

Annual Report

Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust report and accounts for year ending
31 December 2017



Chairman's welcome

Welcome to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2017.

As you will see from our retiring Treasurer's report, this is the final report and accounts of the original charity constituted under the Trust Deed of 1988. During 2017 the Trust worked towards converting to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to bring it into line with current Charity Commission recommendations and to modernise the administration and governance of the charity.

This was achieved after much detailed and careful work by Tony Hesselwood and Edward Waterson as well as continual assistance from all the trustees. The detail involved is partly the reason for the delay in producing this annual report. In future it is our aim to publish it soon after Easter.

During 2017 the Trust gave grants of £118,750 to 28 Places of Worship thereby making a significant contribution to the fabric of these valuable buildings and helping to enrich the lives of those who use them. It can do this only with the help that the Friends and other important donors give to the Trust. Particular thanks are due to the trustees of the Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation for their continuing support for the work of the Trust and for their appreciation of the importance of these buildings to Yorkshire's communities.

The trustees would also like to thank the Patrons of the Trust for their long-standing support. Under the new CIO the Patrons will be replaced by a President, the Archbishop of York and one Patron, Dr Terry Bramall CBE.

Your Trust continues to thrive and the trustees look forward to building on the foundations laid during the first thirty years of its work helping to fund the vital repairs needed to Yorkshire's Places of Worship.

ROOF REPAIRS AT ST HILDA'S

There has been a church dedicated to St Hilda at Chop Gate in Bilsdale, since 1145. The present building on the site was commissioned by the Earl of Feversham and built in 1851 by Messrs Banks & Barry. The Grade II listed church derives considerable charm from its isolation, but is widely used by its scattered congregation of farming stock.

By 2014, a report showed that the entire roof of the church needed attention. Urgent repairs were needed to the north facing slope of the nave, followed by repairs to the chancel then the south facing slope of the nave and vestry.

With the cost of the repairs coming in at over £50,000, the church wardens went about the task of fundraising. Thanks to a generous legacy and the support of the local congregation, £15,000 was raised by the church, with other trusts pledging support. The YHCT were able to award £3000 to ensure the church could match fund a larger grant from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme, and the work got underway.

Churchwarden Carol McGee said: " When the roofers removed the tiles, we discovered many more timbers had rotted than we originally anticipated, so the repair bill increased! It is thanks to YHCT, Listed Place of Worship Roof Scheme, North York Moors National Park, the local community and the congregation that we were able to fund this project".



Grants Awarded 2017

Bolton Percy	All Saints	£5,000
Burnsall	St Wilfrid	£3,000
Burythorpe	All Saints	£3,000
Chapel Allerton	St Matthew	£3,500
Croft on Tees	St Peter	£3,000
Emley	St Michael the Archangel	£3,000
Garforth	Methodist	£5,000
Gomersall	St Mary the Blessed Virgin	£3,000
Harswell	St Peter	£1,000
Hebden Bridge	Hope Baptist Church	£4,000
Heckmondwike	St James	£3,500
Honley	St Mary	£6,000
Howden	Sacred Heart	£7,000
Clayton West	All Saints	£750
Huddersfield	St Peter	£5,000
Hull	Holy Trinity	£5,000
Hunmanby	All Saints	£4,000
Idle	Holy Trinity	£3,000
Middleton	St Mary	£11,000
Otley	All Saints	£2,000
Pateley Bridge	Wath Methodist Chapel	£4,000
Sand Hutton	St Mary	£5,000
Selby	St James the Apostle	£4,000
Settle	Holy Ascension	£6,000
Sheffield	Victoria Methodist	£4,500
Sheffield	St Matthew	£3,000
Shiptonthorpe	All Saints	£2,000
Withernwick	St Alban	£6,000

TRUSTEES

Tom Ramsden
Rory Wardroper
Fiona Le Masurier
Tony Hesselwood
Peter Johnston
Edward Waterson
Jane Hedley
Richard Carr-Archer (r. 2017)
Roger Glister (r. 2017)
Malcolm Warburton (r. 2017)
Clyde Binfield (r. 2017)
David Quick (r. 2017)

PATRONS

The Archbishop of York , The Dean of York
HM Lord Lieutenants of East, North, South
& West Yorkshire
RC Bishops of Hallam, Leeds, Middlesbrough
Anglican Diocesan Bishops of Sheffield and Leeds
Suffragan Bishops of Hull, Beverley & Whitby,
Doncaster, Bradford, Huddersfield, Richmond, Ripon
& Wakefield.
The Regional Minister of the Yorkshire Baptist
Association
The Chairman of the Darlington, Leeds, Sheffield, York
& 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

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 13 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2018

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 JANUARY 2018

Investments			973,504
Current assets		246,599	
Less; unpaid grants	129,500		
Other creditors	<u>8,788</u>	<u>138,288</u>	108,311

TOTAL NET ASSETS (transferred to CIO) £ 1,081,815

Representing

Investment Fund		973,504	
2018 Grant fund		105,626	
Unrestricted reserve		<u>2,685</u>	<u>£1,081,815</u>

	2018	Year 2016
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INCOMING RESOURCES

Donations and subscriptions		22,323	15,202
Grants from charitable trusts		56,900	60,900
Collections		1,135	1,964

FUNDRAISING

Ride & Stride	5,792		
Less grants to participant churches	2,053	3,739	2,965
Gift Aid Tax recoverable		3,735	3,190
Events and notelets		6,649	2,861

INVESTMENT INCOME		<u>39,176</u>	<u>36,663</u>
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>133,657</u>	<u>123,745</u>
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RESOURCES EXPENDED

Cost of generating funds		3,373	2,359
Administration costs		35,252	33,084
Investment Management		9,316	8,390

TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>47,941</u>	<u>43,833</u>
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NET INCOME FOR YEAR		<u>£ 85,716</u>	<u>£ 79,912</u>
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Grants awarded from previous year's income	£ 111,500	£ 102,118
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Financial Report

The Trust converted into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 31 January 2018 and so the financial results for the old charitable association run for 13 months to 31 January 2018.

