



DAC application process goes online

The DAC application process is undergoing review by the Central Church to look at simplifying the process. Some changes came into affect from January 2014 and the next stage for us will take place in January 2016. From 2016 the DAC application process will go online. This means that instead of filling in a paper application and sending document to the DAC secretary the whole process can be done online. Parish PCC's will need to set up an account on the new system, this will store general information about the church so that this does not need to be input each time you apply. These accounts will be set up in the new year and so any applications in early 2016 will still need to be done on our paper form. A training session will be arranged for parishes to come and try out the new system around February/March next year. For those who don't have computer access, the DAC secretary will be able to download the paperwork and send to the parish, on returning this the details will then be entered into the online system. As part of the process national A & B list will be put together and level of permission shown on the online system, to enable parishes to assess permission required.



Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund

In 2014 the Chancellor announced that a £15 million fund would offer grants to places of worship to meet the cost of roof repairs. The demand for this fund was high with over 1900 applications and all parishes in our Diocese were unsuccessful. In response to the demand another £25m has been made available for another round of funding. Under the new round parishes can apply for grants from £10,000 to £100,000 to help cost of urgent roof repairs. The priority for the fund is to support urgent roof repairs and rainwater disposal systems that are due in the next two years. These repairs need to have been identified in the QI report. If the QI report is several years old a more up to date report will need to be provided.

Points to consider when applying:

- The works need to be urgent (within two years)
- Raising your own match funding will aid the application.
- VAT must be claimed back from LPWGS
- Competitive tendering process needs to be undertaken
- Professional plans and specifications need to included.
- A letter of support from the Archdeacon is required.
- Consider if work is individual or part of larger scheme.

The applications process will open in November this year with a deadline of February 2016. If you applied previously and were unsuccessful please do contact the scheme for feedback. See <http://www.lpowroof.org.uk/>
Please contact your Archdeacon or the DAC Secretary for any further advice on this fund.

Diocesan Website Update for DAC

To make the application process simpler we have introduced a how to apply section.

This now includes a document put together by the DAC detailing all the supporting paperwork needed for an application.

We have also added a flow chart on the DAC process —any comments on making the website clearer please let us know.





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English Heritage Update

In October 2014 the Government approved plans for a new model for English Heritage. In April 2015 English Heritage became two new organisations:

Historic England, a public body to champion and protect England's historic environment, from prehistoric remains to post-war office buildings, and

The English Heritage Trust, a new independent charity retaining the name English Heritage, to look after the National Heritage Collection of more than 400 historic sites across England.

Historic England aims champion the historic environment providing advice, promoting constructive conservation, producing research and giving guidance and grants to everyone from local communities to national policymakers.

Historic England will licence the new English Heritage charity to look after the sites in the National Heritage Collection.

There are now two websites english-heritage.org.uk and historicengland.org.uk

Update from EIG

Metal Theft unlimited cover*

For churches who have installed an Ecclesiastical approved roof alarm EIG have confirmed that from 1 August 2015 there will be **no limits** applicable to the policy for theft or attempted theft of external metal and the subsequent damage as a result of the theft or attempted theft. In the event of a loss claims will be paid in full up to the buildings and/or contents sums insured. There is also no additional premium for this unlimited cover. For metal theft cover to apply, churches must have applied SmartWater (or an alternative forensic marker), put up the warning signs in a prominent place and registered the product. For more info visit www.ecclesiastical.com/theftofmetal. EIG also increased the cover for metal theft where there is scaffolding provided a forensic marker has been applied, an Ecclesiastical approved roof alarm fitted and certain security requirements met.

*It is important to note that the improved cover only applies if churches meet the Roof Alarm Condition and the Theft of External Metal Condition detailed in the policy schedule.

QI Inspections on Isle of Wight

QI inspections on the Island have been problematic where roof access is difficult. A company on the Island is now using a drone to provide detailed photographs of inaccessible areas. An Island member of the DAC has offered to work with architects to provide a series of photos. These can be done at any time. The cost will hopefully be offset against the need for scaffolding and provide a better survey of the roof. Contact the DAC Secretary for more information.

Dates of meetings 2015

8th October 2015
(28th Sept)
12th November 2015
(2nd Nov)
17th December 2015
(7th December)
(Submission deadlines)

USEFUL WEBSITES

The Churchcare website has info for repairs and conservation, also give guidelines on procedures - www.churchcare.co.uk

EIG advise on church health & safety matters - www.ecclesiastical.com

The SPAB website has training days/advice on looking after your church - www.spabfim.org.uk

http://portsmouth.anglican.org/what_we_do/property_dac_finance/dac/

East Hants District Council Grants

EHDC has a modest historic grant budget towards the repair (not general maintenance) of listed buildings and other buildings or features of strong architectural/historic interest. The fund is applicable to listed buildings or those considered at risk and features of no economic value e.g. the repair of historic boundary walls or monuments. For more information see below:

<http://www.easthants.gov.uk/heritage-and-conservation/historic-building-grants>