

Who will help us fund our capital project?

There are a number of charities and Trusts which may be able to help you with funds for work on your church building, hall or other project.

This leaflet gives some basic information, starting points, and – to prove it works – details of funding obtained by a parish in our Diocese.

You will almost certainly need to ask one of your PCC or Committee to put some time aside for researching which of the numerous grant-making bodies might be interested in your particular project. You can then make appropriate applications and avoid wasted ones.

- We have access to directories of **grant-making trusts** at the Old Deanery. If you let us have details of your project, we will send you information on the trusts which are mostly likely to want to support your project.
- A good source of general information about grant-making Trusts and Charities is *The Directory of Grant-making Trusts*. This volume should be available in a good public library, and will repay half a day spent with paper and pencil! It is published by the Charities Aid Foundation.
- There is also a smaller volume which deals with trusts interested in making grants in the area of Religion.
- You can also explore many Trusts on the Internet. The Charities Aid Foundation website is helpful - www.cafonline.org.
- There are helpful **Funding Guides** on the national Parish Resources website: <http://www.pariahresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/funding/>
- The **Fund for Church Growth** exists to directly assist and develop the ministry and mission of local churches in Bath & Wells by offering financial support to projects and posts, eg youth workers, café church, re-ordering buildings to enhance or develop local mission, employment of lay workers, chaplains, mission advisers, pensioners' lunch clubs etc. Wherever possible and appropriate, ecumenical involvement is being encouraged. <http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/finances/fund-church-growth/>
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Charities and Trusts – some starting points

The Allchurches Trust – the charitable giving arm of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.
www.allchurches.co.uk

The National Churches Trust – offers grants for churches over 100 years old. It also has responsibility for the Incorporated Church Building Society which offers grants for repairs to church buildings less than 100 years old. www.nationalchurchestrust.org

Somerset Churches Trust – our own local body supporting our churches and chapels when they need repair or restoration. www.somsetchurchestrust.org

Heritage Lottery Fund operates a Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme for urgent, high-level structural repairs which will safeguard historic fabric. <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/grants-places-worship-england>

Heritage Lottery Fund South West, 3rd Floor, Balliol House, Southernhay Gardens, Exeter, EX1 1NP Tel: 01392 223 950 Email: southwest@hlf.org.uk

The **Landfill Communities Fund** could be useful if your project is within 10 miles of an active landfill site, and is for the restoration or repair of a listed church building. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/check-local-environmental-data> and click on ‘start now (what’s in your backyard)’ then ‘go straight to the maps’ then select ‘landfill’ and enter your postcode. If there is an active site within 10 miles, go to www.entrust.org.uk to check eligibility, enroll and apply.

Local Councils for Voluntary Service – contact the Council for Voluntary Service which covers your local authority area and ask if they can check their database for sources of funding from statutory bodies and government agencies which may be willing to help your project. But remember these groups are staffed by volunteers just like you!

South Somerset Association for Voluntary & Community Action (now combined with Mendip)

Unit 5 Yeovil Business Centre, Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil, BA22 8WA, Tel: 01935 475914 (Mon – Fri 9.00 – 5.00) www.ssvca.org.uk/

Voluntary Action North Somerset, The Badger Centre, 3 - 6 Wadham Street, Weston super Mare, BS23 1JY Tel: 01934 416486 Email: info@vansmail.org.uk www.vansweb.org.uk

Engage West Somerset and Engage Taunton

West Somerset Volunteer Centre: The Ground Floor, Alcombe Village Hall, Marshfield Road, Alcombe, Minehead, TA24 6AQ Tel: 01643 707123

Taunton Deane Volunteer Centre: Central Library, Paul Street, Taunton, TA1 3XZ Tel: 07958 132882

see website for opening days/hours: www.engagews.org.uk Email: information@engagews.org.uk

Don't forget . . .

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme provides repayment of VAT paid on repair work to listed church buildings, so that you effectively pay no VAT. Note that the grant is paid to you *after* the work has been done and paid for. A parallel scheme deals with public monuments.

Helpline: 0845 601 5945 www.lpwscheme.org.uk

Council for the Care of Churches – a central source of information and expertise. They run the website www.churchcare.co.uk, which is a one-stop shop of information and contacts for churchwardens and others. Go to ‘Churches’ then ‘Funding and Grants’ where there are details of grants for different types of projects.

Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3NZ Tel: 020 7898 1866

For more information or advice, please contact Sue Whitehead, PA to the Stewardship Adviser:

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or visit www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/

One parish's experience of funding a capital project

I thought you would like to know that, as last night, the Open Door Project (target £50K) stood at **£58,681.93**. This comprised of:

Gifts and pledges - £16,074

- £11,955 outright gifts
- £2,889 tax recoverable (Gift Aid)
- £960 annualised pledges (disappointing)
- £270 tax recoverable on pledges

Fundraising events - £8,956

- £8,956 small fundraising (coffee mornings, print sales, Parish walks, marmalade sales, choir concert, pancake evening, Scouts Christmas Card deliveries, etc, etc.)

Grants and loans - £33,650

- £15,000 PCC
- £1,800 interest free loans (possible gifts)
- £10,000 Bath & Wells Fund for Church Growth
- £1,000 Leonard Laity Trust
- £50 Verdon Smith Trust
- £300 Mary Webb Trust
- £1,000 Society of Somerset Folk
- £3,000 Garfield Weston Trust
- £500 Drapers Charitable Fund
- £1,000 Schroder

All other trusts approached either a) did not reply or b) declined. Some said that it was out of their remit to award to Churches, although they appear on 'the list'. Haven't gone for the 'Landfill Tax' yet, even though a new landfill site has just opened within 8 miles. I am keeping that in reserve for Phase III!

Work starts next month. One thing that concentrated the need in peoples' minds was the boiler expiring in December! Some, strangely, gave to the 'boiler fund', but would not support the Open Door Project. Weird. I explained to every such donor, however, that the two could not be considered in isolation, but affirmed that **their** donation would be spent on the 'boiler' purchase & installation costs.

The estimates have increased to £56,500 (surprise, surprise), so we keep going. I am still hoping for something from one family trust with local connections that meets at the end of June. Plus the flower festival. Plus the Church Fete. Plus the Bellringing event. Plus the Garden Bring & Buy. Plus . . . etc, etc.

But we made the target.

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