



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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GUIDANCE ON WORK ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE

ELIGIBLE

- ✓ All forms of essential repair to the building's fabric, eg roofs, stone/brickwork, repointing, structural repair, floors, doors, windows, internal wall plaster, gutters, parapets, lightning conductors etc.
 - ✓ Most works of groundwater drainage, soakaways, etc.
 - ✓ Most works of repair to historic objects in the churchyard, eg boundary walls, monuments (but not modern graves), historic structures such as sundials, crosses, and so forth.
 - ✓ Repair to historic fittings, eg stained glass, wall plaques, monuments, brasses, charity boards, hatchments, royal arms.
 - ✓ Major electrical works, ie total rewiring or a major overhaul (but not rewiring for new lighting, or small-scale works).
 - ✓ Major heating system replacements (but not routine maintenance of existing systems).
 - ✓ Major schemes of redecoration only where a previously unsuitable material has been used (eg emulsion paint) and where the new work is to be undertaken in a microporous paint (eg Classidur or Keim) – or limewash. Appropriate decoration in post-1914 churches and chapels is also allowable where no decoration has ever previously been undertaken.
 - ✓ * Repair to historic bells and bell-frames;
 - * Introduction of 2nd hand bells to augment a ring;
 - * New bell-frame if the old is suspect and needs to be replaced to re-hang existing bells;
 - * If the bell-frame is being repaired and then modifications are carried out to hang a new bell, then a fair proportion of the cost
- If possible, a report on the frames should be prepared, either by a structural engineer, or the Diocesan Bells Advisor, prior to submission of applications for grant assistance.

NOT ELIGIBLE

- ✗ Works of routine maintenance (such as repainting a door, non-specialist cleaning, etc.)
- ✗ New buildings, extensions, meeting rooms
- ✗ Disabled Access projects
- ✗ Coffee areas, sinks, new furniture
- ✗ Routine decoration (unless needing to use some specialist materials)
- ✗ Routine electrical work (new switches, lights, cables for new installations)
- ✗ Repair of modern furniture, fixtures, fittings
- ✗ Overhead projector screens, sound systems etc.
- ✗ New bells
- ✗ New bell-frames entirely for new bells
- ✗ Any work that has already started or been completed before application made.

Please note:

This is not a complete list and some items will be judged by the Trustees on their appropriateness. Grant-aid is made entirely at the discretion of the Trustees and their decision on the matter is final.