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of history.

We protect over  
340 historic  
churches and keep  
them open every  
day, for you and  
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2010-11



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Together we are the Churches Conservation Trust. As a supporter, volunteer, donor, visitor, member of the local community, staff member or partner organisation, you are what makes the Trust.

Together we care for over 340 beautiful buildings, a priceless part of this country's heritage; and together, this year we have achieved great things. Almost 2 million visitors, new volunteers and record numbers of events are just some of the things this review celebrates.

But our Trust also faces significant challenges including a reduction of more than 20% in core funding over the next four years. At a time of great change, historic church buildings are at increasing risk.

Your support, your time, your donations and your enthusiasm will ensure that our Trust can continue to repair and keep your wonderful buildings open for the public and local communities to enjoy and use for another 1,000 years to come.

**Loyd Grossman OBE FSA**  
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**Crispin Truman**  
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**We depend on you**

£379,000 a year in donations, over 900 regular donors, 4,000 volunteers, 62 local Friends groups. Find out more, meet Linda Franklin, Dickie Dutton and others... [see p. 3-4](#)

**to open churches**

78% of churches with new signage; 1,840,000 visitors; 4,200 events including Midsummer Tea Parties, innovative educational work, and more... [see p. 5-6](#)

**across the nation**

340 beautiful buildings, open every day and free to enter. Help us to ensure these churches survive for future generations... [see p. 7-8](#)

**strengthen communities**

21 regeneration projects; 2 churches returned to parochial use; 266 young people given new skills... meet the New Saints of Langport... [see p. 9-10](#)

**and protect our history.**

35 repair projects completed; 71 people given new skills in conservation. But 35 lead thefts to combat. Jane Rutherford is among our extraordinary specialists: meet her... [see p. 11-12](#)

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# We depend on you



'We tumbled as Alice through the looking glass tumbled down the rabbit hole', said Dickie Dutton of his skydive

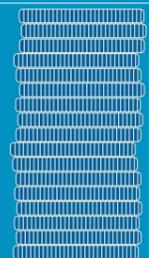
*"With 340 churches around the country there must be other people who can raise as much, if not more."*

Dickie Dutton  
CCT fundraiser

## Donations

£379,000

In 2010-11 £379,000 was raised through donations, despite this the shortfall for the year was £1.43 million



£1.43 million  
Shortfall

£379,000  
Raised in donations

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Our volunteers, supporters and Friends groups are indispensable. Without them churches would close, and our funding gap could not be bridged.

## The things you do for us!

*'I felt a tear run down my cheek, for reasons that were not apparent to me', says 76-year-old Dickie Dutton of his first encounter with St James, Cooling.*

He cycled by in the winter of 2010, and sought shelter in the church. It affected him in a way he had never before experienced. Whilst there he noted the church was in the care of CCT so he decided to see what he could do to help.

On 2 July 2011 he did a sponsored skydive, for which he had raised over £6,000, with more to come. Dickie is one of the 16,000 people a year who make their way to this isolated site, the setting for the opening scene of *Great Expectations*. His money has made a big difference. With another £14,000, we can transform the church's visitor experience in time for the 2012 bicentenary of Dickens' birth.

