) is the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include investments, debtors and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets, classified as receivable within one year, are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities, classified as payable within one year, are not amortised.

Trade creditors represents an obligation to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Donations:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Personal	20,957	8,578
PCCs	5,188	9,915
Trusts and Corporate	19,030	19,870
Legacies	43,211	2
Income tax refunds	2,594	2,322
	<u>90,980</u>	<u>40,687</u>

3 Activities for generating funds:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from Charitable Activities		
Coffee morning	2,053	1,657
Church crawl	1,180	1,604
Annual Friends Meeting	320	183
Opera Evening	2,925	5,598
Music in Quiet Places	7,771	4,241
	<u>14,249</u>	<u>13,283</u>

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4	Investment Income	2024	2023
		£	£
	Redmayne Bentley (Dividends)	35,420	29,100
	CBF Deposit Funds	<u>7,015</u>	<u>6,430</u>
		42,435	35,530
5	Investment Management Costs:	2024	2023
		£	£
	Broker fees	<u>7,456</u>	<u>5,478</u>
		7,456	5,478
6	Fundraising Activities:		
	Costs for:	2024	2023
		£	£
	Coffee morning	740	320
	Church crawl	550	360
	Music in quiet places	2,724	1,240
	Opera Evening	<u>1,798</u>	<u>3,798</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	5,812	5,718
	Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>1,899</u>	<u>1,876</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	7,711	7,594

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7 Allocation of Governance and Support Costs

Activity Grants to Participating Churches and subsequent allocation of costs

	2024	2023
Activity	£	£
Music in Quiet Places	2,176	750
Opera Evening	4,000	3,828
Church Crawl	250	-
Coffee Morning	500	500
Annual Friends Meeting	350	183
Total	<u>7,276</u>	<u>5,261</u>
Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>474</u>	<u>469</u>
Total	7,750	5,730

	2024	2023
Governance Costs	£	£
Trustee expenses	192	119
Insurance	712	711
Accountancy & Examination fees	1,200	975
Annual Report and Meetings	2,269	2,434
Support Costs	374	450
Governance costs	<u>4,747</u>	<u>4,689</u>
Total costs for Allocation	4,747	4,689

	2024			2023		
	Activity	Costs	Total	Activity	Costs	Total
Fundraising	5,812	1,899	7,711	5,718	1,876	7,594
Grants after Activities	7,276	474	7,750	5,261	469	5,730
Major Grants & Awards	104,962	2,374	107,336	71,115	2,344	73,459
	118,050	4,747	122,797	82,094	4,689	86,783

It is estimated that Fundraising accounts for 40% of Governance and Support time, Activity Grants 10%, and Major Grants and Awards 50%: costs are allocated on this basis.

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8 Major Grants	2023			2024			Claim By	
	Opening Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		Year End Balance
Acton Beauchamp	-	-	-	-	500	-	500	Oct-26
Allensmore	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	Apr-24
Amberley	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	Oct-26
Ashperton	-	-	-	-	7,000	-	7,000	Apr-26
Bodenham	8,000	-	-	8,000	-	-	8,000	Apr-24
Bosbury	10,000	(7,000)	3,000	-	-	-	-	lapsed
Breinton	-	7,000	700	6,300	-	2,050	4,250	Apr-25
Bridge Sollars	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	Oct-26
Bromyard	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	was loan
Burrington/Elton	490	(120)	370	-	-	-	-	
Colwall	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	Apr-25
Cradley	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	10,000	Apr-24
Craswall	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Dewsall	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-	Apr-26
Dorstone	10,000	-	-	10,000	(2,000)	-	8,000	Oct-26
Downton on the Rock	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	
Eardisland	-	4,000	2,000	2,000	-	-	2,000	Oct-25
Eastnor	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,000	3,000	-	Apr-24
Eaton Bishop	4,000	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	
Ganarew	-	1,637	1,637	-	-	-	-	
Garway	12,450	-	-	12,450	-	12,450	-	
Hentland and Hoarwithy	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	
Humber	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	
Kington	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	-	10,000	-	
Kinnersley	1,300	(1,300)	-	-	-	-	-	lapsed
Knill	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	Oct-26
Leinthall Starkes	-	1,500	-	1,500	8,000	1,356	8,144	Apr-26
Leominster RC	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	
Leysters	1,000	5,000	1,000	5,000	-	5,000	-	
Little Birch	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	Oct-25
Llanwarne	2,000	-	2,000	-	10,000	-	10,000	Oct-26
Lugwardine	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	
Madley	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	lapsed
Monkland	4,000	(4,000)	-	-	-	-	-	lapsed
Monnington on Wye	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	
Mordiford	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	Apr-26
Much Birch	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	
Much Dewchurch	-	-	-	-	7,500	7,500	-	
Munsley	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	

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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Major Grants (continued)	2023			2024			Due by	
	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		Year End Balance
Ocle Pychard	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Orcop	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	
Pembridge	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	
Preston Wynne	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	Apr-26
Ross-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	Apr-26
Staunton-on-Wye	-	2,398	398	-	462	462	-	
St Weonards	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Tedstone Delamere	8,000	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	
Turnastone	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	
Tyberton	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	
Walterstone	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	
Wellington	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	15,000	Apr-26
Weobley	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	
Weston-under-Penyard	-	-	-	-	6,000	6,000	-	
Withington	-	6,000	-	6,000	-	6,000	-	
Woolhope	-	2,000	2,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	
Wormbridge - St Dev.	-	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	
Yarkhill	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	
Total	117,240	66,115	60,105	106,250	97,962	99,818	104,394	
Development Grants				included above				
Church Buildings Officer	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000		
Best Kept Church Award 2024*					2,000	2,000		
Governance and support costs		2,344			2,374			
Totals	117,240	73,459	65,105	106,250	107,336	106,818	104,394	

Reconciliation of major grants payable for the year

	2024	2023
Grants outstanding at start of year	106,250	117,240
Grants authorised in year	114,962	87,535
Grants withdrawn, returned or lapsed **	(10,000)	(16,420)
Grants converted from loan ***	-	(17,000)
Grants paid in year	<u>(106,818)</u>	<u>(65,105)</u>
Grants outstanding at end of year	<u>104,394</u>	<u>106,250</u>

In 2024 a loan of £1,000 was granted to Coddington

* Awarded to Preston Wynne Church

** In 2024 a £10,000 grant to Dorstone lapsed and was replaced by one of £8,000

*** In 2023 loans to Bromyard (£10,000), Weobley (£5,000) and Staunton on Wye (£2,000) were converted to grants and that to Staunton-on-Wye increased to £2,398

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
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11 Debtors

Reconciliation of Debtors in the year	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors outstanding at start of year	-	17,000
Loans converted to grant	-	(17,000)
Loans approved and paid out in year	1,000	-
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Debtors outstanding at end of year	<u><u>1,000</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

12 Cash at Bank	2024	2023
	£	£
Church Central Board of Finance	22,528	18,574
Barclays Current Account	5,655	45,840
Redmayne Bentley Deposit	7,835	5,730
	<u>36,018</u>	<u>70,144</u>

13 Creditors	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants awarded, still outstanding	104,394	106,250
Other	1,200	900
	<u>105,594</u>	<u>107,150</u>

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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Accounts



THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity No. 511181

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Honorary Presidents of the Trust are the Bishop of Hereford and the Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire. New Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and Trustees in office during the year were :

David Furnival	Chairman
The Venerable Derek Chedzey	Archdeacon of Hereford
Ali Haydn Jones	Membership Secretary
Lady Susanna McFarlane DL	
John Handby	Grants & Churches
Stephen Cheetham	Treasurer
Ben Furnival JP	
Tim Bridges	
Sue Burleigh	

The Trust's Charity Registration number is 511181 and the Charity's registered office is The Diocesan Office, The Palace, Hereford, HR4 9BL.

Professional advisers

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc
Broad Street
Hereford, HR4 9BH

Central Board of Finance of the Church of England
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street
London, EC4V 4ET

Investments:

Redmayne-Bentley Stockbrokers
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Leeds, LS1 2JZ

Independent Examiner:

David Marshall CA
Damage Limited, Chartered Accountants
Barton House, Newton St Margarets
Herefordshire, HR2 0QN

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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Purposes and Activities

Objectives and aims of the Charity

The Trust exists to further the object set out in the scheme dated 8 November 1995, which is to make funds available "for the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of Christian Churches in the County of Herefordshire and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels of such churches or situated in the churchyards thereof".

All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Trust is non-denominational and any Christian church congregation may apply to the Trustees for assistance.

The Trust aims to make available grants and loans to all Christian places of worship in the County of Herefordshire in order to enable their PCCs and congregations to preserve, maintain and improve the buildings and churchyards for current and future generations in the County.

Policy for making grants and loans

The Charity will continue to provide financial support to parishes that are undertaking repairs and maintenance to their churches, within the limitations of available funds and prioritizing applications from parishes of limited means.

Grants are available for most activities associated with structural repairs and maintenance. Grants for disabled access and reordering will be considered. Requests for assistance must be substantiated with details of the works proposed and the costs, and fully supported by the PCC or Governing Body of the Church, a Faculty or planning permission as appropriate and an indication of other sources of income. The full conditions are contained in the Grant application forms. Grant requests are considered at the meeting of the Trustees that take place in April and October. The usual maximum grant per project is £15,000 but at the Trustees' discretion larger Cornerstone grants of up to £25,000 can be granted. The offer of a grant is valid for two years, after which the position is reviewed. The grant is paid in arrears against certificates or contractors' invoices.

The Trust will consider making interest free loans to support PCCs, which are experiencing difficulties in meeting the costs of approved projects. Loans of up to £10,000 are available, to be repaid in up to four equal annual instalments but which must be taken up within 6 months of the offer. The decision to offer a loan can be made by the finance committee after receiving evidence of the loan requirement and a simple cash flow showing the shortfall in funds. The Treasurer must receive plans for the repayments before the loan can be paid.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trust furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- supporting the maintenance and upkeep of the churches and churchyards in Herefordshire, so that the current and future generations can enjoy and appreciate these historic buildings.
- encouraging the public to visit the churches and churchyards of Herefordshire, thereby broadening horizons and developing a better understanding of the rich history of the county.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2023 (continued)

Constitution, Structure and Governance

Constitution/Governing document:

The Charity was established on 29 September 1954 by Deed of Appointment and is now regulated by a scheme approved and established by the Charity Commission dated 8 November 1995. It is a Registered Charity.

Organizational structure

Executive Committee
Grant making Committee
Finance Committee

All Trustees are members of the Executive committee which also includes a number of additional members with skills or experience which may be of benefit to the Trust.

The Grant-making and Finance committees are small sub-committees of the Executive. The Chairman and Treasurer are members of both committees. The services of a secretary may be contracted to facilitate effective minute taking.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

When appointing members to the Executive committee the needs of the Trust are assessed; new Executive members should possess the skills to address any perceived gaps. New Trustees are normally chosen from members of the Executive committee after a period of time serving on the committee. Enthusiasm for the job and the time to commit to it are of greatest importance.

