

HISTORY OF WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This brief history by Michael Hodges traces the national start of fundraising for church buildings to the start of the 19th century. The Historic Churches Preservation Trust (now the National Churches Trust) was set up under royal patronage in 1953 with a view to county organisations also being set up.

The then Bishop of Salisbury asked the then Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire (the 16th Duke of Somerset) to set up a county meeting to discuss how to proceed in Wiltshire. This meeting was duly convened at the County Hall at Trowbridge on 17th February 1953. It was agreed at the meeting that the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust should be set up with the aim of raising £50,000 over ten years. An inaugural service was held in Salisbury Cathedral on 1st June 1954 and the Trust Deed was signed on 11th November 1954.

Progress was fairly slow over the next thirty years until 1985 when the first Great Bicycle Ride (subsequently "Ride and Stride") was held. This increased the amount of funds available for grants. Between 1954 and 2008 the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust disbursed grants of £345,000.

In the autumn of 2008, the Friends of Wiltshire Churches was set up as a membership body of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. By the end of 2010 membership had reached a total of some 420 individuals, a level at which it has broadly remained subsequently. A programme of excursions, social events and lectures was set up and this continues to this day. Various relevant books were also published, such as Brian Woodruffe's "Parish Churches of Wiltshire". Grants to churches totalling £940,284 were made in the period between between 2008 and 2022.



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FULL HISTORY BY MICHAEL HODGES

The initial attempt at providing funds for the repair of churches on a national basis started in the first half of the 19th century. In 1818 the Society for Promoting the Enlargement and Building of Churches and Chapels was founded to provide funds for the building and enlargement of Anglican churches throughout England and Wales. The Society was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in

1828 as The Incorporated Society for Promoting the Enlargement, Building and Repairing of Churches and Chapels. Later in the century it adopted the title of The Incorporated Church Building Society. Since 1982 the Society's administration has been transferred to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

The Historic Churches Preservation Trust (since 2007 the National Churches Trust) was founded in 1953 by the then Bishops of Chester and Stockport to restore architecturally and historically significant parish churches. This followed a report issued by the Commission on the Repair of Churches, appointed by the Church Assembly, which calculated that the sum of money required for the next ten years to supplement parochial efforts in putting churches in the country into good repair would be £4 million. Her Majesty the late Queen consented to be President and HRH the late Duke of Edinburgh the Patron. In its Report the Commission stated that the Historic Churches Preservation Trust would need not only to launch a national appeal but to work through area organisations, preferably on a county basis.

The Bishop of Salisbury asked the (16th) Duke of Somerset DSO, OBE, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire from 1942 to 1954, to convene a meeting of "people prominent in the life of the County, including all Mayors and Chairmen of Urban and Rural District Councils" with a view to setting up a county trust to help raise part of the sum required. The Duke wrote from Maiden Bradley asking interested parties to attend a meeting at County Hall, Trowbridge on 17th February 1953 to discuss the question and to hear the Rt Rev William Anderson, Bishop of Salisbury and Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, "who is making a special visit and will describe the extent of the problem of repairs to Parochial Churches and make suggestions for the constitution of a standard Trust for the Preservation of Wiltshire Churches in affiliation to the national body."

The meeting at County Hall, Trowbridge was duly held on 17th February 1953. The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust was subsequently set up under the Presidency of the Duke of Somerset with the Bishops of Bristol and Salisbury as Vice Presidents.

Wiltshire responded to the call earlier than many other counties. Of the neighbouring ones, their trusts were set up as follows: - Dorset (1960), Oxfordshire (1964), Gloucestershire (1981), Berkshire (1984), Hampshire (1988) and Somerset (1996). Further afield even Norfolk took until 1976 under the dynamic chairmanship of Billa Harrod to set up its trust.

On 1st June 1954 an evening inaugural service was held at Salisbury Cathedral by permission of the Dean and Chapter. Representatives were asked from every Anglican parish in Wiltshire. The Choir sang Parry's "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." as the first anthem.

The Dean said the initial prayer - "Brethren, we bid you welcome to our Cathedral Church of Salisbury to inaugurate with prayer and praise the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. We bid you give thanks to God (whom Heaven and the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the houses we have builded) for every Church and Chapel built and preserved for our use through twelve centuries and more to be a House of God; wherein we receive the comfort of His Word and Sacraments, are made his children, joined by him in Holy Matrimony, and brought in our turn to our last earthly resting-place. And we bid you pray that He may guide and prosper the work of this Trust; that as we have entered into the labour of others, so others may enter into ours; that our Churches and Chapels may be preserved in the beauty of holiness, reverenced as the place where His honour dwelleth, and lived and used among us as the Gate of Heaven."

The second anthem was Brahms' German Requiem - "How lovely are Thy dwellings fair, O Lord of Hosts". The Bishop of Bristol preached. Various hymns were sung; during the last ("We love the place, O God, wherein Thine honour dwells.") a collection was taken for the Wiltshire Historic

Churches Trust which appealed to "men and women of all denominations to help meet this national obligation." It went on to say "The parish churches of England are a great national glory. The history of England is written in their monuments. They have moulded the characteristics of our towns and villages for a thousand years or more. This noble heritage is in danger of decay." Subscriptions could be sent to Lloyds Bank, Salisbury.

The Trust Deed of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust was signed on 11th November 1954. The Duke of Somerset had by then died and been replaced as Lord Lieutenant by Lord Herbert CVO (16th Earl of Pembroke 1960-69). The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire and the Bishops of Bristol and Salisbury were to be ex-officio trustees. The objects of the trust were described as follows: - "the preservation, repair, maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of churches in Wiltshire and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in such churches, and of the churchyard belonging to any of such churches."

The initial fundraising target was set at £50,000 over ten years.

