

Helping Yorkshire's Historic Churches & Chapels
since 1988



St Helen's, Skipwith
Awarded £2000 for gutter
improvements in 2019.

Annual Report



Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust report for the year 2019.

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Patron's Welcome



2019 has been another eventful year for the YHCT. Across Yorkshire, the Grants Committee, led by Peter Johnston, one of our long standing Trustees, has continued to support a diverse range of historic buildings with grants. This financial support helps to maintain these vital parts of our land and townscapes as centres of the communities they have served, in some cases over many centuries.

The Trustees have been able to distribute more than £98,000 to twenty nine churches and chapels across the region. This is a tremendous effort and enhances the fundraising campaigns that many of these churches run, securing support from across the region and further afield.

Liz and I were particularly delighted to meet so many of you at the day hosted by Tom and Jane Ramsden near Ripon, when we enjoyed visits to St Mary's Church at Masham and St Nicholas Church at West Tanfield, followed by a tour of Tom and Jane's lovely gardens on a sunny afternoon. Events are one of the things that brings the membership together to celebrate the work of the trust. I'm delighted that the Trustee board has been strengthened throughout the year with the recruitment of individuals who have a strong commitment to bringing the Membership together.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming year, and thanks for all you do, individually and collectively, to support our work.

Dr Terry Bramall CBE

Chairman's Report



As I write this the life of the country is on hold whilst it tackles the Coronavirus outbreak. Although this has had no impact on the activities of the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust during 2019 it has forced the cancellation of events planned for 2020 and reduced the energy and impact that our Friends have on the life of the Trust. That said, at the recent Trustees' meeting we were able to approve over £60,000 of support to Yorkshire's Churches and Chapels and hopefully will be able to continue to do so into the future.

2019 was a year of consolidation rather than change. The trust distributed £98,250 to those churches listed on [page 7](#). It was able to do so only through the work and generosity of the charitable community. By that I mean charitable Trusts and foundations, particularly the Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation, individual donors and legacies, support from the business sector and most vital of all the support given by Friends and their friends to membership and events. For this support the trustees are extremely thankful.

It is disappointing that the Ride and Stride, which is so successful in Oxfordshire and Suffolk seems to struggle in the north of England. Possibly that has something to do with the distance between churches and the hills to bicycle up to get to them. However, the trust will continue to support the Ride and Stride and will welcome new participants. Your trustees are working on ways to raise the profile of Yorkshire's churches and hope to launch a renewed focus next year.

We are also working on ways to assist the basic maintenance work needed on every building every year. Simple tasks like cleaning out gutters are more complicated round the eaves of high roofs and on church towers but they need doing every year. Lack of basic maintenance causes significant deterioration to the fabric of a building often leading to more major work in the future: A stitch in time etc...

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Chairman's Report

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During the year we were joined by Jane Crease, Moira Fulton and Michael Wildblood as new trustees and said a fond farewell to Fiona Le Masurier. We will miss Fiona's constructive advice and help but welcome Michael's experience as a much respected architect and member of the Grants Committee and the knowledge and experience that Jane and Moira will bring to lectures and events we will run as soon as we can.

We are delighted to have launched a new website, which I hope you will find more user friendly and interactive. Please do take a moment to visit the site at www.yhct.org.uk to find all our latest news, details of how to apply and how you can get involved with our events.

The trust finances are very capably run by the Treasurer, Richard Bailey, and I recommend a glance at his presentation on [page 6](#). I hope you will find the format clear and understandable and that you will help us increase the annual income by encouraging others to become Friends and everyone to leave a legacy to the trust. What better way to ensure your support for Yorkshire's churches and chapels continues beyond your lifetime. If anyone is interested to see the detailed accounts they are available on the Charity Commission website, or by contacting the Treasurer.