Trustees' induction and training

Possible new members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend our biannual meetings and subject to their enthusiasm and willingness to help in areas of need within the Trust are then invited to be a permanent member of the Executive Committee. Subject to there being a vacancy, a member from the Executive committee may then be invited to become a Trustee. He or she will, by that time, be aware of the work of the Trust and the responsibilities a Trustee will hold.

Main Activities in 2023

Main objective for the year

The Trust's annual objective is to administer grants and loans as agreed by the Executive committee and to continue to raise money for the benefit of the Trust and advise PCCs on grant applications. As a guideline, the Executive committee consider 10% of the Trust net asset value as a target, or maximum budget, for grant awards in a year. That figure is reviewed annually in the light of prior year financial performance and awards.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

31 DECEMBER 2023

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Significant activities in the year

Grant payments to PCC's and other church bodies decreased to £65,105 compared to £96,544 in 2022, but loans totalling £17,000 were converted to grants (zero in 2022).

19 grants were approved during the year, totalling £87,535, a significant decrease on 2022's total of £119,807 and reflecting lower funds available as a result of 2022's disappointing investment performance. Grants totalling £16,420 lapsed during the year.

Performance of Fundraising in 2023

Total donations increased significantly during the year to £40,687 from £29,140 in 2022. Trust and Corporate donations increased markedly, reflecting corporate sponsorship of our new Opera Evening event at Treago Castle which was a great success. Overall it was a good year for the Trust's fundraising activities, and income and costs for these activities are shown in detail in Notes 3 and 6 to the accounts.

Investment Policy and Performance in 2023

In 2023 there was no material change in the investment policy of the Trust which continued to aim for a balanced return between capital and income with a medium approach to risk. Some portfolio rebalancing was carried out during the year, and investment performance was somewhat improved after the disappointing falls of 2022: at year end the portfolio was valued at £906,994, some 2% higher than the £887,161 recorded at the beginning of the year. Investment movements and major holdings are summarised in Note 10 to the accounts. Redmayne Bentley continued as the Trust's investment broker throughout 2023 and their fees are shown in Note 5.

Review of Financial Position

Overview of the Year

The Trust aims to make Grants each year totalling about 10% of its asset value and it is the "free reserves" (ie net current assets) which provide the immediate funding. Due to grant approvals during 2023 net current assets were negative at the end of the year at minus £37,006: however although all grant approvals are recorded as current liabilities due within 12 months, in practice many projects take longer to come to fruition. The timing of grant claims and associated payments therefore remains uncertain and further liquidation of investment assets will be undertaken should it prove necessary in 2024. However, the Trust's investments are sound and there are ample funds available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

Reserves policy

There were no changes to the Reserves Policy during the year and as in previous years, the bulk of the Charity's reserves were held in investments, generating income to provide financial assistance to churches. As mentioned above, the Trust may liquidate investments and use that capital to improve the level of free reserves thereby allowing it to give away up to 10% of asset value every year. Sufficient funds are available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2023

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Risk management

The Trust has no property assets and is not subject to third party risks. Investment performance is the principal risk to the Trust. The investment portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by brokers, with whom the Finance Committee is in close contact. Two signatures are required on the Trust's cheques and three Trustees are authorised in this capacity. Most records are maintained in duplicate or can be retrieved from other sources. The knowledge shared by the Trustees would enable the Trust's function to be carried out if one member became unable to undertake his or her duties. The Trust is covered by Public Liability Insurance and Trustee Liability Insurance.

Related parties and transactions therewith are set out in Note 9.

Plans for the future

2024 will see a repeat of our very successful opera evening at Treago Castle as well as the continuation of our other fundraising efforts. We will continue to provide grants to Churches and expect to match our grant awards with income and some capital, and to provide loans to Churches where these are required and fulfil our criteria.

Independent Examiners

David Marshall CA, of Damage Limited Chartered Accountants, has agreed to offer himself for reappointment as Independent Examiner of the Trust.

On behalf of the Trustees



David Furnival
Chairman

Diocesan Office
The Palace
Hereford
October 17th 2024

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In managing the Trust, the Trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

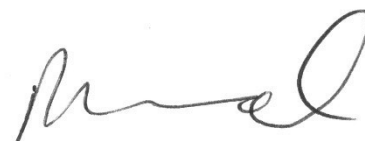
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on October 17th 2024.

and signed on their behalf by:



David Furnival
Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I report on the accounts of The Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in 2005 which is referred to in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Although the law has not been changed, we understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DAVID MARSHALL CA

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DAMAGE LIMITED Chartered Accountants
Barton House, Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire HR2 0QN

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	40,687		29,140	
Income from Charitable Activities	3	13,283		9,952	
Income from Investments	4	35,530		35,149	
Total Income			<u>89,500</u>		<u>74,241</u>
 EXPENDITURE					
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>					
Investment management costs	5		5,478		5,895
Fundraising activities	6		7,594		4,213
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	7				
Activity Grants		5,730		2,745	
Major Grants and Awards		73,459		120,384	
Cost of Grants			<u>79,189</u>		<u>123,129</u>
 Total resources expended			<u>92,261</u>		<u>133,237</u>
 Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments			<u>(2,761)</u>		<u>(58,996)</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	10		24,289		(125,519)
 Net income and movement in funds			<u>21,528</u>		<u>(184,515)</u>
 Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward			848,460		1,032,975
 Fund Balance at Year End			<u>869,988</u>	3%	<u>848,460</u>

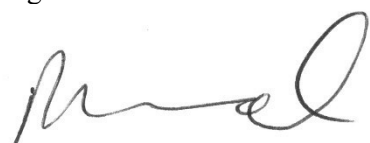
THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Investments	10		906,994		887,161
<i>Current assets</i>					
Debtors:	11	-		17,000	
Cash at bank and in hand:	12	70,144		62,364	
Total Current Assets		70,144		79,364	
<i>Current liabilities</i>					
Creditors due within one year	13	107,150		118,065	
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets			(37,006)		(38,701)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			869,988		848,460
Net Assets			869,988		848,460
<i>Funds</i>					
Unrestricted			869,988		848,460

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act of 2011, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The Trust holds only Unrestricted Funds. The Trust has no Restricted Funds and no Endowment Funds. Furthermore, the Trust does not undertake any Trading Activities, as a result, the SoFA and the Balance Sheet present only the Trusts actual activities. Unused categories and their columns are omitted.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on October 17th 2024



D. Furnival, Chairman

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019, as recommended by guidance notes prepared by the Charity Commission. Historical cost accounting rules have been applied, except for investments which are stated at market valuation. The usual practice of rounding exact figures to the nearest pound has been followed. Individual adjustments of one pound or accumulated adjustments of £5 are treated as “not material” and are made without reference.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation or sale is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

Debtors

Debtors, including interest-free loans to PCCs and others, are stated at their recoverable amounts.

Creditors

Creditors are stated at their settlement amounts.

Taxation

The Charity is not generally liable to taxation. For this reason, no tax reconciliation note is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For bequests, entitlement is the earlier of the Charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be directly allocated to the activities and the relevant support costs. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity. Note 7 contains further details.

Grants payable

Grants are recognised once they are authorised by the Trustees and are valid for two years after which they lapse.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance with the general objectives of the Charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds, if held, are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds would be charged against the specific fund, if relevant.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the SoFA as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the recognised market value at year end and their carrying value at the start of the financial period.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

As in previous years, the most significant area of uncertainty that would affect the carrying value of the Trust's assets with respect to the next reporting period (i.e. 2024) is the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include investments, debtors and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets, classified as receivable within one year, are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities, classified as payable within one year, are not amortised.

Trade creditors represents an obligation to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Donations:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Personal	8,578	9,522
PCCs	9,915	3,895
Trusts and Corporate	19,870	13,095
Legacies	2	168
Income tax refunds	2,322	2,460
	<u>40,687</u>	<u>29,140</u>

3 Activities for generating funds:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income from Charitable Activities		
Coffee morning	1,657	1,558
Church crawl	1,604	1,370
Annual Friends Meeting	183	769
Opera Evening	5,598	-
Music in Quiet Places	4,241	6,255
	<u>13,283</u>	<u>9,952</u>

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4	Investment Income	2023	2022
		£	£
	Redmayne Bentley (Dividends)	29,100	28,782
	CBF Deposit Funds	<u>6,430</u>	<u>6,367</u>
		35,530	35,149
5	Investment Management Costs:	2023	2022
		£	£
	Broker fees	<u>5,478</u>	<u>5,895</u>
		5,478	5,895
6	Fundraising Activities:		
	Costs for:	2023	2022
		£	£
	Coffee morning	320	441
	Church crawl	360	1,000
	Music in quiet places	1,240	711
	Opera Evening	<u>3,798</u>	<u>-</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	<u>5,718</u>	<u>2,152</u>
	Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>1,876</u>	<u>2,061</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	7,594	4,213

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7 Allocation of Governance and Support Costs

Activity Grants to Participating Churches and subsequent allocation of costs

	2023	2022
Activity	£	£
Music in Quiet Places	750	1,030
Opera Evening	3,828	-
Church Crawl	-	450
Coffee Morning	500	250
Annual Friends Meeting	183	500
Total	<u>5,261</u>	<u>2,230</u>
Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>469</u>	<u>515</u>
Total	5,730	2,745

	2023	2022
Governance Costs	£	£
Trustee expenses	119	820
Insurance	711	691
Accountancy & Examination fees	975	1,100
Annual Report and Meetings	2,434	2,180
Support Costs	450	362
Governance costs	<u>4,689</u>	<u>5,153</u>
Total costs for Allocation	4,689	5,153

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>		
	Activity	Costs	Total	Activity	Costs	Total
Fundraising	5,718	1,876	7,594	2,152	2,061	4,213
Grants after Activities	5,261	469	5,730	2,230	515	2,745
Major Grants & Awards	71,115	2,344	73,459	117,807	2,577	120,384
	82,094	4,689	86,783	122,189	5,153	127,342

It is estimated that Fundraising accounts for 40% of Governance and Support time, Activity Grants 10%, and Major Grants and Awards 50%: costs are allocated on this basis.

