

# Meet the Funders

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## Cornwall Historic Churches Trust

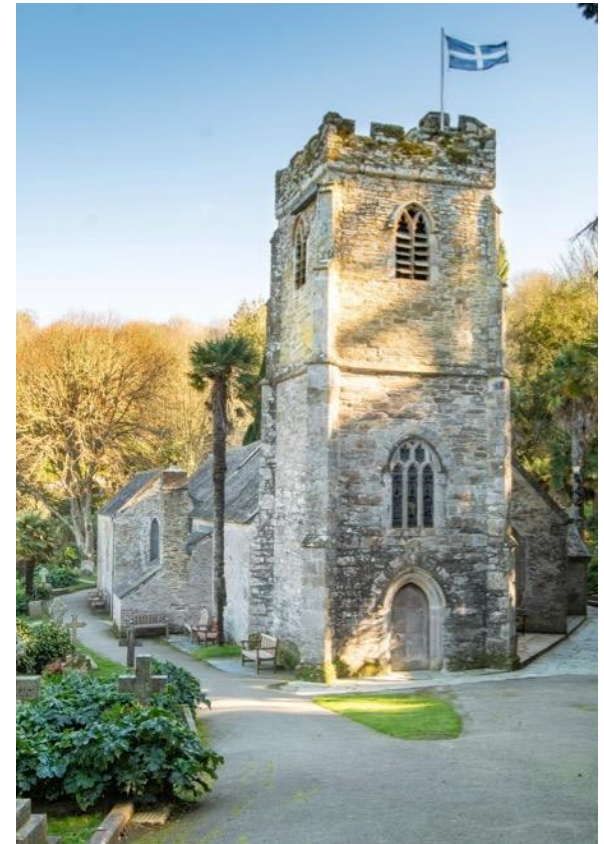
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Grants Secretary

# CHCT – who are we?

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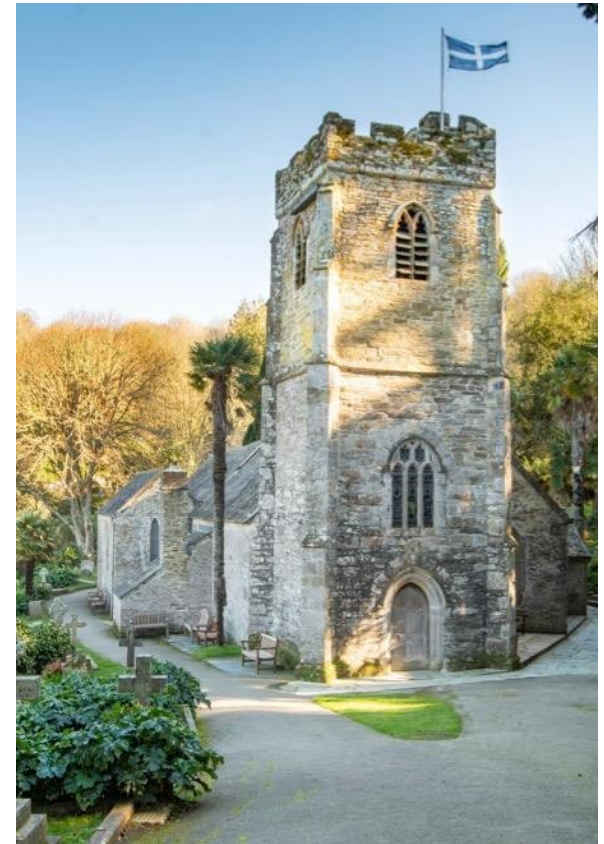
- Cornwall Historic Churches Trust
- Registered Charity formed in 1955
- Restoration and repair of churches or chapels with architectural or historical merit
- All denominations eligible