Help  
St James, Cooling  
Total required for project  
**£14,000**

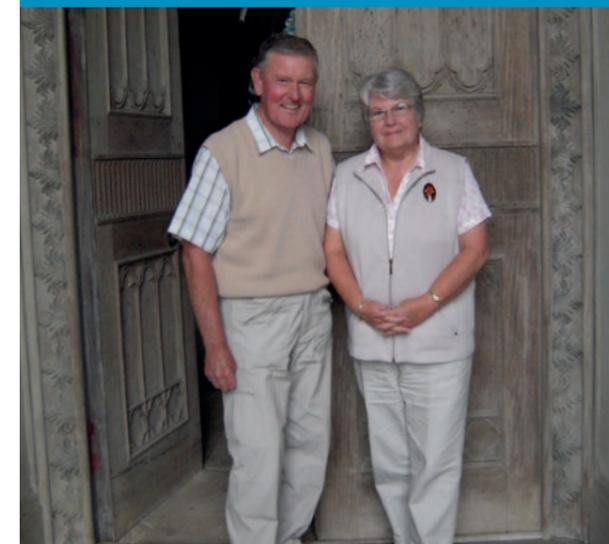


### Your gift will enable us to:

- rewire the church
- improve lighting
- create new information displays

## More people who give

- Gillian and Alan Grove visited St Mary Barton Bendish in 2008, where they discovered CCT's work. Having joined the Supporters Scheme, they build their holidays around our churches. *'Anything that preserves these heritage gems is worthwhile', says Alan*
- *'The CCT does a remarkable job given its limited resources. I have been greatly impressed,'* says former investment banker Chris Knight, a CCT Patron and member of its Development Board
- Margaret Ruse has been a Supporter since 2006. *'I like the fact that CCT conserves these buildings with a light touch. I also like the fact that you try and involve local communities, finding a new way for the church to come alive again.'*



Gillian and Alan Grove at St Mary Magdalene, Croome D'Abitot: their 100th CCT church

## Church saved by Friends' campaign

*'The church would have fallen down were it not for the CCT', says Louise Horsley, of the Friends of St Mary, Lead, North Yorkshire, one of the Trust's 62 active Friends groups.*

This isolated building was saved by the Ramblers' Association in the 1930s, only to be in a parlous state again by the 1970s. Local people campaigned for CCT to take it on then formed a Friends group which remains active after thirty years.

*'We clean the church and churchyard,' she says 'have annual services, and organise an increasing range of events.'*

*'We get enthusiastic support from your staff', Louise adds. 'Local people appreciate the work of the CCT a lot: you saved our church!'*

Help  
St Mary, Lead  
Total required for project  
**£10,000**



### Your gift will enable us to:

- remove damaging cement from walls
- repoint the interior in lime
- prevent structural deterioration



*'The building has a lovely atmosphere; it gets under your skin'*

# to open churches



Jools Holland at our 2011 Midsummer Tea Party in St Mary's church, Higham in Kent

*"Supporting this charity is so worthwhile: they do so much with so little."*

Jools Holland  
CCT supporter

## Visitor numbers



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An open church is a centre for local events, a focus for tourism, a guard against decay. By drawing tourists into isolated communities and holding popular events, we make a major contribution to local economies.

## Arts in the right place

*'It's something quite special', says Chris Heighton, Arts Development Officer at Lincolnshire County Council, 'both for local communities and for tourism.'*

Chris is speaking of ArChWay, an innovative project which will draw visitors to 14 churches in inland Lincolnshire, creating a trail of contemporary art through local communities.

ArChWay has been allocated £206,000 in funding from The Rural Development Programme for England; the announcement received widespread television, web and print media coverage.

### Also...

- 6 churches are newly open in Essex alone. All Saints, Vange, received 6,778 visitors in its first year regularly open. Donations in the county have more than doubled
- Installation of 1,560 signs has transformed the visibility of CCT churches
- Our website [visitchurches.org.uk](http://visitchurches.org.uk), has been relaunched, and is packed with interesting information

**Help CCT's arts work**  
Funds required for project  
**£800**



### Your gift will enable us to:

- fund an ArChWay CCT church tour
- create a community fundraising event

## Churches as classrooms

*'It was a very valuable experience, completely outside anything they'd done before', says Mary Crawford of her pupils' use of St Michael, Cowthorpe and St Martin, Whenby as living classrooms.*

They were among 2,582 pupils from 50 different schools who have participated in CCT's education work. Many such activities focus on the 'out of the classroom' requirements of key stages 2 and 3. With £10,000 we could create national curriculum teaching materials.