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8	Major Grants	2022			2023			Claim By	
		Opening Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		Year End Balance
	Allensmore	-	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	Apr-24
	Bodenham	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	8,000	Apr-24
	Bosbury	10,000	-	-	10,000	(7,000)	3,000	-	lapsed
	Breinton	-	900	900	-	7,000	700	6,300	Apr-25
	Bridge Sollers	3,000	-	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	lapsed
	Bromyard	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	was loan
	Burrington/Elton	-	490	-	490	(120)	370	-	
	Byford	-	917	917	-	-	-	-	
	Colwall	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	Apr-25
	Cradley	-	15,000	5,000	10,000	-	-	10,000	Apr-24
	Craswall	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	
	Dewsall	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	
	Dorstone	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	10,000	Apr-24
	Downton on the Rock	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	Oct-24
	Eardisland	-	-	-	-	4,000	2,000	2,000	Oct-25
	Eastnor	3,000	3,000	4,000	2,000	-	-	2,000	Apr-24
	Eaton Bishop	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	Oct-24
	Ganarew	-	-	-	-	1,637	1,637	-	
	Garway	2,450	10,000	-	12,450	-	-	12,450	Apr-24
	Goodrich	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	lapsed
	Hatfield	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	
	Hope-under-Dinmore	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	lapsed
	Humber	8,000	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	
	Kilpeck	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	
	Kington	5,000	-	-	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	Apr-25
	Kinnersley	1,300	-	-	1,300	(1,300)	-	-	lapsed
	Leinthall Starks	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	Oct-25
	Leominster RC	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	Oct-24
	Letton	7,000	-	7,000	-	-	-	-	
	Leysters	-	1,000	-	1,000	5,000	1,000	5,000	Oct-25
	Little Birch	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	Oct-25
	Llangarron	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	
	Llanwarne	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	
	Lugwardine	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	-	
	Madley	1,000	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	lapsed
	Moccas	6,000	2,000	8,000	-	-	-	-	
	Monkland	4,000	-	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-	lapsed
	Monnington on Wye	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	Apr-24

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Major Grants (continued)	2022			2023			Year End Balance	Due by
	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		
Ocle Pychard	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	
Orcop	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	Oct-25
Pembridge	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	
Pipe Aston	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	-	-	
Staunton-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	2,398	398	-	was loan
Storrige	727	-	727	-	-	-	-	
St Weonards	-	4,000	4,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	
Tedstone Delamere	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	8,000	Oct-24
Turnastone	2,000	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	
Upper Sapey	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Walterstone	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	
Weobley	5,000	3,000	8,000	-	5,000	-	-	was loan
Withington	-	2,500	2,500	-	6,000	-	6,000	Oct-25
Woolhope	-	1,000	1,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	
Wormbridge - St Dev.	3,000	-	3,000	-	4,000	4,000	-	
Yarpole - St Leonards	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	
Total	90,977	112,807	86,544	117,240	66,115	60,105	106,250	
Development Grants								included above
Church Buildings Office	5000	5,000	10,000	-	5,000	5,000	-	
Governance and support costs		2,577				2,344		
Totals	95,977	120,384	96,544	117,240	73,459	65,105	106,250	

Reconciliation of major grants payable for the year

	2023	2022
Grants outstanding at start of year	117,240	95,977
Grants authorised in year	87,535	119,807
Grants withdrawn, returned or lapsed	(16,420)	(2,000)
Grants converted from loan *	(17,000)	-
Grants paid in year	(65,105)	(96,544)
Grants outstanding at end of year	<u>106,250</u>	<u>117,240</u>

* In 2023 loans to Bromyard (£10,000), Weobley (£5,000) and Staunton on Wye (£2,000) were converted to grants and that to Staunton-on-Wye increased to £2,398

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9 Trustees and employees

The Trust has no employees, and no emoluments were paid to the Trustees during the year. Reimbursements to Trustees totalled £460 during the year. Aggregate reimbursements to Trustees in 2022 totalled £820.

10 Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value of investments at start of year	887,161	1,020,825
Additions	81,779	47,830
Disposals at market value	(86,235)	(55,975)
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal	(1,970)	24,166
Unrealised gains/(losses)	<u>26,259</u>	<u>(149,685)</u>
Market value of investments at end of year	906,994	887,161
Historical Cost of Investments at end of year	631,687	603,538

All investments are quoted: FTSE 100 31st December 2023: 7722
 FTSE 100 31st December 2022: 7452
 FTSE 100 31st December 2021: 7385

The following holdings each represent more than 5% of the value of the portfolio in the respective year: Figures shown are based on closing market value.

	2023		2022	
	%	£	%	£
COIF Charity Funds Invest Inc	12.1	109,985	11.4	100,803
CBF C of E Investment Fund	11.7	105,780	10.9	97,052
JP Morgan US Equity Income	-	-	10.4	92,188
JP Morgan Global Growth and Income	8.8	80,229	8.7	76,893
M&G Inv Man Charifund	7.9	71,842	8.3	73,571
BNY Mellon Newton High Inc Gbl	6.4	58,376	7.9	69,957
Tritax Big Box Reit PLC	6.6	59,960	5.5	49,203
GCP Infrastructure Investments Ltd	-	-	5.5	49,164
Jupiter Unit Trust Strategic Bond	5.2	47,464	5.2	45,928
Polar Capital Global Convertible Bonds	-	-	5.1	45,041
Rathbone Unit Trust Mgmt Bond	5.2	46,861	5.0	44,651

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11 Debtors

Reconciliation of Debtors in the year	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors outstanding at start of year	17,000	-
Loans converted to grant	(17,000)	-
Loans approved and paid out in year	-	17,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>17,000</u>
Debtors outstanding at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>17,000</u>

12 Cash at Bank	2023	2022
	£	£
Church Central Board of Finance	18,574	15,163
Barclays Current Account	45,840	39,582
Redmayne Bentley Deposit	5,730	7,619
	<u>70,144</u>	<u>62,364</u>

13 Creditors	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants awarded, still outstanding	106,250	117,240
Other	900	825
	<u>107,150</u>	<u>118,065</u>

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 511181

Accounts



THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Registered Charity No. 511181

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Honorary Presidents of the Trust are the Bishop of Hereford and the Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire. New Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and Trustees in office during the year were :

David Furnival*	Chairman
The Venerable Derek Chedzey	Archdeacon of Hereford
Ali Haydn Jones	Membership Secretary
Jill Gallimore	
Lady Susanna McFarlane DL	
John Handby*	Grants & Churches
Stephen Cheetham*	Treasurer
Ben Furnival JP	
Rod Barker*	

* Members of the Finance Committee.

The Trust's Charity Registration number is 511181 and the Charity's registered office is The Diocesan Office, The Palace, Hereford, HR4 9BL.

Professional advisers

Bankers:

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Broad Street
Hereford, HR4 9BH

Central Board of Finance of the Church of England
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street
London, EC4V 4ET

Investments:

Redmayne-Bentley Stockbrokers
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Independent Examiner:

David Marshall CA
Damage Limited, Chartered Accountants
Barton House, Newton St Margarets
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Purposes and Activities

Objectives and aims of the Charity

The Trust exists to further the object set out in the scheme dated 8 November 1995, which is to make funds available "for the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of Christian Churches in the County of Herefordshire and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels of such churches or situated in the churchyards thereof".

All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Trust is non-denominational and any Christian church congregation may apply to the Trustees for assistance.

The Trust aims to make available grants and loans to all Christian places of worship in the County of Herefordshire in order to enable their PCCs and congregations to preserve, maintain and improve the buildings and churchyards for current and future generations in the County.

Policy for making grants and loans

The Charity will continue to provide financial support to parishes that are undertaking repairs and maintenance to their churches, within the limitations of available funds and prioritizing applications from parishes of limited means.

Grants are available for most activities associated with structural repairs and maintenance. Grants for disabled access and reordering will be considered. Requests for assistance must be substantiated with details of the works proposed and the costs, and fully supported by the PCC or Governing Body of the Church, a Faculty or planning permission as appropriate and an indication of other sources of income. The full conditions are contained in the Grant application forms. Grant requests are considered at the meeting of the Trustees that take place in April and October. The usual maximum grant per project is £15,000 but at the Trustees' discretion larger Cornerstone grants of up to £25,000 can be granted. The offer of a grant is valid for two years, after which the position is reviewed. The grant is paid in arrears against certificates or contractors' invoices.

The Trust will consider making interest free loans to support PCCs, which are experiencing difficulties in meeting the costs of approved projects. Loans of up to £10,000 are available, to be repaid in up to four equal annual instalments but which must be taken up within 6 months of the offer. The decision to offer a loan can be made by the finance committee after receiving evidence of the loan requirement and a simple cash flow showing the shortfall in funds. The Treasurer must receive plans for the repayments before the loan can be paid.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trust furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- supporting the maintenance and upkeep of the churches and churchyards in Herefordshire, so that the current and future generations can enjoy and appreciate these historic buildings.
- encouraging the public to visit the churches and churchyards of Herefordshire, thereby broadening horizons and developing a better understanding of the rich history of the county.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
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31 DECEMBER 2022(continued)

Constitution, Structure and Governance

Constitution/Governing document:

The Charity was established on 29 September 1954 by Deed of Appointment and is now regulated by a scheme approved and established by the Charity Commission dated 8 November 1995. It is a Registered Charity.

Organizational structure

Executive Committee
Grant making Committee
Finance Committee

All Trustees are members of the Executive committee which also includes a number of additional members with skills or experience which may be of benefit to the Trust.

The Grant-making and Finance committees are small sub-committees of the Executive. The Chairman and Treasurer are members of both committees. The services of a secretary may be contracted to facilitate effective minute taking.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

When appointing members to the Executive committee the needs of the Trust are assessed; new Executive members should possess the skills to address any perceived gaps. New Trustees are normally chosen from members of the Executive committee after a period of time serving on the committee. Enthusiasm for the job and the time to commit to it are of greatest importance.

Trustees' induction and training

Possible new members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend our biannual meetings and subject to their enthusiasm and willingness to help in areas of need within the Trust are then invited to be a permanent member of the Executive Committee. Subject to there being a vacancy, a member from the Executive committee may then be invited to become a Trustee. He or she will, by that time, be aware of the work of the Trust and the responsibilities a Trustee will hold.

Main Activities in 2022

Main objective for the year

The Trust's annual objective is to administer grants and loans as agreed by the Executive committee and to continue to raise money for the benefit of the Trust and advise PCCs on grant applications. As a guideline, the Executive committee consider 10% of the Trust net asset value as a target, or maximum budget, for grant awards in a year. That figure is reviewed annually in the light of prior year financial performance and awards.

Significant activities in the year

In 2022 the Trust's activities largely returned to normal following the global Covid-19 pandemic. The customary number of fundraising events took place, and the progress of church restoration and improvement projects accelerated following the slowdown caused by the pandemic.

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Grant payments to PCC's and other church bodies increased to £96,544 compared to £73,750 in 2021.

The volume of grant applications also increased markedly and the Finance Committee's normal grant approval process was resumed. 23 grants were approved during the year, totalling £119,807, a significant increase on 2021's total of £77,477. Grants totalling £2,000 lapsed during the year, while loans totalling £17,000 were approved and paid out: it is anticipated that at least some of these may be converted into grants in 2023.

Performance of Fundraising in 2022

Total donations fell slightly during the year to £29,140 from £30,818 in 2021. Trust and Corporate donations fell markedly, partially offset by higher personal donations and tax refunds, while legacies remained at a low level as detailed in Note 2. As noted above, the Trust's normal fundraising activities restarted during 2022, and both income and costs for these activities increased versus 2021: these are shown in detail in Notes 3 and 6 to the accounts.

Investment Policy and Performance in 2022

In 2022 there was no material change in the investment policy of the Trust which continued to aim for a balanced return between capital and income with a low/medium approach to risk. Some portfolio rebalancing was carried out during the year, but overall investment performance was very disappointing and at year end the portfolio was valued at £887,161, 13% lower than the £1,020,825 recorded at the beginning of the year. 2022 was an exceptionally challenging year in investment markets against a backdrop of rampant inflation and war in Ukraine, as well as ill-judged policy choices in the UK: it is to be hoped that 2023 will bring somewhat better performance. Investment movements are summarised in Note 10 to the accounts. Redmayne Bentley continued as the Trust's investment broker throughout 2022 and their fees are shown in Note 5.

