

Harberton Church Community Fund (HCCF) Trustees' Annual Report (TAR) 2018

Governance

Harberton Church Community Fund is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission (#1172549) whose broad purpose is 'To provide and assist in the preservation, repair and improvement of the fabric (and its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture and other chattels) of St Andrew's Church, Harberton for the benefit of the public and the promotion of stronger communities.' In its originating discussions the Trustees decided that its work would also be aimed at enabling the wider community to engage in arts, culture, education and heritage.

HCCF arose from a drive by members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) – the church's governing body – to address the serious and urgent repair and improvement needs of the church, and to bring together people with relevant expertise and commitment to help in that ambition – whether they were congregants or not. It was decided that a charity should be formed to reassure any individual donors that any gift they made would be used solely for works to the church and churchyard.

The group functions as the Board meetings of the HCCF charity. These meetings are monthly, with agendas and papers circulated in advance and Minutes circulated within a week of a meeting. A website (www.harbertonccf.org.uk) promotes the work of the Charity.

The Trustees are currently agreeing formal Terms of Reference for the Trustees and its meetings. Public Liability insurance is in place, and risk assessments form part of the planning for events. Harberton Church Community Fund does not organise events for children or vulnerable adults.

Objectives

HCCF exists to:

1. promote community engagement with the church
2. encourage a wider view of what purposes the church can serve and how to demonstrate that
3. raise funds from individuals to support the stated ambitions of the PCC in this regard
4. support the PCC in deciding:
 - a. how best to proceed in order to preserve the church for future generations
 - b. how to raise and maintain interest and assistance from non-worshipping members of the community
 - c. together with the Fabric Sub-Committee, what is best value in commissioning repairs and improvements and maintaining the building and its grounds.

Activities in the Year

In the year to 5 April 2018, HCCF focussed its work on three areas:

1. **supporting the PCC** to prepare to commission the most urgent repair works to St Andrew's Church, in line with the recommendations of the most recent Quinquennial Report
2. **promoting wide community engagement** with the church, it's challenges and its potential as a wide-reaching community support. This includes updating people through the local email group, the Parish News, dedicated printed updates delivered to every household in the parish and, most recently, a website
3. **running local fundraising events** – with the aim of bringing the community together and so supporting both engagement and cohesion, and to raise funds for the repair and improvement works agreed by the PCC. A total of just under £10,000 was raised in the year. Some (£3,500) is set aside for planned works on windows and in the tower. The plan after this is to ensure a reserve is kept of £2,000 or 10%, whichever is the greater.

Aims for the coming year

The charity's aims remain the same as above, and the activities to support will also continue as above.

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