### Also...

- Primary school children created exotic beasts based on the carvings at Christ the Consoler, Skelton-cum-Newby
- A Church Explorers Club has been set up with a local school at St Andrew, East Heslerton
- 6 young offenders took part in conservation work at All Souls, Haley Hill, Halifax

**Help CCT's education work**  
Total required for project  
**£10,000**



### Your gift will enable us to:

- Create teaching materials for children at Key Stages 2 and 3
- Deliver learning outside the classroom for two local schools

## Have tea with us

Over 80 Midsummer Tea Parties were run by Friends groups and other supporters on 19 June 2010, raising £15,000, and leading to the event being repeated on 18 June 2011. *'We have to keep telling people how much the CCT do. They've spent so much on this church'*, says Linda Franklin, Chair of the local Friends group, St Mary's church, Higham in Kent.

### Help us do more

- £400 enables an interpreter, dressed in period costume, to give a day of children's workshops in a church
- £1,000 helps pay for a Living History Fair at a CCT church, with re-enactors, schools activities and archaeological tours
- £1,500-£2,000 buys a modular display unit, enabling interactive local history displays to be installed in empty vestries



A Midsummer Tea Party at St Leonards, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

# across the nation

"With your donations, the Churches Conservation Trust can help struggling parishes to use their buildings imaginatively in partnership with the whole community, while preserving some of our most historic churches for future generations to enjoy."

The Rt Revd Richard Chartres  
Bishop of London

"The Churches Conservation Trust looks after some of our most beautiful historic churches with expertise, sensitivity and imagination, encouraging contemporary use for old buildings, and doing all this in a suitably business-like manner."

Lord Howarth of Newport

## CCT 2010-11 successes

**1** All Souls, Bolton  
**£4.47 million**  
After many years fundraising, **£4.47 million** is ready to be spent on a state of the art community space which will also accommodate local and regional enterprises at All Souls, Bolton



**2** St Benedict, Haltham-on-Bain  
**£130,000**  
We are investing **£130,000** in order to rescue the unusual timber-framed bellcote at St Benedict, Haltham-on-Bain



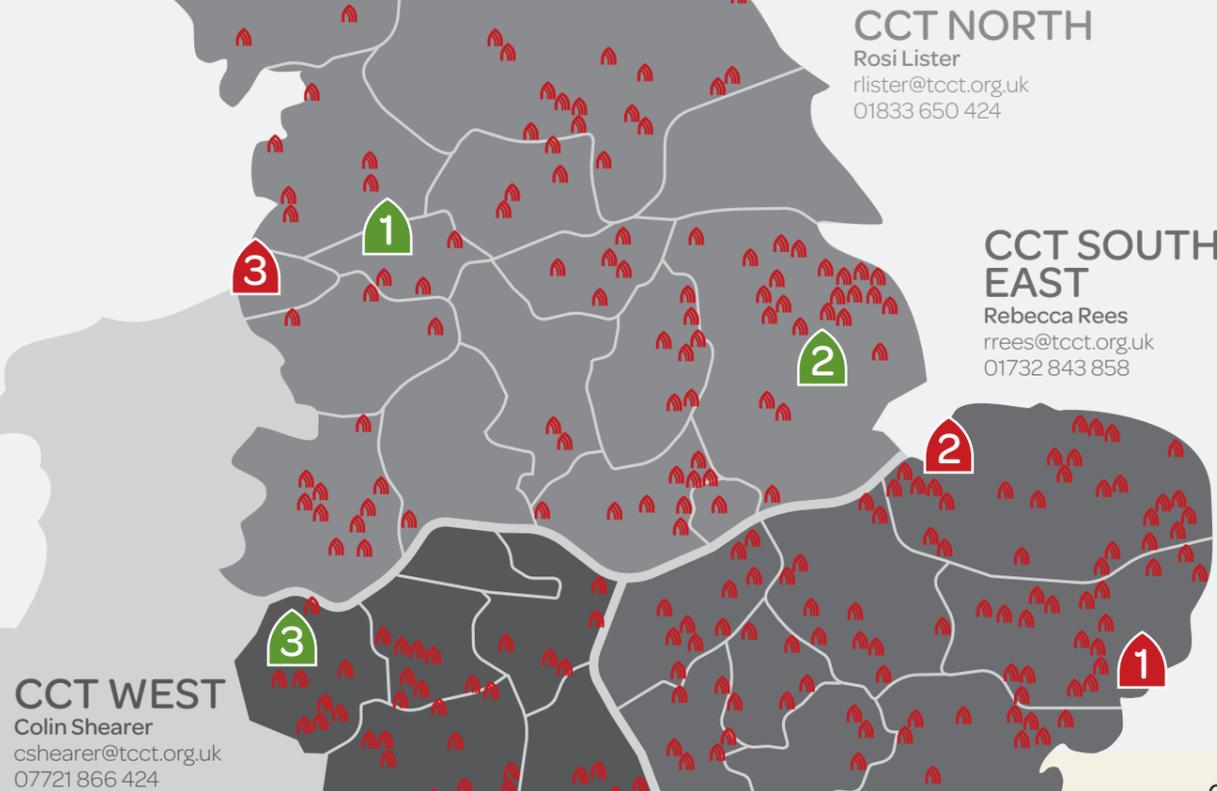
**3** SS Cosmos and Damian, Stretford  
**£95,000**  
Last year we spent **£95,000** on repairing the plaster ceiling and removing asbestos at the country church of SS Cosmos and Damian, Stretford



