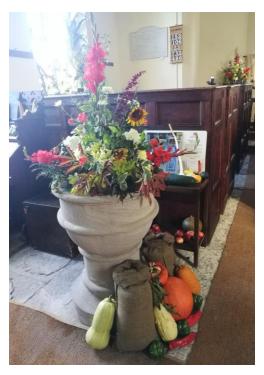


THE CHURCH, SUTTON MALLET

July 2023 CHURCH PLAN



Part A - Current Report

Part B - Survey

Results of our open survey conducted in Summer and Autumn 2020, canvassing all community contacts for their reaction to Part A. The survey remains open and available at this location. Please feel free to repeat your survey response or complete the survey for the first time.

Part C - Community

Recommendations

Minutes of any community meetings held to discuss the information available in other parts of the Church Plan.

Part D - Action Plan

Details of any actions agreed through Community Recommendations, assigned to community participants, Churches Conservation Trust staff, or to the Churches Conservation Trust Local Community Officer specifically.

Part A - Current Report

Church Introduction & Statement of Significance

Sutton Mallet Church in the village of Sutton Mallet, Somerset, was built in 1827 incorporating elements of a 15th-century church on the site. It is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade II listed building.

The village is on Sedgemoor on the Somerset Levels, at the foot of the Polden Hills. The old church which dated from the mediaeval period provided a landmark for anyone crossing the moor.

Deterioration of the fabric of the church was reported in the 16th and 17th centuries and services were only held infrequently in the 18th and 19th.

The current church was built between 1827 and 1829 by Richard Carver of Taunton adjoining the old tower. Although the rebuilding was in a Georgian style remnants from the earlier church were reused including a mediaeval window which was incorporated into the small apse, and the 17th-century altar rails were reused.

The Gothic tower includes two 17th-century bells, one from 1607 by R. Purdue and another of 1657 by Robert Austen. When the church was rebuilt the tower was not adequately fixed to the rest of the church, meaning that, by 2008, 6 metres (20 ft) long diagonal stainless steel ties needed to be inserted to prevent further deterioration.

The church was vested with the Churches Conservation Trust on 1 November 1987.

Current use (bookings) & voluntary activity

The Church at Sutton Mallet currently has permission from The Church of England for up to six Sunday services each year, plus an unlimited number of occasional services. Over the past three years the Church has hosted one musical concert, a tea party, and Harvest and Christmas services. The churchyard (not CCT owned) always looks beautiful and is looked after extremely well by a local keyholder.

CCT are extremely grateful to local residents, keyholders and the incumbent, for their support, and for the events and services they organise at the church.

Voluntary activity undertaken by local community members includes:

- Ad hoc cleaning when necessary
- Planning and delivery of all services
- Ad hoc reporting of building change

The Local Community Officer (LCO) empties the wall safe and banks the donations, completes biannual site inspection forms including collecting visitor numbers and electric meter readings, and also completes regular mandatory checks and actions such as regular Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) checks, visual electrical inspections, Fire Risk assessments and Building and General Risk Assessments. In addition the church also receives two maintenance visits per year from CCTs specialist maintenance contractor, and detailed Condition Reports from the allocated Architect.