On 1st March 1958 the President of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, Lord Herbert, made his report. He noted the trust had been running for nearly four years and was very much behind its target. £6,500 had been raised so far, against mainly setting up expenses of £387. Grants had been made to over 50 churches amounting in all to £3,120. "Unfortunately, these Grants are only a fraction of what is required...We have, therefore, much leeway to make up and further big efforts will have to be made if we are to achieve our object."

In 1968 the trust produced a booklet with a blue cover entitled "A Tour of Wiltshire Churches." This was printed by The Friary Press in Dorchester and initially retailed at 10 shillings. It contains a considerable number of black and white photographs. The unknown author meanders through the county covering some one hundred churches, starting in the north and eventually ending in the south. The churches are all Anglican with the exception of brief mentions for the 18th century chapel of All Saints, Wardour and the 16th century Presbyterian meeting house at Horningsham.

In 1973 (the 1st) Lord Margadale, Lord Lieutenant 1969-81, and President of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, wrote a fairly pessimistic report "The Trust may have to close down in a few years' time unless the annual income can be substantially increased. The policy has been to authorise realistic grants to enable the fabric of historic churches to be kept in sound condition. With ever rising costs it has been necessary to allot £4,400 per year for the last three years...the average annual income, apart from two exceptional years, '61 and '68, has been less than £2,400, although over £3,000 has been collected each year recently; and altogether 221 churches have been benefited by grants of over £45,000...Income from covenants and subscriptions showed little change, and I again appeal to every Parish Council in the County to subscribe to the Trust as much as possible, surely in most cases a form of enlightened self-interest."

The trust did in fact survive in spite of Lord Margadale's gloomy prognostication. I985 was somewhat of an annus mirabilis. The President, Sir Hugh Brassey, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire 1981-89, was able to report as follows: - "The big fund-raising event of the year was the sponsored Great Bicycle Ride which was held throughout the county on Saturday 6th July. This raised a sum in excess of £20,000, half of which went to the churches sponsoring the cyclists and, after deducting a small amount for expenses and prizes, the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust benefitted by the sum of £8,580. This injection of money has enabled the annual grants to be raised by £1,000 so that the allocation is now £1,750 to both the Sarum and Wilts Archdeaconries and £1,500 to Swindon. Sponsored cycle rides for Historic Churches are about to become a national annual event and for 1986 the date is to be 6th September. If the 1985 result can be repeated as successfully, the grants can be further increased. A logo has been designed for the Trust and it is shown on the cover of this report. The design shows Purton Church, which is one of

the only three in England to have both a tower and a spire. Finally, a new leaflet setting out the aims of the Trust has been produced and distributed outlining its work and aims."

Wiltshire was one of the earliest counties to start raising awareness and valued funds through this popular outdoors annual event. The Great Bicycle Ride (subsequently renamed nationally "Ride and Stride") was invented in Suffolk in 1982 and provided a major lifeline to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. The first organiser in Wiltshire wrote in 1985 "...The Ride in 1984, organised in North Wiltshire alone, produced £10,700, half of which was immediately returned to each cyclist's chosen church, and in 1985 the result for North Wiltshire and mid-Wilts was a grand total of £20,500, half being retained by the Trust. This increase in capital is changing the outlook within the Trust to optimism for the future. The Trust members who organised the Ride feel confident that a first target of achieving £50,000 capital in the Trust is within reach within two or three years, and then we should aim at £100,000 plus.... A total of 711 cyclists took part." The Oaksey Trust was thanked for providing the prizes.

The bicycle ride became a national event in 1986 and until the foundation of the Friends of Wiltshire Churches in 2008 was very much the major source of funds for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. It, for instance, provided £5,381 in 1984, £14,500 in 1995, £32,750 in 2005, £26,962 in 2015 and £27,967 in 2022 with the overall totals raised for churches in Wiltshire being around double those figures year on year. 2022 provided the highest overall contribution so far, with a total of £53,669 raised in support of Wiltshire churches and chapels and Trust grants. The number of participants has since 1998 varied between 200 and 300. The total raised to date for the trust amounts to £841,101 (£1,716,578 in total, with half going to individual churches).

As President of the Friends of Wiltshire Churches, Lord Brooke donated two cups for annual award to the adult Ride and Stride team and to the junior Ride and Stride team that contributed the most participation and funds.

The opening of churches on Ride and Stride Day is also a major benefit to local communities with participants enjoying a warm welcome and refreshments around the county. 2022 provided an exceptional and memorable day with participants visiting churches with Books of Condolence open for signature by their many visitors, from far and wide, who wished to record their reflections after the death of the late Queen Elizabeth.

The Trust has also managed to build up a certain amount of assets through legacies, gifts from individuals and parishes, and retained income. By 30th September 2008 these were valued at £170,000. The assets have for some years been managed very competently by CCLA.

At the end of March 2021, the net assets of the trust had increased to £547,018. This amount consisted of unrestricted funds of £423,726 and the Hartham Church Charitable Trust Fund ("HCCTF") restricted fund of £123,282. The latter fund (initially, on transfer, of £100,000) was transferred to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust in 2018 and the income is available for churches which stand out for their contribution in advancing the Christian religion.

From 1954 to 2008 the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust assisted nearly 200 chapels and churches with grants of £345,000. Most of this inevitably went to Anglican churches but Roman Catholic and nonconformist churches have never been excluded from consideration.

In 2008 the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust made grants totalling £62,000. This contrasted with neighbouring counties as follows: -Berkshire - £53,000 Dorset - £85,000 Gloucestershire - £132,000 Hampshire - £58,000 Oxfordshire - £207,000 Somerset - £61,000

(These were all rather cast into the shade by Norfolk with £499,000).

In 2008 the income of all the county trusts totalled £3,817,000. The National Churches Trust had an income of £1,609,000.

In the autumn of 2008 the Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum, then Chairman of the Wiltshire Historic approached Michael Hodges, a Roman Catholic banker with HSBC in London but with a cottage in Fonthill Gifford, to ask if he would be willing to set up a membership body, under his chairmanship, to be called the Friends of Wiltshire Churches. The introduction had come through Lady Egerton, then Chairman of the Norfolk Churches Trust. Wiltshire was until then fairly unique among county trusts in lacking any kind of membership body.

