Resources for people caring for church and chapel buildings

[**www.churchcare.co.uk**](http://www.churchcare.co.uk) **–** the CofE resource for church buildings, including guidance on a number of practical issues, access to small specialist grant schemes, and project planning advice

**[www.ecclesiastical.com/church/](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/church/)** - home page of Ecclesiastical insurance. Click on “Risk management and guidance” for advice on health and safety, fire, security, and extreme weather

[**www.spab.org.uk/campaigning/maintenance-co-operatives-project/mcp-fim-resources**](https://www.spab.org.uk/campaigning/maintenance-co-operatives-project/mcp-fim-resources)for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings church maintenance project. Here there is a wealth of information to help lay people conduct a simple assessment of a building’s condition, produce a maintenance plan, and conduct risk assessment for voluntary maintenance work. Download the baseline condition survey template directly at <https://www.spab.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/MainSociety/Campaigning/Baseline%20Survey%20completion%20guide%20and%20template.pdf> , or a simpler maintenance checklist (also by the SPAB) at <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/UserFiles/File/SPAB_maintenance_checklist.pdf>

If you want to better understand how historic buildings are put together, and the common problems that they have, everything from ashlar walling to zinc roofing is covered in the SPAB Knowledge Base at <https://www.spab.org.uk/advice/knowledge-base>. At <https://www.spab.org.uk/advice/technical-advice-notes> you can also find guidance on the control of damp. And on caring for old floors.

Find the listing details of grade 1, 2\*, and 2 buildings at [www.heritagegateway.org.uk](http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk), which also searches for historic images and archaeological information.

Historic England (formerly English Heritage) have advice on the care of cemeteries, burial grounds, and places of worship, as well as dealing with heritage crime, at <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/>

The database at <https://www.grantfinder.co.uk/> is a great starting point if you are seeking external funding

For grants in excess of £3,000 all the way up to over a million pounds see [www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding) , where you will find clear and easy to follow guidance on the new Heritage Lottery Fund grant schemes.

For conservation accredited architects see <https://www.architecture.com/working-with-an-architect/conservation-register>, surveyors at <https://www.rics.org/globalassets/rics-website/media/qualify/accreditations/register-of-rics-certified-historic-building-professionals--23.9.19.pdf> . Remember though that just because a practitioner is on this list doesn’t mean they have the necessary accreditation from your diocese or denomination.