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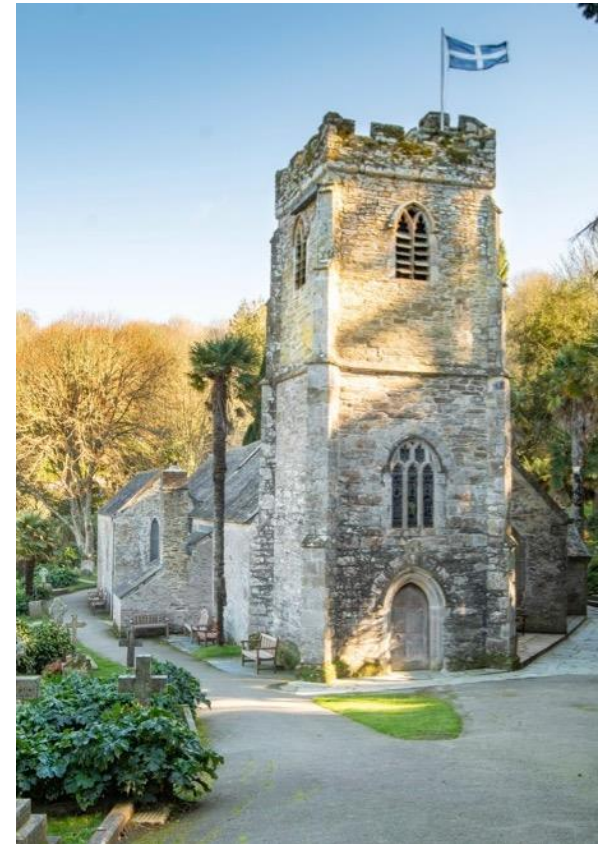
- Award 15 – 20 grants each year
- Grant value £250 to £10,000
- Also distribute funds on behalf of a number of other organisations such as the Duke of Cornwall Benevolent Fund and Cornwall Heritage Trust



# CHCT – who are we?

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- Run entirely by volunteers
- Variety of professional skills
- Visit every church
- Assess and report on need



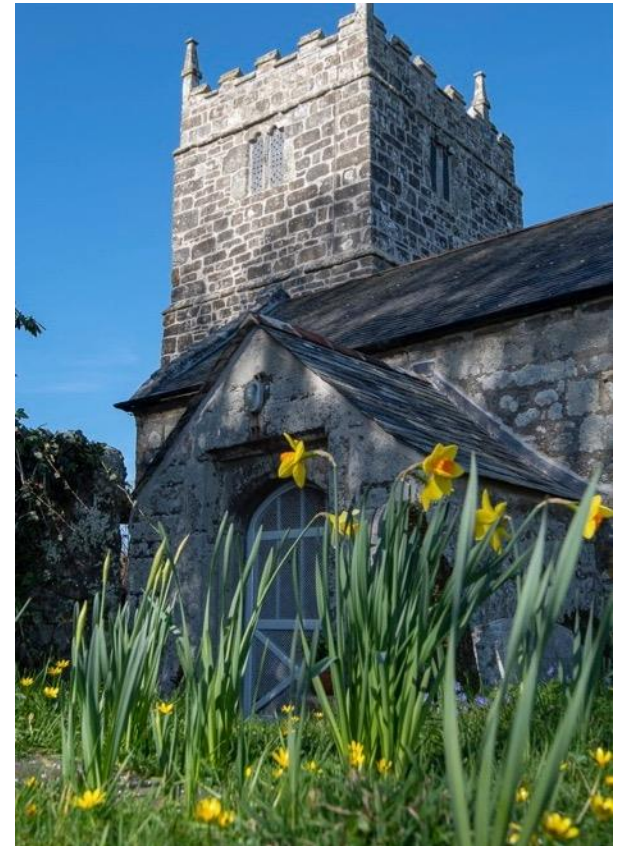
# CHCT – why do we do it?

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Four-fifths of Cornish churches were built before 1550.

The Trust's foundation document states:

"The churches are still there, still praying through the storms and the rains. We must not let down the past which has loved and cared for them".

