



Cornwall Historic Churches Trust Annual Report 2019



CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019

In the extraordinary times we find ourselves it has been necessary to cancel all of our planned events until further notice. We are currently undergoing a website upgrade but will use this platform to advise of any developments concerning the Trust. The last time our churches were closed was under the rule of King John!

This year we welcomed our new Vice President the Right Revd Philip Mounstephen along with several new committee members, all of whom bring with them great strengths and sense of purpose. In June, Libby Reed, Cecilia Bisson and Andrew Langdon took on the responsibility of being the points of contact for their respective deaneries. In our drive to inspire every church and chapel in the Duchy to become members of the Trust and to contribute to Cornwall Churches Day, it has been vital to make sure that each deanery has a CHCT representative. In addition, Libby has taken over as membership secretary, Cecilia has been pivotal in producing the new CHCT leaflet along with Jenny Smith and Christine Edwards, and Andrew has brought with him his wealth of knowledge on Celtic stone crosses. This committee, like many others I am sure, benefits from the silent back up of spouses and Tony Hogg is one such person who travels the county taking photographs of the churches we have helped, many of which you will see here and more are on the website www.chct.info

Katie Ashworth has had to step down from the main committee due to time pressures which also means that she will not be able to succeed me as chairman in 2022; however, she will remain on the Christmas party committee and will continue to help us with the annual lunch. James Hodgson for the same reason has had to take a break from the committee but both he and Katie will continue to support us from the fringes. We have also said farewell to Philip Willoughby who sadly had to retire because of ill health; Philip was our Treasurer before handing over to Philip de Grey Warter and was also deanery representative for East Wivelshire. It is always sad to say Goodbye to members who have put so much time into the Trust, but I have great faith in our new recruits who are more than able to fill these shoes. Revd. Philip de Grey Warter who has been our treasurer has also had to step down due to other commitments. I am particularly grateful to Philip for standing by for longer than he had intended until we found his replacement.

Another new addition is the Venerable Paul Bryer who has joined the committee in his role as Archdeacon of Cornwall and we look forward to his involvement along with the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Audrey Elkington, to whom we often turn for advice.

Sadly, in May, Ron Purser died. Ron had been a long serving committee member and for many years was secretary for the Trust. I was delighted when his son David said he would like to become involved with the Trust and he joined us in November and has taken responsibility for the Carnmarth North deanery.

We had a very successful lunch this year at Caerhays thanks to Mr and Mrs Charles Williams and I am indebted to the Nare Hotel as always for their support and sponsorship of this event. We held our annual meeting at St Michael Penkevil and it was lovely that our Honorary Life President, Viscount Falmouth was able to be there. Later in the year Lord Falmouth celebrated his 100th birthday and we wish him many more to come.

Following on our timeline of architectural development of Cornish Churches, we were treated to an inspiring talk by John Allan on the Decorated Period. For anyone interested in history these lectures are something not to be missed. You can catch up via the website on the past talks which have traced architectural development from the Romanesque to Early English period and on to the Decorated period. Very sadly due to the current situation the proposed progression of this historical timeline into the Perpendicular period has had to be delayed until the summer of 2021.

In the summer our patron, His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, invited Mr and Mrs Richard Williams to a Palace garden party in recognition of all the support they give us. HRH continues to support us through the Duke of Cornwall's Benevolent Fund which is a great help and honour.

The Fast Track Maintenance fund is proving to be a useful source of instant cash for churches coming across immediate problems that cannot wait for the processing of larger scale applications. We had hoped churches would use it for preventative works but instead it is proving invaluable for crisis management whilst applications for major projects are put in place. I am very grateful to the Tanner Trust for enabling us to provide this option.

My thanks to Cornwall Heritage Trust who entrusted us with £5,000 to direct to a project that we felt most needed it. During a roof restoration project at St Julitta's, Lanteglos by Camelford the builders came across rotten timbers unexpectedly and so we awarded them this money in addition to the support we had previously given. We are very grateful also to our corporate sponsors who support us and to Dolly Scott who provides their link to the Trust. I am particularly grateful to Savills who continue to sponsor the Christmas party and work so hard in making sure the evening is the success it always is.

In October, Joe Sharp and I went up to Norwich for a conference organised by the Norfolk Churches Trust which was highlighting the

difficulties faced by rural parishes. The central message spoke of the important correlation between religious buildings and faith; the Church's stolid continuity over the centuries and its value as a physical presence in local communities. English churches receive less support from the Government than those of any other European country, yet they are the most numerous of our buildings that survive from the Medieval era. We in Cornwall have over 220 parishes each with its own church and many with more than one. Of these ancient buildings, very few are unlisted, and most are Grade 1: As Freeman Tilden said 'through interpretation, understanding; through understanding, appreciation; through appreciation, protection'.

