

Who we are

Founded in 1988, the YHCT was established to preserve, repair and maintain churches, chapels and meeting houses in Yorkshire, together with their monuments and other features.

Since our inception we have distributed over £3,000,000 in grants to more than 800 churches, chapels and other places of worship from trusts, parishes and individuals.

With over 2000 places of worship in Yorkshire the YHCT continues to support the needs of religious buildings and the communities they serve.

The trustees are assisted and supported by professional architects and other specialists to assess the individual needs of the churches.

Our work can only be achieved and delivered with the support of the many people who contribute to the work of the YHCT.

A lasting gift

Many of us share a deep love and appreciation of the way places of worship shape and frame the landscape and the built environment. Across Yorkshire we are blessed with outstanding examples of the changing styles of ecclesiastic architecture.

Their architectural dominance and spiritual resonance have shaped our great county but too many are fighting a battle against the ravages of time and they need and deserve our help.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting way to continue supporting these places of worship beyond your lifetime and ensure they are kept alive for future generations to enjoy.

Making a bequest is simple - it can be included in a new Will or added as a codicil to your existing Will.

A bequest to a charity is free of inheritance tax.

For more details please visit our website at www.yhct.org.uk , or contact Vanessa White on 07786 656883 or via email at vanbarassociates@gmail.com

Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust



All Saints Newton on Ouse

Please leave a lasting legacy!

www.yhct.org.uk

CIO registered number 1175099

Holy Epiphany Butterwick: a case study

In 2013 the Churchwardens at Holy Epiphany in Butterwick knew they had a major problem when chunks of plaster began dropping off the ceiling.

The church needed to undergo major restoration. It required new guttering, re-roofing and re-pointing as well as interior work to replace rotten floor timbers, at an estimated cost of just over £30,000.

The congregation, local community and local businesses all embarked upon a fundraising campaign, and with the help of a grant of £3000 from the YHCT, the money was raised.

Holy Epiphany is now fit for future generations to enjoy and can continue to be used, preserved and enjoyed by the parish and community.

Our legacy policy

The Trustees of the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust will:

- use your gift wisely and for the lasting benefit of Yorkshire's churches and chapels
- respect and act upon any conditions attached to your gift
- respect your right to change your mind at any time (as your future circumstances may change)
- direct you to specialist advice about making a Will and your intended gift.

Suggested wording for your Will:

“ I give % of my residuary estate OR I give the sum of £ (pounds only) free of all taxes to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust (charity no. 1175099) , and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the YHCT shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees.”

We strongly advise you see a solicitor when writing or amending your Will.

Three simple steps

It is simple to make a legacy gift:

- 1) Make a Will and review it regularly.
- 2) Please consider leaving a gift to the YHCT.
- 3) Contact your solicitor or speak to Neil Shaw at LCF Law.

Your gift, regardless of size, will support Yorkshire's churches and chapels for many years to come, and give pleasure to generations who follow in our steps.



**We are grateful for the support of LCF
Law Solicitors.**

**For help in making a Will please contact,
Neil Shaw, Partner, on 01423 502211 or
email: nshaw@lcf.co.uk**