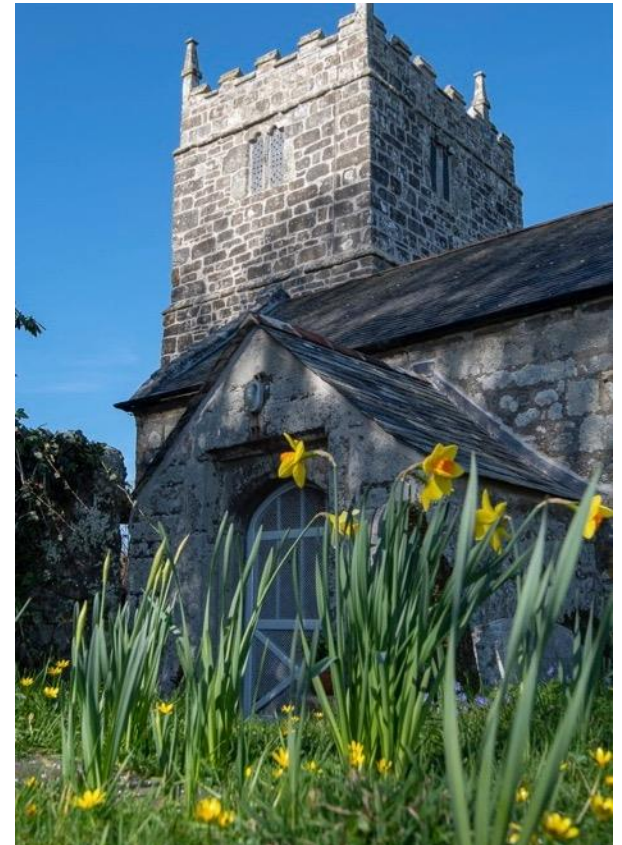




# CHCT – why do we do it?

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- Encourage appreciation of our heritage
- Make our buildings more attractive as places of worship
- Make our buildings better suited for community use
- Engage local communities
- Improve financial viability



# How can we help?

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Funds available for preservation and ***maintenance***, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of churches in Cornwall and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in churches and churchyards.



# How can we help?

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- “Churches” are defined as Christian places of worship of any age in current use. If your church is in need of restoration or repair, we may be able to help.
- Experience has shown that our support can be useful when seeking grants elsewhere.





# Churches we helped in 2024



Come-to-Good  
Quaker meeting  
house, replacement  
of thatched roof,  
upgrade of heating  
and drainage:  
£13,900

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Portscatho URC replacement roof: £5,000

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St Sampson,  
South Hill,  
overhaul and  
replacement of  
rainwater  
goods: £5,000

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St Denys, North  
Tamerton, bell  
restoration:  
£5,000

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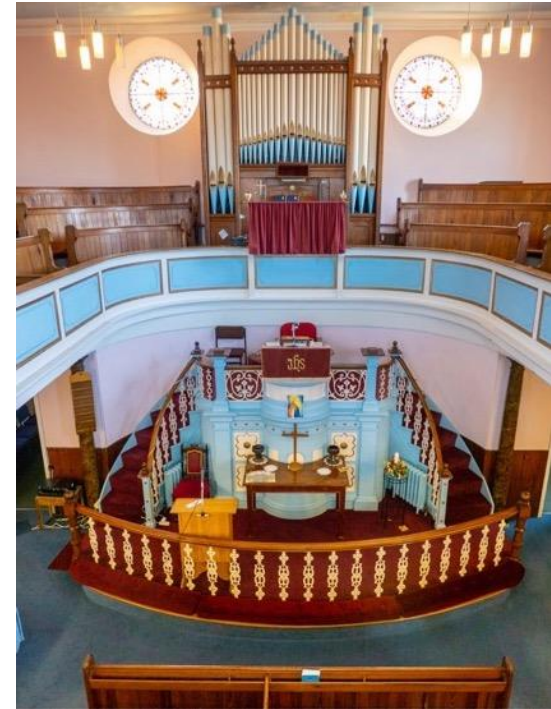
# Other grants in 2024

St Winnow, Lostwithiel	Replace stonework around window and re-glaze tracery	£4,600
Rock Methodist	Replacement of roof	£6,000
St Dennis	Restoration of bells and fittings	£3,300
Probus	Repointing of SW gable and drainage work	£1,800
St Ewe	Repairs to roof and lath and plaster ceiling	£1,000
Camborne Wesley Methodist Church	Repairs to windows and external woodwork	£10,000
St Mawgan in Pydar	Repairs to bells and metalwork of frame	£1,300
Mawla Methodist Chapel	Repairs to window following storm damage	£1,000
Kenwyn	Replacement of rainwater goods	£5,000
High Street Methodist Chapel PZ	Urgent remedial electrical work	£700
Crowan	Repairs to tower doors, repointing, chimney	£3,000
St Mellion, St Melanus	Repairs to joists and timbers tower clock room	£5,000
Madron, St Maddern	Replacement of ringing chamber ceiling	£4,100
Porthleven Methodist Chapel	Repairs to stonework	£8,000
St Sampson, South Hill	Repointing and repairs to the tower	£6,000

# We have three types of grant....

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- Restoration and Repair Grants
- Smaller Project Grants
- Maintenance and Kickstart Grants





# Restoration & Repair Grants

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Our Trust Deed states that our funds be used for: the preservation and maintenance, improvement, upkeep, beautification and reconstruction of churches in Cornwall and of monuments, fittings, fixtures, stained glass, furniture, ornaments and chattels in churches and churchyards.