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(church locations are approximate)



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## CCT 2011-12 challenges

**1** St Mary-at-the-Quay, Ipswich  
**Estimated project cost £4.24 million**  
**Still to raise: £750,000** to convert St Mary-at-the-Quay, Ipswich into a major new community facility



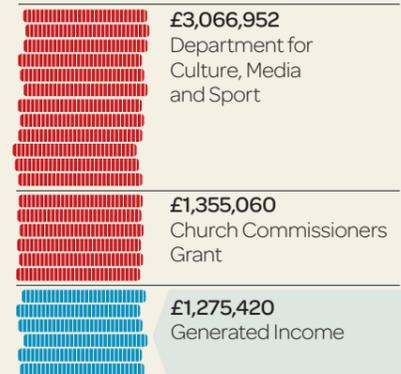
**2** St Nicholas, King's Lynn  
**Estimated project cost £1.8 million**  
**Still to raise: £210,000** will save one of the country's most extraordinary medieval churches from decay



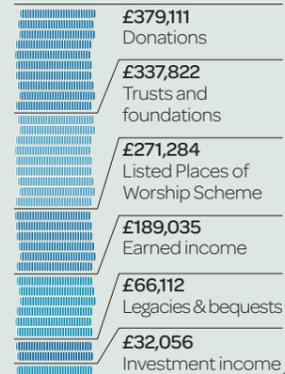
**3** Christ Church, Old Church, Waterloo  
**Estimated project cost £500,000**  
**Still to raise: £475,000** to protect Christ Church from erosion in the Merseyside weather – and transform the churchyard so it can be used for events



### Where our money came from in 2010-11



### Generated income



### Our funding gap 2011-12

**20%**

Our funding gap is 20% of our total income and stands at **£1.43 million** per year.

Needed for:

- Masonry
- Re-roofing
- Glazing
- Stonework repairs
- Flintwork repointing



# strengthen communities

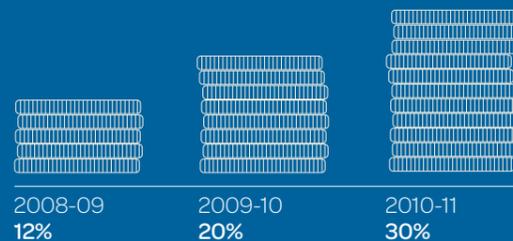


Performer from Circus Brighton at the open day in St Mary's church, Kemp Town, Brighton

*"It's a great opportunity for me to do something more for our community, and develop new skills for my future."*

Paige Blackwell  
18, member of New Saints of Langport

Church wall safe income  
Annual percentage increase



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We work with you across the country to find sustainable solutions for historic churches, transforming them into local engines of regeneration.

