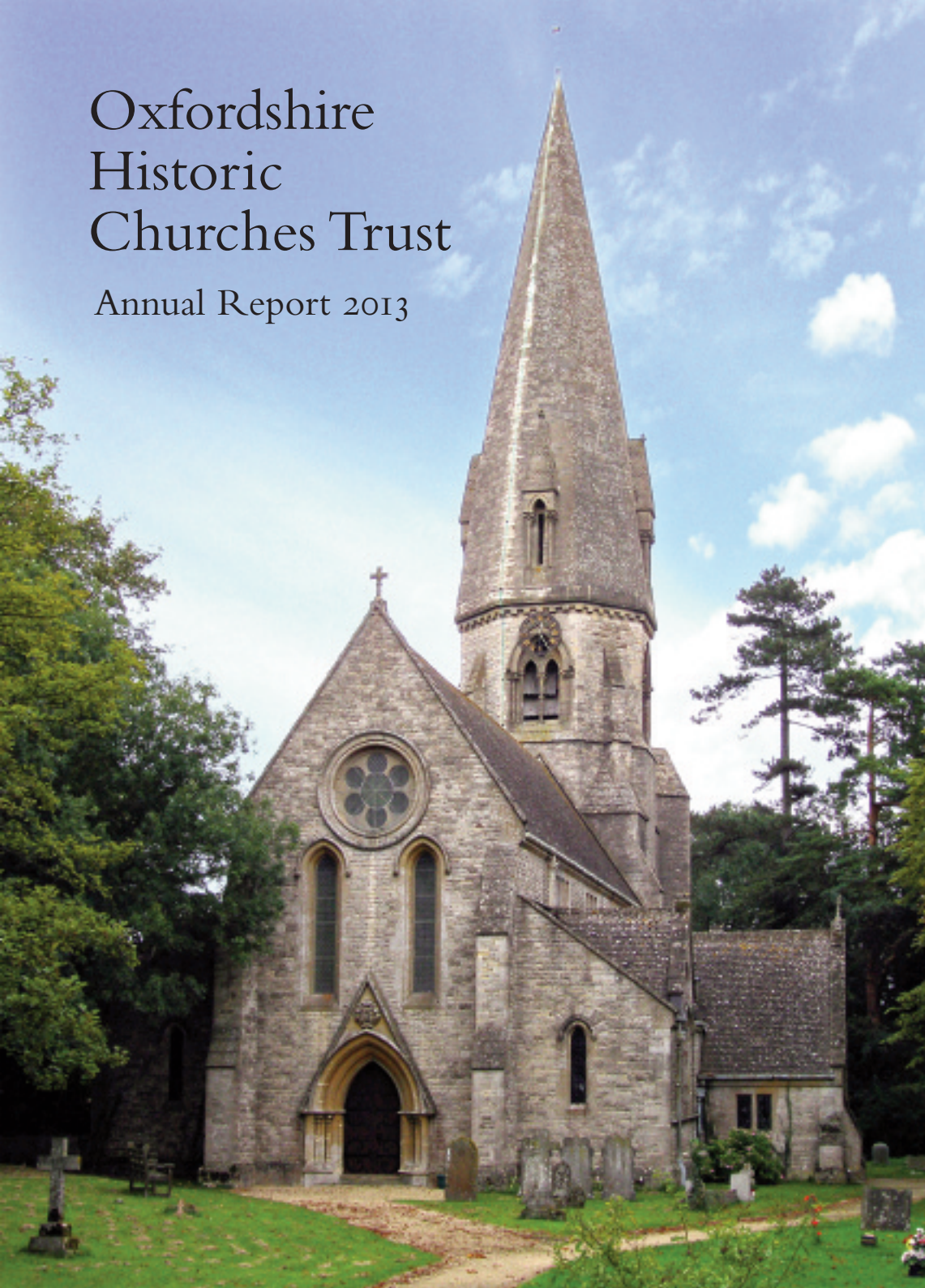


Oxfordshire
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Annual Report 2013



OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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Cover picture: Leafield, St Michael and All Angels (see page 9)

The Forty-Seventh Annual General Meeting
of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust
will be held at 2pm on Saturday 27 July 2013
at St James the Great, West Hanney

AGENDA

The President's opening remarks

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. To receive the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2013
6. Election of officers and members of Council
7. Any other business

After the meeting there will be an opportunity to look round St James's church before going to visit All Saints, Goosey. We shall then return to West Hanney, where the W.I. are kindly providing tea. This will be followed by a short service of Evensong at St James's. Those staying for tea are asked to send a cheque for £5 per head (payable to 'OHCT') to the Secretary, Jonathan Scheele, 20 Portland Road, Oxford, OX2 7EY. Tickets will not be issued.