Michael Hodges had no very clear idea at the inception of how to set up such a body. He persuaded Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville to act as President of the Friends, which he remained until 2013 when he was succeeded by Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire. Lord Brooke donated the Brooke Cup and the Brooke Junior Cup in respect of the "Ride and Stride" and for some years kindly donated additional prize money.

Michael's next move was to approach various individuals to ask if they would be willing to act as Vice Presidents of the Friends. Surprisingly few refused.

The initial list of Vice Presidents was as follows: -

Michael Ancram QC MP Lieutenant-Colonel James Arkell Madeleine, Countess of Bessborough The Bishop of Bristol John Bush, Esq Robert Floyd, Esa Henry Hoare, Esq The Rt Rev William Ind Sir Maurice Johnston Lord King of Bridgwater The Marquis of Lansdowne Lord Margadale Lord Marland of Odstock Lady Nutting Sir Henry Rumbold, Bt The Bishop of Salisbury Viscount Sidmouth The Duchess of Somerset Lord Talbot of Malahide

The list of Vice Presidents has remained remarkably stable from then until the end of March 2021. The personalities of the Bishops of Bristol and Salisbury changed. Michael Ancram retired when he ceased to be MP for Devizes. The 11th Lord Talbot of Malahide succeeded his father, the 10th Lord Talbot of Malahide, in 2016. The following individuals joined as Vice Presidents between 2009 and now: - The Bishop of Clifton, The Countess of Inchcape, Danny Kruger MP, Mrs Clare

Perry O'Neill, The Earl of Radnor, The Bishop of Ramsbury, Major General Sir Sebastian Roberts and the Dean of Salisbury.

The Committee of the Friends of Wiltshire Churches consisted of the following individuals in 2009:-Michael Hodges (Chairman), David Evans (Secretary), Peter Smith (Treasurer of the WHCT), Diana Beattie, The Hon. Edward Buchan, Richard Clarke, Anthony Edwards, Luke Hughes, The Ven Alan Jeans (Chairman of the WHCT), Morris Le Fleming, Diana Matthews Duncan, The Rev Morris Munns (Secretary of the WHCT), John Osborne, Christopher Rogers, Janet Ruddick, Sir Henry Rumbold Bt, Neil Skelton, Major James Thompson, Vicki Villers, Michael Wade and Brian Woodruffe.

At the end of March 2021 the membership was as follows:- Martin Knight (Chairman), David Evans, (Secretary), Fiona Lawley (Treasurer of the WHCT), Jeremy Groom (Membership Secretary), The Hon. Edward Buchan, His Honour Judge Mark Everall QC, Michael Hodges, Luke Hughes, Brigadier Nigel Jackson (Secretary of the WHCT), The Ven. Alan Jeans, Caroline Keevil, Clare Miles, John Osborne, Mark Robinson, Christopher Rogers, Neil Skelton and Geoffrey Till. Eight of the original Committee were still there.

The next problem was to attract a membership of the Friends. An initial launch party was held in London on 10th December 2009, courtesy of Michael Hoare, the Chairman of the National Churches Trust. A further launch party was held at Great Chalfield Manor on 24th June 2010, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Robert Floyd and the National Trust. 150 people attended the latter.

The social life of the Friends has continued undiminished until the present day with an annual summer party. A number of the early ones were held at Roche Court, courtesy of Madeleine, Countess of Bessborough. Diana Matthews-Duncan as Vice Chairman of the Friends arranged these various social events for a number of years.

156 members had joined the Friends by May 2009 and 280 by the end of the year. A year later the Friends numbered 420, a level which has subsequently remained broadly consistent. The first AGM of the Friends was held in St Thomas's Salisbury on 9th January 2010 and the constitution was adopted. The Rt Rev David Stancliffe, Bishop of Salisbury and Vice President of the Friends, gave a lecture entitled "When Wiltshire had only Two Churches; A Golden Age?" The tradition of an annual lecture at the AGM each spring has been maintained. In addition, lectures have been given each February on a variety of topics.

The first excursions were arranged by Michael Hodges in August and September 2009. The first went to Edington, Imber, Old Dilton and Sutton Veny. The second went to Wardour, Teffont Evias, Bishopstone and Stratford Tony. About 25 people attended each of these excursions. Thereafter four excursions were arranged each year. The majority of these have been led by Edward Buchan, Michael Hodges, John Osborne and Brian Woodruff. Berkshire, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Somerset have also all been "invaded" in the pursuit of suitable churches to visit.

The first Annual Report of the Friends of Wiltshire Churches was produced in 2009, generously sponsored by Luke Hughes, which he continued to do for a number of years.

The first literary venture of the Friends of Wiltshire Churches in 2009 was "Images from Wiltshire Churches" by the photographer Robert Tilleard. This retailed at £120 and sold to some thirty plus subscribers, headed by the then Duchess of Cornwall.

The second literary venture in 2010 was "The Parish Churches of Wiltshire" by Brian Woodruffe (with financial support provided by Michael Hodges). 2000 copies were printed and sold at £20 a copy. Members joining the Friends of Wiltshire Churches are now given a copy of the book. Brian

Woodruffe has also consistently made images available for the Christmas cards produced by the Friends.

The third literary venture in 2018 was "The Urns and Sepulchres of Mortality - The Church Monuments of Wiltshire" by Michael Hodges.

In the year to 31st March 2010 the Friends of Wiltshire Churches contributed £15,785 to the annual income of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. In the year to 31st March 2022 this had increased to £20,405.

Michael Hodges retired as Chairman of the Friends on 23rd March 2013. He was succeeded for a year by His Honour Judge Mark Everall QC, another Roman Catholic, who then succeeded the Ven. Alan Jeans as Chairman of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Martin Knight succeeded as Chairman of the Friends in 2014 and continued in the role until April 2023 when he was replaced by Patrick Wintour DL.

