

Become a Friend of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches



and help to support the work of the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust.

What is the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust?

Since 1957, when the Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and the Bishop of Buckingham founded the Trust, over 600 grants totalling around £900,000 have been made for the preservation, repair, maintenance and upkeep of the fabric of churches in the county.

During the last 2 years the amount of grant aid available to Buckinghamshire's churches has been increased by £0.25M as a result of

extra funding made available via WREN. A couple of recent examples of how the Trust has been able to help Buckinghamshire's churches are shown below.

St. Nicholas, Cuddington has been helped with a major interior refurbishment which has included complete replacement of the nave flooring, improvements to the heating, plasterwork and general redecoration of the church.



St. Peter and St. Paul, Olney has been supported with a grant to restore their bell

frames, add a couple more bells and carry out general work on their spire. The new bells will be used to teach young people how to ring.



The objectives of the Friends are:

- to raise awareness of the Trust.
- to involve more people in its activities.

As a Friend –

- you will help to support the work of the Trust in the repair, maintenance and upkeep of Buckinghamshire's many historic churches of all denominations and make a real contribution to raising awareness of the Trust's work;
- you will receive a priority booking application form for the annual reception, usually held in an historic house in Buckinghamshire. This event is generally well oversubscribed and so as a Friend you will improve your chances of getting a ticket;

- you will be invited to visit a number of churches with a specialist guide or to attend lectures about some of the many wonderful churches we have in Buckinghamshire;
- you will receive a regular Newsletter about the work of the Trust and the benefits of being a Friend;
- you will receive an Annual Report on the work of the Trust.

The suggested **minimum** annual cost of becoming a Friend of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches is only £20.00 for one person or £30.00 for two people at the same address.

If you are able to give more than the minimum this would be greatly appreciated.

Please complete your contact details on the attached form. To reduce administration costs please complete the standing order instruction; otherwise send a cheque payable to: Friends of Buckinghamshire Churches.

More information on the work of the Trust is shown overleaf and at www.bucks-historic-churches.org (website under development). The Trust is a local charity wholly run by honorary officers and supported by the Friends with very little spent on administrative costs.

Friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches - Application Form Registered charity number 206471	
Title(s) Name(s) AddressPostcode..... Email address	
<i>I am content to receive communications by email Yes / No</i>	
Gift Aid Declaration. <i>I am a UK taxpayer (To qualify for Gift Aid you must pay income and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year) and I wish the charity to reclaim tax, at no extra cost to myself, on all donations I have made in the past 6 years and hereafter. If I want to cancel this declaration or my status as a taxpayer or my name/address changes I will inform the charity.</i> Date Signature Initials Surname <i>The charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 you gave up to 5 April 2008 and 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 2008. The Government will pay to the charity an additional 3p on every £1 you give between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011. This transitional relief for the charity does not affect your personal tax position.</i>	

Standing Order Instruction (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) Name and address of your bank Postcode Account number Sort code Please pay annually the sum of £..... on/...../..... (dd/mm/yyyy) until further notice to the account of Friends of Buckinghamshire Churches, Account number 00016355 Sort code 40 52 40 at:- CAF Cash Ltd., Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ Date Signature.....
Data Protection Act. Information you provide on this form will be held on an electronic recording system. It will be used for the necessary purposes of Friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches and will not in any circumstances be passed to a third party. If you do not wish for your data to be held in this way, please inform the Honorary Treasurer.
Please send your completed form to:- David J Peck, Honorary Treasurer, Friends of Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches, 20 Wykeham Gate, Haddenham, Aylesbury, Bucks HP17 8DF Tel/Fax 01844 292110 or email: davepeck@iee.org