THE TRUST AND HOW YOU CAN JOIN IT

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust was formed in 1964 to provide financial help with repairs to churches of all denominations in Oxfordshire, encouraging wider interest in them and raising funds for these purposes. Since the Trust was formed, a total of nearly £3.5 million has been given in the way of grants to help churches with essential repairs and new facilities.

Members are entitled to attend meetings, lectures and tours and to receive a copy of the annual report. The minimum annual subscription is £20 for individuals, £30 for families (at the same address) and £25 for corporate members, including PCCs. A membership application form for individuals and families can be found in the centre of this report. PCCs should apply to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Holly Kilpatrick, whose address can be found opposite, or visit the Trust's website at www.ohct.org.uk.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been another year of steady achievement by the Trust. We made 32 grants to 31 churches amounting to £152,000, and the Ride and Stride, our single largest source of income, had a near record year. Our membership events too were as popular as ever. For these and all our other achievements thanks must go to the army of volunteers who make it all happen – and to my predecessor.

Charles Baker stood down in December after five successful years as Chairman of your Trust. I am delighted and honoured to have been asked to take over from him, but I have made it clear that I too intend to stand down after five years.

They will be five busy years. Next year will mark our 50 years of splendid support for Oxfordshire's churches and chapels. This is an occasion not only to look back and celebrate but also to look forward and plan for the future. In doing so we must, sadly, assume that many, and in rural areas perhaps most, congregations will find it increasingly difficult to meet the human and financial challenges of maintaining and repairing their churches. At the same time we are convinced that in a rapidly changing world it is the more important that these buildings be kept fit for their threefold purpose – for worship, as a heritage valued by society and as a community resource. We therefore need to give more and more generous grants and also to do more to build wider public support for the heritage which our churches represent. This has implications for every aspect of our work.

We pride ourselves on being usually the first to offer a grant. This early support is very encouraging for the churches, but over the last five years we have on average met only 7.7% of the costs of these projects. That percentage has been going down. We have now set ourselves the target of raising it to at least 10%. This requires us to raise our regular net income by about £100,000 to some £250,000 p.a. At the time of writing we are developing a fundraising strategy. This will build on our successful annual Ride and Stride and encourage more non-church goers to take part. We will encourage our members to make a lasting difference to their county by remembering OHCT in their wills; all such legacies will go into a new endowment fund.

At the same time we need to renew and sustain our expertise, extend our membership and raise awareness in the wider public about the heritage which our churches embody. Above all we need to reach out to a new generation and involve non-churchgoers in our work and activities. To assist these efforts we hope to launch a new website in the autumn of 2013.

To do all this we also need our members' help – financially of course but also in recruiting new members, in leading church visits and in 'spreading the word'.

This year we have welcomed Cynthia Robinson, as Area Representative for the Henley Deanery; Caroline Jones, as Communications Officer and Council member; Debbie Dance, as Trustee and Council member; and Jonathan Scheele, as Secretary to both the Trustees and the Council.

Chinnor, St Andrew (awarded a grant of £5,000)

Tucked away under the Buckinghamshire Chilterns, surrounded by modern housing, St Andrew's is a remarkable church. The outside is Decorated, with fine window tracery characteristic of the period, and the south porch, with vaulted ceiling, and door are also 14th century. The nave arcades are Early English. The brasses are among the finest in the county. Around the walls of the nave are sixteen large oil paintings of the Apostles and Evangelists presented by an 18th-century rector and ascribed to Sir James Thornhill. The church has been given a grant towards the installation of a WC, kitchen and servery.



As well as of Charles Baker, this year has also seen the departures of Martin Thompson after long and loyal service as our Secretary and Area Representative in the Henley Deanery and of Chris Walton, who has been our President for the last five years and was Chairman for many years before that. In both roles he was a motor and inspiration for the whole organisation.