Collection Review

Open Churches Policy status:	Open
Local Community Officer:	Marie Leverett

Current project:	None
Cleaning schedule:	Nothing formal
Welcome table:	Maintains stock of current leaflets (note unavailability of future leaflets for re-stock)
Keyholder role:	Fulfilled
Key representative role:	Vacant and necessary (remittances, CCT liaison, volunteer management, maintenance reporting)
Area volunteer role:	Vacant
Fundraising roles:	Vacant and necessary
Stewardship roles:	Surplus to requirements
Research, interp & talks role:	Vacant and necessary
Accessibility details:	Provided via CCT website
CCT silver plaque:	Installed
CCT information board:	Not installed
Oak post:	Not installed, not needed
CCT freestanding board:	Not installed
Wall safe poster:	Installed
CCT A board:	Not installed
Gift Aid envelopes:	Provided
Visitor book:	Installed
Building services:	Electric lighting.
Parking:	Limited, 2 spaces on road parking in front of church
Organ:	Present, playable
Churchyard:	Not owned by CCT
Ringable bells:	Yes (chiming)
Pews:	Sound, no defects
Fire rated capacity:	60 (could be increased slightly with door stewards)
Seating capacity:	104
Site plan:	Available
Roof alarm:	Not installed
CCTV:	Not installed
Individual item security measures:	Not installed
Nearby attractions:	Glastonbury, Clark's Village, Bridgwater
Social media presence:	Nil

Images on CCT website:	One of three
Regular feature parish news:	No
Services per year:	2-3+ (Christmas, Harvest, Easter +)
CofE support for services:	Yes
Christmas memory tree:	No
Tea Party:	Yes (2017)
Heritage Open Days:	No
Ride & Stride:	No
Champing:	No, possible
Retail:	No, possible
Risk assessment general:	Current
Risk assessment fire:	Current
COSHH listing:	Current
Portable appliance listing:	Current
Security Audit:	Current
Children's explorer cart:	No, surplus to requirements
Children's trail:	No

Conservation reports

Annualised maintenance costs (Exclusive of VAT):	
Annualised maintenance costs express the total costs of	
church maintenance divided by 25 years. Every cost which	
relates to maintenance is included except the twice-yearly	
maintenance visit. Any anticipated repairs are also excluded.	
A list of typical maintenance tasks for any historic church,	
forecast over the period, is available to view at appendix 2.	£2,574.44
Routine maintenance costs (Per annum and exclusive of	
VAT):	
Total cost of two maintenance visits per year exclusive of any	
additional maintenance items included above. A list of the	
maintenance tasks included in the twice-annual maintenance	
visits is available to view at appendix 3.	£579.60
Other maintenance costs total (Exclusive of VAT):	
Additional maintenance needs discovered during twice-	
yearly maintenance visits, costed and listed individually	
below.	£9,310.00
- Minor roof repairs inc weathervane	£3,260.00
- Rainwater goods	£4,500.00
- Glazing repairs	£500.00
- Bell support steelwork and repair crack	£600.00
- Porch ceiling and staircase repairs	£450.00

Total short term repairs:	
Small scale items of limited cost which could be fulfilled with	
minimal fundraising.	None
Total medium term repairs:	
More expensive needs such as roof repairs and tower repairs	
which may require more involved fundraising and grant	
applications.	None
Total long term repairs:	
Items which are known to require works in the longer term	
but which are not essential in the near future.	None
Total desirable repairs:	
Repairs which are not essential to the conservation health of	
the church but which might improve aesthetics or usability of	
the building.	None
All cost figures are estimates, exclusive of VAT and	
professional fees.	
VAT is charged at 20% of the total costs and can sometimes	
be recovered. Professional fees vary, but are either charged	
at an hourly rate or as a percentage of the total project cost.	
These are usually charged only on larger or more complex	
projects.	

Income, Expenditure & Balances

Income

	Wall Safe	Service Collection	Services Fees	Donations	Events	Third Party Hire	Total Income
2022/23	£0						£51

2021/22	£9			£9
2020/21	£9			£9
2019/20	£52			£52
2018/19	£135			£135
2017/18	£0			£50
2016/17	£0			£369

Visitors

	Visitor Numbers	Wall safe income per visitor
2022-23	1,160	£0
2021-22	91	£0.10
2020-21	Data not collected	
2019-20	778	£0.07
2018-19	1,063	£0.13
2017-18	1,443	£0
2016-17	2,208	£0
2015-16	1,730	£0.05

Expenditure

Total spend since vesting (non maintenance): £119,723

	Conservation (repair) expenditure	Maintenance expenditure	Utilities
2021-22	£0	£1,296	£69
2020-21	£0	£242	£63
2019-20	£0	£482	£67
2018-19	£0	£483	£66
2017-18	£0	£486	£62
2016-17	£0	£737	£75
2015-16	£3,180	£3,180	£62

Balances

The restricted balance is the amount of money which has been covenanted or restricted for expenditure at the church. Any expenditure needs to match the terms of the covenant under which the money was donated, for example, a term expressing that a donation is intended for roof repairs only.

