

# Annual Report & Newsletter 2019





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## FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings to all our Friends and supporters, and my warmest thanks for helping our Trust to have another very successful year. It's been one full of important changes and excellent events which this Report details.



In 2019 we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, for legal and financial reasons, though our name and purposes stay the same. John Steel, our Treasurer, has steered us through a most labyrinthine process with skill and patience in spite of a serious injury sustained in the middle of it all! We owe him a huge debt of thanks. Please note that we now have a new charity number if you need to use it.

Thanks, too, to ALL of you for making our Ride and Stride so great last September. When I set a target of £70,000 at the AGM I hardly dared hope we would achieve it and, thanks to you, we have done! Our County Coordinating team, our Area Coordinators, Church Reps and all participants have excelled, and I hope you enjoy reading about it and remembering a glorious day in September. It is only through this kind of effort that we can rejoice in bringing help to many beautiful churches and so play a part in preserving our heritage.

As ever, I'm grateful to the Committees and Trustees for excellent help, advice and hard work. I'm sad to say that one of our most hardworking and vibrant members, Meryl Balchin, is stepping back from the many tasks she has undertaken for us and we cannot thank her enough for all she has done in the last ten years. In fact, I can't think how I shall manage without her, so if any of you have a little time and feel inclined to offer help, I shall be pleased to hear from you!

I must also record our sadness in the death of a former Chairman, General Sir Hugh Beach. A very distinguished soldier, he used his experience to steer the Trust through some of its early years. On a happier note, we welcome Roy Perry to our board of Trustees. Roy has been a Friend for many years.

Warmest good wishes to everyone.

**Joan Appleyard, Chairman**

## FUNDRAISING

In order to provide the grants, funds are raised through the annual Ride and Stride, membership subscription, donations, Gift Aid, and grant aid.

The sponsored annual Ride and Stride in aid of historic churches takes place throughout the whole country on the second Saturday in September, organised by each county trust. In our area the money raised by participants is divided: half goes to the place of worship of their own choice, and half goes to the Trust. This is our principal source of funding.

Ride and Stride is an ecumenical venture, and although the majority of participating churches in Hampshire and the Islands are Anglican, it is well supported and enjoyed by a variety of other denominations including Baptist, Free Church, Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reformed Church.

The Trust would like to thank all who contribute, through their hard work and generous support, to the success of Ride and Stride. Before and on the day this includes those involved in organising, riding, striding, sponsoring, stewarding, and providing refreshments. The day itself is also followed by much work in collecting, submitting and processing the funds raised.

## GRANTS

In 2019 we received 19 new grant applications from churches and we were able to make each of them an offer thanks to the tremendous efforts made by all of you who raise funds by participating in Ride and Stride each September. We are reliant on these funds to help maintain and improve Hampshire and the Islands churches. These wonderful places of worship serve their communities in so many additional ways and it would not be an exaggeration to say that they form the heart of their local community. It is impossible to overstate how grateful we are for your efforts. Please do keep up the good work so we can continue to help maintain our churches and preserve an important and historic part of the landscape for the benefit of all our communities.

### ***Grants received and given***

Applications in 2019 were 27% up on the year before. Thanks to a generous contribution from Hampshire County Council and the income from Ride and Stride, we were able to offer a total of £87,000 to churches, which is 15% more than the year before.

The Trust was awarded a generous grant of £25,000 from Hampshire County Council for the year 2019/20 and we are delighted to be able to allocate these funds to Hampshire churches on their behalf. It makes a huge difference to our ability to help those responsible for maintaining churches and improving accessibility. This

means the churches become accessible to a more diverse range of people and makes better use of these wonderful buildings in the heart of Hampshire communities. We are very grateful to Hampshire County Council for their support which is much appreciated by us and by historic churches across Hampshire.

***Grant offers were made to the following churches in 2019:***

St Mary the Virgin, East Worldham	£500	Repairs to stonework and faulty guttering
St Catherine, Ventnor (IOW)	£1,000	Creation of garden in churchyard. Improvement of access
St Nicholas, Leckford	£2,500	Major roof works and repair of wall cracks
St Mary, Stratfield Saye	£2,000	Repair and redecoration of internal walls
St Peter-in-the-Wood, Appleshaw	£5,000	Repairs, refurbishment, new WC and kitchen
St Mary & St Rhadegund, Whitwell (IOW)	£5,000	Damp treatment and redecoration
St Mary, Ampport	£3,000	Repair of damage and re-plastering of outside walls
Church of the Holy Rood, Empshott	£5,000	Repairs of spire, oak posts and roof flashing
St Matthew, Blackmoor & Whitehill	£12,500	Stopping of sinking floor and repair of structure
St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Hartley Wespall	£3,000	Major repairs to tower
St Michael & All Angels, Bassett	£6,000	Repair of windows and surrounding stonework
St Mary, Brighstone (IOW)	£9,000	Repairs to roof
St Catherine, Littleton	£500	Repairs to steps and handrail up to church
Holy Trinity, Colden Common	£6,000	Project to improve access to all parts of church
St Helen, St Helens (IOW)	£9,000	Major project to improve access and facilities
St Michael & All Angels, Cheriton	£4,000	Repairs to roof and high-level stonework
Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Upper Froyle	£7,500	Replacement of lighting and cables to improve safety
All Saints, Farringdon	£2,500	Repairs to lychgate
St Thomas a Becket, Warblington	£3,000	Fixing of damp, repair of flooring, improvement of services