Lastly my thanks to our President, Col. Edward Bolitho who constantly champions the work of the Trust and supports us so wholeheartedly.

Caroline Tetley

Friends Annual Visit- St Kew & St Mabyn

On Thursday, the 16th of May we had a very interesting afternoon in a special part of Cornwall. We met at St Kew which is a magnificent medieval church with a great feeling of space and tranquillity. We were warmly welcomed by Jim Godden who shared some of his local knowledge and stories highlighting the importance of St Kew in the past. We were also fortunate to have Jo Mattingly and Michael Swift with us and they gave an informative talk on the Church. The beautiful Wagon roof still has wonderful carved angels above the main aisle. Approximately 12 years ago the superb medieval stained glass window, showing the story of Christ's Passion was restored and we were able to appreciate this great piece of work, both the original work and the excellent restoration.

A short drive then took us to St Mabyn, where the Grade I listed, 15th century church is very much in the centre of the village. There was a contrast to St Kew as soon as you walked in with three aisles and a much lower ceiling. Some interesting carving on the columns was highlighted to us showing links to local families. The tower of St Mabyn was also of note being 85 feet high. Michael Swift pointed out the mystery window which in spite of much research has not been attributed to a particular craftsman which is most unusual.

We had a most enjoyable afternoon concluding with tea served from the super new kitchenette. All members are warmly welcomed to these visits and it was lovely to see everyone this year and hope that 2020 we will be seeing you all again together with any friends who could not make it this year.

Dolly Scott

Annual Lunch

The annual lunch this year was held on the longest day – 21st June – in glorious sunshine at Caerhays Castle, the home of Charles and Lizzy Williams. The castle was designed by John Nash and built in the early years of the 19th century for John Bettesworth Trevanion, but the enterprise bankrupted the family whose home Caerhays had been since the early 15th century. John Trevanion fled to the continent and the castle remained empty for some years, its papier-maché roof letting in the rain and ruining the contents.



Drinks before Lunch at Caerhays: Photo courtesy of Caerhays Estate

The estate was purchased in the 1850s by the Williams family who rebuilt much of the castle and restored the parish church; successive generations have created the glorious gardens which surround the castle. Over 80 friends enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by committee members, and afterwards were taken on a guided tour of the gardens. St Michael Caerhays church had organised a flower festival a few days previously and a visit to this lovely and ancient building to see the beautiful floral arrangements provided a fitting end to a wonderful day.

We offer our grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs Williams and their extremely helpful staff for all they did to make the event run so smoothly, and to the Nare Hotel for its continuing sponsorship. Your committee is already planning next year's lunch!

Christine Edwards

Annual Meeting

We met at St Michael Penkivel to hear the most enlightening talk by John Allan, who is the Exeter Cathedral archaeologist. John had us riveted for over an hour as he explained how during the Decorated period c.1250-1350 work down in this part of Cornwall was as elaborate in design as some of the work undertaken at Exeter and Wells, the leading Gothic-style in Europe at the time. Although not on the same scale the use of 'S' shaped tracery and elaborate curvilinear designs can be found in many of Cornwall's parish churches such as St Michael Penkivel and also a group in South East Cornwall centred on St Germans, St Ive and Sheviock.

Nick Jeans also made a short presentation about St Michael Penkivel church, pointing out the face of William Morris planted on the little devil figure in the bottom left corner of the East window – a jest by the artist who did not credit Morris with the respect he enjoyed at the time.

It was a great pleasure to have our Honorary Life President Lord Falmouth with us. In his centenary year Lord Falmouth remains as interested and supportive of the work of the Trust as ever having himself been one of the founder members.

A cream tea in the old school house rounded off the afternoon and was enjoyed by all.

Jo Mattingly

Sponsorship

As well as generous donations from the Duke of Cornwall's Benevolent Trust, Cornwall Heritage Trust, the Tanner Trust and private donors, the CHCT benefits from the valuable support of various business for which we are most grateful. In addition to Savills, who kindly support the Christmas Party, we are delighted that The Nare Hotel sponsor the annual lunch and Scott and Company sponsor the website. Following the successful launch of the Corporate Sponsorship scheme last March, we now have a separate page on our website providing a direct link to various business. Our corporate sponsors are:

Heritage Cornwall Ltd
St Ives Steeplejacks Ltd
C F Piper and Son Stonemasons
Gloweth
Cornish Lime Company

RHR
Cathedral Builders
Hodgsons
Wheeler Roofing Services
Walker Cripps

We would welcome any new corporate sponsors or enquires to find out more about becoming one. Please contact Dolly Scott if this is something that would interest you. dollyscott@chct.info or 01566 786970

CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2020 EVENTS

It is with great regret that in the light of the current advice concerning Covid-19 we have had to cancel the Friends' Outing, Lunch Party and the Annual Meeting and talk which were scheduled to take place this May and June.