The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust has attracted a number of generous donations since the foundation of the Friends of Wiltshire Churches. The donors have included the Rev. Dr John Gosling, Mr Henry Hoare, The Inchcape Foundation, Lord Marland of Odstock and the Rothermere Foundation,

The Covid lockdowns of 2020 and 2021 inevitably caused a slowdown in activities such as excursions although the AGM and committee meetings continued through the medium of zoom.

From a committed start with lean resources and communication, the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust has moved forward to its current secure state with finance and widespread personal and digital communications, such as a properly functioning website. It has since 2015 had an extremely energetic and competent secretary in the form of Brigadier Nigel Jackson. Everything is focused on the same issue - preserving and enhancing a unique array of historic churches and chapels as living places of worship across Wiltshire and including Swindon.



2023/4 is the 70th anniversary of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust which looks forward to its anniversary concert in Salisbury Cathedral on 25th November 2023 and a festive evensong at Malmesbury Abbey in the summer of 2024.

The picture shows the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Sarah Troughton, launching the 70th Anniversary Year in St Michael's Church, Tidcombe on 14th June 2023 with Mark Everall, Trust Chairman (right) and Nigel Jackson, Trust Secretary (left) and the new Trust Logo (top left).

Michael Hodges 2023

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Appendix A - Trustees of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

(a) Presidents (ex officio as Lords Lieutenant)

1953-54 The 16th Duke of Somerset 1954-69 Lord Herbert CVO DSO OBE (from 1960 the 16th Earl of Pembroke) 1969-81 The 1st Lord Margadale 1981-89 Colonel Sir Hugh Brassey KCVO OBE MC 1989-1996 Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs 1996-2004 Lt General Sir Maurice Johnstone 2004-12 Mr John Bush 2012- Mrs Sarah Troughton

(b) Vice Presidents and then Trustees (ex officio)

1954-58 The Rt Rev Frederick Cockin, Bishop of Bristol 1954-62 The Rt Rev William Anderson, Bishop of Salisbury 1958-75 The Rt Rev Oliver Tomkins, Bishop of Bristol 1962-73 The Rt Rev Jim Bishop, Bishop of Malmesbury 1963-72 The Rt Rev Joseph Fison, Bishop of Salisbury 1973-81 The Rt Rev George Reindorp, Bishop of Salisbury 1973-82 The Rt Rev Freddie Temple, Bishop of Malmesbury 1974-82 The Rt Rev John Neale, Bishop of Ramsbury (also Archdeacon of Wilts) 1975-85 The Rt Rev John Tinsley, Bishop of Bristol 1982-93 The Rt Rev John Baker, Bishop of Salisbury 1985-2002 The Rt Rev Barry Rogerson, Bishop of Bristol 1993-2010 The Rt Rev David Stancliffe, Bishop of Salisbury 2003-17 The Rt Rev Mike Hill, Bishop of Bristol 2011-2021 The Rt Rev Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury 2018- The Rt Rev Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol 2022- The Rt Rev Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury

(c) Trustees

1954-68 The Ven Frank McGowan, Archdeacon of Sarum 1954-82 The Ven Cecil Plaxton, Archdeacon of Wilts (until1974) 1954-unknown Harold Brentnall 1954-69 Rev Canon Francis Brown 1954-unknown Ivor Bulmer-Thomas 1954-65 Major Sir Charles Chitham 1954-unknown J. Arnold Forster OBE 1954-67 Major Sir John Fuller Bt 1954-unknown Maude Giffard 1954-63 Major Thomas Jeans MC 1954-unknown Lt Gen Sir William Lindsall GBE KCB DSO MC 1954-63 J.C. Luga 1954-unknown Major E. A. Mackey TD DL 1954-1969 Lord Methuen 1954-1961 Admiral Sir Reginald Portal KCB DSO 1954-63 Arthur Stratton 1954-72 Rev Canon Norman Willis 1954-unknown Mrs E.M. Willis 1962-69 The Ven Cyril Bowles, Archdeacon of Swindon

1963-1970 Lt Col H.A. Golden CBE 1964-67 Vice Admiral B.C.B Brooke CB CBE 1964-70 P.H. Nightingale CMG 1965-77 Brigadier Sir C.H.M. Peto, DL, Bt 1965-82 E.C.Barnes 1965-66 Colonel A.D. Burnett-Brown 1966-82 Maj Gen P.S. Whitcombe CB OBE 1966-74 E.R. Ling 1967-74 Christopher Blunt 1967-75 E.H.F. Chetwynd-Talbot MBE 1967-69 Maj Gen G.W.E. Heath CB CBE DSO MC 1967-82 Ambrose Hussey-Freke 1968-79 The Ven Basil Wingfield-Digby, Archdeacon of Sarum 1968-74 Brigadier P.A. Clauson 1969-73 The Ven Freddie Temple, Archdeacon of Swindon 1969-73 17th Earl of Pembroke 1969-74 Lady Jameson 1970-74 Mrs Pitt 1971-1999 Commander J.E. Manners DSC 1971-unknown Maj Gen J.F.D. Steedman CMG CBE MC 1974-unknown The Ven Jeffrey Maples, Archdeacon of Swindon (until 1982) 1974- unknown Colonel P Sykes 1977-unknown Mrs Anne Aldridge 1979-86 The Ven Nigel McCulloch, Archdeacon of Sarum 1979-unknown Lt Col Jack Alexander 1980-98 The Ven John Smith, Archdeacon of Wilts 1982-2002 The Ven Kenneth Clark DSC, Archdeacon of Swindon (until 1992) 1982-unknown T.D.G. Roberts 1986-2004 The Ven Barnie Hopkinson, Archdeacon of Sarum 1986-98 and thereafter Archdeacon of Wilts 1991-unknown D. Ashcroft 1991- Mrs Anne Cooke 1991-2021Mrs Judith Hiller MBE 1991-unknown Colonel R.Robilliard 1991- Neil Skelton BEM 1992-1997 The Ven Michael Middleton, Archdeacon of Swindon 1998-2010 The Ven Alan Hawker, Archdeacon of Swindon 1998-99 and thereafter Archdeacon of Malmesbury 1998- Ms Anne Doyle 1999-2009 Kenneth Wiltshire 2001-19 Miss Janet Ruddick 2002-unknown Lt Col James Arkell 2003- The Ven Alan Jeans MBE, Archdeacon of Sarum 2004-2012 The Ven John Wraw, Archdeacon of Wilts 2008- Michael Hodges DL 2011-2018 The Ven Christine Froude, Archdeacon of Malmesbury 2011-16 Richard Clarke 2011- Brian Woodruffe 2012-22 Ms Judith Entiknap 2012- His Honour Mark Everall KC (Chairman 2014) 2013-15 The Ven Ruth Worsley, Archdeacon of Wilts 2014- Martin Knight 2015- Hon, Edward Buchan