Since there are further departures in the offing, this seems a good opportunity for me to say how fortunate I am as a newcomer that OHCT has the happy tradition of being able when necessary to call on the support, expertise and experience of its former stalwarts. I look forward to working with you all.

Basil Eastwood

THE RIDE AND STRIDE 2012

Over 800 people took part on 8 September. The weather was excellent – 'possibly the hottest StRide day on record', according to one StRider. Yet again there was a wonderful result: over £120,000 (including Gift Aid) was raised. We are hugely grateful to all who took part, and to all the Area and Church Organisers who worked so hard to achieve a very successful day.

There was quite a variety of sponsored activity. In addition to people on bikes and on foot, nine were on horseback, four on scooters (one a mobility scooter), and

*North Moreton, All Saints
(awarded a grant of £10,000)*

The village is tucked away between Didcot and the Berkshire Downs with a small church containing the most outstanding medieval glass in Oxfordshire. It is to be found in the east window of the south aisle, built as a chantry by Sir Miles Stapleton in 1299. He was killed at Bannockburn in 1314. The survival of the window, largely intact, is remarkable and the glowing colours of the different scenes from the Passion and lives of the saints are still as impressive as they must have been seven hundred years ago. All Saints has been awarded a grant for repairs to the chantry chapel.



one in a wheelchair, to mention just a few. Radio StRide in Christ Church Meadow doubled up as the Cathedral, where a degree ceremony meant it had to be closed to visitors. The Bishop of Oxford visited several churches in the Cowley area this year.

Other notables were Kit (aged 14) and James (aged 12) Lamb, cycling for Sibford Gower Quaker Meeting House; they visited 53 and 42 churches, cycling 54 and 40 miles respectively. Nigel Dowding of Rotherfield Peppard travelled 81 miles and visited 73 churches. Helen Abbot, of Goring Free Church, walked 27 miles to visit 42 churches, starting in the Wallingford area before getting to Oxford, where she was asked where her bike was! Some strode abroad. Hugh White visited 27 churches in our link Diocese of Vaxjo in Sweden. Philip Loder visited 16 churches in Milan. And George Russell walked round Cambridge! So many StRiders, so many achievements, and not enough space to record them. Enormous thanks to all who took part.

Much gratitude again to the Area and Church Organisers. And particular thanks to the StRide team: Jeanette Thomas (Administrator), Alison Shaw (Press and Publicity), David Miles (Database manager), Chris Brennan and George Russell. Their wisdom, hard work, and expertise has been invaluable.

John Morrison, County Organiser

Fifty years of saving Oxfordshire's churches!

Membership Application Form & Banker's Order

In 2014 the Trust will celebrate its golden jubilee.

*Our members have played a key role in enabling us
to help save Oxfordshire's priceless churches.*

Please give us a birthday present!

*Why not join the Trust and help us double our membership?
We need to continue our work for the next 50 years.*

*(If you are already a member, use this form
if you need to upgrade from individual to family membership –
or give it to a friend or relative.)*

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Individual (minimum annual subscription £20)

Family (at same address, minimum annual subscription £30)

Title(s) _____

Name(s) _____

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Tel. no. _____

Email _____

I enclose a completed banker's order (*see opposite*). *This is the Trust's preferred option, as it greatly reduces our administrative work.*

I enclose my cheque for £ _____

If you pay income tax or capital gains tax, you are asked to sign the Gift Aid Declaration below. This will increase the value of your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. If you pay higher-rate income tax, you can claim higher-rate relief in your tax return.

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I should like the Trust to treat this subscription and any further donations as Gift Aid donations until further notice.

Signed _____ Date _____

N.B. The donor must be paying UK income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Trust reclaims on each donation (currently 25p for every £1 donated) and must inform the Trust should this cease to be the case.

How did you find out about us? _____

*Please return this form to the Hon. Membership Secretary:
Mrs Holly Kilpatrick, 23 Lucerne Road, Oxford OX2 7QB*

OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Banker's Order

This cancels any previous banker's order to either Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust or the Friends of Oxfordshire Churches.