### ***Corinne Bennett 8th Memorial Award***

Corinne Bennett was a founder Committee member with a particular interest in stonework restoration. In 2019, the award in her memory, worth £500, was presented at the AGM to St Mark's Church in Ampfield. The church is early Victorian, grade II listed and boasts an adjacent, fine woodland glade which is used by the church for many outdoor activities. Urgent repairs to the tower stonework were carried out and the original grant was claimed in early 2018.

Did you know that the Revd Wilbert Vere Awdry, creator of Thomas the Tank Engine, was born in the vicarage?!

### ***Grants Sub-Committee membership***

Meryl Balchin stood down from the Grants Sub-Committee at the end of 2019. We are very sorry to be losing her. Meryl has been a valued member of the Sub-Committee – and indeed, the main Committee – for over ten years and for much of this time she was Secretary. She handed over to Rosemary Walker in early 2016 but remained on the Sub-Committee. The recording and processing of grants underwent an organisational sea-change on Meryl's watch and she also developed an excellent relationship with the churches applying for grants. Thanks to Meryl, Rosemary inherited not only a system that was clear and efficient but also a great deal of good will from churches in our region. The whole Sub-Committee is grateful for Meryl's invaluable contribution and we shall miss her. Thank you, Meryl, for all you have done for us.

The Trust's Grants Sub-Committee comprises many professionals, all of whom provide their time and expertise pro bono.

### ***Trust membership and publicity***

All churches are encouraged to become members of the Trust and individuals are encouraged to join as Friends. Churches that are offered grants are asked to join for at least five years. We welcome invitations from churches who have received grants to join their celebrations on completion of works and to give a brief talk on the work of the Trust.

### ***Who may apply for a grant?***

The Trust welcomes applications from churches of all denominations which are members of Churches Together in England (CTE) and seeking funds for repairs to the church fabric or improvements to facilities, as detailed in the Policy Statement on page 16. Grant application forms can be found on our website, [www.hihct.org.uk](http://www.hihct.org.uk) and any queries can be emailed to [grants@hihct.org.uk](mailto:grants@hihct.org.uk)

**Rosemary Walker, Secretary, Grants Sub-Committee**

## RIDE & STRIDE 2019

Everyone agreed that it was a perfect sunny day for our annual Ride and Stride event to raise sponsorship money for the Trust. As usual, people did not restrict themselves to riding bicycles or walking but used any method of transport they wished from mobility scooter to car to horse. Or some provided local entertainment in a choir or by bell ringing.

Our Ride and Stride event is open not only to those who are members of a church community but also to all who appreciate churches for their beautiful architecture, their picturesque location and interesting expression of history and heritage.

But as important is the pleasure to be had from meeting the people who provide a welcome at the churches or who are visiting themselves. Father Hugo Deadman, approaching Portsmouth on his bicycle on his 17-church odyssey, noted the sign saying; ‘Welcome to Portsmouth! Home of the Royal Navy and Portsmouth FC, FA Cup Winners in 1939 and 2008’ and was tempted to add ‘Welcome to Portsmouth, home of fantastic churches and fantastic people’, because of the warmth of the welcome he had received. And again this year in Portsmouth, our indefatigable



*Ride & Stride in Oxford*

supporter Brenda Cook enjoyed her trip round 14 churches using her mobility scooter, meeting friends and adding to the very handsome sum raised in the area.

Ride and Stride is open to all and many join in because they like the idea of travelling through our region’s countryside, its towns and villages, and understand that historic churches are an important part of our heritage and landscape. The encouragement of the clergy is, of course, very helpful in mobilising the support of the church community; they recognise that half the funds raised are returned to their church for their own needs, in addition to the availability of grants for projects which meet the Trust’s criteria.

In the newly constituted Mid-Test Benefice, David Barnes decided that he could do more than ride the short distance to his local Co-op and cycled 24 miles in the glories of the Test Valley – all are welcome! The ride extended from Leckford and Longstock in the north to Mottisfont in the south and included eight churches.



The churches are very varied although invariably beautifully situated and full of interest. The route between them is along quiet country lanes with lovely views. The Trust has made a grant to Leckford church to re-roof and repair the chancel roof. So, in addition to receiving half the Ride and Stride sum raised this year, the church has received a Trust grant. Hopefully, in future years the benefice will raise funds that can be used for other churches in need of help.