2016- The Ven Sue Groom, Archdeacon of Wilts
2019- The Ven Christopher Bryan, Archdeacon of Malmesbury
2019- The Rev Graham Warmington
2022- Commodore James Hay
2022- William Hiscocks
2022- Luke March DL

2022- Patrick Wintour DL

(There are mentions of the following trustees in the minutes, but details are very scarce: -Commander A. Lindsay Watson, W.E. Reed, Richard Hailstone and Francis Holmes)

Appendix B Officers of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

(a) Hon Secretary

1953-66 Maj Gen P.S. Whitcomb CB OBE 1966-67 Colonel J.L. Galliway MC 1967-68 Lt Col P. Ryder 1968-79 Lt Col Jack Alexander 1979-84 Nigel Taylor 1984-89 Mrs Margaret Garratt 1989-95 Gordon Cook 1995-2003 Jo Gaunt 2003-07 Peter M.J. Smith 2008-15 Rev Morris Munns 2015- Brigadier Nigel Jackson MBE

(b) Hon Treasurer

1954-63 F.U. Ashford 1963-66 E.R. Ling 1966-69 J.W. Devonshire 1970-74 A.R. Rose 1975-82 T.D.G. Roberts 1982-88 P.E.M. Heath 1988-89 Barry Saint 1989-95 Jim Dimelow 1995-99 Richard Gouge 1999-2020 Peter Smith 2020- Mrs Fiona Lawley

(c) "Ride & Stride" Administrator (from 1998)

1998-2011 Richard Clarke 2011-2020 Charles Graham 2021- Keith Rayward

(d) Chairman of the Friends of Wiltshire Churches

2008-13 Michael Hodges DL 2013-14 His Honour Judge Mark Everall QC 2014-2023 Martin Knight 2023- Patrick Wintour DL

(e) Grant Secretary

2021- Mrs Gillian Stevens

(f) Conservation Adviser

Miss Judith Enticknap 2022-

Appendix C The financial position of the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust 2009-2022

(a) Assets 31st March each year

2009 £206,771 2010 £253,000 2011 £238,936 2012 £265,825 2013 £284,000 2014 £282,855 2015 £292,000 2016 £247,759 2017 £269,849 2018 £273,328 2019 £291,138 2020 £286,443 2021 £295,278 2022 £412,288

(b) Contributions to the WHCT from "Ride and Stride"

2009 £27,678 2010 £22,190 2011£20,490 2012 £20,673 2013 £28,452 2014 £30,941 2015 £26,962 2016 £29,576 2017 £28,424 2018 £33,014 2019 £31,030 2020 £28,069 2021 £25,989 2022 £27,967

(c) Contributions from the Friends of Wiltshire Churches

2009 £2,335 2010 £15,785 2011 £12,335 2012 £11,528 2013 £10,775 2014 £11,650 2015 £18,179 2016 £15,809 2017 £19,801 2018 £18,413 2019 £19,629 2020 £22,876 2021 £22,113 2022 £20,405

(In all cases figures relate to a year-end of 31st March)

Appendix D - Grants allocated by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust since 2008

2008

Alderbury, St Mary - £4,000 Alvediston, St Mary - £4,000 Amesbury, St Mary and St Melor - £1,500 Bemerton Methodist Church -£500 Bourne Valley Methodist Church - £1000 Chippenham URC Tabernacle - £600 Corsham, St Bartholomew - £3,000 Froxfield, All Saints - £1,500 Hankerton, Holy Cross - £1,000 Kington, St Michael and All Angels -£500 Lyneham, St Michael and All Angels -£3,000 Melksham, St Michael - £2,500 Netherhampton, St Katharine - £2,500 Nettleton, St Mary - £3,000 Salisbury, St Nicholas Hospital -£1,000 Salisbury, St Paul - £1000 Swindon Christ Church -£700 Swindon (North), St Andrew -£5,000 Whiteparish, All Saints - £600

Total -£21,000

2009

Alvediston, St Mary - £2,000 Bulford, St Mary - £1,200 Chippenham, St Andrew - £3,000 Cholderton, St Nicholas - £3,000 Christian Malford, All Saints - £2,500 Collingbourne Ducis, St Andrew - £2,000 Devizes Sheep Street Baptist Chapel - £2,000 Easton Royal Holy Trinity - £3,000 Landford, St Andrew - £2,000 Market Lavington, St Mary - £4,000 Middle Woodford, All Saints - £2,000 Poulshot, St Peter - £3,000 Rushall, St Matthew - £3,000 Upton Scudamore, St Mary the Virgin - £4,000 Wanborough, St Andrew - £3,000 Warminster Christ Church - £1,300 Zeals, St Martin - £4,000