Review of Financial Position

Overview of the Year

The Trust aims to make Grants each year totalling about 10% of its asset value and it is the "free reserves" (ie net current assets) which provide the immediate funding. Due to the high level of grant approvals during 2022 net current assets were negative at the end of the year at minus £38,701 and further liquidation of investment assets is likely to prove necessary in 2023. However, the Trust's investments are sound and there are ample funds available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

Reserves policy

There were no changes to the Reserves Policy during the year and as in previous years, the bulk of the Charity's reserves were held in investments, generating income to provide financial assistance to churches. As mentioned above, the Trust may liquidate investments and use that capital to improve the level of free reserves thereby allowing it to give away up to 10% of asset value every year. Sufficient funds are available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

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Risk management

The Trust has no property assets and is not subject to third party risks. Investment performance is the principal risk to the Trust. The investment portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by brokers, with whom the Finance Committee is in close contact. Two signatures are required on the Trust's cheques and three Trustees are authorised in this capacity. Most records are maintained in duplicate or can be retrieved from other sources. The knowledge shared by the Trustees would enable the Trust's function to be carried out if one member became unable to undertake his or her duties. The Trust is covered by Public Liability Insurance and Trustee Liability Insurance.

Related parties and transactions therewith are set out in Note 9.

Plans for the future

An increased level of fundraising activity is planned for 2023 including an opera evening at Treago Castle. Efforts are also being made to increase the financial return from the Trust's events after a somewhat disappointing performance in 2022 from the Church Crawl. We will continue to provide grants to Churches and expect to match our grant awards with income and some capital, and to provide loans to Churches where these are required and fulfil our criteria.

Independent Examiners

David Marshall CA, of Damage Limited Chartered Accountants, has agreed to offer himself for reappointment as Independent Examiner of the Trust.



On behalf of the Trustees
David Furnival
Chairman

Diocesan Office
The Palace
Hereford
October 12th 2023

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In managing the Trust, the Trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

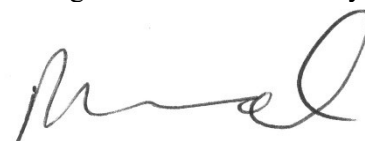
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on October 12th 2023.

and signed on their behalf by:



David Furnival
Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I report on the accounts of The Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in 2005 which is referred to in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Although the law has not been changed, we understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DAVID MARSHALL CA

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DAMAGE LIMITED Chartered Accountants
Barton House, Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire HR2 0QN

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	29,140		30,818	
Income from Charitable Activities	3	9,952		7,291	
Income from Investments	4	35,149		34,325	
Total Income			<u>74,241</u>		<u>72,434</u>
 EXPENDITURE					
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>					
Investment management costs	5		5,895		7,146
Fundraising activities	6		4,213		3,135
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	7				
Activity Grants		2,745		2,472	
Major Grants and Awards		120,384		74,092	
Cost of Grants			<u>123,129</u>		<u>76,564</u>
 Total resources expended			<u>133,237</u>		<u>86,845</u>
 Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments			<u>(58,996)</u>		<u>(14,411)</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	10		(125,519)		109,324
 Net income and movement in funds			<u>(184,515)</u>		<u>94,913</u>
 Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward			1,032,975		938,062
 Fund Balance at Year End			<u>848,460</u>	-18%	<u>1,032,975</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Investments	10	887,161		1,020,825	
<i>Current assets</i>					
Debtors:	11	17,000		-	
Cash at bank and in hand:	12	62,364		109,843	
Total Current Assets		79,364		109,843	
<i>Current liabilities</i>					
Creditors due within one year	13	118,065		97,693	
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets		(38,701)		12,150	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		848,460		1,032,975	
Net Assets		848,460		1,032,975	
 <i>Funds</i>					
Unrestricted		848,460		1,032,975	

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act of 2011, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The Trust holds only Unrestricted Funds. The Trust has no Restricted Funds and no Endowment Funds. Furthermore, the Trust does not undertake any Trading Activities, as a result, the SoFA and the Balance Sheet present only the Trusts actual activities. Unused categories and their columns are omitted.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on October 12th 2023



THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019, as recommended by guidance notes prepared by the Charity Commission. Historical cost accounting rules have been applied, except for investments which are stated at market valuation. The usual practice of rounding exact figures to the nearest pound has been followed. Individual adjustments of one pound or accumulated adjustments of £5 are treated as “not material” and are made without reference.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation or sale is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

Debtors

Debtors, including interest-free loans to PCCs and others, are stated at their recoverable amounts.

Creditors

Creditors are stated at their settlement amounts.

Taxation

The Charity is not generally liable to taxation. For this reason, no tax reconciliation note is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For bequests, entitlement is the earlier of the Charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be directly allocated to the activities and the relevant support costs. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity. Note 7 contains further details.

Grants payable

Grants are recognised once they are authorised by the Trustees and are valid for two years after which they lapse.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance with the general objectives of the Charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds, if held, are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds would be charged against the specific fund, if relevant.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the SoFA as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the recognised market value at year end and their carrying value at the start of the financial period.

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Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

As in previous years, the most significant area of uncertainty that would affect the carrying value of the Trust's assets with respect to the next reporting period (i.e. 2023) is the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include investments, debtors and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets, classified as receivable within one year, are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities, classified as payable within one year, are not amortised.

Trade creditors represents an obligation to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Donations:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Personal	9,522	7,053
PCCs	3,895	4,357
Trusts and Corporate	13,095	17,317
Legacies	168	813
Income tax refunds	<u>2,460</u>	<u>1,278</u>
	29,140	30,818

3 Activities for generating funds:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income from Charitable Activities		
Coffee morning	1,558	2,824
Church crawl	1,370	1,813
Annual Friends Meeting	769	-
Music in Quiet Places	<u>6,255</u>	<u>2,654</u>
	9,952	7,291

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4	Investment Income	2022	2021
		£	£
	Redmayne Bentley (Dividends)	28,782	26,833
	CBF Deposit Funds	<u>6,367</u>	<u>7,492</u>
		35,149	34,325
5	Investment Management Costs:	2022	2021
		£	£
	Broker fees	5,895	7,146
	Legal fees, levies, etc	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		5,895	7,146
6	Fundraising Activities:		
	Costs for:	2022	2021
		£	£
	Coffee morning	441	508
	Church crawl	1,000	988
	Music in quiet places	<u>711</u>	<u>350</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	2,152	1,846
	Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>2,061</u>	<u>1,289</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	4,213	3,135

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7 Allocation of Governance and Support Costs

Activity Grants to Participating Churches and subsequent allocation of costs

	2022	2021
Activity	£	£
Music in Quiet Places	1,030	1,100
Church Crawl	450	650
Coffee Morning	250	-
Annual Friends Meeting	500	400
Total	<u>2,230</u>	<u>2,150</u>
Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>515</u>	<u>322</u>
Total	2,745	2,472

	2022	2021
Governance Costs	£	£
Trustee expenses	820	88
Insurance	691	702
Accountancy & Examination fees	1,100	825
Annual Report and Meetings	2,180	894
Support Costs	362	713
Governance costs	<u>5,153</u>	<u>3,222</u>
Other Support costs	-	-
Total costs for Allocation	5,153	3,222

	2022			2021		
	Activity	Costs	Total	Activity	Costs	Total
Fundraising	2,152	2,061	4,213	1,846	1,289	3,135
Grants after Activities	2,230	515	2,745	2,150	322	2,472
Major Grants & Awards	117,807	2,577	120,384	72,481	1,611	74,092
	122,189	5,153	127,342	<u>76,477</u>	<u>3,222</u>	<u>79,699</u>

It is estimated that Fundraising accounts for 40% of Governance and Support time, Activity Grants 10%, and Major Grants and Awards 50%: costs are allocated on this basis.

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8	Major Grants	2021			2022			Due by	
		Opening Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		Year End Balance
	Allensmore	-	-	-	-	6,000	-	6,000	Apr-24
	Birley	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Bodenham	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	Apr-24
	Bosbury	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	10,000	Oct-23
	Breinton	-	-	-	-	900	900	-	
	Bridge Sollers	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	Apr-23
	Burrington/Elton	-	-	-	-	490	-	490	Oct-24
	Byford	-	-	-	-	917	917	-	
	Cradley	-	-	-	-	15,000	5,000	10,000	Apr-24
	Croft	796	(796)	-	-	-	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Dewsall	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	
	Dorstone	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	Apr-24
	Downton on the Rock	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	Oct-24
	Eastnor	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000	4,000	2,000	Apr-24
	Eardisland	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Eaton Bishop	-	3,000	3,000	-	4,000	-	4,000	Oct-24
	Fownhope	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	
	Goodrich	1,000	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Garway	2,450	-	-	2,450	10,000	-	12,450	Apr-24
	Hatfield	4,000	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	
	Hentland	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	
	Hereford	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	
	Hope-under-Dinmore	1,000	-	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Humber	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	8,000	Apr-23
	Kilpeck	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000	-	
	Kingsland	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	
	Kington	1,000	5,000	1,000	5,000	-	-	5,000	Apr-23
	Kinnersley	4,300	-	3,000	1,300	-	-	1,300	Apr-23
	Llangarron	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	
	Leominster Priory	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	
	Leominster RC	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	Oct-24
	Letton	-	7,000	-	7,000	-	7,000	-	
	Leysters	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	Oct-24
	Little Birch	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Llanwarne	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	Oct-24
	Madley	2,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	1,000	Apr-23
	Moccas	6,000	-	-	6,000	2,000	8,000	-	
	Monkland	4,000	-	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	Apr-23
	Monnington on Wye	3,000	500	3,500	-	10,000	-	10,000	Apr-24
	Much Birch	2,700	(450)	2,250	-	-	-	-	

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Major Grants (continued)	2021			2022			Year End Balance	Due by
	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		
Pembridge	9,000	-	8,000	1,000	-	-	1,000	Oct-23
Pipe Aston	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	
Storrige	-	727	-	727	-	727	-	
St Weonards	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	-	
Tarrington	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	
Tedstone Delamere	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	Oct-24
Tretire	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Tumastone	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	Apr-23
Upper Sapey	-	7,000	4,000	3,000	-	3,000	-	
Walterstone	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	Apr-24
Wellington	1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	
Wellington Heath	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Weobley	-	5,000	-	5,000	3,000	8,000	-	
Withington	8,000	-	8,000	-	2,500	2,500	-	
Woolhope	2,500	-	2,500	-	1,000	1,000	-	
Wormbridge - St Dev	3,000	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	
Yarpole - St Leonards	3,000	1,000	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	
Total	97,246	67,481	73,750	90,977	112,807	86,544	117,240	
Development Grants								included above
Church Buildings Officer Grant		5,000	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	-	
Governance and support costs		1,611			2,577			
Totals	97,246	74,092	73,750	95,977	120,384	96,544	117,240	

Reconciliation of major grants payable for the year

	2022	2021
Grants outstanding at start of year	95,977	97,246
Grants authorised in year	119,807	77,477
Grants withdrawn, returned or lapsed *	(2,000)	(7,246)
Grants converted from loan *	-	2,250
Grants paid in year	(96,544)	(73,750)
Grants outstanding at end of year	<u>117,240</u>	<u>95,977</u>

* In 2021 a loan of £2,700 to Much Birch PCC was partially repaid and the balance converted to a grant of £2,250. Outstanding grants to Birley, Croft, Eardisland, Little Birch, Llanwarne, Goodrich and Hope-under-Dinmore have lapsed.