The Christmas Party 2019

When our Chairman, Caroline Tetley, initiated the CHCT Christmas Drinks Party I am sure she never anticipated its growing popularity.



*Our 2019 Christmas Party hosts: Caroline and Richard Williams.
Photo by Charles Francis www.charlesfrancis.photos*

The generosity of Elizabeth Fortescue at Boconnoc and Caroline and Richard Williams at Scorrier in offering stunning venues on alternate years has meant that the Party reaches most of Cornwall and its lengthy geography. This year we were able to attract guests spanning nine separate decades. The youngest, Master Barnaby Hodgson, declared after handing around canapes that it was 'not too bad after all' and he would be keen to return in 2020. Praise indeed.

We are so grateful to Savills who have been the most generous Sponsors of this event and the team on the night is massively helpful to the CHCT committee. This year over £6,000 was raised.



Savills team (l-r) George Hill, Chris Clifford, Rosey Murphy and Michael Pennington. Photo by Charles Francis www.charlesfrancis.photos

Susie Gore galvanised her team once again to produce the most mouth-watering canapés and plenty of them! The kitchen is always great fun on the night and Susie has us brilliantly organised.

Now we are back in to the Roaring Twenties I am sure the 2020 party which will be held at Boconnoc on Monday 21st December will be greatly anticipated by all.

Jill Jobson

Its never too soon to consider leaving a legacy to CHCT

Some gifts are easily forgotten: Yours will last for generations.

Many of the Cornish historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are fighting a battle against the ravages of time. We need to make sure they get the repairs and renovations they need to remain open at the heart of local communities.

The CHCT is a registered charity which means your gift will be exempt from inheritance tax. In the first instance we suggest you speak to a solicitor who can advise on the different types of legacy and the tax advantages of a charitable legacy.

We cannot afford to let down the work of previous generations and every penny you give will go towards grants that will help us protect our churches so they remain at the centre of our communities for future generations to enjoy.

GRANTS MADE BY CHCT IN 2019

The Trust made 21 grants in 2019 totalling £42,950. This figure was lower than in 2018 as we were no longer distributing funds on behalf of the National Churches Trust. Funds received from the Duke of Cornwall's Benevolent Fund were used to support the following churches: St Mary's Shevioc; St Julitta Lanteglos by Camelford; St Sithney Sithney. Funds received from Cornwall Heritage Trust were used to support St Julitta Lanteglos by Camelford. Funds received from the Tanner Trust were used to support St Mary's Biscovey, Carbis Bay Methodist Church, St Sampson's Golant.

Church: St James the Great, Antony. **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £1,500 **Work:** Repair and restore two Wilmott Windows

Church: Our Lady of the Portal & St Piran, Truro. **Denomination:** Roman Catholic. **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £1,400 **Work:** Replacement of flat roof.



St Sithney

Church: St Sithney, Sithney **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 03 June 2019 **Grant:** £5,000 **Work:** Replacement of floor and associated archaeological work.



St Julitta, Lanteglos by Camelford

Church: St Julitta, Lanteglos by Camelford **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 14 March. **Grant:** £5,000 **Work:** Replacement of previously hidden and rotten medieval timbers.

Church: Falmouth Methodist Church **Denomination:** Methodist **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £2,000 **Work:** Essential fire prevention upgrade.

Church: St George the Martyr, Nanpean. **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 14 March. **Grant:** £1,800 **Work:** Repairs to ensure building is safe & watertight, especially nave ceiling and roof above. Repairs to chimney and rainwater goods.

Church: St Mary the Virgin, Bradoc. **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £500 **Work:** Installation of LED lighting.

Church: Penryn Methodist Church **Denomination:** Methodist. **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £600 **Work:** Roof repairs.

Church: Truro Methodist Church **Denomination:** Methodist. **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £1,000 **Work:** Repairs to ceiling and plaster bosses.

Church: St Mary's, Sheviok **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £5,000 **Work:** Overhaul of bell fittings, repainting of metalwork and treatment of floors. Replacement of bell ropes.



