



Trustee Appointment Brief



THE CHURCHES
CONSERVATION TRUST

We need a specialist Conservation Trustee

We want to appoint a new Trustee with a distinguished background in historic buildings, conservation and /or heritage. We require a person with broad experience of large and complex conservation and new use projects, in both senior executive and non-executive roles, who can contribute their expertise to work with The Churches Conservation Trust to achieve our ambitious plans. We would particularly welcome candidates located in the north of England.



The appointment will be made by Her Majesty The Queen, on the advice of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

The CCT recently appointed Peter Aiers as Chief Executive who will be setting the future course for this energetic organisation. Working alongside our Chair, Peter Ainsworth, Trustees play a vital role in the success of The CCT. The Board of Trustees is ultimately accountable for the organisation and for ensuring that our charitable aims are met. The Board delegates authority, within agreed limits, to the Chief Executive and Senior Management Team and provides oversight, monitoring, support and advocacy.

The current 10-strong Board has a broad spectrum of skills and experience drawn from a diverse range of backgrounds. In addition to ensuring overall good governance, Trustees also contribute their expertise to the long-term vision and overall strategic direction of the organisation, as well as to major projects and specialist strategies. Trustees are also encouraged to attend special events across all the Trust's churches and to participate actively in the life of the organisation.

Additional Information

Time commitment and location of meetings

The time commitment is typically the equivalent of about one full day per month, although more might be required from time to time. This includes four half-day board meetings, an annual strategic review session, an annual two to three day tour, other sub-committee meetings as necessary, plus time to study papers and to attend events. Board meetings are held principally in London and occasionally in other parts of the country.

Remuneration

Trustees give their services on an honorary basis and receive no remuneration, except for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of such services.

Term of Appointment

The term of appointment is three years. Trustees may be reappointed for a second term.

The Churches Conservation Trust is the national charity protecting historic churches at risk.

We have saved over 350 buildings which attract almost two million visitors a year. Our unique collection of English parish churches includes irreplaceable examples of architecture, archaeology and art from 1,000 years of history.

Our vision is for historic churches to be enjoyed by everyone as places of heritage, culture, spirituality and beauty and for the significant contribution they make to communities, society and the economy.

We are a registered charity and a sponsored body of the Church Commissioners and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. We were established in 1969 by the Church of England's Pastoral Measure, Ecclesiastical law, which was also approved by Parliament. Our statutory objective, as defined principally in section 44(4) of the Pastoral Measure is:

"the preservation in the interests of the nation and the Church of England, of the churches and parts of historic and archaeological interest of architectural quality vested in the Trust by this part, together with their contents so vested."

Every year the Trust runs over 50 specialist conservation repair projects and many more minor repairs as well as a wide range of projects and events to promote tourism, volunteering, educational, arts and community use. The key is recognising what these buildings can contribute to modern life; whether as a hidden gem to discover during a walk on the moors, a centre for people to meet, or even, in one case, the home for one of Europe's most prestigious circus schools. Importantly our churches remain, at heart, complete. They are never deconsecrated, their spirit remains and a few may even return to parish use if that is the best solution for them.



Every year we make a significant positive economic and social impact:

- ⇒ Our team and our churches generate over £12 million of business in local communities, using core funding of just £4.2 million
- ⇒ This includes a direct boost of £10m to the local economy
- ⇒ Our repair programme supports over 70 local full-time craft and related skilled jobs
- ⇒ 1,914 volunteers contribute their time and skills to our churches, with a value equivalent to £1 million
- ⇒ 1.95 million visitors to our churches enjoy a heritage experience valued at more than £4 million
- ⇒ 4,000 community, arts and educational events take place in our churches

In the last financial year, 92% of the CCT's expenditure went on frontline repair and community projects; £6 million, 65% of total expenditure, was committed to 'church repairs and maintenance', which continues to be the main focus of our funding priorities.

Our conservation and regeneration work has been recognised by national and international bodies and has won awards such as the RICS Building Conservation Award, the Hudson's Heritage Awards and the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage.







For an informal discussion, contact

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