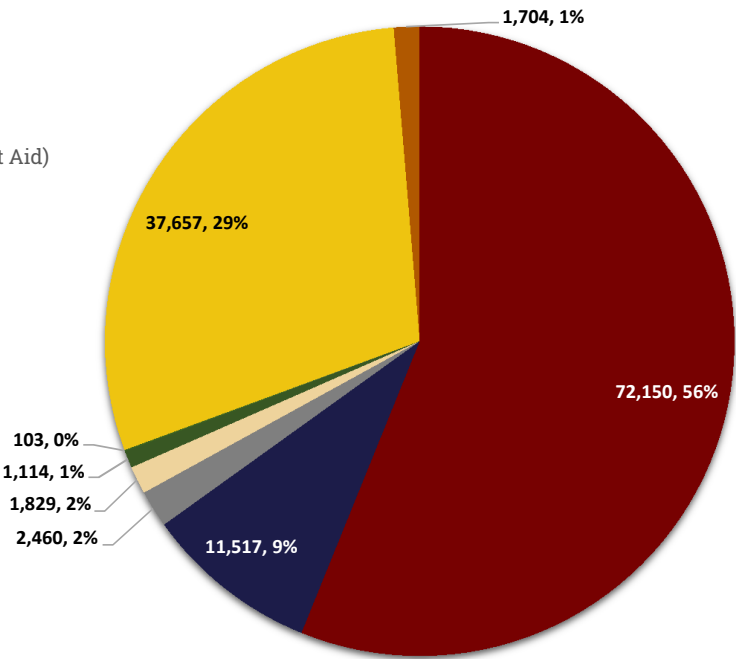
Tom Ramsden

Income and Expenditure 2019



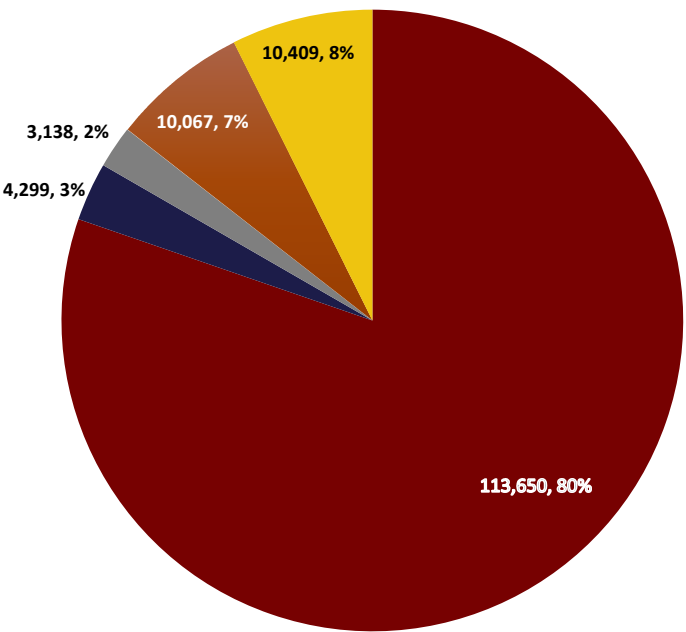
INCOME £128,534

- Grants from charitable trusts
- Individuals (donations, subscriptions, Gift Aid)
- Churches (donations and subscriptions)
- Church Collections
- Ride & Stride
- Members Events
- Investment Income
- Bank interest



EXPENDITURE £141,563

- Grants to Churches
- Administration - Grants
- Administration - Membership
- Administration - Charity
- Investment management