Total - £45,000

2010

Baydon, St Nicholas - £2,000 Berwick St James, St James - £4,000 Berwick St John, St John the Baptist - £5,000 Biddestone, St Nicholas - £2,000 Bishopstone, St Mary the Virgin - £2,000 Boreham, St John the Evangelist - £3,000 Box Chapel of Rest - £3,000 Bulford, St Leonard - £350 Castle Eaton, St Mary -£1,500 Devizes St Andrew URC Church - £2,000 East Knoyle, St Mary - £2000 Kington, St Michael and All Angels - £750 Melksham, St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church - £1,500 Nunton, St Andrew - £2,350 Salisbury, St Thomas - £2,000 Shalbourne, St Michael and All Angels - £1,500 Sherston, Holy Cross - £3,000 Steeple Ashton, St Mary the Virgin - £500 Trowbridge, St James - £2,000 Upavon, St Mary - £2,000 Urchfont, St Michael and All Angels - £2,000 West Grimstead, St John - £4,000 Wilton Baptist Church - £3,000 Wilton, St Mary and St Nicholas - £4,000 Winterbourne Gunner, St Mary the Virgin - £4,000 Woodborough, St Mary Magdalene - £2,000

Total - £37,000

2011

Bishopstone, St Mary the Virgin- £2,000 Boscombe, St Andrew - £1,000 Boyton, St Mary - £5,000 Donhead, St Mary - £3,000 Hawkeridge Congregational Chapel - £2,000 Hilmarton, St Laurence - £3,000 Kington, St Michael and All Angels - £1,000 Lea and Claverton, St Giles - £1,000 Littleton Drew, All Saints - £5,000 Lydiard Tregoze, St Mary - £5,000 Oaksey, All Saints - £1,000 Salisbury Baptist Church - £3,000 Tilshead, St Thomas à Becket - £3,000 Wilcot, Holy Cross - £300 Yatton Keynell, St Margaret - £3,000

Total - £38,300

2012

All Cannings, All Saints - £6,000 Alton Barnes, St Mary - £5,000 Amesbury Methodist Church - £2,000 Chippenham, St Andrew - £1,000 Chiseldon, Holy Cross - £3,000 Corsham, St Bartholomew - £5,000 Farley, All Saints - £2,000 Fovant, St George - £1,000 Great Bedwyn, St Mary - £4,000 Little Bedwyn, St Michael - £3,000 Manningford Bruce, St Peter - £5,000 Littleton Drew, All Saints - £3,000 Nunton, St Andrew - £2,000 Ogbourne, St Andrew - £600 Rushall, St Matthew - £1,000 Sandy Lane, St Mary and St Nicholas -£4,000 West Knoyle, St Mary - £1,000 Winterbourne, Earls St Michael and All Angels - £4,000 Winterbourne Gunner, St Mary - £1,000 Wootton Rivers, St Andrew- £1,000

Total - £54,600

2013

Bemerton, St John - £1,000 Bishopstone, St John the Baptist - £3,000 Box, St Thomas à Becket - £2,000 Bromham Methodist Church - £500 Chippenham, St Paul - £4,000 Cricklade, St Mary Catholic Church - £3,000 Dinton, St Mary - £2,500 Heytesbury, St Peter and St Paul - £2,000 Kington Langley Union Chapel - £2,000 Kington, St Michael and Angels - £4.850 Landford, St Andrew - £3,000 Little Bedwyn, St Michael - £2.000 Little Langford, St Nicholas of Myra - £2,000 Malmesbury URC - £2,000 North Newnton, St James - £2,000 Ogbourne, St George - £2,000 Orcheston, St Mary - £4,500 Pewsey, St John - £1,000 Rodbourne, Holy Rood - £1,000 Rowde, St Matthew - £3,000

Stanton Fitzwarren, St Leonard - £5,000 Tisbury, St John - £3,000 Wardour All Saints Catholic Church - £4,000 Westwood, St Mary - £5,000 Whiteparish, All Saints - £2,000 Wilsford, St Nicholas - £3,500 Winterbourne Monkton, St Mary Magdalene - £400 Wylye, St Mary the Virgin - £4,000 Zeals, St Martin - £2,000

Total - £75,250

2014

All Cannings, All Saints - £2,000 Amesbury, St Mary and St Melor - £3,000 Bishopstone, St John the Baptist - £500 Bratton, St James the Great - £1,500 Braydon Methodist Church - £2,000 Calne, Holy Trinity - £2,000 Calne, St Mary - £5,000 Colerne, St John the Baptist - £3,000 Corsham Monks Chapel - £2,000 Corsley, St Margaret - £1,000 Dilton Marsh, Holy Trinity - £3,000 Dinton, St Mary - £2,000 Donhead, St Andrew- £3,000 East Grafton, St Nicholas- £2,500 Ebbesborne Wake, St John the Baptist - £3,000 Figheldean, St Michael and All Angels - £1,000 Garsdon, All Saints - £1,500 Great Wishford, St Giles - £1,500 Keevil, St Leonard - £2,000 Lea and Claverton, St Giles - £1,500 Lydiard Millicent, All Saints - £3,000 Lydiard Tregoze, St Mary - £2,500 Lyddington, All Saints - £3,000 Manningford Bruce, St Peter - £1,000 Marden, All Saints - £2,000 Netheravon, All Saints - £500 Rushall, St Matthew - £1,500 Sutton Mandeville, All Saints - £2.000 Swallowcliffe, St Peter - £400 Swindon Bath Road Methodist Church - £2,000 Swindon Park South St John - £5,000 Tidworth, Holy Trinity - £500 Tytherton Kellaways, St John - £1,500 West Knoyle, St Mary - £2,000 West Overton, St Michael and All Angels - £2,000 Wilton Baptist Church -£3,000 Winterbourne Monkton, St Mary Magdalene - £1,000 Wootton Rivers, St Andrew - £2,000 Yatton Keynell, St Margaret - £1,000

