

Working list of interventions and schemes draft a5

Working list of ‘interventions and schemes’ aimed to help listed places of worship in England

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This draft working list of ‘interventions and schemes’ aimed to help listed places of worship in England was produced over a period of five days by HRBA. It will contain errors and gaps, but it is hoped it will be useful, not least in giving some idea of the scale and nature of intervention that has taken place in the past ten or so years. Please note that the brief descriptions are ours, and have not been checked with those running the project – they should be taken as quick and dirty guidance as to the nature of the project, and may be misleading.

Some of these interventions were driven by national bodies, others by regional or local ones. Some interventions, particularly those related to tourism, were time-limited to a few years by the funding agency. Others were or are longer-lived.

The list deliberately **excludes**:

- Single building projects
- Projects outside England
- Cathedral projects
- Churchyard projects
- Research projects (unless it is action research, i.e. intervening)
- ‘How to do it’ resources for the user to pull down as needed (of which there are a great number, many of high quality)
- Projects relating to a single place of worship (of which there are a huge number)
- Consultancy paid for by the user (unless there is an interesting project in place)
- Heritage open days and other general tourist events
- Organic developments, such as Friends Groups and the introduction of Post Offices, which are not driven by a specific project

The third column contains ad hoc notes. In particular we have tended to give the website only when we looked it up ourselves to check something, and many projects do have websites even though not given here; generally they are easily found with an internet search. In a few cases we have noted where an independent formal review has been carried out, but we will almost certainly have overlooked some such reviews.

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What	Nature	Comment/further info
Maintenance / minimising future damage		
Maintenance Booker	Maintenance framework contracts and central booking And list of approved contractors	National Churches Trust
Maintain our Heritage	Research, advice, advocacy	https://www.maintainourheritage.co.uk/
Maintenance consultancy	Providing maintenance support	CCT
Faith in maintenance	Training in maintenance	SPAB, HLF supported
Maintenance co-operatives	Setting up local maintenance co-operatives	SPAB, HLF supported
Local maintenance schemes, including London, Gloucester, East Anglia (various)	Maintenance framework contracts etc	https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/gutter-maintenance-programme/ https://www.gutterclear.org/ and https://www.gutterclear.org/about-us/
Dealing with bat droppings / mitigation success of bats in churches	Research into mitigating damage from bats	e.g. http://www.batsandchurches.org.uk/recent-research/
Design for wider use		
'Empowering Design Practices; Places of Worship as catalysts for Community'	Action research	Open University with HE, HLF and HRBA
Regen team	Advice on regeneration	CCT
Advice for wider use, including commercial use	-	Various providers (please ask)
Grants for facilities		
Grants for facilities and community use	Grants for facilities and community use	Various providers (please ask)
Rural churches in community service	Grants for facilities	A millennium project which has good longitudinal studies of its impact. Formally reviewed (twice).
Grants for security		

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Security Funding Scheme	-	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme
Grants for roof alarms	-	Various providers (please ask)
Grants for objects		
Conservation of objects	Grants towards conservation of particular objects	Various providers (please ask)
Grants for fabric (sometimes mixed with facilities)		
Fabric repair grants from non-public money	Grants for fabric repair, mostly competitive	Various providers (please ask)
GPOW and predecessors public ring-fenced schemes	Grants for major fabric repair, mostly competitive	First government and its agencies, latterly HLF. GPOW undergoing formal review.
Roof Fund x2	Grants for roofs, competitive	Government. Formally reviewed.
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme	Non-competitive VAT refund	VAT refund, Government. Formally reviewed.
General HLF schemes	Various purposes, including huge repairs	Non-ring-fenced HLF funding
Ride and Stride	Nationwide bike-ride/walk; self help	http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/
Historic Churches Trusts	Almost one per county; variable levels of activity; provide funding, advice based on local knowledge	List at https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/3508
Aggregates Sustainability Levy	-	-
Landfill Tax Credits	-	-
Competitions		
Heritage Angels award	Volunteer competition – no longer has specific category for POWs	Administered by HE
King of Prussia Gold Medal	Work on the fabric of churches	National Churches Trust and EASA
John Betjeman Award	Work on the fabric of churches	SPAB
Best modern church award	-	National Churches Trust and EASA

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Marsh Church and Community Volunteer Awards	Looking for those who have significantly made a difference to sustainability of church building	Marsh Christian Trust and NCT
Marsh Innovative Church Projects Awards	Positive impacts of installing new facilities	Marsh Christian Trust and NCT
Christian Funders' Forum Awards	Social/community projects run by faith groups (not all necessarily within church buildings)	CFF http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/christian-funders-forum-awards-2017/

