



Helping Yorkshire's Historic Churches & Chapels
since 1988



St Margaret's, Long Riston
Awarded £3,500 for roof repairs in 2020

Annual Report



Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust report for the year 2020.

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President's welcome



It has been a joy to return to Yorkshire as I start this new chapter in my ministry as Archbishop of York. This last year we have been faced with the challenges brought about by the global pandemic. We have all needed to adapt and our churches are no exception. I've been encouraged to hear of so many churches serving their local community and being a blessing in different ways - from facilitating online worship, through to social action projects and of course being there when so many have been suffering and grieving in our communities. The best way of showing what the Christian faith is all about is by showing it in action. We know our wonderful churches

are more than bricks and mortar and as we care for them, they are able to remain places of worship and witness rooted at the heart of our communities.

My primary role as a follower of Jesus Christ is to live and share the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ and the hope that brings to our world. I will be doing everything I can in the coming year to share this story and the good news that goes with it. I'd like to thank you all for your support of the work of the YHCT in the past twelve months and encourage you to look forward with hope and thanksgiving.

**The Most Reverend & Right Honourable
Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York**



Chairman's report



Much water seems to have flowed beneath the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust (YHCT) bridge since this time last year. We have just delivered our first Zoom lecture to over 60 participants when a year ago few had even heard of Zoom. We have had to cancel events and other moments of entertainment for our Friends with subsequent loss of fun and income. We have however kept going and have been able to contribute £121,735 to Yorkshire's places of Christian worship, which is very pleasing in the circumstances.

To reflect on this in a little more detail we have been delighted to receive substantial support from the Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation and the Holy Rood Community Trust. These and significant donations from two or three individual donors have enabled the trust to distribute over £120,000. This has almost without exception been given to the smaller churches with less of their own resources. It has also boosted the morale of many communities struggling with the effects of the Covid pandemic. Churches have been in greater need than ever and we are delighted to be able to help them.

During the year we said farewell to our President, John Sentamu, Archbishop of York. We send him thanks for all his help and wish him well in his retirement. We had great pleasure in being able to welcome his successor Stephen Cottrell who kindly agreed to take on the mantle of President and we look forward to an opportunity to meet him and to brief him on the activities of the Trust.

We have also welcomed as a trustee Dr Kate Giles, a senior lecturer in Archaeology at York University and a Co-Director of the Centre for the study of Christianity and Culture. It was her lecture on the medieval wall paintings of Pickering Church that dipped our toes into waters of Zoom lectures and how fascinating it was. It is hoped that this and future lectures and events will encourage many more people to become Friends of the YHCT.

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Chairman's report

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We had to cancel church tours last year, which was disappointing both for those booked to come and for Jane Crease and Moira Fulton who are organising them. We hope to resurrect them (the tours!) starting on 22 June 2021 with a tour of the Churches of the Derwent. Our thanks and gratitude to them for their patience and perseverance and to Vanessa White the Trust administrator for coping with the administrative difficulties surrounding the management of events in this difficult year.

Please encourage your friends to become Friends of YHCT, please consider leaving a legacy to the Trust and please put us in touch with charitable trusts, or individuals, you feel might like to support our work.

The knowledge and expertise of our Grants Committee helps applicants with their projects and also provides a sound basis for the assessment of these projects for grant support. We are all very grateful for their work, led by Peter Johnston.

The trustees send you, the reader of this report, their best wishes and thanks for your support. Please continue to help because the YHCT is thriving and looks forward to the future development of its activities and the involvement of young people in its work. Our contact with York University is important and with it the potential to engage with students and demonstrate the value of Yorkshire's places of Worship to the heritage of this country and the communities they serve.