In 2022 loans were extended to Bromyard (£10,000), Weobley (£5,000) and Staunton-on-Wye (£2,000).

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9 Trustees and employees

No emoluments were paid to the Trustees during the year. Reimbursements to Trustees totalled £820 during the year. Aggregate reimbursements to Trustees in 2021 totalled £754

10 Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Market value of investments at start of year	1,020,825	934,863
Additions	47,830	150,792
Disposals at market value	(55,975)	(174,154)
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal	24,166	12,210
Unrealised gains/(losses)	(149,685)	97,114
Market value of investments at end of year	<u>887,161</u>	<u>1,020,825</u>
Historical Cost of Investments at end of year	603,538	587,519

All investments are quoted: FTSE 100 31st December 2022: 7452
 FTSE 100 31st December 2021: 7385
 FTSE 100 31st December 2020: 6461

The following holdings each represent more than 5% of the value of the portfolio in the respective year:
 Figures shown are based on closing market value.

	2022		2021	
	%	£	%	£
COIF Charity Funds Invest Inc	11.4	100,803	11.3	115,218
CBF C of E Investment Fund	10.9	97,052	10.8	110,237
JP Morgan US Equity Income	10.4	92,188	8.5	86,997
JP Morgan Global Growth and Income	8.7	76,893	6.3	64,075
M&G Inv Man Charifund	8.3	73,571	10.3	105,032
BNY Mellon Newton High Inc Gbl	7.9	69,957	6.5	66,601
Tritax Big Box Reit PLC	5.5	49,203	9.0	92,130
GCP Infrastructure Investments Ltd	5.5	49,164	-	-
Jupiter Unit Trust Strategic Bond	5.2	45,928	5.6	56,725
Polar Capital Global Convertible Bonds	5.1	45,041	-	-
Rathbone Unit Trust Mgmt Bond	5.0	44,651	5.5	56,115

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11 Debtors

Reconciliation of Debtors in the year	2022	2021
	£	£
Debtors outstanding at start of year	-	-
Loans converted to grant	-	(2,250)
Loans approved and paid out in year	17,000	2,700
Loans repaid in year	-	(450)
Debtors outstanding at end of year	<u>17,000</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Cash at Bank	2022	2021
	£	£
Church Central Board of Finance	15,163	51,804
Barclays Current Account	39,582	54,214
Redmayne Bentley Deposit	7,619	3,825
	<u>62,364</u>	<u>109,843</u>

13 Creditors	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants awarded, still outstanding	117,240	95,977
Other	825	1,716
	<u>118,065</u>	<u>97,693</u>

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Registered Charity No. 511181

Version 1.5 Final

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Honorary Presidents of the Trust are the Bishop of Hereford and the Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire. New Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and Trustees in office during the year were :

David Furnival*	Chairman
The Venerable Derek Chedzey	Archdeacon of Hereford
Ali Haydn Jones	Membership Secretary
Jill Gallimore	
Lady Susanna McFarlane DL	
John Handby*	Grants & Churches
Stephen Cheetham*	Treasurer
Ben Furnival JP	
Rod Barker*	

* Members of the Finance Committee.

The Trust's Charity Registration number is 511181 and the Charity's registered office is The Diocesan Office, The Palace, Hereford, HR4 9BL.

Professional advisers

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Purposes and Activities

Objectives and aims of the Charity

The Trust exists to further the object set out in the scheme dated 8 November 1995, which is to make funds available "for the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of Christian Churches in the County of Herefordshire and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels of such churches or situated in the churchyards thereof".

All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Trust is non-denominational and any Christian church congregation may apply to the Trustees for assistance.

The Trust aims to make available grants and loans to all Christian places of worship in the County of Herefordshire in order to enable their PCCs and congregations to preserve, maintain and improve the buildings and churchyards for current and future generations in the County.

Policy for making grants and loans

The Charity will continue to provide financial support to parishes that are undertaking repairs and maintenance to their churches, within the limitations of available funds and prioritizing applications from parishes of limited means.

Grants are available for most activities associated with structural repairs and maintenance. Grants for disabled access and reordering will be considered. Requests for assistance must be substantiated with details of the works proposed and the costs, and fully supported by the PCC or Governing Body of the Church, a Faculty or planning permission as appropriate and an indication of other sources of income. The full conditions are contained in the Grant application forms. Grant requests are considered at the meeting of the Trustees that take place in April and October. The usual maximum grant per project is £15,000 but at the Trustees' discretion larger Cornerstone grants of up to £25,000 can be granted. The offer of a grant is valid for two years, after which the position is reviewed. The grant is paid in arrears against certificates or contractors' invoices.

The Trust will consider making interest free loans to support PCCs, which are experiencing difficulties in meeting the costs of approved projects. Loans of up to £10,000 are available, to be repaid in up to four equal annual instalments but which must be taken up within 6 months of the offer. The decision to offer a loan can be made by the finance committee after receiving evidence of the loan requirement and a simple cash flow showing the shortfall in funds. The Treasurer must receive plans for the repayments before the loan can be paid.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trust furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- supporting the maintenance and upkeep of the churches and churchyards in Herefordshire, so that the current and future generations can enjoy and appreciate these historic buildings.
- encouraging the public to visit the churches and churchyards of Herefordshire, thereby broadening horizons and developing a better understanding of the rich history of the county.

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Constitution, Structure and Governance

Constitution/Governing document:

The Charity was established on 29 September 1954 by Deed of Appointment and is now regulated by a scheme approved and established by the Charity Commission dated 8 November 1995. It is a Registered Charity.

Organizational structure

Executive Committee
Grant making Committee
Finance Committee

All Trustees are members of the Executive committee which also includes a number of additional members with skills or experience which may be of benefit to the Trust.

The Grant-making and Finance committees are small sub-committees of the Executive. The Chairman and Treasurer are members of both committees. The services of a secretary may be contracted to facilitate effective minute taking.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

When appointing members to the Executive committee the needs of the Trust are assessed; new Executive members should possess the skills to address any perceived gaps. New Trustees are normally chosen from members of the Executive committee after a period of time serving on the committee. Enthusiasm for the job and the time to commit to it are of greatest importance.

Trustees' induction and training

Possible new members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend our biannual meetings and subject to their enthusiasm and willingness to help in areas of need within the Trust are then invited to be a permanent member of the Executive Committee. Subject to there being a vacancy, a member from the Executive committee may then be invited to become a Trustee. He or she will, by that time, be aware of the work of the Trust and the responsibilities a Trustee will hold.

Main Activities in 2021

Main objective for the year

The Trust's annual objective is to administer grants and loans as agreed by the Executive committee and to continue to raise money for the benefit of the Trust and advise PCCs on grant applications. As a guideline, the Executive committee consider 10% of the Trust net asset value as a target, or maximum budget, for grant awards in a year. That figure is reviewed annually in the light of prior year financial performance and awards.

Significant activities in the year

As in 2020, the Trust's activities in 2021 were severely affected by the global Covid-19 pandemic. Successive lockdowns led to cancellations of fundraising events and although a few of these were held, the Trust's activities were severely curtailed. The progress of church restoration and improvement projects

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supported by the Trust continued to be hindered by pandemic restrictions and material shortages: nonetheless the amount of grant payments to PCC's and other church bodies increased to £73,750 compared to £69,087 in 2020.

Grant applications continued to be received, albeit at a reduced level, and the Finance Committee's grant approval process was continued both remotely and in person when permitted. 18 grants were approved during the year, totalling £77,477. The total approved was somewhat lower than 2020's total of £92,733.

Performance of Fundraising in 2021

Donations – PCCs, Personal, Trusts and Corporate - recovered in 2021, nearly doubling to £28,727 from £14,694 in 2020. However, legacies fell from 2020's high level of £33,185 to just £813: these remain an important source of funds for the Trust but are by their nature impossible to forecast. Total donations therefore fell overall by some £17,000 (Note 2). As noted above, the Trust's normal fundraising activities restarted during 2021, and both income and costs for these activities increased versus 2020 though remaining depressed by normal standards: these are shown in detail in Notes 3 and 6 to the accounts.

Investment Policy and Performance in 2021

In 2021 there was no material change in the investment policy of the Trust which continued to aim for a balanced return between capital and income with a low/medium approach to risk. Some portfolio rebalancing was carried out during the year, and at year end the portfolio was valued at £1,020,825, somewhat increased versus the prior year amount of £934,863. These movements are summarised in Note 10 to the accounts: it should be noted, however, that investment performance has been very poor so far in 2022 and as at the time of writing the Finance Committee anticipate that the portfolio valuation will be significantly reduced as at December 2022. Redmayne Bentley continued as the Trust's investment broker throughout 2021 and their fees are shown in Note 5.

Review of Financial Position

Overview of the Year

The Trust aims to make Grants each year totalling about 10% of its asset value and it is the "free reserves" (ie net current assets) which provide the immediate funding. The free reserves at the end of 2021 were £12,150 suggesting that further liquidation of investment assets may prove necessary in 2022. However, the Trust's investments are sound and there are ample funds available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

Reserves policy

There were no changes to the Reserves Policy during the year and as in previous years, the bulk of the Charity's reserves were held in investments, generating income to provide financial assistance to churches. As mentioned above, the Trust may liquidate investments and use that capital to improve the level of free reserves thereby allowing it to give away up to 10% of asset value every year. Sufficient funds are available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

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Risk management

The Trust has no property assets and is not subject to third party risks. Investment performance is the principal risk to the Trust. The investment portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by brokers, with whom the Finance Committee is in close contact. Two signatures are required on the Trust's cheques and three Trustees are authorised in this capacity. Most records are maintained in duplicate or can be retrieved from other sources. The knowledge shared by the Trustees would enable the Trust's function to be carried out if one member became unable to undertake his or her duties. The Trust is covered by Public Liability Insurance and Trustee Liability Insurance.

Related parties and transactions therewith are set out in Note 9.

Plans for the future

We plan to revive our fundraising activities as soon as possible, but we anticipate that 2022 will also see a somewhat lower than normal level of income and events. We will continue to provide grants to Churches and expect to match our grant awards with income and some capital, and to provide loans to Churches where these are required and fulfil our criteria.

Independent Examiners

David Marshall CA, of Damage Limited Chartered Accountants, has agreed to offer himself for reappointment as Independent Examiner of the Trust.