On the Isle of Wight, at Holy Trinity, Bembridge, children with their church mice companions, rather more cuddly than the real thing, went far and wide on the Island to discover what other churches had to offer and to raise money. They found the oldest church on the Island, St Boniface at Bonchurch (11th century) and their namesake church, Holy Trinity in Cowes. Amongst other visits they met a former choir boy of long ago who was at Holy Trinity, Bembridge but now at St Agnes, Freshwater. One particularly adventurous and remarkably mobile mouse managed to get to Capalbio, Tuscany, Italy.



*Ride & Stride 2019, the St Mark's Ampfield Team raised £560*

North of Fordingbridge, Isabelle set out on her horse in idyllic surroundings and completed a ten-mile ride. She was accompanied by her father on a bicycle who went on to ride 22 miles and between the two they visited 13 churches. Isabelle and her friend Shannon rode to churches at Breamore, Rockbourne and Hale. The church of St Mary, Hale is grade I listed because it is so unusual and it is also beautiful. It is likely that the church was remodelled in about 1631 by Inigo Jones, the notable architect who introduced classical architecture to Britain. He was responsible for St Paul's, Covent Garden, London, and St Mary's has a striking resemblance. There are a number of architectural mysteries and inside, an outstanding collection of memorials. Altogether a wonderful church to include on a Ride and Stride route and perfect for horse riding in the sunshine.

In order to publicise the attractions of Ride and Stride to the wider community, our national coordination organisation arranged for 11 penny-farthing bicycles to ride into central Oxford down the Woodstock Road to the iconic St Giles' Church. They certainly stopped the traffic (but not for long), as cars stopped for the drivers and passengers to stare and as passers-by took photos. Subsequently, the event was featured in The Times, on Radio 2, and on BBC South television. We wait to see if a penny-farthing will feature in our event on 12 September 2020!

**Christine and Geoffrey Wort, Ride and Stride County Coordinators**



## RIDE & STRIDE 2018 - AREA TOTALS AT MARCH 2019

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Alresford	<b>975</b>	1,402	1,722	1,525	1,610
Alton	<b>4,350</b>	3,326	5,180	3,835	3,369
Andover	<b>3,440</b>	4,063	4,394	4,432	6,265
Basingstoke	<b>1,103</b>	1,569	1,120	1,440	1,938
Bishop's Waltham	<b>840</b>	1,830	1,440	1,200	1,697
Eastleigh/Southampton	<b>1,298</b>	1,000	969	832	707
Fareham/Gosport	<b>2,179</b>	1,247	2,233	1,658	2,831
Havant	<b>4,431</b>	3,916	2,180	1,880	1,621
Isle of Wight	<b>6,287</b>	7,874	5,780	3,820	3,644
New Forest	<b>3,805</b>	2,880	845	425	615
Odiham	<b>425</b>	455	700	120	1,310
Petersfield	<b>11,130</b>	10,143	8,452	6,216	7,962
Portsmouth	<b>3,955</b>	2,512	2,267	2,245	2,914
Romsey	<b>5,989</b>	3,631	4,484	4,031	4,156
Whitchurch	<b>2,127</b>	1,316	660	453	1,144
Winchester	<b>7,110</b>	8,165	8,864	9,468	8,821
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,444</b>	£55,327	£51,292	£43,580	£50,606
Gift Aid (pus 400 unallocated in 2019)	<b>10,784</b>	10,041	8,806	7,654	8,219

## RIDE & STRIDE 2019 - TOP TWENTY CHURCHES

Empshott, Holy Rood	3,180
King's Somborne, St Peter	3,165
Petersfield URC	2,300
Shalfleet, IOW, St Michael	1,575
Winchester, St Lawrence	1,568
Froxfield, St Peter	1,491
Blackmoor, St Matthew	1,425
Idsworth, St Hubert	1,369
Winchester, St Cross	1,357

Leckford, St Nicholas	1,350
Catherington, All Saints	1,282
Buriton, St Mary	1,240
Lymington, St Thomas	1,225
Overton, St Mary	1,156
Bisterne, St Paul	1,120
Weston, Holy Trinity	1,051
Winchester Cathedral	1,026
Shalden, St Peter	1,000
Alton Resurrection	948
Petersfield, St Peter	917

## MEMBERSHIP

This has been a year of changes for the Trust as we have changed our charity status. This meant we were given a new charity number and needed to close our existing bank account and open a new one. Every Friend needed to complete new membership and standing order forms. I am still waiting for some renewal membership and standing order forms. If you are not sure if you have completed one, please contact me: [membership@hihct.org.uk](mailto:membership@hihct.org.uk) I would like to thank Friends for letting me use their email addresses; this has cut down the time it takes to fill envelopes and has reduced postage. Please let me know if you change your details, especially your address or email.