# Restoration & Repair Grants

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- We prioritise our activities to structural work on roofs and rainwater goods, followed by electrical safety and heating systems.
- We also support work on windows, monuments, bells, paintings, organs and clocks.
- Minimum grant size is £250, the maximum is £5,000, or £10,000 for Church Friends.



# Restoration & Repair Grants

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- We do not usually support new build work, kitchens and toilets, or re-ordering.
- We do not provide funding for boundary walls unless they form part of the church building itself.
- We do not fund car parks.

# Grants for Smaller Projects

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- Smaller projects that fall outside the scope of regular maintenance.
- Urgent repairs.
- CHCT will offer grants of £1,000 or 25% of the cost of the scheme before VAT, whichever is less. The minimum grant size is £250. VAT may be reclaimable under LPWS.

# Grants for Smaller Projects

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- The work MUST have been identified by QI report or report by regular maintenance contractor / builder;
- Two quotes for the work must have been obtained;
- Work costs between £1,000 and £10,000 before VAT
- Confirmation that the work does not require a faculty or similar permission.





# Grants for a Hostile Climate - Maintenance and Kickstart Scheme for 2025

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- £10,000 set aside for 2025
- Essential maintenance
- Start up cost, eg surveys
- Grants of up to £500 per church
- First come, first served basis



# General Conditions for Maintenance and Kickstart Grants

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Only available to Church Friends of CHCT.

The Scheme can be withdrawn at any time, without notice.

**Each church can only apply once for one of the grants described above.**

Churches that have received Maintenance Inspection grants in the past are not eligible to apply for the Maintenance grants in this scheme.

We reserve the right to refuse applications that do not meet our criteria.

Please note, costs incurred in engaging a professional fund raiser are not eligible.

Retrospective applications for Kickstart grants will not be accepted.



# How can you apply for a grant?

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For information or guidance

- Visit [www.chct.info](http://www.chct.info)
- Email the Grants Secretary, Sue McClaughry [grants@chct.info](mailto:grants@chct.info)
- Contact your area representative

All the criteria, application forms and other requirements for each type of grant are displayed / available on the website.



# What happens after you apply?

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- Normally your Church will be visited by one or two members of the CHCT Executive Committee.
- Applications for Restoration & Repair Grants are considered at the quarterly trustee meetings.
- Decisions for other grants are made after assessment visits (Smaller Projects) or on receipt of correct paperwork (Maintenance / Kickstart grants)

# Area Reps

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- Area 1 - **Penwith** - Alexandra Bolitho
- Area 2 - **Kerrier** - Cecilia Bisson
- Area 3 - **Carnmarth North** - David Purser
- Area 4 - **Carnmarth South** - Libby Reed
- Area 5 - **Powder** - Jill Jobson
- Area 6 - **Pydar** - Katharine Willis
- Area 7 - **St Austell** - Caroline Tetley
- Area 8 - **Trigg Minor & Bodmin** - Andrew Langdon
- Area 9 - **West Wivelshire** - John Hooper
- Area 10 - **East Wivelshire** - Charles Hulbert-Powell
- Area 11 - **Trigg Major** - Willa Bailey
- Area 12 - **Stratton** - Trelawny Williams







# Some other sources of help

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- **National Churches Trust**
- **Churches Together - [ctbi.org.uk](http://ctbi.org.uk) - Charity Funding Links**
- **ChurchCare**
- **Parish Resources - National List of Charitable Grants for Churches**
- **Church Grants Scheme database - PCC secretaries**
- **Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers**
- **[Fundsonline.org.uk](http://Fundsonline.org.uk) - Subscription required**
- **CHCT has a limited database**

# How can you help us?

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- Become a Friend
- Persuade your church to become a Friend

Email:  
[membership@chct.info](mailto:membership@chct.info)



# How can you help us further?

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- Corporate Sponsorship
- Organise a fundraising event





# Finally....

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- Provide us with a history of your church for our website to enable us to cover the whole of Cornwall.
- Send us before and after photos that you are happy for us to use on our website.
- Sue McClaughry, Grants Secretary.
- [grants@chct.info](mailto:grants@chct.info)

