

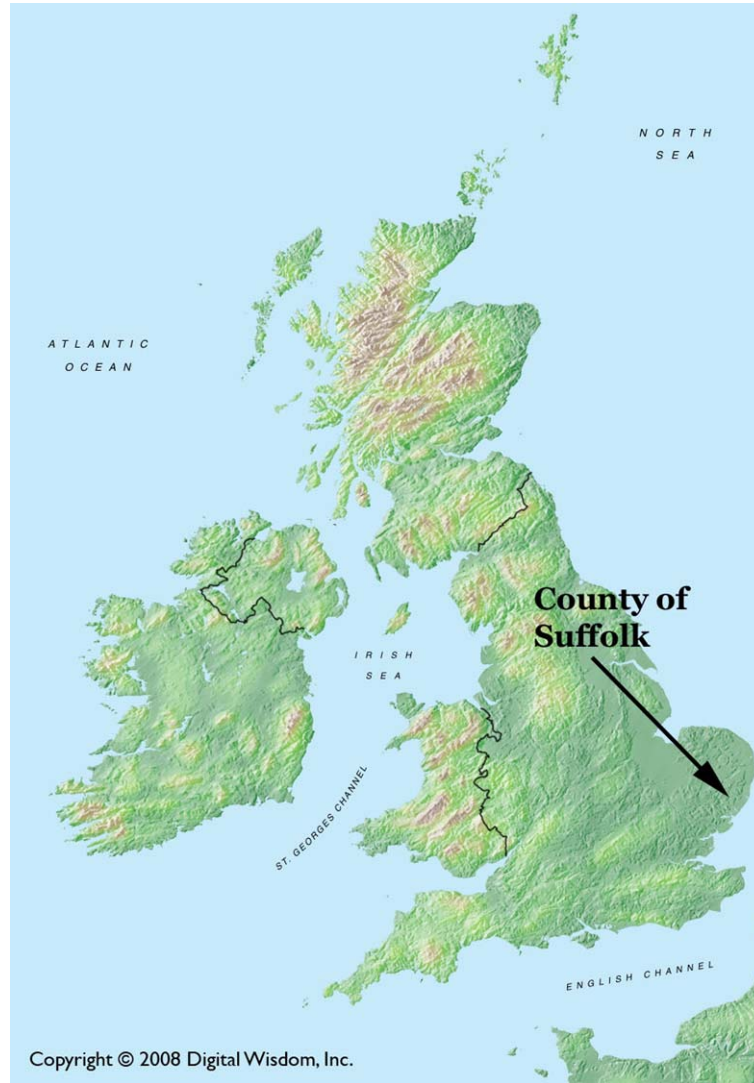
The Taylor Review Pilot in Suffolk

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Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

- 478 churches
- 458 listed
- 229 listed grade I (50%)
- 14 churches on the Heritage at Risk Register (3%)



Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

Diocese

- 659,000 population
- 53% rural population
- 1379 people per church building

National average

- 17% rural population
- 3428 people per church building



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“We need to create a cultural shift in attitudes towards church buildings such that communities realise they are resources that they can use and congregations have the confidence to share space.”



Key Points

- National network of Community Support Advisers
- Network of Fabric Support Officers
- Removal of legal barriers and clarification of local authority funding rules
- Future funding model
 - A minor repairs fund
 - A major repairs fund
 - Funding for CSAs and FSOs
- Pilots (18 months)
 - Greater Manchester
 - Suffolk



The Pilot

- County of Suffolk (not diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)
- Listed places of worship of all denominations and faiths - 533
- £250,000 pot for urgent minor repairs per financial year
- Maximum grant of £10,000 per church for a project costing no more than £12,000 (inc VAT)
- What it doesn't do:
 - Remove churches from the Heritage at Risk Register
 - Prevent churches from going on the Heritage at Risk Register



The Suffolk team

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How does it work?

- Employed and managed by Historic England
- Based at the Diocesan Office
- Manager for both teams in post from mid-October
- Working with data resources supplied by DAC



What's the priority?

- Money
- Grants for minor urgent repairs totally £250,000 per financial year
- Maximum grant £10,000
- Visiting churches (over 80 expressions of interest)
- Signposting additional help
- Workshops for PCCs run by Churches Conservation Trust



Is it working?

- Much interest generated within parishes
- Press coverage
- Enquiries from different denominations
- Time management
- Liaison



Thank you

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