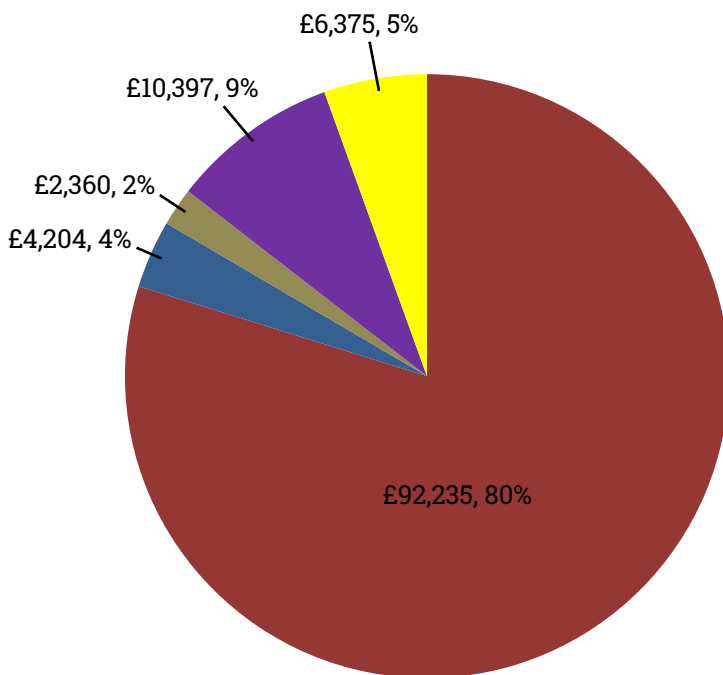
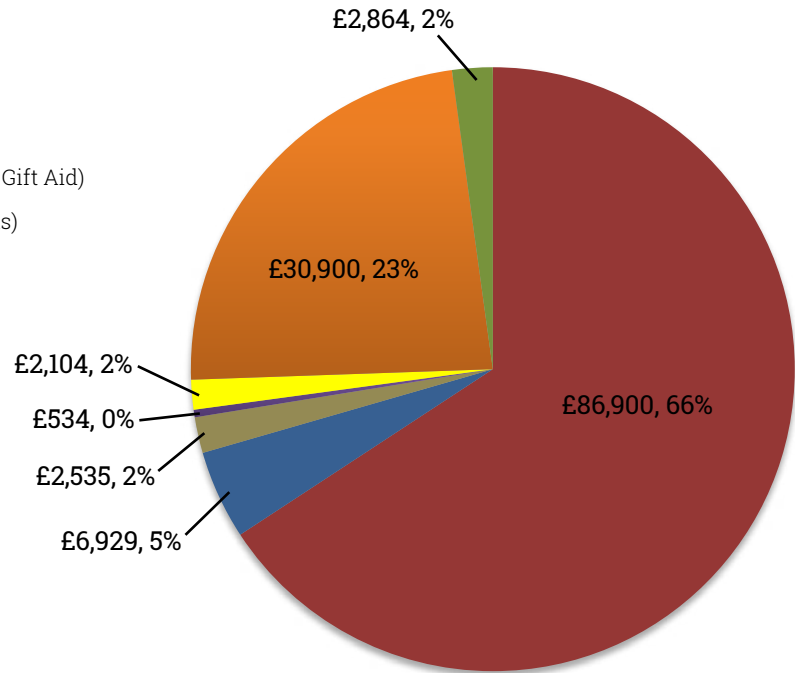
Tom Ramsden

Income and Expenditure 2020



INCOME £132,766

- Grants from charitable trusts
- Individuals (donations, subscriptions, Gift Aid)
- Churches (donations and subscriptions)
- Ride + Stride
- Friends events
- Investment withdrawal
- Bank interest



EXPENDITURE £115,571

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

Grants awarded 2020



LOCATION	CHURCH	FUNDING FOR	AMOUNT
Beighton, Sheffield	St Mary the Virgin	Roof and masonry repairs	£3,000
Brightside, Sheffield	St Margaret	Fabric repairs	£3,500
Brompton on Swale	Brompton on Swale Methodist Church	Tower repairs	£3,000
Burythorpe	All Saints	Window repairs	£4,000
Campsall	St Mary Magdalene	Investigation grant	£1,000
Cawthorne	All Saints	Dry rot treatment	£3,000
Dewsbury	St Michael and All Angels	Stained glass repairs	£2,500
Elland	St Mary the Virgin	Roof repairs	£7,000
Fulford	St Oswald	Glazing and masonry repairs	£3,850
Gilling East	Holy Cross	Glazing repairs	£1,000
Harrogate	Harrogate Baptist Church	Spire repairs	£3,000
Harswell	St Peter	Floor repairs	£2,000
Helmsley	St Hilda	Roof repairs	£3,000
Hoyland	St Peter	Bell repairs	£1,000
Kirby Misperton	St Laurence Church	Roof repairs due to lead theft	£3,000
Little Horton	All Saints	Window repairs	£10,685
Long Riston	St Margaret	Roof repairs	£3,500
Middleton Tyas	St Michael	Fabric repairs	£3,000
North Newbald	St Nicholas Church	Stonework repairs	£600
Oswaldkirk	St Oswald	Stonework repairs	£5,500
Pontefract	St Giles	Roof repairs	£6,000
Pontefract	St Joseph	Gutter repairs	£2,000
Riccall	St Mary	Roof repairs due to lead theft	£4,000
Ripley	All Saints	Roof repairs	£6,000
Rotherham	The Chapel on the Bridge	Hood mould repair	£4,800
Rotherham	St Paul	Spire repairs	£5,000
Sheffield	Cemetery Road Baptist Church	Window repairs	£2,500
Skelbrooke	St Michael and All Angels	Roof, fabric & drainage repairs	£3,000
Slingsby, York	Slingsby Methodist Church	Roof repairs	£4,000
South Stainley	St Wilfrid	Stonework repairs	£3,000
Stillington	St Nicholas	Stonework repairs	£2,000
Thornhill	St Michael and All Angels	Stained glass repairs	£2,500
Thornton in Lonsdale	St Oswald	Lych gate repairs	£5,500
Wincobank, Sheffield	St Thomas	Fabric repairs	£3,500
Womersley	St Martin	Stonework repairs	£2,500
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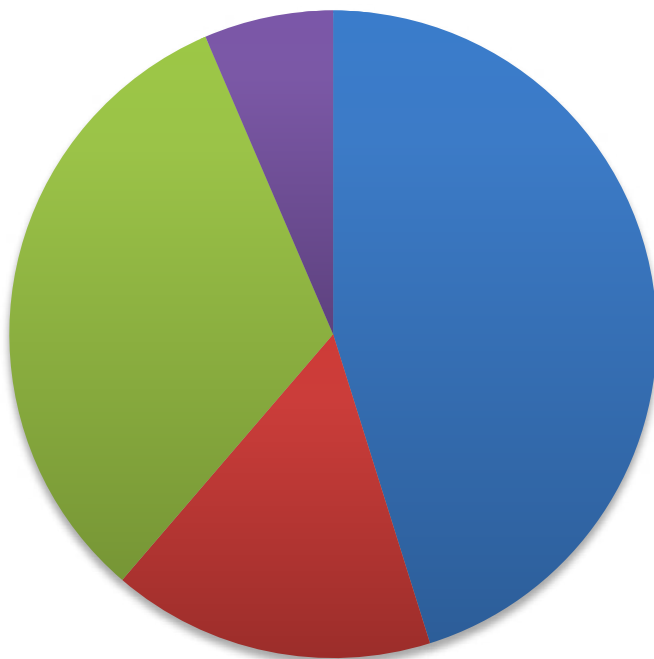
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FUNDING TYPE