Old Kea

Church: Old Kea **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 03 June 2019. **Grant:** £2,000 **Work:** Replacement and repairs to stonework in pillars supporting valley roof.

Church: St Fimbarrus, Fowey. **Denomination:** Church of England **Date of Grant:** 14 March 2019. **Grant:** £3,400 **Work:** Repairs to North Aisle roof.

Church: Carbis Bay Methodist Church **Denomination:** Methodist. **Date of Grant:** 03 June 2019. **Grant:** £900 **Work:** Repairs to tower

Church: St Sampson, Golant **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 03 June 2019. **Grant:** £1,000. **Work:** Repairs to rainwater goods.

Church: St Julitta, Lanteglos by Camelford **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 08 October 2019. **Grant:** £3,000 **Work:** Replacement of tower roof.

Church: St Mary's Biscovey **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 08 October 2019. **Grant:** £1,700 **Work:** Repairs to tower.



Our Lady of the Sea and St Anthony, St Mawes

Church: Our Lady of the Sea and St Anthony, St Mawes
Denomination: Roman Catholic. **Date of Grant:** 03 June 2019.
Grant: £150. **Work:** Replacement of stained glass window.



Cornerstone Church, Torpoint

Church: Cornerstone Church, Torpoint **Denomination:** Methodist
Date of Grant: 08 October 2019. **Grant:** £2,600 **Work:** Rebuilding of structural boundary wall.



Trevenson Church, Illogan

Church: Trevenson Church, Illogan **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 08 October 2019. **Grant:** £1,400 **Work:** Rewiring, new heating and lighting systems.

Church: St Michael's Helston **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 08 October 2019. **Grant:** £2,000 **Work:** Repairs to floor and replacement of tiles.

Church: St Mary's Merrymeet **Denomination:** Church of England. **Date of Grant:** 08 October 2019 **Grant:** £1,000 **Work:** Repairs to fleche to stabilise it while plans are drawn up for major renovation.

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Front Cover: St Mary's Sheviock. Rear Cover: Truro Methodist Church*

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds				
		Designated	Designated	Income	2019	2018
	£	Capital Reserve £	Expendable Reserve £	Fund £	Total £	Total £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4,000	-	-	33,337	37,337	42,088
Friends of Cornish Churches subscriptions	-	-	-	7,035	7,035	12,084
Fund raising events	-	-	-	12,037	12,037	17,254
Investment income	-	-	-	12,708	12,708	16,375
<i>Total income</i>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,117</u>	<u>69,117</u>	<u>87,801</u>
Expenditure on:						
Cost of fund raising events	-	-	-	2,157	2,157	900
Grants approved less grants withdrawn	2,900	-	-	38,066	40,966	69,900
Investment management fee	-	-	-	2,647	2,647	2,353
Administration	425	-	-	2,959	3,384	5,356
<i>Total expenditure</i>	<u>3,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,829</u>	<u>49,154</u>	<u>78,509</u>
Net income / (expenditure)	<u>675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,288</u>	<u>19,963</u>	<u>9,292</u>
Transfers between funds	-	-	19,288	(19,288)	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	21,756	21,755	-	43,511	(16,020)
Net movement in funds	<u>675</u>	<u>21,756</u>	<u>41,043</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,474</u>	<u>(6,728)</u>
Fund balances b/fwd at 01/01/2019	6,498	178,762	76,340	-	261,600	268,328
Fund balances c/fwd at 31/12/2019	<u>7,173</u>	<u>200,518</u>	<u>117,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325,074</u>	<u>261,600</u>

**CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets		
Investments	<u>310,463</u>	<u>269,856</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors	6,239	5,293
CBF Church of England deposit fund	30,000	30,000
Walker Crips capital account	1,703	586
Bank current account	26,958	47,904
	<u>64,900</u>	<u>83,783</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	2,539	2,639
Grant creditors	47,750	89,400
	<u>50,289</u>	<u>92,039</u>
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	<u>14,611</u>	<u>(8,256)</u>
Net Assets	<u>325,074</u>	<u>261,600</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
Designated Capital Reserve	200,518	178,762
General fund	117,383	76,340
Restricted funds - Tanner Trust IT, communication, training	128	553
Restricted funds - Tanner Trust IT, fast track maintenance	5,100	4,000
Restricted funds - Emergency funds	1,945	1,945
	<u>325,074</u>	<u>261,600</u>

The above figures are an extract from the financial statements which were approved by the trustees on 12 March 2020 and independently examined by Francis Clark LLP, Chartered Accountants.

A copy of the full annual report and the financial statements will be submitted to the Charity Commission and may be obtained on request from the Trust.

