Identifying, Conserving and Securing Moveable Heritage in English Churches

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CCT – an overview

Set up 1969 as Redundant Churches Fund – partnership between church and state

National coverage managed as 3 regions

Care of 343 of the finest historic churches across England no longer used for worship
St George, Goltho

St Mary, Lead

St Mary, Badley

Old Chancel, Ireby
Holy Trinity Goodramgate, York
St Nicholas, Kings Lynn
All Saints, Cambridge
St Laurence, Norwich
St Cyriac & St Julitta, Swaffham Prior

St James, Cooling (Great Expectations)

St Michael & All Angels, Princetown

Old St Stephens, Fylingdales, Robin Hood’s Bay
Total income 2012/13
£5.87m
March 28th 1694

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Protecting England’s hidden treasures

history for the future

www.visitchurches.org.uk
What the endowment will fund:

• Recruit and train a minimum of six volunteers within 5-6 churches each year housing significant historical artifacts
• Train volunteers on basic conservation techniques.
• Provide volunteers with skills to support fundraising
• Improve the visitor experience by providing interpretation.
• Inventory of our historic artifacts
Outcomes:

• Historic features and artifacts within churches will be better managed, cared for and conserved

• Volunteers better trained
  • Conservation management, cleaning and protection
  • Fundraising skills

• Visitors and learners will have a better understanding of the artifacts through interpretation and informed volunteers

• Artifacts will be better understood, promoted and recorded

• Artifacts will stay in their original location.