



# YORKSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2016

ANNUAL  
2016  
REPORT



## CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to our annual report for the year ending 31 December 2016. The aim of the Trust is to offer grants to places of worship for works of repair and maintenance, which since our inception have totalled over £3m. This funding has made a real difference to the fate of many places of worship.

The funding the Trust has provided over the year has gone towards essential repairs and maintenance of churches and in many cases we have been able to provide the remaining piece of a funding jigsaw that has enabled repair works to be started. It is that of which we are most proud.

None of this funding would happen without the support of Friends, Charitable Trusts and Foundations, the Business Community and fund raising events. You should take pride in this support and in the work that it has enabled. Yorkshire's churches are an integral part of its heritage and the lives of many who worship in them. The Trust is

playing a significant role in the preservation and development of those churches.

Our aim is to provide Friends with a varied and interesting calendar of events, and throughout 2016 we enjoyed a number of church tours and lectures. We visited hidden gems in the former industrial heartlands around Halifax, three architecturally different churches and chapels in North West Leeds and were delighted to be joined by Peter Pace, son of George Pace, one of this century's most distinctive church architects, who spoke on his father's work.

Thank you all for your help and support for the Trust, which helps keep alive Yorkshire's places of worship.



Tom Ramsden, Chairman

# ST GILES PONTEFRACT

*Awarded £5000 in 2016*

Standing prominently in Pontefract market place, St Giles has origins that date back to medieval times, but is predominantly an 18th Century Grade II\* listed church. Back in 2014, the church was put on English Heritage's At Risk Register, and a fundraising campaign was launched to raise money for the second phase of an external fabric repair programme for the north, east and west sides of the building, including the tower, in order to sustain the church's future.

The first phase, completed a year earlier, involved extensive stonework repairs to the south elevation and pigeon netting and prior to that a sympathetic internal reordering of the church and development of a community centre. The overall refurbishment of St Giles' Church has been funded by a number of different grants and parish-giving initiatives. The YHCT awarded £5000 in 2016, which was the final piece in the funding jigsaw, and enabled the second phase of the work to begin.

The bell tower replaced an earlier tower and spire in 1790 and has a peal of 10 bells and a striking octagonal clock tower. The unique design includes a crown spire similar to those found in Newcastle Cathedral, Edinburgh and St Andrews. The Centre houses a multi-purpose café area and four meeting rooms which host a number of commercial, public and community sector activities including a citizen's advice service, credit union, carer and recovery courses, Pontefract choral society concerts and is home to the Pontefract Art Club. Bill Bradley, chairman of the project building committee said

"The funding from the YHCT greatly assisted us in achieving the much-needed restoration of the church building", he continued; "St Giles plays an important role in the local community,



and has made a difference to the lives of the local community by providing a hub in the centre of town. We regularly attract over 120 to our Sunday Eucharist service".

The extensive refurbishments of St Giles have already won awards, including the Pontefract Civic Society annual design awards and the 2014 RICS Pro Yorkshire Award for Building Conservation. St Giles now stands as a fine example of how to enhance historic churches to keep them active places.



# GRANTS AWARDED 2016

AREA	CHURCH	
BAINTON	ST ANDREW	£2,000
CHOPGATE	ST HILDA	£3,000
CLECKHEATON	WHITECHAPEL	£3,000
COWGILL	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	£6,000
CROSS ROADS	ST JAMES	£2,000
GREAT EDSTONE	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS	£600
HULL	HOLY TRINITY	£10,000
KIRK DEIGHTON	ALL SAINTS	£2,500
LONG MARSTON	ALL SAINTS	£1,600
LONG RISTON	ST MARGARET	£3,500
LITTLE HORN GREEN	ALL SAINTS	£4,000
LYDGATE	ST ANNE	£3,000
MITTON	ALL HALLOWS	£1,000
NEWTON ON OUSE	ALL SAINTS	£10,000
OLD MALTON	ST MARY'S PRIORY	£5,000
SESSAY	ST CUTHBERT	£600
SHAROW	ST JOHN	£6,000
SHEFFIELD	CEMETERY ROAD BAPTIST	£10,000
SHERBURN IN ELMET	ALL SAINTS	£2,500
SKELBROOKE	ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS	£1,000
SOUTH KILVINGTON	ST WILFRID	£4,000
STANBURY	ST GABRIEL	£2,250
STEETON	ST STEPHEN	£2,500
SWILLINGTON	ST MARY	£5,000
TERRINGTON	ALL SAINTS	£4,000
TODMORDEN	UNITARIAN CHURCH	£1,068
WYCLIFFE	ST MARY	£3,000
YORK	ST LAWRENCE	£4,000