## Young people today

*'It's all about empowering young people and engaging with the community...'* says Mark Small, 23, leader of the New Saints of Langport.

A group of eight 16 to 25 year olds are finding a new use for All Saints, the former parish church of a Somerset market town.

They will develop a business plan and a conservation plan, and aim to achieve charitable status. The New Saints are making active use of the internet and of social media. *'If we do this right, we could create a model of practice for future heritage and regeneration projects,'* says Mark. *'It's a bit radical, a unique project to undertake.'*

*'Seeing the church used and valued is the ultimate endgame':* The New Saints

Also...

- A key funder, the North West Regional Development Agency, was abolished in 2010. Yet the transformation of All Souls, Bolton into a state of the art community space is back on track
- St Luke, Oseney Crescent, a handsome London CCT church of 1868-70, returned to parish life this year

**Help**  
Our projects working with young people  
Funds required for project  
**£27,700**



Your gift will enable us to:

- fund a project leader at Langport
- undertake community engagement work and bring the church back into use



The New Saints, with All Saints, Langport in the background

## Strategic action

*'We couldn't have got to this stage without the CCT',* says the Revd. Andrew Woodward, *'they've enabled us to get a wider vision of the possibilities.'* Andrew is priest-in-charge at Victorian St Mary, Kemp Town, an overlooked landmark in a lively part of Brighton and Hove. His church has been under threat of redundancy since 2000.

The CCT is working with the English Heritage part-sponsored Diocesan Church Buildings Officer and parishioners to prevent closure and keep the church in sustainable use.

Over 400 people came to a public consultation 'fun day' on 18 June 2011. Over a third had never been in the building before. 88 respondents gave detailed ideas for its future use.

**Help**  
Prevent church closure  
Total required for project  
**£70,000 - £100,000**



Your gift will enable us to:

- produce fully-costed sustainable plan for an at-risk church
- secure planning and listed building consent
- part-fund building works

Help us do more

- £500 helps fund a community event in another church at risk, consulting on its future use and enabling development of a fundraising strategy
- £5,000 provides training for local community supporters and Friends groups in project management, grant applications, and gaining charitable status



We-Bop a'capella jazz & soul choir performing in St Mary's, Kemp Town

# and protect our history.



Jane Rutherford conserving the wall paintings at St John the Baptist, Inglesham with the help of students

*“Visitors to St John the Baptist, Inglesham are entranced and no wonder; the atmosphere here is something very special.”*

Jane Rutherford  
Conservator

### Where our money goes



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Conservation lies at the heart of CCT's work. It requires extraordinary levels of skill, but ensures our precious buildings are conserved for centuries to come.

## Communities against crime

*‘The more people who know about lead theft crimes being committed in our communities, the easier it will be to prevent further incidents,’ says PC Ian Clark of Lincolnshire police.*

Ian is talking of the Church and Public Building Watch he has set up to protect CCT churches and other buildings in the Louth area from lead theft.

This is a serious problem. There were 35 thefts of metals from CCT churches in 2010-11, costing £193,600. Some churches are hit more than once. CCT has become a founding member of the Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage.

**Help**  
Protect our churches against crime  
Total cost required for project  
**£3,000 – £7,000**

**Your gift will enable us to:**

- Install an alarm system in a CCT church
- Target our ‘at risk’ churches as a priority for 2012

## 22 years of painstaking work

**Tiny Inglesham’s multi-layered wall paintings, ancient fittings and carvings make it a place intimate, fragile and beautiful.**

Jane aims to stabilise what is there rather than uncover what is hidden. Parts of a lost medieval St Christopher and a Last Judgement have come to light over the years.