Restricted Balance Report Jul 2019 £0.01

Income less expenditure 2019/20 - £1,287

(Income from all sources, minus maintenance and conservation expenditure)

Income less annualised maintenance 2019/20 - £2,565.44

(Income from all sources, minus the annualised maintenance cost, as shown in the Conservation Report section above)

Local Community Officer's Summary

This extremely pretty Somerset church benefits from generous support from a small number of active individuals, and a supportive incumbent. Additional members of the community support the church well but less regularly through attendance at services such as the Christmas Carol Service.

It would be fantastic to find one or two individuals locally who would be happy to empty the wall safe every couple of months, and complete basic building condition checks twice a year. All necessary training would be provided for these roles.

There is currently a large gap between the existing income and the annualised maintenance costs, therefore we would need to explore additional income generating activities.

One or two additional services a year would present extra opportunities to raise money towards the annualised maintenance costs through collection contribution.

Other activities and events the community could consider to raise additional income to go towards the shortfall against annualised maintenance costs are more tea parties and musical concerts, poetry evenings, theatre performances, lecture or speaker events, evensongs, clothes swaps, bake sales, art or photography exhibitions, craft skills events etc.

Additional promotion of existing and upcoming services and events via the Parish newsletter and at parish council meetings, on the CCT website, in CCT newsletters and in other locations would be useful in increasing visitor numbers and donations.

There are also possibilities for the church being used by location agents for filming and photography, and weddings or blessings would also be possible depending upon Archbishops Special Licenses being obtained. Additional marketing of the Church could focus on local historical, Archaeology or other relevant special interest societies with an interest in the history of the local area. Voluntary effort towards research and interpretation products could encourage these bookings with tours of the site and details about its architecture and history (eg for Heritage Open Day to encourage donations or ticketed special events during the Summer) at the same time as enriching the visitor experience further.

The site has limited open floor space for alternative use but could be considered as a venue for Champing (camping overnight in historic churches - see Appendix 4 for more information), especially if the box pews are utilised for this. Additional revenue could derive from promotion of local, sympathetic businesses seeking to promote services and products through signage at the church. A supply of CCT Christmas cards or a Christmas memory tree might also help develop useful income against maintenance costs.

The Church might also benefit from a CCT noticeboard and insert for the porch, upon which site specific health and safety and historical information, and details about upcoming events and local information.

Part B - September 2020 Survey

Summary of consultation responses received

Following distribution of fifteen questions through our standard church plan questionnaire in summer 2020 to existing Churches Conservation Trust correspondents (together with an invitation for correspondents to share the survey and associated Church Plan Part A), **no response** was received for **The Church at Sutton Mallet** by the deadline of **21 September**.

The response received was from a respondent writing in a **[no response]** capacity, who confirmed that their responses related to **St. Swithun's Brookthorpe**.

In addressing the question of a perfect outcome for our work together at the church the respondent indicated [no response]

In writing about challenges anticipated in respect of repair liabilities and running costs, the respondent indicates [no response]

Thinking about local life away from the church, in relation to other community projects or activities which might combine with our work to protect the church for the future, the respondent indicated [no response]

Considering if increased use of the church might benefit the community, or if increased use might benefit the church itself, the respondent indicated [no response]

In relation to identifying conservation priorities for the church, the respondent provided [no response]

Regarding priorities, opportunities or ideas for fundraising the respondent noted **[no response].** In respect of means for initiating fundraising activity, the respondent gave **[no response].** The respondent also indicated that they would **[no response]** be available to participate in fundraising activity.