To (name of bank) _____

Address _____

Name of account to be debited _____

Sort code _____ Account No. _____

Please pay to Barclays Bank PLC, City Office, P. O. Box 333, Oxford OX1 3HS (sort code 20-65-18) for the credit of Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, Account No. 50712825

the sum of £ _____ (amount in words) _____ now

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Signed _____ Date _____

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Gross income for the year amounted to £246,344, marginally less than in the previous year, when we received two substantial legacies. Other lines of income with the exception of membership subscriptions all showed some growth. Income from other trusts and foundations increased by £14,339 mainly thanks to further support from the Doris Field Charitable Trust. Revenues from the Ride and Stride of £121,622 very nearly equalled the record set three years ago. Investment income grew by over seven per cent as earlier deployments of cash bore fruit. Subscriptions continued a small but steady decline over the years.

There were reductions in the costs of both central administration and the Ride and Stride support functions.

The Trust made 32 grants amounting to £152,000 but there were two cancellations totalling £13,000 involving projects for which the scope has changed and for which fresh applications will be submitted. Adding together the net grants awarded and the distribution of Ride and Stride revenues, a total of £191,712 was paid to various places of worship, compared with £209,187 in the previous year.

The value of the investment portfolio rose by £83,748, which has now more than recovered the decrease in values following the heavy fall in markets in 2008. The total of our cash deposits now exceeds the level of grants awarded but remaining to be paid. The Trustees have resolved to invest a proportion of them in equities at a judicious moment.

Bill Andrewes

Ewelme, St Mary the Virgin (awarded a grant of £6,000)

The church, almshouses and school, all built and endowed by the Duke and Duchess of Suffolk in the mid-15th century, are a unique medieval complex. There was an earlier church, of which the tower survives, but otherwise the building



was completely rebuilt in Perpendicular style, with enormous windows lighting the nave and aisles. The Duchess of Suffolk is buried next to the altar, in one of the grandest medieval tombs in the entire country. The church has been awarded a grant for repointing and other minor works.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2012/2013

		£
Ashbury, St Mary the Virgin	Replacement of roofs, following theft of lead	2,500
Brightwell Baldwin, St Bartholomew	Restoration of two windows	4,000
Chalgrove, St Mary	Heating and lighting, stonework, redecoration	15,000
Chinnor, St Andrew	Installation of WC, kitchen and servery	5,000
Combe Longa, St Laurence	Installation of electric organ	1,000
Compton Beauchamp, St Swithun	Restoration of plaque, altar panel etc.	2,500
Cowley, St James	Repairs to masonry and floor and minor work	2,000
Ducklington, St Bartholomew	New vestry screen, enlargement of belfry	5,000
Ducklington, St Bartholomew	Installation of WC with disabled access	3,000
Ewelme, St Mary the Virgin	Repointing and other minor works	6,000
Goring, St Thomas of Canterbury	Major restoration work on tower	14,000
Hampton Poyle, St Mary	New heating system, kitchen and WC	6,000
Hempton, St John the Evangelist	Replacement of six leaded windows	500
Horley, St Etheldreda	Repair of oak bell-frame and rehangng of bells	6,000
Leafield, St Michael and All Angels	Repairs to roof and drains	5,000
Little Tew, St John the Evangelist	General repairs	1,500
Lower Heyford, St Mary	New servery, WC, meeting area	9,000
Moulsford, St John the Baptist	Update of lighting and heating; installation of WC	5,000
New Hinksey, St John the Evangelist	General repairs	2,500
North Moreton, All Saints	Repairs to chantry chapel	10,000
Oxford, St Andrew	New work, including new kitchen	1,000
Oxford, St Frideswide	Replacement of guttering	2,500
Oxford, St Matthew	Replacement of roof lead with coated steel	2,000
Oxford, Woodstock Road Baptist	New kitchen and WC block, lighting and heating	1,500
Somerton, St James	Conservation of monuments, reredos, hatchments	10,000
South Stoke, St Andrew	Reordering of vestry, including WC and servery	6,000
Stanton Harcourt, St Michael	Specialist cleaning and repairs to windows	2,500
Sutton Courtenay, All Saints	New heating and gas supply to church	5,000
Tackley, St Nicholas	Replacement of stolen lead roof with coated steel	2,000
Weston-on-the-Green, St Mary the Virgin	Redecoration; installation of WC and servery	5,000
Witney, Holy Trinity	Replacement of original nave floor	5,000
Wootton, St Mary	Replacement of lighting system	4,000
		<u>152,000</u>
<i>Less cancellations:</i>		
Northmoor, St Denys		5,000
Wootton, St Mary		<u>8,000</u>
		<u>13,000</u>
		<u><u>139,000</u></u>