Now, thanks to £12,000 in grants from the local Lady Norton and Thomas Freke charity, Jane is using the project to train future conservationists. With further support we can complete her work.

### Also...

- Guyhirn Chapel, a near-unique Commonwealth-era place of worship, has been replastered, its joinery conserved; £4,000 of the £6,500 costs were met by the Stuart Heath Charitable Settlement
- Medieval floor tiles at All Saints, Icklingham were cleaned by a local archaeology club

### Help us do more

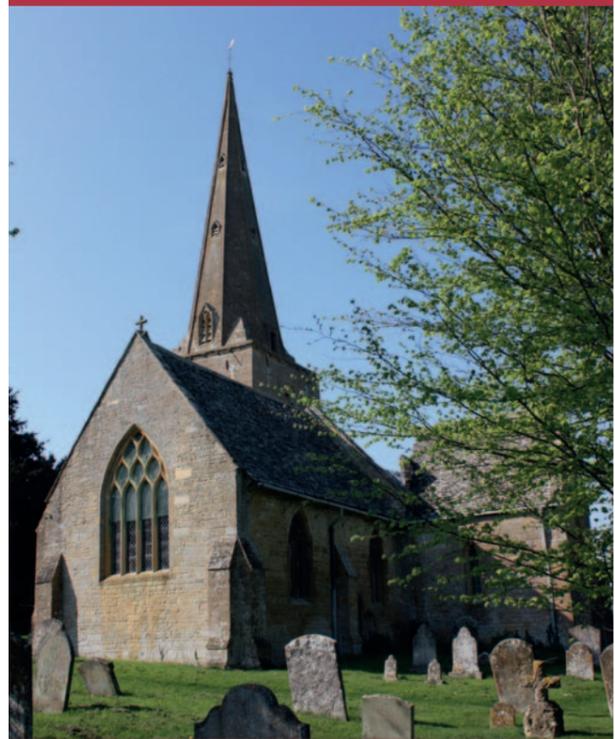
- £6,000 conserves the Norman south doorway at St Peter, Edlington
- £10,000 helps prevent one of the famous carved angels at St Nicholas, Kings Lynn from falling to the ground
- £20-30,000 cleans the Victorian encaustic floor tiles at St Mary Magdalene, Battlefield, badly affected by flooding
- £60,000 reroofs the chancel at All Saints church, East Horndon after it suffered from collateral damage from lead thefts last year
- £100,000 conserves the east window and re-leads the tower roof at St John the Baptist, Stamford

## Our new acquisition

Few churches are as richly furnished as St Nicholas, Saintbury: medieval stained glass, seventeenth-century wall paintings, Arts and Crafts fittings.

St Nicholas is near the Cotswold Way and attracts walkers; after two decades of declining congregations it has been taken on by the Trust and will reopen in 2012; a Friends group is already being formed.

- An open day on 11 September 2010 marked the completion of award-winning conservation work at St Mary, Thornton-le-Moors which came to the Trust in 2009



Cotswold gem: St Nicholas, Saintbury

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 Friends of St Nicholas Church, Brockley  
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 Friends of Church of St Peter the Poor Fisherman, Revelstoke  
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**2** million visitors a year.

With our help and with your support they are kept open and in use – living once again at the heart of their communities.

Our priorities are to:

- Sustain our historic churches, conserving and adapting them for 21st-century communities
- Encourage people to enjoy, visit, use and care for our churches
- Grow the Trust, its skills, partnerships and income; and
- Share our learning

Of our **£5,600,000** expenditure, we spend

**63%** on church repairs and regeneration, and

**26%** on supporting volunteers and opening churches.

That's  
**89%**  
of our budget on  
frontline activities.



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