2019 Grants Awarded

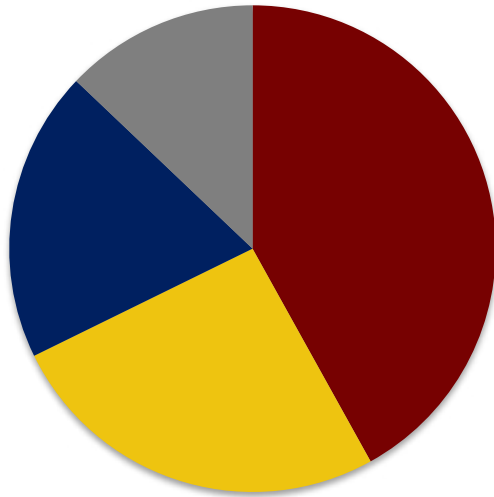


Location	Church	Funding for	Amount
Barnburgh	St Peter	Roof repairs	£5,000
Boynnton	St Andrew	General repair works	£5,000
Bradford	St Patrick's Mission Church	Repair works	£4,000
Clayton West	All Saints	Nave and spire repairs	£3,000
Cleasby with Stapleton	St Peter	Window and door repairs	£4,000
Cleckheaton	St John	Roof repairs	£3,000
Felkirk	St Peter	Window and stonework repairs	£3,000
Golcar	St John the Evangelist	Spire repairs	£750
Heckmondwike	Holy Spirit	Roof repairs	£3,000
Heeley	Christ Church	Glazing repairs	£4,000
Howsham	St John	Window repairs	£5,000
Hoyland	St Peter	Floor and window repairs	£3,000
Ingleton	St Mary	Roof repairs	£5,000
Middleton Tyas	St Michael and All Angels	Organ restoration	£2,000
North Ferriby	All Saints	Stonework repairs	£4,000
Nunburnholme	St James	Roof repairs	£4,000
Ripon	St Wilfrid	Window and stonework repairs	£4,000
Roundhay	St Edmund	Roof repairs	£5,000
Seamer	St Martin	Roof repairs	£5,000
Sessay	St Cuthbert	Roof repairs	£4,000
Sheffield	Tapton Hill Congregational Church	Organ restoration	£2,000
Skipwith	St Helen	Roof repairs	£2,000
Stillingfleet	St Helen	Organ restoration	£2,000
Ulley	Holy Trinity	Roof, wall and guttering repairs	£2,500
Wetherby	St James	Stonework repairs	£2,000
Whixley	Church of the Ascension	Window restoration	£1,000
Wilberfoss	St John the Baptist	Roof repairs	£3,000
Wilsden	St Matthew	Roof repairs	£3,000
York	All Saints	Roof repairs	£5,000
			£98,250

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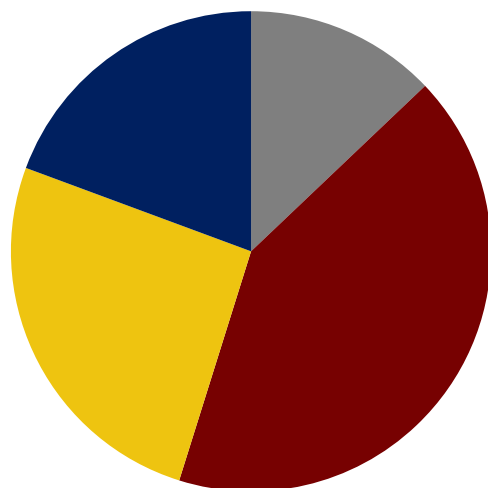
2019 Grants Awarded

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GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

- North Yorkshire
- West Yorkshire
- South Yorkshire
- East Yorkshire



FUNDING TYPE

- Organ repairs and restoration
- Roof repairs
- Stonework, windows, spire work
- General repairs

Acknowledgements



We remain indebted to our many Friends who continue to support the Trust and we were delighted to be joined so many of them at the events we held throughout the year.

We are grateful to the donors who generously support the Trust, including those listed below:

The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation, Holy Rood Community Trust, Spooner Trust, Ilkley Charitable Trust, Kenneth Hargreaves Trust, Bowcliffe Hall, Ferrey and Mennin and Lupton Fawcett LLP.

We were most thankful to receive legacies from **Mr Colin Clarkson** and **Mr Leonard Bean**. These gifts will help us keep Yorkshire's places of worship alive for future generations.

We are grateful to the following churches and PCCs who have supported the Trust:

All Saints Pocklington	All Saints, Clayton West	All Saints, Low Catton
All Saints, Helmsley	All Saints, Bolton Percy	Holy Cross, Gilling East
All Saints, Northallerton	All Saints, South Cave	St Peter's, Harswell
All Saints, Rufforth	Doncaster Minster	Holy Trinity, Ulley
St Matthew's, Chapel Allerton	Epiphany Church, Gipton	St George's, Brockholes
Huddersfield Parish Church	Gomersal Methodist Church	St Mary's, Kilburn
Kirbymoorside Methodist Church	St John's, Howsham	Kirkby Methodist Chapel
New Testament Church of God, Sheffield	St Mary's, Honley	Knaresborough Unitarian Church
St Mary the Virgin, Oxenhope	Emmanuel Church, Saltburn	St Mark's, Newby
St Andrew's, Aysgarth	St Edmund's, Roundhay	St Mary's, Sand Hutton
St John the Baptist, Bishop Monkton	St John the Baptist, Royston	Holy Ascension, Settle
St John the Baptist, Roughtown	St John's Sharow	St Helen's, Skipwith
St Lawrence and St Paul's, Pudsey	St Martin's, Potternewton	St Columba's, Middlesbrough
St Margaret's, Horsforth	St Mary Magdalene, Yarm	St Hilda's, Bilsdale
St Michael and All Angels, Middleton Tyas	Holy Trinity, Bingley	St John's, Middlesbrough
St Mary's, Gate Helmsley	St Michael's, Skidby	St Lawrence Siggleshorne
St John the Baptist, Wilberfoss	St Oswald's, Leathley	St Martin's Church, East Ayton
St Oswald's, Funningley	St Nicholas, Stillington	St Michael and All Angels, Skelbrook
St Peter's Parish Church, Birstall	St Mary's, Embsay	St Oswald's, Thornton in Lonsdale
Westborough Methodist Dewsbury	St Germain's, Winestead	St Peter's, Harlington
St Michael and All Angels, Thornhill		

Ways to Help The Trust



For less than £1 a week, you can become a Friend of the Trust and help secure the future of Yorkshire's places of worship. You will be joining a group of like-minded people, passionate about preserving and maintaining places of worship and help us make a vital difference to their future.