On behalf of the Trustees

David Furnival
Chairman

Diocesan Office
The Palace
Hereford
October 25th 2022

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In managing the Trust, the Trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on October 25th 2022

and signed on their behalf by:

David Furnival
Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I report on the accounts of The Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in 2005 which is referred to in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Although the law has not been changed, we understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DAVID MARSHALL CA

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DAMAGE LIMITED Chartered Accountants
Barton House, Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire HR2 0QN

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	30,818		47,879	
Income from Charitable Activities	3	7,291		1,041	
Income from Investments	4	34,325		32,340	
Total Income			<u>72,434</u>	-11%	<u>81,260</u>
 EXPENDITURE					
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>					
Investment management costs	5		7,146		5,772
Fundraising activities	6		3,135		441
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	7				
Activity Grants		2,472		518	
Major Grants and Awards		74,092		92,429	
Cost of Grants			<u>76,564</u>		<u>92,947</u>
 Total resources expended			<u>86,845</u>		<u>99,160</u>
 Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments			<u>(14,411)</u>	-19%	<u>(17,900)</u>
 Net gains/(losses) on investments	10		109,324		1,240
 Net income and movement in funds			<u>94,913</u>		<u>(16,660)</u>
 Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward			938,062		954,722
 Fund Balance at Year End			<u>1,032,975</u>	10%	<u>938,062</u>

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Investments	10		1,020,825		934,863
<i>Current assets</i>					
Debtors:	11		-		-
Cash at bank and in hand:	12		109,843		101,270
Total Current Assets			109,843		101,270
<i>Current liabilities</i>					
Creditors due within one year	13		97,693		98,071
Net Current Assets			12,150		3,199
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			1,032,975		938,062
Net Assets			1,032,975		938,062
 <i>Funds</i>					
Unrestricted			1,032,975		938,062

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act of 2011, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The Trust holds only Unrestricted Funds. The Trust has no Restricted Funds and no Endowment Funds. Furthermore, the Trust does not undertake any Trading Activities, as a result, the SoFA and the Balance Sheet present only the Trusts actual activities. Unused categories and their columns are omitted.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 2022

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019, as recommended by guidance notes prepared by the Charity Commission. Historical cost accounting rules have been applied, except for investments which are stated at market valuation. The usual practice of rounding exact figures to the nearest pound has been followed. Individual adjustments of one pound or accumulated adjustments of £5 are treated as “not material” and are made without reference.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation or sale is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

Debtors

Debtors, including interest-free loans to PCCs and others, are stated at their recoverable amounts.

Creditors

Creditors are stated at their settlement amounts.

Taxation

The Charity is not generally liable to taxation. For this reason, no tax reconciliation note is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For bequests, entitlement is the earlier of the Charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be directly allocated to the activities and the relevant support costs. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity. Note 7 contains further details.

Grants payable

Grants are recognised once they are authorised by the Trustees and are valid for two years after which they lapse.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance with the general objectives of the Charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds, if held, are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds would be charged against the specific fund, if relevant.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the SoFA as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the recognised market value at year end and their carrying value at the start of the financial period.

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Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

As in previous years, the most significant area of uncertainty that would affect the carrying value of the Trust's assets with respect to the next reporting period (i.e. 2022) is the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include investments, debtors and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets, classified as receivable within one year, are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities, classified as payable within one year, are not amortised.

Trade creditors represents an obligation to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Donations:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Personal	7,053	5,664
PCCs	4,357	3,403
Trusts and Corporate	17,317	5,627
Legacies	813	33,185
Income tax refunds	1,278	-
	<u>30,818</u>	<u>47,879</u>

3 Activities for generating funds:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income from Charitable Activities		
Ride and Stride	-	-
Coffee morning	2,824	-
Church crawl	1,813	-
Silent Film	-	-
Memorial Lecture	-	-
Music in Quiet Places	2,654	1,041
	<u>7,291</u>	<u>1,041</u>

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4	Investment Income	2021	2020
		£	£
	Redmayne Bentley (Dividends)	26,833	24,213
	CBF Deposit Funds	<u>7,492</u>	<u>8,127</u>
		34,325	32,340
5	Investment Management Costs:	2021	2020
		£	£
	Broker fees	7,146	5,772
	Legal fees, levies, etc	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		7,146	5,772
6	Fundraising Activities:		
	Costs for:	2021	2020
		£	£
	Ride and Stride	-	50
	Coffee morning	508	-
	Church crawl	988	-
	Memorial Lecture	-	-
	Silent Film	-	-
	Music in quiet places	<u>350</u>	<u>391</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	1,846	441
	Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>1,289</u>	<u>-</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	3,135	441

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7 Allocation of Governance and Support Costs

Activity Grants to Participating Churches and subsequent allocation of costs

	2021	2020
Activity	£	£
Music in Quiet Places	1,100	518
Church Crawl	650	-
AGM	400	-
Total	<u>2,150</u>	<u>518</u>
Allocated Governance and Support Costs	322	-
Total	<u>2,472</u>	<u>518</u>

	2021	2020
Governance Costs	£	£
Trustee expenses	88	-
Insurance	702	683
Accountancy & Examination fees	825	825
Annual Report and Meetings	894	2,290
Support Costs	713	898
Governance costs	<u>3,222</u>	<u>4,696</u>
Other Support costs	-	-
Total costs for Allocation	<u>3,222</u>	<u>4,696</u>

	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>		
	Activity	Costs	Total	Activity	Costs	Total
Fundraising	1,846	1,289	3,135	441	-	441
Grants after Activities	2,150	322	2,472	518	-	518
Major Grants & Awards	<u>72,481</u>	<u>1,611</u>	<u>74,092</u>	<u>87,733</u>	<u>4,696</u>	<u>92,429</u>
	76,477	3,222	79,699	88,692	4,696	-

It is estimated that under normal circumstances "Fundraising" accounts for 40% of Governance and Support time and costs are allocated on that basis. Costs against "Awards" are allocated on the basis of size/complexity of award. In 2020 the Trust's fundraising efforts were curtailed by the global pandemic and it was decided to assign all governance and support costs to the "Awards" category.

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8	Major Grants	2020			2021			Due by	
		Opening Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		Year End Balance
	Birley	-	1,000	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Bosbury	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	Oct-23
	Bridge Sollers	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	Oct-22
	Burghill	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	
	Craswell	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	
	Croft	1,000	-	204	796	(796)	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Dormington	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	
	Dewsall	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	Oct-22
	Eastnor	10,000	3,000	10,000	3,000	-	-	3,000	Oct-22
	Eardisland	-	1,000	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Eaton Bishop	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	
	Fownhope	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	
	Fromes Hill	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	
	Goodrich	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	Oct-22
	Garway	2,450	-	-	2,450	-	-	2,450	Apr-22
	Hatfield	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	Oct-22
	Hentland	4,000	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	
	Hereford	-	6,000	5,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	
	Hope-under-Dinmore	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	Oct-22
	Humber	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	Apr-23
	Huntingdon	-	2,250	2,250	-	-	-	-	
	Kingsland	15,000	-	-	15,000	-	15,000	-	
	Kington	-	1,000	-	1,000	5,000	1,000	5,000	Apr-23
	Kinnersley	4,300	-	-	4,300	-	3,000	1,300	Apr-21
	Llangarron	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	Apr-23
	Ledbury	-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	
	Leinthall Starks	-	4,283	4,283	-	-	-	-	
	Leominster Priory	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	
	Letton	-	-	-	-	7,000	-	7,000	Oct-23
	Little Birch	2,000	-	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Llanwame	-	2,000	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	<i>lapsed</i>
	Madley	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	-	1,000	1,000	Apr-22
	Moccas	-	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	Jun-22
	Monkland	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	Oct-22
	Monnington on Wye	-	3,000	-	3,000	500	3,500	-	
	Much Birch	-	2,700	-	2,700	(450)	2,250	-	

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Major Grants (continued)	2020			2021			Due by
	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance			
Orcop	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	Apr-20
Pembridge	-	9,000	-	9,000	-	8,000	1,000 Oct-22
Pipe Aston	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500
Putley	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Storrige	-	-	-	-	727	-	727 Oct-23
Tarrington	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-
Tretire	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	- Apr-22
Tumastone	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000 Apr-23
Upper Sapey	-	-	-	-	7,000	4,000	3,000 Oct-23
Wellington	-	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500	- Oct-22
Wellington Heath	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-
Weobley	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000 Apr-23
Weston Beggard	850	-	850	-	-	-	-
Withington	-	8,000	-	8,000	-	8,000	-
Woolhope	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
Wormbridge - St Dev	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	3,000 Oct-22
Yarpole - St Leonards	8,000	3,000	8,000	3,000	1,000	-	4,000 Oct-22
Total	78,600	82,233	63,587	97,246	67,481	73,750	90,977
Development Grants	included above						
Special Grants /a		5,500	5,500	-			
Grant for Church Buildings Officer					5,000		5,000
Governance and support costs		4,696			1,611		
Totals	78,600	92,429	69,087	97,246	74,092	73,750	95,977

a/ to Churches affected by flooding March 2020

Reconciliation of major grants payable for the year

	2021	2020
Grants outstanding at start of year	97,246	78,600
Grants authorised in year	77,477	92,733
Grants withdrawn, returned or lapsed *	(7,246)	(5,000)
Grants converted from loan *	2,250	-
Grants paid in year	(73,750)	(69,087)
Grants outstanding at end of year	<u>95,977</u>	<u>97,246</u>

* In 2021 a loan of £2,700 to Much Birch PCC was partially repaid and the balance converted to a grant of £2,250. Outstanding grants to Birley, Croft, Eardisland, Little Birch and Llanwarne have lapsed.

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9 Trustees and employees

No emoluments were paid to the Trustees during the year. Mr B Furnival was reimbursed £754 for purchases made on behalf of the Trust. Aggregate reimbursements to Trustees in 2020 totalled £710.

10 Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Market value of investments at start of year	934,863	933,623
Additions	150,792	-
Disposals at market value	(174,154)	-
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal	12,210	-
Unrealised gains/(losses)	97,114	1,240
Market value of investments at end of year	1,020,825	934,863
Historical Cost of Investments at end of year	587,519	500,435

All investments are quoted: FTSE 100 31st December 2021: 7385
 FTSE 100 31st December 2020: 6461
 FTSE 100 31st December 2019: 7590

The following holdings each represent more than 5% of the value of the portfolio in the respective year: Figures shown are based on closing market value.