Expert support, intervention in cases, bringing together

Support Officers for Historic Places of Worship	Locally based. Sometimes branded	HE scheme providing time-limited part-funding, sometimes continued by dioceses etc fully funding
Inspired North-East	Originally Durham and Newcastle, now just the latter	Originally HE, now funded by CofE. Various activities including acting as hub for other projects
Open Churches Trust	Encouraged opening of churches, training etc	Now closed.
Cumbria Churches Trust	-	-
Inspired!	Publicity and advice, nationwide	English Heritage
Guidance for chapels in Cornwall	Advice applicable to all NC buildings	HE
Taking Stock reviews	RC, Quaker, some CofE	Assessment of each building in a region (HE)
Realising the Potential	Central government liaison and published advice	Central government
Norwich Diocese Ambassador's scheme	Puts experienced local people in contact with those needing advice	-
One church, one hundred uses	Advice on wider use	Private initiative
Inspired Futures	Hands-on consultancy/training for eighteen churches in north-east	HLF

Ownership models, community responsibility

Growing the rural church (Exeter)	Includes new models for caring for churches	Exeter diocese, ongoing major project
Church Trusts	Responsible for groups of church buildings	CCT (national), and several other regional ones (please ask).

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Tourism / education / arts / events

Champing	Overnight stays in churches	CCT and franchise to others
Altered	Contemporary art in ancient churches (East Anglia)	http://alteredartsproject.weebly.com/
Art Alive in Churches	East Anglia	https://www.facebook.com/Art-Alive-in-Churches-Norfolk-Suffolk-and-Cambridgeshire-423020274456955/
Art in Romney Marsh	Art in churches	-
Music in Quiet Places	Herefordshire music events	http://www.hhct.co.uk/music-in-quiet-places/
Explore Churches	Active national website of what to visit	National Churches Trust
Keyholder	App for visiting churches in England	https://www.parishchurches.org/keyholder-app
Friends of City Churches	Large volunteer group providing church sitters etc	London
Angels and Pinnacles (Suffolk)	Themed church tourism	http://angelsandpinnacles.org.uk/
Spires and Steeples Arts Heritage Trail (Lincolnshire)	Tourist trail, events	http://spiresandsteeples.com/
Spirit in Stone	North-east England; website, trails, education etc	http://www.spiritinstone.co.uk/
Cascade (Lincolnshire)	Tourism – cascading from larger, touristy churches	-
Cascade (Northamptonshire)	Tourism – cascading from larger, touristy churches	-
Sacred Sussex	-	-
Treasures Revealed in West Yorkshire Churches	-	-
Go West Teme Valley	-	-
Treasures Unlocked	Leicester, churches located to existing attractions	-
Discover Shropshire churches	Publicity	http://www.discovershropshirechurches.co.uk/
Visit Herefordshire churches	Publicity	http://www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk/
Broads and Rivers Open Churches Project	Publicity	https://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/info-brochures.aspx

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Heritage Inspired	South Yorkshire multi-faith tourism	http://www.heritageinspired.org.uk/index Formally reviewed.
North West Faith Tourism	Multi-faith tourism	-
Open Church Network (Wrexham)	Publicity	http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/open_church_network/index.htm
Small Pilgrim Places Network	website, tourism to smaller, quieter places of worship	http://www.smallpilgrimplaces.org/
Cumbria	Churches Trust for Cumbria did tourism trails etc	-
Notts Open Churches	website, tourism and education	http://www.nottsoopenchurches.org.uk/
Derbyshire churches	website, tourism	http://derbyshirechurches.org/church/buxton-st-mary
Discover Sacred Lancaster	trail around Lancaster	-
Liverpool Walk of Faith	trail around Liverpool	-
York City Centre Churches	app for mobile phone	-
Churches tourism week	a week of open churches and activities	https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-s-on/church-tourism-week.html
West Lindsey churches festival	two weekends of open churches	http://www.churchesfestival.info/p/brochure_28.html
Horncastle and villages churches festival	a weekend of open churches	http://horncastlechurchesfestival.co.uk/
Holland (Lincs) places of worship festival	a weekend of open places of worship	http://www.hollandpowf.org.uk/POW%20brochure.pdf
Diocese of Norwich Open Churches Week	a week of open churches, events etc	https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/visiting/open/
Worcestershire and Herefordshire Festival of churches	a weekend of open churches	-