## Patrons

- The Archbishop of York

- The Dean of York

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- The Regional Minister of the Yorkshire Baptist Association

- The Chairman of the Darlington,

Leeds, Sheffield, West Yorkshire, York and Hull Districts of the Methodist Church

- The Moderator of the Yorkshire Province of the United Reformed Church

- Clerk to the Yorkshire Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

A full set of audited Financial Statements is available on request from the administrator or treasurer.

	2016	2015
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Donations and subscriptions	15,202	22,645
Grants from charitable trusts	60,900	56,500
Collections	1,964	866
FUNDRAISING		
Ride & Stride	4,950	
Less grants to participant churches	1,985	2,965
Gift Aid Tax recoverable		3,190
Events and notelets		2,300
	2,861	4,893
INVESTMENT INCOME	36,663	35,118
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>123,745</u>	<u>126,153</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds	2,359	3,779
Administration costs	33,084	34,296
Investment Management	8,390	8,464
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>43,833</u>	<u>46,539</u>
NET INCOME FOR YEAR	<u>£79,912</u>	<u>£79,614</u>
Grants awarded from previous year's income	£102,118	£114,221
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2016		
Investments		922,749
Current assets		278,505
Less; unpaid grants	146,018	
Other creditors	<u>9,929</u>	<u>155,947</u>
		122,558
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>£1,045,307</u>
Representing		
Investment Fund	922,749	
2017 Grant fund	117,126	
Unrestricted reserve	<u>5,432</u>	<u>£1,045,307</u>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Tony Hesselwood

*The summary of the financial results for the year is extracted from the Financial Statements audited by JWP Creers LLP.*

The financial results for 2016 follow the pattern of previous years. The level of donations and subscriptions dropped in the year. The trustees are grateful to the continued financial support of Friends and have attempted to increase the number of Friends.

The annual Ride and Stride remains popular in a small number of places. Participants have a really enjoyable day (apart from finding churches locked!) touring on foot, by bicycle or by car. The trust is encouraging teams to enter so that more people enjoy discovering new churches and heritage buildings in their locality. The trustees are grateful to those who do raise money in this way.

We are again grateful to the trustees of the Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation for their grant of £50,000, to a number of trusts for smaller grants and to the Archdeacons in the Diocese of York for directing the annual Visitation offertories to the trust.

The Grants Committee awarded £103,118 in grants and one formerly awarded grant of £1,000 lapsed. The trustees make £100,000 available each year. At the end of 2016 the fund unallocated to churches was £17,126 and the trustees have agreed to add a further £100,000 for 2017.

The investment portfolio has performed well through the year. The investment portfolio gained value of £68,399 due in part to the drop in value of sterling following the Brexit referendum result. This will result in securing the level of income generated to support our grant giving.

*Full accounts are available from the treasurer or administrator.*

The Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust is a non-denominational trust formed by a Declaration of Trust dated 17 August 1988 with the aim of helping with the preservation, repair and maintenance of churches in Yorkshire (as it existed before local government reorganisation in 1974) and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments, bells, clocks and chimes in churches and of churchyards belonging to any such churches. 'Church' means any church, chapel or other building in use for public worship by a Christian denomination.