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-operative Bank | **sort code: 08 92 99** | **account number: 65846678**

Types of Membership (per year)

Individual - £35

Joint - £40

Church membership - £50

Business supporter - £100

Leaving a Legacy

Leaving a gift in your Will is a lasting way to continue supporting places of worship beyond your lifetime and keeping them alive for others to enjoy.

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

The YHCT has the responsibility for looking after Yorkshire's churches and chapels and will use your gift wisely, respect and act upon any conditions attached to your gift and respect your right to change your mind at any time.

For more details, please contact [Vanessa White](#) or visit our website at www.yhct.org.uk.

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Ways to Help The Trust

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Gift Aid

When you pay your subscription, 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. We would therefore be most grateful if you could let us know if you are able to award Gift Aid by contacting [Vanessa White](#).

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

Dates for Your Diary

Many thanks to those who booked onto the events we had planned for Spring and Summer 2020. We had a fantastic take up and two of the church tours were oversubscribed. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we have rearranged the events for later in the year and have contacted each of you about the arrangements for transferring your booking.

We do still have a limited number of places on the 'Designing stained glass' talk in York, 2pm – 4pm on Tuesday 13th October. We are delighted to be joined by Helen Whittaker, an acclaimed artist and sculptor, who has worked with David Hockney and Hughie O'Donaghue to help translate their art into stained glass in Westminster Abbey. A booking form is available on our website, or contact Vanessa White to book your place.



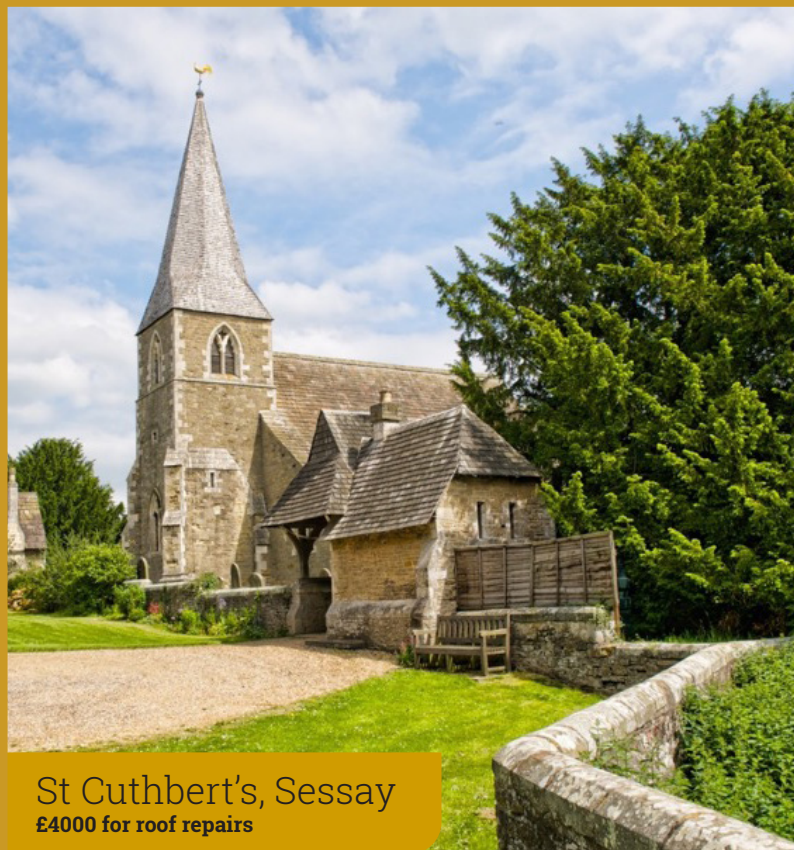
Holy Spirit, Heckmondwike
£3000 for roof repairs



St Edmund's, Roundhay
£5000 for roof repairs



St Peter's, Hoyland,
£3000 for floor and window repairs



St Cuthbert's, Sessay
£4000 for roof repairs