



DAC NEWSLETTER 2010

DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF CHURCHES

FAQ:

How can I have emergency work done quickly at my church?

Please read the article below: it has been taken from a Landscaping publication. Please remember this when carrying out tree work in your churchyard!!

If you are unfortunate and emergency work needs to be carried out at your church, for example, a window has been smashed, a door broken down or a hole has appeared in the roof and water is pouring in etc.. Then the first thing you need to do is contact your Archdeacon. They can give you immediate permission to have the problem fixed or, in the case of windows, made good until a contractor can come and give you a quote. The DAC rules still apply! You still need to fill in an application form but request "retrospective permission" because we still need to know the details of the work being carried out and if a faculty is need, the Registrar will need to know too!

Two housing developers were fined at Woking Magistrates' Court in October 09 for breaching tree preservation orders (TPOs). One developer pleaded guilty to causing or permitting the wilful damage of two trees at their site. The firm was fined and ordered to pay court costs totalling £1,887. The other developer pleaded guilty to causing or permitting the unauthorised cutting down of five trees and the wilful damage of nine trees protected by TPOs, at the site. They were fined and ordered to pay court costs of £10,077.

A Woking Cllr said: "Both Developers were in flagrant breach of the TPO's that were in place. These two cases should send out a clear warning to others that damaging, pruning or felling protected trees has serious consequences, and that the council will not hesitate to take action against them."

When applying for any type of tree work, you need to complete a 'Form 16'. This can be found on the Diocesan website under the DAC section called 'applying for a faculty'. It is very similar to the standard DAC application but allows for more details about the trees themselves, for example, if the trees have a TPO or are protected in any way.

ENGLISH HERITAGE



English Heritage, as part of its *Heritage at Risk* programme, is carrying out the first national survey of *Places of Worship at Risk*. On June 30th it will announce the results of a sample survey which will hopefully offer an insight into the condition of England's listed religious heritage.

If you have an interest in your local historic church or other place of worship, English Heritage invites you to tell them of your challenges and successes via their website

www.english-heritage.org.uk/power

If you visit this website you can register to receive a practical guide to looking after a listed place or worship.

USEFUL WEBSITES



The Churchcare website is very useful for finding out the best way to repair and conserve your church and gives clear guidelines on procedures that must be followed - www.churchcare.co.uk

EIG can advise on church health & safety matters and also how reduce the risk of fires - www.ecclesiastical.com

The SPAB website has a diary of training days and advice on looking after your church - www.spabfim.org.uk

	Agenda Close	Meeting	IOW VISITS	MAINLAND VISITS
APR	29/03/2010	08/04/2010	16-Mar	19-Mar
MAY	03/05/2010	13/05/2010	20-Apr	22-Apr
JUN	31/05/2010	10/06/2010	18-May	20-May
JUL	28/06/2010	08/07/2010	22-Jun	24-Jun
SEP	30/08/2010	09/09/2010	20-Jul	22-Jul
OCT	04/10/2010	14/10/2010	21-Sep	23-Sep
NOV	01/11/2010	11/11/2010	19-Oct	21-Oct
DEC	29/11/2010	09/12/2010	16-Nov	18-Nov

Please email Sue Akers, the DAC Secretary, if you feel there is a subject or issue that may benefit from being discussed or explained in the next newsletter — sue.akers@portsmouth.anglican.org or 02392 899660

HEATING ADVICE

Heat pumps in Churches - Graham Johnson, the churchwarden of Priors Dean and St Peter and St Paul, Hawkley, is involved with Renewable energy. He has put together a paper with points to bear in mind when considering a new heating system.

This can be found on the diocesan website http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/what_we_do/property_dac_finance/dac/guidance_notes/ where guidance notes about many other topics can also be found.

Asbestos Guidance from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG)

The regulations require all managers of property to identify if they have any Asbestos in the building.

In layman's terms, that means that every church (and hall) has to carry out a Type 1 Survey, which almost any DIY person is capable of carrying out – an outside agency does not need to be employed to do it. The result of the survey should take the form of a Log, and for many churches the Log will be a blank page saying 'survey carried out by Fred Bloggs on 26/02/2010, with no asbestos identified in the church buildings'.

In most (ancient) churches, it will be the organ blower and any central heating pipe work (lagging) where any asbestos will be found. If a survey was being carried out on a church today, it would be presumed that both will have asbestos in them, and this would need to be noted in the Log. It would then be prudent to ask the organ tuner/builder etc if they know if there is/isn't any, but leave it on the Log unless evidence says otherwise.

If any work is to be done on the organ, THEN a type 2 survey on it would be needed before any work is carried out.

There could be asbestos/cement rainwater goods, which need to be logged, or the odd suspended ceiling (it has been seen in some ancient church vestries!) or even the heat reflector plate behind a wall heater.... Of course a modern church/hall might have other materials used in its construction, and the architect's plans may identify any asbestos, but it could appear as thermoplastic floor tiles, 'Artex' ceilings and fibre/cement partition walls which all quite safe until they are broken up or drilled, when the asbestos could be released into the air in the dust. If any loose asbestos is found, then it needs to be treated and made safe, by being encapsulated or removed, by a certified contractor.

ASBESTOS REGSITER

For further information go to: http://www.ecclesiastical.com/uploads/church%20guidance%20notes%20-%20health%20&%20safety_tcm9-2397.pdf?referrer=%2fsearchresults%2fsearch.aspx

FAITH IN MAINTENANCE TRAINING DAY



Do you worry about damp in your church building? Faith in Maintenance aims to help volunteers who look after historic places of worship. We provide training to help you understand how your building works and how to solve problems caused by leaky gutters and blocked drains.

A Faith in Maintenance free one-day course will help you:

- Recognise potential problems
- Tackle common maintenance tasks
- Understand inspections and reports
- Know when to call in expert help



A course will be held at St Jude Church Hall on:

Tuesday 29th June 2010 between 10-4pm

(lunch is NOT provided)

See attached flyer for more information and booking Instructions!!

