

**How to get funding for your church building or community project**  
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### **Church Building Repairs**

Below is a list of possible grant funders relevant to Worcester diocese in addition to English Heritage (links provided where possible).

The key funders have been identified as:

- Heritage Lottery Fund – various categories
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Esmee Fairburn Fund
- The Manifold Charitable Trust
- The Joseph Rank Trust

In addition the Funds for Historic Buildings (<http://www.ffhb.org.uk/>) identifies the following grant making bodies:

- Lord Barnaby's Foundation
- William Adlington Cadbury Charitable Trust
- The Francis Coales Charitable Foundation
- The Alan Evans Memorial Trust
- Idlewild Trust
- Landfill Communities Fund – Object E
- Leche Trust
- The Helen Isabella McMorran Charitable Foundation
- Mercers Company Charitable Foundation
- Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts
- The Veneziana Fund
- Wixamee Trust
- The Wolfson Foundation
- World Monuments Fund in Britain – The Robert Wilson Challenge for Conserving our Heritage

Local to the diocese the following trusts should also be approached:

- The Everson Trust
- The Elmley Foundation
- The Dudley and Worcestershire Historic Churches Trust Funding for Community Projects

These can open up sources of funding from a much wider range of trusts and grant making bodies. It is essential to be seen to be working in partnership with other organisation.

The Crossing the Threshold resources has lots of advice on funding for community projects. You can get to them by following to Crossing the Threshold HBCDO Funding and Fundraising (revised 1st February 2012) via the links on the Diocese of Hereford website.

You need to go to the 'churchgoers' tab on the home page and then go to community partnerships. This part of the Diocese of Hereford website has a huge amount of advice that is relevant to our Diocese – though possibly the more rural areas when it comes to specific funds.

They have a dedicated team supporting community project and funding.

Also it is well worth having a look at the following:

- Charity Financials
- Directory of Social Change
- Entrust
- Funding Central

## **Fundraising and Fundraisers**

Raising money is a necessary part of our Church life. A number of Churches have asked me if I do fundraising for church buildings. I do not, but I do try and point you in the right direction.

Fundraising is not for the faint hearted nor is it for those with a defeatist attitude. It takes a lot of hard work and determination to convince other people to give their money to your cause. So if you need to raise funds for your church building you need to be passionate about the project.

Sometimes you will need the help and guidance of an objective fundraising consultant. Sometimes you will wish you had someone else to do the fundraising for you. There are no short cuts to fundraising. So if you are going to pay someone to help your Church raise the money, you need to do your homework and get the right person for the job.

The first two places to look for advice are the websites for the Institute of Fundraising and the Association of Fundraising Consultants.

Both are semi-commercial sites i.e. funded by the individual fundraisers but they have a wealth of advice and information, in addition to the various fundraiser member's contact details.

## **Engaging professional fundraisers**

The Charity Commission have particular requirements if PCCs (or any other charity) engage professional fundraisers, see Charity Commission Guidance "Charities and fundraising (CC20)" and particularly section G with regard to commercial partners including professional fundraisers. Indeed the whole of CC20 is important.

Please get to me if I can be of any more assistance.

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