	2021		2020	
	%	£	%	£
COIF Charity Funds Invest Inc	11%	115,218	16.5	154,832
CBF C of E Investment Fund	11%	110,237	13.1	122,860
M&G Inv Man Charifund	10%	105,032	12.8	119,696
Tritax Big Box Reit PLC	9%	92,130	6.6	62,123
JP Morgan US Equity Income	9%	86,997	7.4	69,618
BNY Mellon Newton High Inc Gbl	7%	66,601	6.3	59,142
JP Morgan Global Growth and Income	6%	64,075	-	-
Jupiter Unit Trust	6%	56,725	6.2	58,142
Rathbone Unit Trust Mgmt Bond	5%	56,115	6.2	58,216
Veritas Funds Gbl		-	5.8	53,993
Polar Capital Funds		-	6.0	56,184

11 Debtors

Reconciliation of Debtors in the year	2021	2020
	£	£
Debtors outstanding at start of year	-	-
Loans converted to grant	(2,250)	-
Loans approved and paid out in year	2,700	10,000
Loans repaid in year	(450)	(10,000)
Debtors outstanding at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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12	Cash at Bank	2021 £	2020 £
	Church Central Board of Finance	51,804	68,401
	Barclays Current Account	54,214	29,481
	Redmayne Bentley Deposit	3,825	3,388
		<u>109,843</u>	<u>101,270</u>
13	Creditors	2021 £	2020 £
	Grants awarded, still outstanding	95,977	97,246
	Other	1,716	825
		<u>97,693</u>	<u>98,071</u>

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Registered Charity No. 511181

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020. These have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, applicable law and the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The Honorary Presidents of the Trust are the Bishop of Hereford and the Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire. New Trustees are appointed by a resolution of the Trustees and Trustees in office during the year were :

David Furnival*	Chairman
The Venerable Derek Chedzey	Archdeacon of Hereford
Ali Haydn Jones	Membership Secretary
James Devereux (retired October 2020)	
Jill Gallimore	
Lady Susanna McFarlane DL	
John Handby*	Grants & Churches
Stephen Cheetham*	Treasurer
Ben Furnival JP	
Rod Barker*	

* Members of the Finance Committee.

The Trust's Charity Registration number is 511181 and the Charity's registered office is The Diocesan Office, The Palace, Hereford, HR4 9BL.

Professional advisers

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THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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Purposes and Activities

Objectives and aims of the Charity

The Trust exists to further the object set out in the scheme dated 8 November 1995, which is to make funds available "for the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of Christian Churches in the County of Herefordshire and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels of such churches or situated in the churchyards thereof".

All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Trust is non-denominational and any Christian church congregation may apply to the Trustees for assistance.

The Trust aims to make available grants and loans to all Christian places of worship in the County of Herefordshire in order to enable their PCCs and congregations to preserve, maintain and improve the buildings and churchyards for current and future generations in the County.

Policy for making grants and loans

The Charity will continue to provide financial support to parishes that are undertaking repairs and maintenance to their churches, within the limitations of available funds and prioritizing applications from parishes of limited means.

Grants are available for most activities associated with structural repairs and maintenance. Grants for disabled access and reordering will be considered. Requests for assistance must be substantiated with details of the works proposed and the costs, and fully supported by the PCC or Governing Body of the Church, a Faculty or planning permission as appropriate and an indication of other sources of income. The full conditions are contained in the Grant application forms. Grant requests are considered at the meeting of the Trustees that take place in April and October. The usual maximum grant per project is £15,000 but at the Trustees' discretion larger Cornerstone grants of up to £25,000 can be granted. The offer of a grant is valid for two years, after which the position is reviewed. The grant is paid in arrears against certificates or contractors' invoices.

The Trust will consider making interest free loans to support PCCs, which are experiencing difficulties in meeting the costs of approved projects. Loans of up to £10,000 are available, to be repaid in up to four equal annual instalments but which must be taken up within 6 months of the offer. The decision to offer a loan can be made by the finance committee after receiving evidence of the loan requirement and a simple cash flow showing the shortfall in funds. The Treasurer must receive plans for the repayments before the loan can be paid.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trust furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy which aims at:

- supporting the maintenance and upkeep of the churches and churchyards in Herefordshire, so that the current and future generations can enjoy and appreciate these historic buildings.
- encouraging the public to visit the churches and churchyards of Herefordshire, thereby broadening horizons and developing a better understanding of the rich history of the county.

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Constitution, Structure and Governance

Constitution/Governing document:

The Charity was established on 29 September 1954 by Deed of Appointment and is now regulated by a scheme approved and established by the Charity Commission dated 8 November 1995. It is a Registered Charity.

Organizational structure

Executive Committee
Grant making Committee
Finance Committee

All Trustees are members of the Executive committee which also includes a number of additional members with skills or experience which may be of benefit to the Trust.

The Grant-making and Finance committees are small sub-committees of the Executive. The Chairman and Treasurer are members of both committees. The services of a secretary may be contracted to facilitate effective minute taking.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

When appointing members to the Executive committee the needs of the Trust are assessed; new Executive members should possess the skills to address any perceived gaps. New Trustees are normally chosen from members of the Executive committee after a period of time serving on the committee. Enthusiasm for the job and the time to commit to it are of greatest importance.

Trustees' induction and training

Possible new members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend our biannual meetings and subject to their enthusiasm and willingness to help in areas of need within the Trust are then invited to be a permanent member of the Executive Committee. Subject to there being a vacancy, a member from the Executive committee may then be invited to become a Trustee. He or she will, by that time, be aware of the work of the Trust and the responsibilities a Trustee will hold.

Main Activities in 2020

Main objective for the year

The Trust's annual objective is to administer grants and loans as agreed by the Executive committee and to continue to raise money for the benefit of the Trust and advise PCCs on grant applications. As a guideline, the Executive committee consider 10% of the Trust net asset value as a target, or maximum budget, for grant awards in a year. That figure is reviewed annually in the light of prior year financial performance and awards.

Significant activities in the year

2020 was an extraordinary year due to the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic. Successive lockdowns led to the cancellation of all events and put the Trust's fundraising activities on hold. The progress of church restoration and improvement projects supported by the Trust was also slowed down due to

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restrictions on building and other works: as a consequence the amount of grant payments to PCC's and other church bodies decreased to £69,087 during the year compared to £84,510 in 2019.

Grant applications continued to be received, however, and the Finance Committee's grant approval process was continued remotely. In view of the uncertainty surrounding investment returns, the Trustees exercised a measure of caution: nonetheless 33 grants were approved during the year, totalling £87,733 including a total of £5,500 to 7 churches affected by flooding the first quarter of the year. The total approved was slightly lower than 2019's total of £89,510.

Performance of Fundraising in 2020

Donations – PCCs, personal, Trusts and Corporate - decreased significantly in 2020 as a consequence of the pandemic, but the trust was fortunate in receiving legacies totalling over £33,000, some £13,000 more than in 2019. Total donations therefore increased overall by some £5,000 (Note 2), and it is anticipated that a further amount of Gift Aid tax refunds will also be received when reclaimed from HMRC, though somewhat less than in 2019. As noted above, the Trust's normal fundraising activities were essentially suspended as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, and both income and costs for these activities were minimal during the year: these are shown in detail in Notes 3 and 6 to the accounts.

Investment Policy and Performance in 2020

In 2020 there was no material change in the investment policy of the Trust which continued to aim for a balanced return between capital and income with a low/medium approach to risk. Having regard to elevated levels of financial market volatility no transactions were carried out during the year, and at year end the portfolio was valued at £934,863, essentially unchanged versus a closing value of £933,623 in 2019. These movements are summarised in Note 10. Redmayne Bentley continued as the Trust's investment broker throughout 2020 and their fees are shown in Note 5.

Review of Financial Position

Overview of the Year

The Trust aims to make Grants each year totalling about 10% of its asset value and it is the "free reserves" (ie net current assets) which provide the immediate funding. The free reserves at the end of 2020 were £3,199 suggesting that further liquidation of investment assets is likely to be necessary in 2021. However, the Trust's investments are sound and there are ample funds available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

Reserves policy

There were no changes to the Reserves Policy during the year and as in previous years, the bulk of the Charity's reserves were held in investments, generating income to provide financial assistance to churches. As mentioned above, the Trust may liquidate investments and use that capital to improve the level of free reserves thereby allowing it to give away up to 10% of asset value every year. Sufficient funds are available to fulfil the obligations and terms of the Charity.

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Risk management

The Trust has no property assets and is not subject to third party risks. Investment performance is the principal risk to the Trust. The investment portfolio is managed on a discretionary basis by brokers, with whom the Finance Committee is in close contact. Two signatures are required on the Trust's cheques and three Trustees are authorised in this capacity. Most records are maintained in duplicate or can be retrieved from other sources. The knowledge shared by the Trustees would enable the Trust's function to be carried out if one member became unable to undertake his or her duties. The Trust is covered by Public Liability Insurance and Trustee Liability Insurance.

Related parties and transactions therewith are set out in Note 9.

Plans for the future

We plan to restart our fundraising activities as soon as government restrictions permit, but we anticipate that 2021 will also see a lower than normal level of income and events. We will continue to provide grants to Churches and expect to match our grant awards with income and some capital, and to provide loans to Churches where these are required and fulfil our criteria.

Independent Examiners

David Marshall CA, of Damage Limited Chartered Accountants, has agreed to offer himself for reappointment as Independent Examiner of the Trust.

On behalf of the Trustees

David Furnival
Chairman

Diocesan Office
The Palace
Hereford
11th October, 2021

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In managing the Trust, the Trustees have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 11th October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

David Furnival
Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I report on the accounts of The Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in 2005 which is referred to in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Although the law has not been changed, we understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

No other matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

DAVID MARSHALL CA

11th October 2021

DAMAGE LIMITED Chartered Accountants
Barton House, Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire HR2 0QN

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT of FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	47,879		42,699	
Income from Charitable Activities	3	1,041		17,983	
Income from Investments	4	32,340		28,198	
Total Income		<u>81,260</u>	-9%	<u>88,880</u>	
EXPENDITURE					
<i>Cost of raising funds</i>					
Investment management costs	5		5,772		5,468
Fundraising activities	6		441		8,212
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	7				
Grants after Activities		518		6,417	
Major Grants and Awards		92,429		92,606	
Cost of Grants		<u>92,947</u>		<u>99,023</u>	
Total resources expended		<u>99,160</u>		<u>112,703</u>	
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments		<u>(17,900)</u>	-25%	<u>(23,823)</u>	
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10		1,240		116,566
Net income and movement in funds		<u>(16,660)</u>		<u>92,743</u>	
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward			954,722		861,979
Fund Balance at Year End		<u>938,062</u>	-2%	<u>954,722</u>	

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

		2020		2019	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Fixed assets</i>					
Investments	10	934,863		933,623	
<i>Current assets</i>					
Debtors:	11	-		3,440	
Cash at bank and in hand:	12	101,270		97,084	
Total Current Assets		101,270		100,524	
<i>Current liabilities</i>					
Creditors due within one year	13	98,071		79,425	
Net Current Assets		3,199		21,099	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		938,062		954,722	
Net Assets		938,062		954,722	
 <i>Funds</i>					
Unrestricted		938,062		954,722	

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act of 2011, Financial Reporting Standard 102, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The Trust holds only Unrestricted Funds. The Trust has no Restricted Funds and no Endowment Funds. Furthermore, the Trust does not undertake any Trading Activities, as a result, the SoFA and the Balance Sheet present only the Trusts actual activities. Unused categories and their columns are omitted.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 11th October 2021

THE HEREFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 and the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1st January 2019, as recommended by guidance notes prepared by the Charity Commission. Historical cost accounting rules have been applied, except for investments which are stated at market valuation. The usual practice of rounding exact figures to the nearest pound has been followed. Individual adjustments of one pound or accumulated adjustments of £5 are treated as “not material” and are made without reference.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation or sale is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

Debtors

Debtors, including interest-free loans to PCCs and others, are stated at their recoverable amounts.