In seeking respondents' participation in a future group discussion regarding church planning the respondent indicated [no response].

In answering our final, open question about any additional church matters not covered in other areas of the survey, the respondent indicated [no response].

In addition to responses fielded through the questionnaire, a further **[no response]** respondents wrote back to their Local Community Officer, expressing the following perspectives:

Nil

Part C - Community Recommendations

Summary of community consultation meeting 1

A Church Plan meeting was held at Sutton Mallet Church on Friday 14th July 2023. Present were the Local Community Officer (LCO) and 3 members of the community (their input added below as C1-3). Items discussed were:

1. Services and Events

Currently at least 2 or 3 services takes place each year but no other events take place at the church which would help towards the annualised maintenance costs. C1 is a musician and suggested that his band could have a concert to raise money for the CCT. The LCO also brought up the idea of Heritage Open Days (national free festival of heritage, also known as HODs) as a good opportunity to bring new visitors into the church. HODs has to offer something different to the norm so to be listed would need to offer something like tours, activities, tea and cakes or have items on display which are not normally available to view.

2. Maintenance Issues

The issue of cracks in the gallery was discussed. There are multiple cracks at the East and West ends of the church but particularly in the gallery. They have been there for a while but appear to have recently worsened. The Estates Officer has suggested drawing a line (in pencil) with a ruler across the crack and measuring it along the line and making a note of the width and date measured. This will ascertain whether movement is still happening.

C2 pointed out that there is no connection to the earth outside.

The issue of wifi was discussed and C1 will pass on an email address to the LCO re a company installing wifi in the area at the moment.

Part D - Action Plan

Community Actions

Short Term Actions (arising from Meeting 1, July 2023)

- C1 to help organise a fundraising concert
- Possible Heritage Open Days history tours? C1 and LCO to discuss.
- C1 to help with monitoring the cracks.

Actions complete

• None as yet.

Local Community Officer Actions

Short Term Actions (arising from Meeting 1, July 2023)

- To arrange meeting with C1 re concert and possible HODs event in September
- To re send survey within Church plan to people at the meeting
- Ask Estates Officer re connection to the earth outside.
- Contact company installing wifi in the area re helping at Sutton Mallet church.

Actions complete

None as yet.

Local Community Officer & Community Medium/Long term actions (suggested by previous LCO – look at during next Church Plan meeting)

- Investigate options for recruiting additional volunteers and community members,
 particularly for organising events, activities and services, and for general fundraising
- Investigate availability of a local contact interested in completing basic building checks and emptying the wall safe twice a year.
- Investigate potential for scheduled cleaning days
- Review CCT Cleaning Churches standard
- Consider means for increasing additional public interest, footfall and consequent donations
- Investigate possibility of one or two additional church services a year
- Investigate suitability of church for religious use, including use by different denominations
- Review methods for promoting church to historical, archaeological or ecological societies,
 and inclusion in local heritage trails or walking/cycling routes.
- Consider the suitability of the site for Champing
- Identify means and suitability of Christmas card sales and the sponsored Christmas Memory
 Tree initiative

- Consider potential for introduction of venue to prospective new participants for events, hires, group visits etc
- Investigate participation in Ride & Stride scheme
- Investigate musicians, artists, theatre companies or poets who might wish to use the church
- Review methods for promoting church to location agents, wedding companies etc.
- Discuss potential for regular church related features, parish newsletter and inclusion of church updates in parish council meetings

lacktriangle

- Investigate availability of a local contact interested in completing basic building checks and emptying the wall safe twice a year.
- Review church web page to ensure clear directions, access and parking information is available for all visitors
- Consider means for increasing additional public interest, footfall and donations
- Possible video project to promote the site to new visitors
- Consider the suitability of the site for Champing
- Consider potential for introduction of venue to prospective new participants for events, hires, group visits etc
- Investigate whether it is possible to obtain a CCT porch noticeboard and insert