<b>HIHCT mailing list analysis</b>	<b>Dec 2019</b>	<b>Dec 2018</b>
<b>Subscribing Friends</b>		
<i>Individual</i>	53	65
<i>Family</i>	25	25
<i>Annual Patron</i>	51	55
<i>Church</i>	56	36
<i>Corporate</i>	2	2
<b>Sub total of subscribing Friends</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Other people on the mailing list</b>		
<i>Patrons</i>	6	6
<i>Other contacts</i>	23	17
<b>Sub total of others</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Grand total on the mailing list</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>206</b>

## ANNUAL PATRONS IN 2019

Mr and Mrs P M H Andraea, Lady Appleyard, Mr and Mrs C Balchin,  
 Mr and Mrs F Ball, Mr N Barnfield, The Very Revd T Beeson, Mr K C H Bennett,  
 Mr and Mrs M Blakstad, Sir James and Lady Butler, Mr P Carr,  
 Mr and Mrs D Cooper, Mrs J E Crowther, Mr and Mrs N Denison,  
 Dr J D Dubois, Mr S Edwards, Mr D G F Evans, Mr S F Every,  
 Mr and Mrs R T Fox, Mrs A Gibson, Mr R Goulson, Dr A Green, Mr B Green,  
 Mrs C M Grover, Mr and Mrs J Guthrie, Mr T C W Henderson,  
 Caroline, Lady Hervey-Bathurst, Mr R Hungerford, Mr P N Jeffery, Mrs A Jones,  
 Mrs S M Jones, Mr and Mrs S Lipa, Mrs A MacAlister,  
 Mr and Mrs B J Mansbridge, Mr R Perry, Sir Jonathan and Lady Portal,  
 Mr J Pringle, Mr D Pye, Mr D St John, Mr and Mrs J Sawtell,  
 Lord and Lady Selborne, Mr J Stanning, Mr J Thompson-Hall,  
 Gen Sir Antony and Lady Walker, Mr M R Weakley, Mr M Woodhall,  
 Mr B J Woodruffe, Mr B Woods, Prof M J Woodward, Mr and Mrs G Wort.  
 In addition: two people who prefer not to be mentioned.

## CHURCH AND CORPORATE MEMBERS IN 2019

Abbotts Ann, St Mary;	Nately Scures, St Swithun;
Alton, St Lawrence/ Church of the Resurrection;	North Stoneham, St Nicholas and Bassett, St Michael and All Angels;
Andover, Bridge Street Methodist Church;	Odiham, All Saints;
Blackmoor and Whitehill, St Matthew;	Penton Mewsey, Holy Trinity;
Bramdean, St Simon and St Jude;	Petersfield United Reformed Church;
Brighstone IOW, St Mary;	Portsea, All Saints;
Calbourne, IOW;	Portsmouth, St John, Roman Catholic Cathedral;
All Saints; Cheriton, St Michael and All Angels;	Ryde, IOW, All Saints;
Chilbolton, St Mary the Less;	Shalfleet, IOW, St Mary;
Cliddesden, St Leonard;	Shanklin, IOW, St Paul;
Colden Common, Holy Trinity;	Shanklin, IOW, St Saviour-on-the-Cliff;
Copythorne, St Mary;	Shedfield, St John the Baptist;
Cove, St John;	Southsea, Trinity Methodist Church;
Curdrige, St Peter;	South Warnborough, St Andrew;
East with West Wellow, St Margaret;	Stratfield Saye, St Mary;
East Worldham, St Mary the Virgin;	Thrxuton, St Peter and St Paul;
Fareham, Holy Trinity;	Tichborne, St Andrew;
Farringdon, All Saints;	Titchfield, St Peter;
Fordingbridge, Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi;	Ventnor, IOW, St Catherine;
Goodworth Clatford, St Peter;	West Worldham, St Nicholas;
Hartley Wespall, St Mary;	Whippingham, IOW, St Mildred;
Havant, St Faith;	Whitchurch, All Hallows;
Hythe, St John the Baptist;	Whitwell, IOW, St Mary and St Rhadegund;
Idsworth, St Hubert;	Wickham, St Nicholas;
Kimpton, St Peter and St Paul;	Winchester, St Cross with St Faith;
Leckford, St Nicholas;	Winchester, St Lawrence with St Swithun;
Litchfield, St James the Less;	Winchester, St Matthew with St Paul;
Littleton, St Catherine;	Test Valley Borough Council;
Lymington, St Thomas;	University of Winchester.

Our grateful thanks go to all those who so generously support us in so many ways.

Membership application forms, Gift Aid declarations and bankers' standing order forms are available for downloading from the Trust's website at [www.hihct.org.uk](http://www.hihct.org.uk) or by post from the address at the end of the Annual Report.