Total - £78,900

2015

Alderton, St Giles - £1,000 Bemerton Heath, St Michael and All Angels - £6.000 Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity - £1,000 Burton & Nettleton, St Mary - £1,500 Cholderton, St Nicholas - £3,000 Compton Chamberlain, St Michael - £1,500 Corsham, St Aldhelm Methodist / URC - £2,000 Crudwell, All Saints - £4,000 Dilton Marsh, Holy Trinity - £10,000 Ditteridge, St Christopher - £1,500 East Kennet, Christ Church - £700 Fovant, St George - £3,000 Fyfield, St Nicholas - £1,000 Homington, St Mary the Virgin - £3,000 Latton, St John the Baptist - £2,000 Lacock, St Cyriac - £1,000 Langley Burrell, St Peter - £2,000 Luckington, St Mary and St Ethelbert - £2,000 Monkton Farleigh, St Peter - £1,000 Neston, St Philip and St James - £1,000 Ogbourne St Andrew, St Andrew - £400 Rodbourne Cheney, St Mary - £3,000 Salisbury Methodist Church - £3,000 Seend, Holy Cross - £4,000 Semley, St Leonard - £5,000 Shaw. Christ Church - £6.000 Shaw, Holy Trinity - £1,000 Swindon, St Paul - £4,000 Swindon, St Philip the Deacon - £1,000 Trowbridge, St James - £5,000 Warminster, Christ Church - £1,500 West Ashton, St John the Baptist - £4,000 West Overton, St Michael and All Angels - £1,300 Winterbourne Bassett, St Katharine and St Peter - £4,000

Total - £99,400

2016

Amesbury, St Mary and St Melor - £3,000 Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross - £2,000 Berwick St John, St John the Baptist - £4,000 Blunsdon, St Andrew - £1,000 Bowerchalke, Holy Trinity - £3,000 Bratton, St James the Great - £1,000 Box, Thomas à Becket, £2,000 Bradford-on-Avon, Christ Church - £4,000 Calne, Holy Trinity - £2,000 Castle Combe, St Andrew - £5,000 (including £2,500 from National Churches Trust partnership grant) Chippenham Lordsmead, St Peter - £1,000 Collingbourne Ducis, St Andrew - £1,500 Donhead, St Andrew - £1,000 East Knoyle, St Mary - £2,000 Great Somerford, St Peter and St Paul - £2,000 Kington Langley Union Chapel - £2,000 Leigh, All Saints - £1,000 Neston, St Philip and St James - £200 Purton, St Mary - £450 Redlynch, St Mary - £1,000 Shalbourne, St Michael and All Angels - £1,000 South Wraxall, St James - £1,000 Swindon, All Saints - £2,000 Swindon, Christ Church - £3,000 Swindon, St Mark - £10,000 (including £5,000 from National Churches Trust partnership grant) Tidworth, Holy Trinity - £2,000 Trowbridge St Thomas - £2,500 Wardour, All Saints Catholic Church - £1,000 Warminster, St Denys - £5,000 (including £2,500 from National, Churches Trust partnership grant) Worton, Christ Church - £1,500

Total - £68,150 (including £10,000 National Churches Trust partnership grants)

2017

All Cannings, All Saints - £1,250 Baydon, St Nicholas - £1,500 Bishop's Canning, St Mary - £2,000 Broad Hinton, St Peter ad Vincula - £2,000 Castle Combe, St Andrew - £2,500 Chilmark, St Margaret - £2,000 Chippenham Station Hill Baptist - £2,500 Chiseldon with Draycott Foliat - £4,000 Collingbourne Ducis, St Andrew - £1,000 Corsham, St Patrick - £1,000 Ditteridge, St Christopher - £500 Fovant, St George - £2,500 Great Cheverell, St Peter - £2,500 Heytesbury, St Peter and St Paul - £2,750 Hilperton, St Michael and All Angels - £2,500 Lydiard Trgoze, St Mary - £3,000 Melksham, St Michael and All Angels - £2,000 Milton Lilbourne, St Peter - £1,500 Newton Toney, St Andrew - £2,000 Oaksey, All Saints - £4,000 Poulshot, St Peter - £2,000 Preshute, St George - £2,000 Purton, St Mary - £2,000 Rodbourne Cheney, St Mary - £2,000 Seend, Holy Cross - £2,500 Shaw, Christ Church - £9,000 (including £5,000 from National Churches Trust partnership grant) Stapleford, St Mary - £1,000 Stourton, St Peter - £7,000 (including £5,000 from National Churches Trust partnership grant) Swindon Bath Road Methodist - £1,000 Tytherton Kellaways, St Giles - £2,000 Upper Studley, St John - £1,000 Upton Lovell, St Augustine - £2,000 West Grimstead, St John - £2,000 West Knoyle, St Mary - £1,000 West Winterslow, All Saints - £2,000 West Winterslow, All Saints - £2,500 Whiteparish, All Saints - £2,500

Total - £84,500 (including £10,000 National Churches Trust partnership grants)

2018

Box, St Thomas à Becket - £1,000 Bratton, St James - £2,00 Broughton Gifford, St Mary - £500 Burbage, All Saints - £1,500 Cherhill, St James - £1,500 Chilmark, St Margaret - £500 Chirton, St John - £1,000 Codford St Mary, St Mary - £1,000 Dauntsey, St James - £1,000 Downton, St Lawrence - £3,000 Figheldean, St Michael and All Angels - £1,000 Garsdon, All Saints - £1,000 Great Bedwyn, St Mary -£2,000 Great Somerford, St Peter and St Paul - £2,000 Heytesbury, St Peter and St Paul - £2,000 Kington Langley, St Peter - £1,500 Luckington, St Mary - £500 Lyneham, St Michael and All Angels - £500 Maiden Bradley, All Saints - £2,000 Malmesbury URC - £2,000 Marden, All Saints - £2,000 Nunton, St Andrew - £5,000 Ogbourne St George, St George - £1,000 Orcheston, St Mary - £2,000 Penhill, St Peter - £1,000 Pewsey, St John - £1,000 Potterne, St Mary - £2,000 Rodbourne, Holy Rood - £600 Salisbury, St Francis - £1,800 Salisbury, St Paul - £2,000 Salisbury, St Thomas and St Edmund - £2,000 Sherrington, St Cosmas and St Damian - £1,000 Shrewton, St Mary - £750 Swindon, St Augustine - £1,000 Tidcombe, St Michael - £16,000 (including £10,000 National Churches Trust partnership grant) Trowbridge, Holy Trinity - £2,000 Upton Scudamore, St Mary - £500