The Trust gratefully acknowledges grants and donations received from the following:

St Michael's and All Saints Charities • Doris Field Charitable Trust
 Oxford Preservation Trust • The Tanner Trust • Greys Charitable Trust
 The Sammermar Trust • Lord Phillimore Trust
 Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Leafield, St Michael and All Angels (awarded a grant of £5,000)

In 1858 the Vicar asked Sir George Gilbert Scott to design a new church. It cost £4,600, of which the Vicar personally contributed £2,000. According to his biographer, this is one of Scott's best designs. Built on a tremendous scale, with seating for five hundred people, the design is a heavy version of Early English, with lancet windows and a solid central tower and octagonal spire. The spire, on top of a hill, is a landmark for miles. The church was awarded a grant for repairs to the roof and drains.



Horley, St Etheldreda (awarded a grant of £6,000)

St Etheldreda's is a light and spacious church with tall, elegant windows and good window tracery of the Decorated period. The central tower and chancel are Norman. A monumental 15th-century wall painting of St Christopher in the north aisle is a splendid sight, the saint's feet in a fishy stream with his staff breaking under the burden of the Christ child on his shoulder. There is an unusual rood screen of postwar vintage (1950) and a pulpit with scenes from the life of St Etheldreda or Audrey. The church has been awarded a grant by the Trust for repairs to the oak bell-frame and the rehangng of the bells.



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ACCOUNTS

This is a brief extract from the audited accounts. A full set of the statutory accounts will be available at the AGM. Copies can also be obtained from the Treasurer, whose address can be found on page 2 of this Report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2013

	Unrestricted funds	
	2013	2012
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Grants from charitable trusts	65,062	50,827
Sponsored bicycle ride	121,662	119,956
Subscriptions, donations and tax recovery	17,804	18,099
Investment income and bank interest	35,553	33,085
Legacies	3,595	30,000
Other income	<u>2,668</u>	<u>1,660</u>
	<u>246,344</u>	<u>253,627</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Grants to churches	139,000	157,000
Distribution of share of bicycle ride revenues	52,712	52,187
Management and administration	3,952	4,417
Administration costs of bicycle ride	<u>7,580</u>	<u>10,071</u>
	<u>203,244</u>	<u>223,675</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	43,100	29,952
UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	<u>83,748</u>	<u>-11,897</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	126,848	18,055
FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	<u>750,266</u>	<u>732,211</u>
FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>877,114</u>	<u>750,266</u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Investments	809,213	725,465
Current assets	267,242	241,038
Less current liabilities	<u>-199,341</u>	<u>-216,237</u>
	<u>877,114</u>	<u>750,266</u>

South Stoke, St Andrew (awarded a grant of £6,000)

The church was mainly built in the 13th and 14th centuries in a mixture of styles but, unlike its sister church in North Stoke, it was heavily restored in the 1850s, and this has reduced the interest of the interior. Well worth seeing, however, is an enormous monument on the chancel wall to Dr Griffith Higgs, chaplain to the 'Winter Queen', Elizabeth of Bohemia, and afterwards Dean of Lichfield, who died in 1659. St Andrew's has been awarded a grant by the Trust for the re-ordering of the vestry, including a WC and servery.



Stanton Harcourt, St Michael (awarded a grant of £2,500)

The size and quality of this church reflect its association with the Harcourt family, who acquired the manor in the 12th century and hold it still. The church is cruciform, with an aisleless Norman nave and central tower. The large and handsome Early English chancel has tall lancet windows and is divided from the nave by a 13th-century screen.

Among the many monuments to the Harcourt family is a splendid 17th-century alabaster and black marble monument to Sir Philip Harcourt, who died in 1688, and his wife (*see illustration*). The Trust has awarded St Michael's a grant for specialist cleaning and repairs to the windows.



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WHO MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT?

Places of worship built before 1945 (and in exceptional cases later) that are open for public worship may apply for a grant for repairs to the fabric and installation of facilities. Area representatives, listed above, will advise on the scope of grant support. In considering applications the Trust takes into account the applicant's own financial resources and its ability to raise additional funds. Detailed guidance notes and application forms can be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Secretary, whose address can be found on page 2.

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