- Window and glazing repairs
- Stonework and tower repairs
- Roof, tower and bell repairs
- Fabric repairs



GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

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

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:

Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation, Holy Rood Community Trust, Spooner Trust, Ilkley Charitable Trust and the Kenneth Hargreaves Trust.

We are grateful to the following Churches and PCCs who continue to support the Trust:

Bilsdale, St Hilda	Horsforth, St Margaret	Sessay, St Cuthbert
Birstall, St Peter	Leathley, St Oswald	Settle, Holy Ascension
Bolton Percy, All Saints	Middlesbrough, St Columba	Sharow, St John
Chapel Allerton, St Matthew	Middlesbrough, St John	Sheffield, St Andrew URC
Dewbsury, Westborough Methodist Church	Northallerton, All Saints	Siggleshorne, St Lawrence
Doncaster Minster	Oxenhope, St Mary the Virgin	Skelbrooke, St Michael and All Angels
Embsay, St Mary	Pocklington, All Saints	Skipwith, St Helen
Fuford, St Oswald	Potternewton, St Martin	South Cave, All Saints
Gate Helmsley, St Mary	Ripley, All Saints	Stillington, St Nicholas
Gilling East, Holy Cross	Royston, St John the Baptist	Thornhill, St Michael and All Angels
Gipton, Epiphany Church	Rufforth, All Saints	Thornton in Lonsdale, St Oswald
Harswell, St Peter	Saltburn, Emmanuel Church	Ulley, Holy Trinity
Helmsley, All Saints	Sand Hutton, St Mary	Wilberfoss, St John the Baptist
Honley, St Mary	Scarborough, St Martin	Yarm, St Mary Magdelene

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, committed to preserving and maintaining places of worship in cities, towns and villages and helping us to make a vital contribution to their future well-being.

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 - £45

Church membership - £50

Business supporter - £100

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

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.

As a charity the YHCT makes a significant financial contribution to Yorkshire's churches and chapels and is committed to using your gift wisely. We will 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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Gift Aid

When you support events such as the annual Ride + Stride for churches or make donations, and 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.

Dates for your diary

We are delighted so many of you have joined us for the series of Zoom talks presented by YHCT trustees. The final one is on Thursday 22nd April at 7.00pm, on the subject of the monuments in St Michael's Church, Coxwold. These talks have proved very popular and we plan to organise more in the Autumn.

Our tour of four small churches close to the river Derwent, finishing with tea at Aldby Park is due to go ahead on Tuesday 22nd June. Those booked on the original tour in 2020 will have been contacted with further details.

We have not yet fixed a new date for the tour of the Western Wolds Churches but hope to run it in September. Again, we'll be in touch with those who booked on the original tour.

The postponed talk by Helen Whittaker on designing stained glass will now be on November 11th in York. A few tickets remain for this talk.

Keep an eye on our website for full details of these events at www.yhct.org.uk/eventspage



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£4,800 for hood mould repairs



Elland, St Mary the Virgin
£7000 for roof repairs



All Saints, Ripley
£6000 for roof repairs



Slingsby Methodist Church
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