West Ashton, St John the Baptist - £1,000 West Dean, St Mary - £1,000 Wilsford, St Nichola - £1,000

Total - £84,150 (including £10,000 National Churches Trust partnership grant)

2019

Alderton, St Giles - £2,000 Alvediston, St Mary -£5,500 Atworth Independent Church - £2,000 Avebury, St James - £2,500 (including £2,000 HCCTF grant) Beanacre, St Barnabas - £1,000 Biddestone, St Nicholas - £3,000 Bishopstone, St John - £2,000 Boreham, St John - £3,000 Bradenstoke, St Mary - £1,500 Bratton, St James - £2,000 Bremhill, St Martin - £3,000 Calne, Holy Trinity - £1,500 Chitterne, All Saints and St Mary - £2,000 Codford St Mary, St Mary - £1,000 Corsham, St Bartholomew - £2,500 Downton, St Laurence - £600 Easton Grey - £2,000 Figheldean, St Michael and All Angels - £400 Fonthill Bishop, All Saints - £3,000 Foxley - £3,000 Hilperton, St Michael and All Angels - £1,000 Kilmington, St Mary - £3,000 Kington Langley, St Peter - £3,000 Kington St Michael, St Michael and All Angels - £3,000 Luckington, St Mary and St Ethelred Ludgershall, St James - £1,500 Lydiard Millicent, All Saints - £3,000 Lyneham, St Michael and All Angels - £2,000 Marden, All Saints - £2,000 Mere, St Michael the Archangel - £500 Rodbourne, Holy Rood - £1,150 Shaw, Christ Church -£1,000 Sherston, Holy Cross - £3,000 Stanton St Quintin, St Giles £1,500 Sutton Mandeville, All Saints - £3,000 Swindon, Freshbrook Church - £1,000 Tilshead, St Thomas à Becket - £3,000 (including £1,500 HCCTF grant) Winterbourne Earls, St Michael and All Angels - £1,500 Wootton Rivers, St Andrew - £1,000

Total - £81,050 (including £3,500 HCCTF grants)

2020

All Cannings, All Saints -£2,000

Amesbury, St Mary and St Melor - £2,000 Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross - £2,500 Bradford-on-Avon Zion Baptist Church - £3,500 (including £1,000 HCCTF grant) Bratton, St James the Great - £2,000 Broughton Gifford, St Mary - £1,000 Chitterne, All Saints and St Mary - £750 Cricklade, St Sampson - £3,000 Cricklade Unite Church - £400 Latton, St John the Baptist -£3,000 Mere, St Michael the Archangel - £3,000 Studley, St John the Evangelist -£3,000 (including £1,000 HCCTF grant) Tytherton Lucas, St Nicholas - £1,340 Warminster, St Denys -£1,000 West Lavington, Ebenezer Baptist Church - £1,000 Whiteparish, All Saints - £1,000 Winterbourne, St Mary Magdalene - £1,000

Total -£32,490 (including £2,000 HCCTF grants)

2021

Bradford-on-Avon Bearfield Congregational Church - £1,000 Chippenham, St Paul - £5,000 (including £1,800 HCCTF grant) Dauntsey, St James the Great - £2,000 East Grafton, St Nicholas - £2,000 Etchilhampton, St Andrew - £1,300 Farley, All Saints - £6,000 Figheldean, St Michael and All Angels - £2,000 Fovant. St George - £1000 Fyfield, St Nicholas - £3,000 Great Bedwyn, St Mary the Virgin - £3,000 Haydon Wick Emmanuel United Reform Church - £1,000 Nettleton-cum-Burton, St Mary - £474 Newton Tony, St Andrew - £1,000 North Newnton, St James - £2,400 Preshute, St George - £1,000 Purton, St Mary - £5,000 Salisbury, St Francis - £2,000 Seend, Holy Cross - £2,000 Semington, St George - £1,500 Shalbourne, St Michael and All Angels - £2,000 Shaw, Christ Church - £3,000 Steeple Ashton, St Mary - £4,000 Studley, St John the Evangelist - £1,000 Swindon, Gorse Hill, St Barnabas - £1,500 Swindon, Shaw, Holy Trinity - £1,000 Swindon, St Augustine - £3,000 Swindon, St John the Baptist - £2,500 (including £1,500 HCCTF grant) Tidworth, Holy Trinity - £2,000 Upavon Baptist Church - £1,000 Warminster, Christ Church - £1,500 West Dean, St Mary the Virgin - £2,500

Winterbourne Stoke, St Peter - £3,000 Yatton Keynell, St Margaret - £1,500

Total - £72,174 (including £3,300 HCCTF grants)

2022

Bradford-on-Avon, Christ Church -£10,000 Bratton Baptist Church -£800 Burbage, All Saints - £3,750 (including £750 HCCTF grant) Castle Eaton, St Mary - £10,000 Chitterne, St Mary - £1,551 Corsham, St Bartholomew - £10,000 Dauntsey, St James - £3,000 Dilton Marsh, Holy Trinity - £3,250 (including £750 HCCTF grant) Figheldean, St Michael and All Angels - £2,950 Fonthill Gifford, Holy Trinity - £1,820 Gastard, St John - £879 Studley Methodist Church - £320 Tidcombe, St Michael - £5,000 Trowbridge, St Thomas - £2,500 Wanborough, St Andrew - £12,500

Total - £68,320 (including £1,500 HCCTF grants)