Yorkshire has hundreds of churches which are of acknowledged historic and artistic value. They represent over a millennium's record of continuous worship and artistic achievement.

Since the Trust was formed, grants in excess of £3 million have been allocated to churches in grants (as well as allocation of refunds from the proceeds of the annual sponsorship event), to help with essential repairs and restoration work. The Trust is always ready to give careful and sympathetic consideration to requests for help.

Subscribers ("Friends") to the Trust are entitled to attend meetings of the Trust and to receive a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts as well as other information either by post or email. General information is also available on our website.

We are always keen to welcome more Friends to join us and help us with our task. Details of how to become a Friend can be found at the end of this Report. Subscriptions made by Standing Order help to cut down considerably on administration costs.

Subscriptions by Gift Aid are particularly welcome, allowing the Trust to reclaim an additional 25p for each £1 subscribed.

*The Trust is a Registered Charity (No. 700639)*

# “It’s Time to Check the Gutters!”

The torrential rain we’ve had in Yorkshire should be turning our minds to building maintenance priorities for the Autumn.

We all know that the guttering on any building is one of the main lines of defence against water getting inside and causing internal damage. So even if you do “nowt else” please check that your rainwater goods are in good condition and your gutters are running freely before the next bout of rain hits.

It’s not too late to take advantage of the special funding available to Places of Worship in Yorkshire for Gutter Clearance works. Yorkshire PoW’s can apply for a Preventative Maintenance grant from the National Churches Trust which will pay 50% of the cost of a gutter clearance service booked through the MaintenanceBooker website - [www.maintenancebooker.org.uk](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk).

I recently visited All Saints Church in Crofton, Wakefield, which received a 50% gutter clearance grant. The picture on the right shows the extent of the work needed.

If you have already registered for MaintenanceBooker but not yet got around to requesting quotes for a gutter clearance or applied for a grant, why not get ahead of the game and get it sorted now?



*Janet Edmond,  
Project Manager of the  
Yorkshire Maintenance Project  
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## TRUSTEES

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Tony Hesselwood FCA - Hon. Treasurer

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# WAYS TO HELP THE TRUST

## SPREAD THE WORD

One of our key aims of the coming few years is to increase membership and enhance our reputation as an organisation seriously engaged in the conservation of the County's religious heritage. Please do spread the word about the Trust. Friends receive invitations to all the events we run, our online newsletters, annual report and an invitation to the AGM.

## LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

In making your Will, if you include a gift to the Trust, this will be free from Inheritance Tax. Whatever amount you decide to leave us will be fully effective and will not suffer the 40% tax rate applicable to non-exempt gifts above the normal threshold at which tax is payable.

For further advice about leaving a gift in your will please contact the trust administrator, Vanessa White on Tel. 07786 656883 or email: [vanbarassociates@gmail.com](mailto:vanbarassociates@gmail.com).

## GIFT AID

When you sponsor events such as the Ride & Stride or make donations, if you pay income or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount YHCT can reclaim, the Trust will benefit by an additional 25p in the £1 on all monies paid. If you are able to award Gift Aid, please be sure to let us know.

## BECOME A FRIEND

Fascinating church tours and other events are held throughout the County during the year. These are run by local groups for Friends and are a wonderful way to see your churches in a new light as well as giving them your support. Please do consider becoming a Friend. Membership details are found on the YHCT website or from Vanessa White on Tel: 07786 656883 or email: [vanbarassociates@gmail.com](mailto:vanbarassociates@gmail.com).

## TAKE PART IN RIDE AND STRIDE

Raise money for your local church and YHCT by taking part each year in the Ride & Stride event. It is held on the second Saturday in September and is given full publicity on our website. It is a great way of biking, riding, driving or walking round Yorkshire's churches, appreciating their beauty in the landscape and giving them and the Trust invaluable support.



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