Creditors

Creditors are stated at their settlement amounts.

Taxation

The Charity is not generally liable to taxation. For this reason, no tax reconciliation note is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For bequests, entitlement is the earlier of the Charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be directly allocated to the activities and the relevant support costs. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity. Note 7 contains further details.

Grants payable

Grants are recognised once they are authorised by the Trustees and are valid for two years after which they lapse.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance with the general objectives of the Charity and have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds, if held, are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds would be charged against the specific fund, if relevant.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the SoFA as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the recognised market value at year end and their carrying value at the start of the financial period.

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Going Concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

As in previous years, the most significant area of uncertainty that would affect the carrying value of the Trust's assets with respect to the next reporting period (i.e. 2021) is the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include investments, debtors and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price, including transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets, classified as receivable within one year, are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities, classified as payable within one year, are not amortised.

Trade creditors represents an obligation to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 Donations:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Personal	5,664	8,668
PCCs	3,403	4,485
Trusts and Corporate	5,627	5,700
Legacies	33,185	20,406
Income tax refunds	-	3,440
	<u>47,879</u>	<u>42,699</u>

3 Activities for generating funds:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Income from Charitable Activities		
Ride and Stride	-	5,619
Coffee morning	-	1,953
Church crawl	-	1,484
Silent Film	-	500
Memorial Lecture	-	1,615
Music in quiet places	1,041	6,812
	<u>1,041</u>	<u>17,983</u>

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4	Investment Income	2020	2019
		£	£
	Redmayne Bentley (Dividends & Interest)	24,213	21,084
	CBF Deposit Funds (HHCT & R&S)	<u>8,127</u>	<u>7,114</u>
		32,340	28,198
5	Investment Management Costs:	2020	2019
		£	£
	Broker fees	5,772	5,443
	Legal fees, levies, etc	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>
		5,772	5,468
6	Fundraising Activities:		
	Costs for:	2020	2019
		£	£
	Ride and Stride	50	424
	Coffee morning	-	625
	Church crawl	-	1,241
	Memorial Lecture	-	427
	Silent Film	-	505
	Music in quiet places	<u>391</u>	<u>2,726</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	441	5,948
	Allocated Governance and Support Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>2,264</u>
	Total Fundraising Costs	441	8,212

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7 Allocation of Governance and Support Costs

Activity Grants to Participating Churches and subsequent allocation of costs

Activity	2020	2019
	£	£
Ride & Stride	-	2,645
Church Crawl & Mem Lect.	-	780
Music in Quiet Places (net)	518	2,692
Total	<u>518</u>	<u>6,117</u>
Allocated Governance and Support Costs	-	300
Total	<u>518</u>	<u>6,417</u>

Support Costs

Costs are allocated on the basis of an estimate of time spent.

	2020				2019					
	Governance		Other		Governance		Other			
	Related	Grants	Funding	costs	Total	Related	Grants	Funding	costs	Total
Secretarial & staff cost	-	-	-	-	-	30	12	18	-	60
Computer & Website	78	-	-	-	78	86	-	-	-	86
Printing & Office costs	820	-	-	-	820	1,824	-	-	-	1,824
Total Support Costs	898	-	-	-	898	1,940	12	18	-	1,970

Governance Costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Trustee expenses	-	-
Insurance	683	634
Accountancy & Examination fees	825	825
Annual Report and Meetings	2,290	2,231
Support Costs	898	1,940
Governance costs	<u>4,696</u>	<u>5,630</u>
Other Support costs	-	30
Total costs for Allocation	<u>4,696</u>	<u>5,660</u>

	2020			2019		
	Activity	Costs	Total	Activity	Costs	Total
Fundraising	441	-	441	5,948	2,264	8,212
Grants after Activities	518	-	518	6,117	300	6,417
Major Grants & Award	87,733	4,696	92,429	89,510	3,096	92,606
	<u>88,692</u>	<u>4,696</u>	<u>93,388</u>	<u>101,575</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>107,235</u>

It is estimated that under normal circumstances "Fundraising" accounts for 40% of Governance and Support time and costs are allocated on that basis. Costs against "Awards" are allocated on the basis of size/complexity of award. In 2020 the Trust's fundraising efforts were curtailed by the global pandemic and it was decided to assign all governance and support costs to the "Awards" category. It is planned to revert to a more normal allocation as soon as feasible.

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8	Major Grants	2019			2020			Due by	
		Opening Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year		Year End Balance
	Birley	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	Aug-21
	Bosbury	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	
	Brampton Bryan	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-	
	Bridge Sollers	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	Apr-22
	Burghill	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-	
	Cradley	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	
	Craswell	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	
	Croft	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	204	796	Apr-22
	Dormington	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	
	Dorstone	3,500	-	3,500	-	-	-	-	
	Eastnor	-	10,000	-	10,000	3,000	10,000	3,000	Oct-22
	Eardisland	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	Oct-21
	Fromes Hill	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000	-	Oct-21
	Goodrich	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	
	Garway	-	2,450	-	2,450	-	-	2,450	Apr-21
	Hatfield	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	Oct-22
	Hentland	4,000	-	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	
	Hereford	-	5,000	5,000	-	6,000	5,000	1,000	Apr-22
	Hope-under-Dinmore	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	Oct-22
	Huntingdon	-	-	-	-	2,250	2,250	-	
	Kingsland	-	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	15,000	Oct-21
	Kington	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	Oct-21
	Kinnersley	3,000	1,300	-	4,300	-	-	4,300	Apr-21
	Knill	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	
	Ledbury	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-	
	Leinthall Starks	-	-	-	-	4,283	4,283	-	
	Leominster Forbury	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	
	Leominster Priory	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	Oct-22
	Little Birch	-	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	2,000	Oct-21
	Llanveynoe	-	900	900	-	-	-	-	
	Llanwame	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000	Apr-22
	Madley	-	5,000	-	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	Apr-22
	Marstow	4,900	-	4,900	-	-	-	-	
	Moccas	-	-	-	-	6,000	-	6,000	Apr-22
	Monkland	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	Apr-22
	Monnington on Wye	7,200	-	7,200	-	3,000	-	3,000	Apr-22
	Moreton-on-Lugg	-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	
	Much Birch	-	-	-	-	2,700	-	2,700	Jan-25

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Major Grants (continued)	2019				2020			
	Opening Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Auth. in year	Paid in year	Year End Balance	Due by
Orcop	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	Apr-20
Pembridge	-	-	-	-	9,000	-	9,000	Oct-22
Putley*	-	5,000	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	
Staunton-on-Arrow	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Staunton-on-Wye	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	-	
Stoke Lacy	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	
Tretire	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	Apr-22
Turnastone	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	
Wellington	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	Oct-22
Weston Beggard	-	850	-	850	-	850	-	
Withington	-	-	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	Apr-22
Woolhope	-	3,400	3,400	-	2,500	-	2,500	Oct-22
Wormbridge - St Dev	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	Oct-22
Yarpole - St Leonards	8,000	-	-	8,000	3,000	8,000	3,000	Oct-22
Total	77,600	88,900	83,900	78,600	82,233	63,587	97,246	
Development Grants		610	610		included above			
Special Grants to Churches affected by flooding March 2020					5,500	5,500	-	
Governance and support costs		3,096			4,696			
Totals	77,600	92,606	84,510	78,600	92,429	69,087	97,246	

Reconciliation of major grants payable for the year

	2020	2019
Grants outstanding at start of year	78,600	77,600
Grants authorised in year	92,733	88,900
Grants withdrawn, returned or lapsed *	(5,000)	-
Grants converted from loan **	-	(4,000)
Grants paid in year	<u>(69,087)</u>	<u>(83,900)</u>
Grants outstanding at end of year	<u>97,246</u>	<u>78,600</u>

* In 2020 a grant to Putley Church was agreed in principle but withdrawn following review of church accounts

** In 2019 a loan of £4,000 to Madley PCC was converted to a grant

* A grant to Putley PCC was approved in principle in 2019, but withdrawn in 2020 following review of the church accounts; ** a loan of £4,000 to Madley PCC was converted to a Grant in 2019; and a Development Grant of £610 was awarded to Moccas PCC during the year.

9 Trustees and employees

No emoluments were paid to the Trustees during the year. Mr B Furnival was reimbursed £710 for purchases made on behalf of the Trust. Aggregate reimbursements to Trustees in 2019 totalled £583

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10 Investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Market value of investments at start of year	933,623	778,891
Additions	-	58,300
Disposals at market value	-	(20,134)
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal	-	1,180
Unrealised gains/(losses)	1,240	115,386
Market value of investments at end of year	934,863	933,623
Historical Cost of Investments at end of year	500,435	500,435

All investments are quoted: FTSE 100 31st December 2020: 6461
 FTSE 100 31st December 2019: 7590
 FTSE 100 31st December 2018: 6728

The following holdings each represent more than 5% of the value of the portfolio in the respective year:
 Figures shown are based on closing market value.

	2020		2019	
	%	£	%	£
COIF Charity Funds Invest Inc	16.5	154,832	15.6	145,837
M&G Inv Man Charifund	12.8	119,696	15.5	144,822
CBF C of E Investment Fund	13.1	122,860	12.5	117,107
JP Morgan Equity Income	7.4	69,618	7.7	71,828
BNY Mellon Newton High Inc Gbl	6.3	59,142	6.4	59,899
Veritas Funds Gbl	5.8	53,993	6.3	58,399
Jupiter Unit Trust	6.2	58,142	6.1	56,494
Rathbone Unit Trust Mgmt Bond	6.2	58,216	5.9	55,423
Tritax Big Box Reit PLC	6.6	62,123	5.9	55,056
Polar Capital Funds	6.0	56,184	5.1	47,375

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11 Debtors

Reconciliation of loans outstanding in the year	2020	2019
	£	£
Loans outstanding at start of year	-	4,000
Loans converted to grant	-	(4,000)
Loans approved and paid out in year	10,000	-
Loans repaid in year	(10,000)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
HMRC Gift Aid	-	3,440

The Gift Aid claim for 2020 will be made during 2021 and will be lower than in 2019 due to reduced donations

12 Cash at Bank	2020	2019
	£	£
Church Central Board of Finance	68,401	61,693
Barclays Current Account	29,481	14,825
Ride and Stride - Barclays & CCLA	-	11,567
Redmayne Bentley Deposit	3,388	8,999
	<u>101,270</u>	<u>97,084</u>

The Barclays Ride and Stride account was closed in 2020 and the balance transferred to the main current account. A similar consolidation on grounds of simplicity is planned for the CCBF accounts. The total shown for 2020 includes £2,991 in the Ride and Stride Account.

13 Creditors	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants awarded, still outstanding	97,246	78,600
Accrual for independent examination	825	825
	<u>98,071</u>	<u>79,425</u>
	<u>98,071</u>	<u>79,425</u>
14 Financial instruments	2020	2019
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt Instruments at amortised cost	-	3,440
Carrying amounts of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	98,071	79,425