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

The financial results follow the pattern of previous years. The level of donations and subscriptions includes two Januarys when many Friends make their contribution. This contributed to the overall increase against the 2016 year. The trustees are grateful to the continued financial support of Friends and have continued to encourage an increase in 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 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 Archdeacon of York for directing the annual Visitation offertories to the Trust.

The Grants Committee awarded £118,750 in grants and four formerly awarded grants totalling £7,250 lapsed. The trustees make £100,000 available each year. At the period end the funds unallocated to churches was £5,626 and the trustees have agreed to add a further £100,000 for 2018.

The investment portfolio has performed well through the period, gaining a value of £62,292. This will result in securing the level of income generated to support our grant giving.

Full accounts and trustees report are available on request from the treasurer or administrator.

This is my final report as treasurer of the Trust. I am handing over to Richard Bailey, having seen through the transition from association to CIO. With all good wishes to everyone involved in this important work.

Tony Hesselwood

Ride + Stride news: Sprockets and steeples— revisiting the Whitby connection

YHCT supporter Geoff Taylor, from Kirby-in-Cleveland, has taken part in Ride +Stride for several years, raising hundreds of pounds for the Trust along the way.

This year, he brought together a group of seven fellow cyclists and set about planning a 32 mile adventure along the Esk Valley, starting at Whitby Abbey and cycling back to Kirby-in-Cleveland.

The route was special as Geoff's two local churches at Ingleby Greenhow and Kirby 'belonged' to Whitby Abbey for 400 years until 1540, and one of the churches along the route, Kildale, was the home of the Percy family who rebounded Whitby Abbey after the Norman Conquest.

Starting at the Abbey, the first hurdle was to tackle the famous 199 steps! After the hair-raising descent, the group set off following the river to St Bartholemew's in Ruswarp. A long and steady climb followed, leading to St John's church in Sleights. From here, an off road detour came, with the first obligatory GOAW (get off and walk) section on a steep gravelled path. This effort was rewarded by the sight of St Margaret's in Aislaby. From here, the group continued on to Egton and across open moorland, overcoming the next hurdle – sheep!

The group reached Danby for a well- earned lunch stop, followed by a visit to St Hilda's, where a congregation were eagerly awaiting the arrival of a bride, and not necessarily seven lycra clad cyclists !

On to Castleton, where the group made a poignant visit to St Michael and St George, built almost 100 years ago, as a tribute to the fallen of a Great War.

The group split at this stage, with one half taking an on road hilly section and the other party going off-road, before re grouping at St Peter's Commondale.

With the wind and rain picking up, and limbs starting to ache, the group pedalled on toward a rendezvous with their Vicar, Anne Heading, and support riders at Kildale.

A special fundraising effort was recently held for Anne, to buy her an electric bike on which she whizzes around the parish without exhaust or exhaustion! Indeed St Hilda's (featured on page 2) is one of Anne's churches.

Boosted by the addition of Anne on her electric bike and 5 year old Oliver Scott, the age range of the group now spans 5 – 70!

The final church on the route is St Andrew's, Ingleby Greenhow, with its Norman tower and chancel. Here the group reflect on how only the church in most rural communities provides a visible and tangible link with previous generations, and the importance to support the YHCT so that future generations can continue to enjoy what many take for granted.

32 miles and 10 churches later, 14 weary legs receive a warm welcome back at St Augustine's, Kirby-in-Cleveland.

Geoff and his team raised money for their local church, as well as the YHCT, and we are extremely grateful for their continuing support





ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are very grateful to the many donors who generously support the Trust, including those listed below.

Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation
Spooner Trust
Burrows Davies Ltd
PPIY Architects

Holyrood Community Trust
Ilkley Charitable Trust
Ferrey and Mennin Ltd
Treske Ltd

Wheler Foundation
Leeds Methodist District
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In making your Will, if you include a gift to the Trust, this will be free from Inheritance Tax so that whatever amount you decide to leave us you know it 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.

The words "I give to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust ..." contained in your legacy will greatly benefit the Trust and help us in our task to help as many of Yorkshire's fine churches and chapels as possible. For more information, please contact us.

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.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Details of current subscription rates can be found below. Please make sure your payments and / or standing order is up to date and being paid into Co-op Bank, sort code: 08 92 99 account number: 65846678

Types of Membership (per year)

Individual £35

Joint (2 at same address) £45

Church membership £50

Business supporter £100

Please let us know if your contact details change, so we can continue to keep in touch.

Email vanbarassociates@gmail.com or call 07786 656883.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 27th June 2019 - Friends summer event, Ripon from 2pm. More details to follow.

Thank You