**Keith Miller, Friends Secretary** *membership@hihct.org.uk*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7 MAY 2019, WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

An AGM is not an automatic crowd puller. We are fortunate to have a tradition of well attended meetings, partly owing to the setting in the Cathedral, the relatively streamlined business to be handled and the Venerable Adrian Harbidge's review of grants given in the year under review. This was delivered with customary urbanity and consummate knowledge of detail across the Trust's region. Finally, there was the excellent supper to foster fellowship.

Our President, Nigel Atkinson, Lord-Lieutenant, thanked the Chairman, Lady Appleyard for her work and leadership over the year and this was warmly endorsed by the meeting. The Treasurer reported that the change to CIO status (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) had been successfully completed without the need for a change of name, and that Ride and Stride income had reached a record £65,757.71 (exceeding the target). In addition, grants and donations had contributed over £52,700. Grants paid by the Trust had totalled £62,500 and the churches' share of Ride and Stride had amounted to £28,600. The Executive Committee was re-elected; its membership is listed at the end of this Report.

A key part of the meeting was the distribution of awards. The President presented the awards, to thank and congratulate many of our Friends for their outstanding efforts in Ride and Stride; in particular, Area Coordinators, Clive Bagwell and Cynthia Cooper (Andover and Petersfield, respectively); St Michael, Shalfleet, Isle of Wight, the top fundraiser; and Petersfield Area, the area raising the most money. The annual (8th) Corinne Bennett Memorial Award was given to St Mark, Ampfield. A new award, in memory of Brian Hay, one of our longest-serving supporters, was given to Holy Trinity, Weston, Southampton by his widow, Executive Committee member, the Revd Margaret Hay.

As Area Coordinator for Fareham and Gosport and Area Coordinator Rep on the Executive Committee, the Revd Margaret Hay spoke about what this pivotal role entailed, and the Venerable Adrian Harbidge rounded off the meeting with a whistle-stop tour of churches receiving help since the last meeting.

**VISIT TO STRATFIELD SAYE, 6 JUNE 2019**  
*By kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Wellington*

The Trust's visit to Stratfield Saye was very well attended and lived up to everyone's expectations and more. On arrival through the main gates we were greeted by the magnificent drive up to the house, parking near the Visitors' Centre where refreshments were served. The head guide, Jenny Savage and her team met us and talked us through the arrangements for the day, to include the house tour, the Funeral Carriage and Wellington Exhibition, the Grave of Copenhagen (Wellington's horse), and the grounds. This was then to be followed by a separate visit to St Mary's Church, in the grounds.



*Wellington's funeral carriage*

Our tours in the house were splendid and very much enjoyed by everyone. Those of us who had not seen the Funeral Carriage before, particularly those with an engineering bent, were totally amazed at its size and how it managed to be built so quickly and look so spectacular, though we did feel a bit sorry for the driver as he was hidden underneath the carriage! A sign states: 'This Triumphal Car conveyed the body of Arthur, Duke of Wellington KG from Chelsea Hospital to St Paul's

Cathedral 18th November 1852. The lower part is constructed from metal of the guns captured at Waterloo in 1815. Weighing 18 tons, it was completed in 18 days, 100 men being employed working in two shifts. It was drawn by 12 black draught horses 3 abreast.'

After a delicious lunch, we all headed off to St Mary's Church which is on the estate but run by the PCC. Our enthusiastic guide, Geoffrey Preston, supported by some of the parishioners, gave us a great visit. Since 2010 the Trust has given this lovely Georgian church a grant and a loan to remove all the exterior paints (wrong sort used earlier and causing damp in the walls) and for roof works. A brief talk and then we were free to explore this wonderful church. Keith Miller, our Friends Secretary, played two organs! The cobwebby loft space was visited by a few intrepids to look at the bells (another project in the offing?). We really did explore every nook and cranny! This visit was a very fitting end to our wonderful day at Stratfield Saye.

Our thanks to all the guides and staff who contributed to such a successful day.

**Meryl Balchin, Events Organiser**

## SUMMER OUTING, 22 JUNE 2019, NEW FOREST RAMBLE

Our last church summed up the whole raison d'être of HIHCT - a perfect parable.

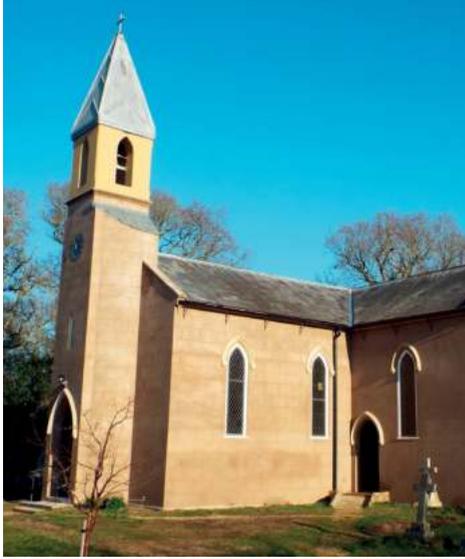
In *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* C S Lewis has a character describe the edge of the world as 'beyond the lamppost' (ie in the direction of the wardrobe and another world). I have the feeling that the 30 or more of us who came on the Summer Outing will think of Lyndhurst as the boundary between our world and another! For so many got trapped in traffic queues on the way to the **Old Oak at Downton** (and a delicious lunch), that our afternoon agenda was seriously delayed.

