

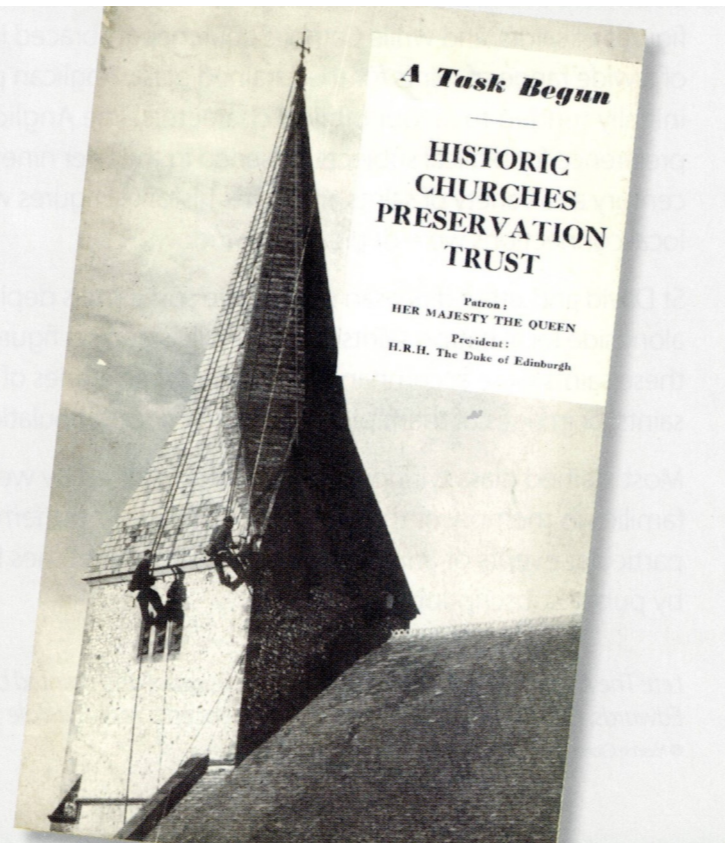
1953 – Our work begins

In 1951, the state of repair of parish churches in Britain was a serious problem. Urged on by the Pilgrim Trust and the Society of Antiquaries, the Church Assembly (now the General Synod) set up a Commission to determine what needed to be done to reverse the position.

The Commission found that £4,000,000 was needed to put the ecclesiastical built heritage of the country in order. It was the recommendation of the Commission that a charitable trust should be set up to raise and distribute funds to churches of architectural and historic significance.

Historic churches

So, after discussions in 1952, a trust deed for the Historic Churches Preservation Trust (HCPT) was drawn up in 1953. From the outset, the HCPT supported churches of all the major Christian denominations, as well as chapels and meeting houses.



The Earl of Ancaster

Founder, first Chairman and subsequently President, who died in 1982.

DATED 12th September, 1953.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE
OLD CHURCHES TRUST.

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DECLARATION of TRUST.

THE REPORT

During 1965 grants were made to seven more churches than in the previous year and the amount involved was £310 more than in 1964.

The following are details:

| | £ | | £ |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| Aswarby | 100 | Kirkby Laythorpe | 35 |
| Barton on Humber | 100 | Linwood | 50 |
| St. Peter | 100 | Normanby by Spital | 100 |
| Belleau | 50 | North Kelsey | 50 |
| Branston | 100 | North Killingholme | 25 |
| Cherry Willingham | 100 | Ropsley | 100 |
| Claypole | 100 | Springthorpe | 25 |
| Cotes by Stow | 100 | Stainfield | 25 |
| Corringham | 50 | Surfleet | 50 |
| Glentworth | 50 | Swaby | 50 |
| Great Ponton | 150 | Theddlethorpe St. Helen | 50 |
| Great Sturton | 100 | Welbourn | 100 |
| Hainton (R.C.) | 25 | Welby | 50 |
| Hameringham | 75 | West Ashby | 100 |
| Heckington | 100 | West Deeping | 40 |
| Helpingham | 50 | Wickenby | 50 |

This brings the number of grants made since 1953 to 410 and the total sum distributed to £33,480.

The opening of houses and gardens for the twelfth year produced £516 which is £75 more than was raised in 1964 and the Trustees are most grateful to the owners who so kindly help in this way which now provides a major source of income, accounting, this year, for almost a quarter of the amount given in grants, and since 1954 amounting to a total of £5,364 or an average of £447 per annum.

Donations and annual subscriptions, particularly from parishes which have been helped by the Trust, continue to be somewhat disappointing but it is hoped that an increasing awareness of the great importance of our historic churches as a vital part of our spiritual and cultural heritage will show itself in a desire to ensure their preservation.