Actions complete

None as yet

CCT Actions Other

Short term actions

None as yet

Medium term actions

None as yet

Long term actions

None as yet

Actions complete

None as yet

Appendix 1: Summer 2020 Questionnaire

- 1. This is the first of fourteen questions in the survey thank you in advance for working through each one. First of all, we need to know if you're completing the survey on behalf of an organisation or writing in a personal capacity (If you're writing on behalf of an organisation, please use the text box to let us know which one. Thank you!)
- 2. Which church are you writing about? (Don't worry, you can complete additional questionnaires for other sites if you like!) Please state the location and dedication, as in 'Sapperton, St. Kenelm's'. Thank you.
- 3. People are involved with our sites in so many different ways. In your own words, please describe your relationship with the church building.
- 4. Some people are actively involved at the churches we look after together. If you're part of this group, tell us about your involvement. Cleaning, attending services and fundraising are just a few of the most frequent activities we share, but we'd appreciate as much detail as you might be happy to provide.
- 5. In your own words, and having reviewed 'Part A' of our church plan (sent to you by email with the invitation to this questionnaire), please describe a perfect outcome for our work together at the church. What would you like to see happen in terms of community involvement and other use of the building?
- 6. Bearing in mind the repair liabilities and running costs described in the report you've read, what challenges do you anticipate for a sustainable future at your church?
- 7. Thinking about local life away from the church, which other community projects or activities are you aware of that could combine with our work to protect the church for the future?
- 8. Here are two questions together... Could increased use of the church benefit the community? How would this increased use benefit the church itself?
- 9. What do you think are the most important conservation priorities at your church? For each or all of these priorities, please also let us know about any ideas you have for addressing them.
- 10. Income and expenditure for the church is detailed in 'Part A' of the report we sent you. Addressing conservation priorities will entail finding new ways to raise funds. Tell us about any ideas or opportunities you have identified for raising additional income at the church.
- 11. What do you think might be the best ways to get started with any fundraising activities you have suggested?
- 12. If you don't already, would you be interested and available to take part in future fundraising activity?
- 13. Almost done! We'd like to invite you to join us in a group discussion about the church later this year, either in person or through 'phone / video conference. Would you be willing to join the discussion?
- 14. Last question! Is there anything else you'd like to share about your interest in the church which we haven't asked you already? Otherwise, thank you again so much for reflecting on the future of the church through your answers.

Appendix 2: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - 25 Years (Not Including Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

Item	Method & Purpose	Cycle/Yrs	Estimated Cost per visit (present day levels)	Cumulative Estimated Total Cost After 25 Years (2020 values)
Drains, rodding	Below-ground drains can be blocked by debris which stops the rain water dispersing properly and potentially leading to water backing up and overflowing. To prevent this they require rodding and cleaning even ten years.	1	£ 39.00	£ 975.00
Soakaways, inspection and clearance of silt build-up	Soakaways consist of a large pit filled with gravel of varying sizes which act as a filter to allow rainwater to slowly seep into the surrounding ground. Over time material carried into the soakaway in the rain water fills in the gaps and slows the rate of dispersal which can lead to water backing up and potentially damaging or even flooding the church	10	£ 600.00	£ 1,500.00
Mansafe hatchway system	Man safe systems are steel cables or anchor points which are fixed to the roofs of churches to allow people to safely access and work on the roof. As these systems are used for safety it is a legal requirement that they are tested every year for loose fittings or damaged cables.	1	£ 360.00	£ 9,000.00