We began at **St Mary's Church, Milford**, a beautiful Grade 1 listed Norman church presiding over the seaside village since 1080. Christopher Hobby of the Milford Historical Records Society gave a superb talk focusing on the church's connection with the Navy: the grave of Admiral Sir William Cornwallis (famous for blockading Brest and preventing Napoleon from invading) has recently been rediscovered by the tower; inside the church are the graves of Admiral John Peyton and Admiral Robert Man (who at one stage commanded Nelson). Today the church has a very lively congregation and choir.

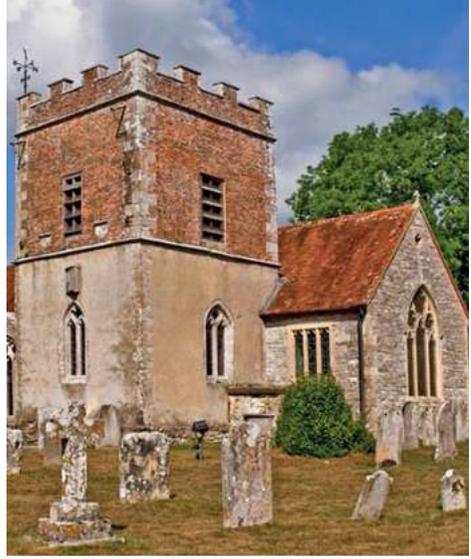
From there we went to **St John the Baptist, Boldre**, where Penelope Chitty entertained us with a history of the graveyard (looking idyllic on a hot summer's day) and the church. A lovely gravestone inscription speaks of the hope that the occupants will be raised to new life, there to see 'several of their neighbours' (but presumably not all!). The church is full of outstanding stonework but is probably best known for its memorial to all who died on HMS Hood, sunk by the Bismarck on 24 May 1941. Vice Admiral Lancelot Holland, who lived in Boldre, was killed on that day and his widow established the memorial despite official opposition.

In an isolated part of the New Forest it is often the case that the postcode may cover as much as half a mile of road, so we're not sure if we lost anyone who was sticking rigidly to their satnav. But for those who made it, **St Mary, South Baddesley** was a wonder to behold (and the provider of a delicious tea). Exactly 200 years old this year, it looks like a small mission chapel in the middle of nowhere. The cement rendering was giving a good impersonation of leprosy. Richard Elliott, the priest in charge told how the massive project to re-render in lime mortar and repair incredible cracks above most of the windows has transformed not just the building but also the congregation, who now flock to the church in increasing numbers, no longer ashamed of their church. Repairing our churches is not just about maintaining the crumbling fabric of old monuments.

**The Venerable Adrian Harbidge, Chairman, Grants Sub-Committee**



*St Mary, South Baddesley*



*St John the Baptist, Boldre*

*Ride & Striders at St Peter in the Wood, Appleshaw*



## A DOUBLE CHRISTMAS PARTY, 12 DECEMBER 2019

Once again, we joined forces with Hampshire Archives Trust for our Christmas party at Hampshire Record Office.

Our guest speaker this year was Roger Ottewill, Chair of the Local History Section of the Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society. Roger got the evening off to a good start with his talk Faith and Fun: Free Church Sponsored Social Activities in late Victorian and Edwardian Basingstoke, sharing with us some of the fruits of his research. Once again, churches and archives provided the very appropriate content for an event for supporters of the two trusts. Roger's talk was very enjoyable; both educational and entertaining.

Following the usual format, the second part of the evening gave members and guests a chance to mingle and catch up over refreshments.

We are grateful to Roger Ottewill, to Charlotte Bailey, Vice Chairman of Hampshire Archives Trust, who handled the catering this year, and to all who helped make the evening run so smoothly and enjoyably.

**Caroline Edwards, Secretary**

### Attractive cards for sale

Our cards (blank inside) are designed for us by Caroline Hervey-Bathurst who is a well known local artist and a very generous and supportive member of the Trust. The sale proceeds provide valuable funding for further grants.

