

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Please complete this form in type or write in BLOCK CAPITALS

1 Parish/name of church/chapel:

2 If your church/chapel is a listed building, circle classification: I II* II unlisted

Date of building:

3 Average weekly attendance:

Population of area served by your church/chapel:

4 Provide a brief description of your church/chapel (especially historical and architectural) and its role in the community:

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5 Give brief details of the work with estimated cost for which you are applying for a grant:

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6 Total repair cost of work (ex VAT):

7 Fees (architect, surveyor, project manager etc):

8 Contingencies:

9 VAT on all the above:

10 Total of items 6) to 9):

11 Estimated date when work will begin:

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12 Has a Faculty/Development Scheme permit been obtained?:

If yes, please give details

13 How are you going to finance your project?
State the funds available from a) existing church/chapel funds:
b) fund raising activities:
c) donations:
d) grants received:

Please send a copy of your latest church/chapel accounts.

13 State the amount of the current funding shortfall:

13 Give details of grants applied for (including this bid), or promised (say how much):
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16 What are your plans to meet the shortfall?
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17 Is your church a member of the Trust ? yes / no
Has your parish taken part in the Cycle Ride ? yes / no
If yes, give dates:
or Open Gardens Scheme ? yes / no
If yes, give dates:

Signed: Date:
Name in capitals:
Address:.....
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Phone: Position held:.....

Please provide at least one photograph of the church exterior and one general view of the interior. Also, if possible, ones of the site where repair work is to be carried out.

To arrive in time for a Trustees' Meeting this completed application form with a copy of the latest church accounts including balance sheet should be returned before the 15th of March, June, September or December to:

The Secretary, Shropshire Historic Churches Trust
20 Granville Avenue, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7DX

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FACT SHEET for GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1 The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust helps needy parishes to repair the fabric of their churches by awarding grants.

- 2 Your church will be considered for financial aid on condition that:
 - i) It is a Listed Building or over 100 years old, is in regular use as a place of Christian worship and is likely to remain so for at least five years.
 - ii) The Church / Chapel has insufficient funds to carry out the repairs.
 - iii) It is properly insured.
 - iv) It is in Shropshire or Telford and Wrekin.
 - v) Work has not started or been completed (other than in exceptional circumstances) before the application has been considered by the Trustees.

- 3 Grants are given for preservation, renovation, reconstruction, repairs and maintenance of churches. At the discretion of the Trustees the following might qualify for a grant: monuments, ornaments, stained glass, murals, fittings, furniture, bells, clocks and chimes, organs, other items in the church, churchyards.

- 4 The Trustees of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust meet four times a year. Please return the completed grant application form by 15th of the following months - March, June, September or December. Applications received after these dates will be considered at the following meeting.

- 5 If the Trustees agree to make a grant, this will be paid when work up to the amount of the grant has been completed and an invoice or architect's certificate is presented.

- 6 If a grant is awarded, the Trust asks that its leaflets are displayed in your church and that your parishioners are encouraged to become members of the Trust.

Funds might also be available from the following:

Public Funds

The Local Authority (Historic Buildings) Act 1962 permits a Local Authority (whether at County, District or Parish Council level) to contribute by grant or loan towards the maintenance or repair of historic buildings in its area, including churches.

Government Funds: English Heritage and Lottery Funding

Application forms must be obtained from the Archdeacon. English Heritage can only assist "outstanding" churches, generally Grade I or II*, but their conditions are quite stringent.

Private Charitable Foundations and Trusts

The Historic Churches Preservation Trust,

31 Newbury Street, London EC1A 7HU

Churches must be of historic importance to qualify for grant aid. .

(the Pilgrim Trust gives an annual block grant to the HCPT

so no applications should be made to the Pilgrim Trust for structural repairs)

The Incorporated Churches Building Society,

31 Newbury Street, London EC1A 7HU (same administration as HCPT).

Interest-free loans for Anglican churches awarded irrespective of architectural quality.

The Chase Charity

34 North End Road, London W14 OSH.

General grants.

The William and Jane Morris Fund,

The Assistant Secretary, Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1X OHS.

Grants are made for the repair of ancient buildings but are necessarily small.

The Council for the Care of Churches

Fielden House, Little College Street, London SW1P 3SH

are particularly concerned with the care and conservation of artefacts - stained glass, wall paintings, monuments, etc. and will give expert advice and sometimes grants.