	tning conductors are required			
to be	e checked every three years to			
make	e sure that they are still			
Lightning perfo	orming correctly and will be			
conductor able	to disperse a lightning strike	3	£ 480.00	£ 4,000.00
testing effec	ctively. Metal thefts have			
ofter	n targeted lightning			
cond	luctors and they may need			
repla	acing.			
Orga	ins are complex machines built			
using	g numerous natural materials			
whic	ch can be damaged by			
mois	sture, heat and animal attack.			
Organ It is r	recommended that organs are	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00
maintenance chec	ked every year to carry out	1		
mino	or repairs and to be re-tuned			
as re	equired. Regular servicing can			
also	reduce the likelihood of large			
unex	spected repair bills.			
Fire	extinguishers servicing			
ched	cks that the fire			
extir	nguishers are functional and			
	ntaining adequate pressure			
	use in an emergency. Note	1	£ 166.00	£ 4.150.00
' I	CCT only provides fire	_		,
	nguisher in churches which			
	either stewarded, used for			
	mping™ or have significant			
	er items.			
	trical tests ensure that the			
	trical system of the church is			
	safe and fully functioning.	5	£ 350.00	£ 1,750.00
inspection The	test will check all elements of	-	1 330.00	,
testing the s	system and highlight any			
conc	l			

	As itams are highlighted as fault			
Replacement of	As items are highlighted as faulty through periodic testing and	4-	0.4.500.00	0.2.502.00
electrical fittings	maintenance visits they will need	15	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,500.00
	to be replaced.			
	General wear and tear - Bulbs			
Replacement of	require regular replacement. Note	2	6 350 00	£ 2 12E 00
lamps	LED bulbs will be used where	2	£ 250.00	£ 3,125.00
	possible			
Heating	Annual servicing of the heating			
installation,	system to ensure the efficiency	1	£ 384.00	£ 9,600.00
servicing	and safe working order of the	-	1 304.00	1 3,000.00
Sci vicing	boiler etc.			
	Roof alarms require annual			
Roof alarm,	servicing to check that the system			
servicing	is in good working order and to	1	£ 316.80	£ 7,920.00
Sci Vicing	replace minor parts such as the			
	batteries in sensors.			
	All external rainwater Goods			
	(RWG) require redecoration as			
	they are in exposed locations and			
Rainwater	are exposed to significant amounts			
goods,	of water. The redecoration	7	£ 1,560.00	£ 5,571.43
redecoration	significantly extends the lifespan			
	of the RWGs and ensures that they			
	are working correctly and are			
	securely fixed in position.			
	Redecorating the ironwork			
Internal & external ironwork redecoration	prolongs the life of the item and			
	improves the aesthetic of the			
	church. The redecoration of	7	£ 1,500.00	£ 5,357.14
	ironwork also provides a good			
	opportunity to inspect the item for			
	damage.			

External joinery,	Redecorating external joinery				
	prolongs the life of the item and				
	improves the aesthetic of the	7	£ 1,875.00	£ 6,696.43	
redecoration	church. The redecoration of				
	ironwork also provides a very good				
	opportunity to inspect the item for				
	damage.				
	Minor repairs to the windows such				
	as broken panes of glass,		£ 350.00		
	replacement of glazing bars,			£ 1,750.00	
Window repairs	mortar repairs or lead work repairs	5			
	are important to exclude the				
	weather and birds and other				
	animals.				
Dell	Bells require ad hoc inspection and				
Bell	minor maintenance to fixtures and	5	£ 235.00	£ 1,175.00	
maintenance	fittings				
	We have a 9 yearly architect or				
Condition	surveyors inspection plan. When				
inspection	the survey is undertaken all	0	£ 450.00	£ 1,250.00	
report, all	elements of the church will be	9			
specialists	inspected and a prioritised plan for				
	all required repairs will be created.				
	Roofs require constant minor			£ 8,928.57	
Roof overhaul	maintenance with a major	7	£ 2,500.00		
	overhaul every seven years				
Clash	An annual service of the clock with				
Clock	minor repairs and checks to ensure	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00	
maintenance	good timekeeping				
	A five yearly inspection of all the				
	trees in the churchyards we are				
Tree inspection	responsible for to check for	5	£ 225.00	£ 1,125.00	
	defects and enable us to plan for				
	any required works.				
Churchyard	Grass cutting and minor trimming	0	0.000.00	0.40.000.00	
maintenance	of plants and bushes etc.	0.5	£ 200.00	£ 10,000.00	