They are excellent value at only £3 per pack of six



*Romsey Abbey*



*St Peter and St Paul, King's Somborne*

For p&p costs or to arrange collection, contact:  
joanappleyard@aol.co.uk or 01794 388224

## EVENTS FOR 2020

Regrettably, due to the pandemic, our events programme this year has had to be curtailed. We are very sorry not to have been able to hold our AGM in May or our Summer Outing in July, as planned. However, we are hopeful that the 2020 Ride and Stride, the main fundraising event for the Trust, will be able to go ahead on

**Saturday 12 September, 10am-6pm**

We will keep the website updated so please check it for the latest news:  
[www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php](http://www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php)

If you are not a Friend of the Trust but are interested in the Trust's work or in attending future events, please contact the Friends Secretary:  
[membership@hihct.org.uk](mailto:membership@hihct.org.uk)

### *Shipton Bellinger Primary School*



### *Appleshaw School visit to St Peter in the Wood*



## POLICY STATEMENT

Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 28 December 2018. The Trust's foundation constitution states the aim of the Trust:

*The Objects of the CIO are the preservation repair maintenance improvement upkeep beautification and reconstruction of historic Churches in Hampshire (including the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth) the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands and of monuments fittings fixtures stained glass furniture ornaments goods and chattels in such Churches and of the Churchyard belonging to any of such Churches for the benefit of the public.*

The Trust delivers public benefit by making grants and loans to churches for the purpose described above, thereby helping to preserve an important part of the country's heritage and supporting the ongoing use of churches as centres of worship and community amenities.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

## TRUST GOVERNANCE AND OPERATION

The Charity operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is a corporate body registered with the Charity Commission but does not need to be registered at Companies House or comply with the same rules as companies limited by guarantee.

The directors of the CIO who are known as Trustees are responsible for the management of the affairs of the CIO and may exercise all the powers of the CIO. There must be at least three Trustees but there is no maximum number. New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. Trustees serve for a period of five years and can be reappointed.

The Trustees may delegate any functions to a Committee and have established an Executive Committee which meets three times a year. There are also a Grants Sub-Committee and a Marketing, Membership and Events Sub-Committee which report to the Executive Committee. Details of membership of the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees appear elsewhere in this Report.

Friends are an associate class of members of the CIO who may attend the Annual Meeting but under the constitution of the CIO are non-voting.

## RESERVES POLICY

The reserves policy of the CIO remains the same as that for the former Trust: the Trust aims to use the money it raises for the benefit of churches within its remit as soon as possible. A sum of £15,000 is earmarked in case of emergencies. Aside from a small annual expenditure on administration, the aim is to allocate the remaining

funds to churches in the form of grants and loans, in response to need. In any year a number of grants will be paid out while others will be offered, for payment on completion of the work being funded. The Annual Report provides details both of those churches receiving grants and of those churches being promised (but not yet receiving) grants during the year. The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

## BEQUESTS TO THE TRUST

As will be evident to all who read this Annual Report, Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust has moved from success to success since its inauguration in its original form in 1988. The needs of our churches are, however, very great and the Trust continually wishes it could be more generous in the support it gives for renovation and repair. Legacies from Friends and supporters can provide the Trust with an important increase in its income.

The subject of writing one's will is always a delicate one, but if you are contemplating making a will (or revising your present one) the following information could be of interest to you.

If your estate is taxable, the taxable portion will generally bear inheritance tax at 40%. Gifts to charities are not taxable so the whole of the amount that you leave to a charity will benefit the charity.

In addition, it is possible for a taxable estate to qualify for a lower rate of inheritance tax if the amount donated to charity is at least 10% of the value of the taxable estate but after adding back the amount of the charitable gift. The rules are complicated and professional advice should be taken if you want to benefit from this provision.

If you choose to leave the Trust a specific sum of money, a suitable form of wording in your will would be, 'I bequeath to the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust, registered charity 1181370, c/o Pastoral Centre St Peter's Church Jewry Street Winchester SO23 8RY, the sum of £x.' Alternatively you can name the Trust as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy without making any change to the policy itself.

We always hope that there will be a considerable gap between the date of a will and the date of death, and of course we do not expect to be informed of anyone's intentions, but bequests for the Trust's work give us great hope that future generations will be able to enjoy, as we have enjoyed, Hampshire and its associated Islands' architectural and ecclesiastical heritage, without which their world would be a poorer place.

The above information is believed by the Trust to be correct at the time of going to print but you are recommended to take professional advice when preparing your will or undertaking any tax planning.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2019**

2019 was a busy year as it saw the charity transformed from a Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Details of the transformation were set out in the Annual Report 2018. In summary, the CIO was formed at Christmas 2018 and started operation in April 2019. The assets and liabilities of the Trust were transferred to the CIO and in June 2019 the Trust was wound up. The name of the Charity remains unchanged but we now have a new charity number and new bank accounts.

A final set of accounts was prepared for the Trust for the period up to its dissolution. These accounts were independently examined by Rothmans in the usual way and approved by them. A new set of accounting records for the CIO was opened in April 2019 to take account of the transfer of assets from the Trust to the CIO. The accounting year for the CIO will coincide with the calendar year, with the first set of accounts being prepared for the period to 31 December 2019.

As the Trust has been wound up and removed from the Charity Commission register, copies of the final set of accounts for the Trust will not be provided to those who were formerly Friends of the Trust. However, if any Friend wishes to see a copy of the accounts they are available from the Treasurer.