Three churches to which grants have been made this year may be particularly mentioned. Welbourn church is large, imposing and of great architectural merit and, although the building generally is in good structural condition, a costly programme of repairs to masonry, roofs, gutters and windows was found necessary, the total estimated sum involved being £4,415. With great energy and in the face of many difficulties, the parishioners have raised and spent £2,000 and there now remains in the repair fund £260 as a nucleus for the necessary outlay on the second stage of the work.

Great Sturton, with a population of 57, somewhat belies its name but it possesses an exceedingly interesting church which was

well restored by Micklethwaite in 1904. The architect expects the cost of putting the building into good repair to be approximately £1,500 and this will be money well spent. It is hoped to begin work in 1966 and some £400 has been raised.

The church of Cherry Willingham is a good example of the classical work of the early 18th century, although actually built in 1753, and much resembling Daventry on a small scale. The projecting stones at the angles are really a 17th century feature, reminiscent of Vanburgh but the outstanding feature of the building is the delightful cupola which is now to be carefully repaired under expert supervision. Some £800 has been raised and promised and strenuous local efforts are being made to collect a further £450 for this very important work.

GRANTS

Summary of grants to Churches since the inauguration of the Trust in 1953.

| Year | Number of Grants | Total Amount £ |
|------|------------------|----------------|
| 1953 | 17 | 1,200 |
| 1954 | 33 | 2,385 |
| 1955 | 27 | 2,315 |
| 1956 | 45 | 3,540 |
| 1957 | 34 | 2,200 |
| 1958 | 38 | 3,408 |
| 1959 | 34 | 2,735 |
| 1960 | 40 | 3,002 |
| 1961 | 31 | 2,580 |
| 1962 | 36 | 3,350 |
| 1963 | 20 | 2,775 |
| 1964 | 24 | 1,840 |
| 1965 | 31 | 2,150 |

LINCOLNSHIRE OLD CHURCHES TRUST

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December, 1965

| 1964 RECEIPTS | | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | | 1964 PAYMENTS | | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|--|----|---------|-------|---------------|----|---------|-------|---|-----------------------|----|-------|----|----|
| £ | 627 | Annual Subscriptions | .. | .. | 812 | 7 | 4 | £ | 325 | Printing, Stationery, Advertising and Sundry Expenses | .. | .. | 221 | 6 | 1 |
| | 481 | Income Tax recovered on Covenanted Subscription | .. | .. | 420 | 6 | 8 | | 7 | Postages and Telephone | .. | .. | 8 | 10 | 9 |
| | | Donations including: | | | | | | | 20 | Secretarial Expenses | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | | Gardens | .. | .. | 515 | 18 | 5 | | 38 | Cookery Books | .. | .. | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| | 984 | General | .. | .. | 184 | 15 | 5 | | 4464 | Grants to Churches | .. | .. | 2293 | 6 | 0 |
| | | Donations from Churches | .. | .. | 700 | 13 | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| | 121 | Sales: | | | 117 | 9 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Cookery Books | .. | .. | 33 | 7 | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Literature | .. | .. | 2 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| | 154 | Stamps | .. | .. | 10 | 10 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 46 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | 2367 | Interest on Deposit Account | .. | .. | 2097 | 1 | 1 | | 4854 | Balances at Bankers 31st December, 1965: | | | 2525 | 17 | 10 |
| | 30 | Interest on Deposit with Central Board of Finance of Church of England | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | 8 | | | National Provincial Bank Ltd. | | | | | |
| | 510 | | | | 562 | 15 | 1 | | | Current Account | .. | .. | 430 | 6 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | | | | National Provincial Bank Ltd. | | | | | |
| | 2907 | Balances at Bankers 1st January, 1965: | | | 2662 | 18 | 10 | | | Deposit Account | .. | .. | 66 | 15 | 6 |
| | | National Provincial Bank Ltd. | | | | | | | | Invested with Central Board of Finance of Church of England | .. | .. | 9605 | 10 | 6 |
| | 406 | Current Account | .. | .. | 256 | 8 | 7 | | | 3 | Cookery Books on Hand | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | | National Provincial Bank Ltd. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2434 | Deposit Account | .. | .. | 163 | 12 | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| | 9032 | Invested with Central Board of Finance of Church of England | .. | .. | 9542 | 15 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 9962 | 16 | 10 | | | | | | | | |
| | 41 | Cookery Books on Hand | .. | .. | 2 | 15 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | 14820 | | | | 12628 | 10 | 8 | | 14820 | | | | 12628 | 10 | 8 |

Report of the Auditors to the Trustees of the Lincolnshire Old Churches Trust

We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December, 1965, with the Books and Vouchers produced to us, and in our opinion it is correct in accordance therewith and the information and explanations given to us.

Lincoln. 13th May, 1966.

J. S. STREETS & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.