Overheads	Office costs to support maintenance planning etc.	1	£ 20.00	£ 500.00
Staff Costs	Staff costs incurred in preparing the required inspections and reports	1	£ 97.00	£ 2,425.00
TOTAL (Excluding VAT)				£107,598.57
TOTAL (Excluding VAT) / 25 years				£4,303.94

Appendix 3: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - (Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

Item	Method & Purpose					
Gutters, downpipes and gully clearance	Gutters, hoppers and downpipes are easily blocked by leaves and debris both windborne and dropped by birds which can lead to overflowing and water damage to the building.					
Roof, inspection & replacing slipped/missing slates/tiles	Over time some slates/tiles or the pegs/nails which hold them will reach the end of their useful lifespan. When this happens it will allow slates to move from their correct position which can let rain in to the building and potentially poses a risk to visitors as the slate/tiles can fall.					
Vegetation, control of growth	Overgrown vegetation against walls and buildings can hold moisture against the building potentially causing damage and some plant species are invasive. Vegetation can also obscure the building hiding potential damage and can provide shelter for vermin such as mice.					
Tower stairs & boiler room steps, sweeping	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. Regular sweeping reduces the risk for potential accidents.					
Principal steps and paths, clearance	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. This is especially the case for churches with trees in the area. Regular sweeping of the steps reduces the risk for potential accidents.					
Wall Safe, servicing	Servicing of the wall safe helps to ensure that the donations can be easily collected and also checks to ensure that there hasn't been an attempt to steal from the safe.					

Appendix 4: Typical Champing™ Arrangements and Related Income

Champing[™] is the exclusive overnight hire of a church to visitors. Camp beds and chairs are set up inside the church, along with tea making provisions, battery lighting, and cushions and blankets to give guests a cosy stay.

Guests book online through the Champing[™] website www.champing.co.uk and these bookings are related to local contacts so everyone knows when visitors are staying. A local member of staff sets out equipment for the night and removes all gear each morning. Guests have exclusive access to the church between 6.00 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. so visitors can enjoy the church during the day.

Champers don't expect much in the way of facilities and understand that these are ancient buildings. For most churches we've installed eco-loos either inside or outside in wooden cabins. We don't allow candles but provide battery lanterns and fairy lights. As most of our churches don't have heating we only operate Champing™ between the end of Marchand the end of October, and we recommend Champers bring warm sleeping bags and extra blankets. We also supply bedding and breakfasts but this option isn't available at all churches. Most Champers will eat out locally or may bring their own picnic.

For those churches without electricity we provide a gas camping stove and we also provide amply bottled water for Champers and all visitors to use.

Typically Champers are couples and families. Some of our churches are large enough to welcome groups of up to 16 people. We are dog-friendly, and child-friendly. Many Champers appreciate the history, architecture, and unique features of their surroundings, and come to learn about the building and its locale through this unique accommodation. We offer those staying for the first time a free CCT membership so they can learn more about our work and consider support for The Trust after their visit.

You can evaluate typical income which derives from Champing[™] in the table below.

Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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Langport, Somerset	£10,47	£2,766	£3,810	£3,128	£7,748	£4,938
Emborough, Somerset	/	£2,024	£1,378	£2,625	£5,270	/
Chiselhampton,						
Oxfordshire	£10,156	£2,696	£5,864	£1,705	/	/
Wolfhamcote,						
Warwickshire	/	£3,001	£2,214	£1,624	£4,763	£5,924
Holme Lacy,						
Herefordshire	/	£4,369	£4,759	£1,004	£7,501	£4,144
TOTAL	£20,628	£14,856	£18,025	£10,086	£25,282	£15,006