Elsewhere in this Annual Report you will find details of the grants that have been promised but not yet paid. As the Charity pays grants once work is completed, there is often a significant delay between the promise to make a grant and the payment of it – churches are given up to two years to complete work. In view of this, the poor rate of interest paid by National Westminster Bank, and the need to keep our funds with them below the level of cover under the Financial Compensation Scheme, we have opened separate notice accounts and taken out a one year fixed rate bond with two other financial institutions. This has led to a significant increase in the level of interest earned on our funds.

The Charity welcomes legacies from Friends. If you have included a legacy in your will please ensure that the correct charity number, 1181370 is referred to.

**John Steel, Treasurer**



RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019
		£
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Income Receipts</b>		
Ride & Stride		59,612
Grants and Donations		222,257
Covenants and Subscriptions		1,413
Events		2,248
Merchandising		401
Miscellaneous		50
Bank Interest		1,341
Tax Repayment		10,397
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		297,719
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<b>Other Receipts</b>		
Loan Repayment		-
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>297,719</b>
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<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Distribution to Churches</b>		
Ride & Stride Sponsorship Share		27,212
Grants	2	46,050
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		73,262
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Loans to Churches		-

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019 - continued

	Notes	2019
		£
<b>Administrative Costs</b>		
Printing & Postage		460
Accountancy Fee		360
Bank Charges		0
Events		2,188
Ride & Stride Expenses		1,823
Miscellaneous		455
Insurance		297
		<u>5,583</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u><b>78,845</b></u>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year</b>		<u><b>218,874</b></u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019
		£
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Bank Current Accounts		91,453
Bank Deposits		127,421
		<u>218,874</u>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year</b>		<u><b>218,874</b></u>
<b>Balances carried forward</b>		<u><b>218,874</b></u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### 2. GRANTS TO CHURCHES

	2019
	£
Havant St Faith	1,000
Whitchurch with Tufton	3,000
Litchfield St James	8,000
Laverstoke St Mary	8,000
Sherfield on Loddon St Leonard	500
Wickham St Nicholas	3,000
Petersfield URC	5,000
East Wellow St Margaret	2,500
East Worldham St Mary	500
Cliddesden St Leonard	6,000
Stratfield Saye St Mary	2,000
Leckford St Nicholas	2,500
Farringdon All Saints	2,500
Ampfield St Mark	500
Weston Holy Trinity	50
Ventnor St Catherine	1,000
	<b>£46,050</b>

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(areas are based on Anglican deaneries)

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## **Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust**

### **President**

Nigel Atkinson, Esq

### **Vice-President**

Lady Mary Fagan, LG DCVO

### **Patrons**

The Bishop of Winchester, The Bishop of Portsmouth  
The Bishop of Portsmouth (RC)  
The Wessex Synod Moderator of the URC  
The Superintendent of the Baptist Union (Southern Area)  
The Chairman of the Southampton Methodist District  
The Dean of Winchester, The Dean of Portsmouth  
Lord Montagu of Beaulieu  
The Secretary of the National Churches Trust  
The Secretary of the Council for the Care of Churches

### **Trustees**

(\*Trustees at founding of CIO; the rest of the Trustees  
were appointed to the CIO Feb 2020)  
Lady Appleyard\*, Caroline Edwards\*, The Ven Adrian Harbidge  
The Revd Canon Dr Howard Mellor, Roy Perry  
The Revd Canon Dr Roland Riem, John Steel\*  
The Revd Canon Paul Townsend

### **Chairman**

Lady Appleyard

### **Executive Committee**

*Secretary:* Caroline Edwards, *Treasurer:* John Steel  
Chris Balchin, Meryl Balchin (to Dec 2019), Sue Filer (to Feb 2020)  
Annette Gibson, The Ven Adrian Harbidge, Margaret Hay  
The Revd Samantha Martell, Keith Miller  
Richard Osmond, David Pye, Cathy Roberts (to Mar 2020)  
The Ven Dr Peter Rouch, Gaye Spencer (from Jun 2019)  
Richard Streatfield (from Feb 2020), The Ven Peter Sutton (from Jun 2019)  
Lady Walker, Christine Wort, Geoffrey Wort

### **Ride and Stride County Coordinators**

Christine Wort and Geoffrey Wort  
supported by Chris Balchin and Meryl Balchin

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## **Grants Sub-Committee**

*Chairman:* The Ven Adrian Harbidge

*Secretary:* Lady Walker, Meryl Balchin

Michael Carden, James Lunn-Rockcliffe

Jeremy Poll, David Pye, Gary Seymour, The Ven Peter Sutton

## **Marketing, Membership and Events**

*Web Editor:* Chris Balchin, *Marketing:* Gaye Spencer (from Jun 2019)

*Events:* Meryl Balchin (to Dec 2019)

*Area Coordinator Rep:* Margaret Hay

*Friends Secretary:* Keith Miller

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