



**Churches
Conservation
Trust**

FREEFOLK ST. NICHOLAS'S

MARCH 2021 CHURCH PLAN



Part A - Current Report

Part B - Survey

Results of our open survey conducted in Summer and Autumn 2020, canvassing all community contacts for their reaction to Part A. The survey remains [open and available at this](#)

[location](#). Please feel free to repeat your survey response or complete the survey for the first time.

Part C - Community Recommendations

Minutes of any community meetings held to discuss the information available in other parts of the Church Plan.

Part D - Action Plan

Details of any actions agreed through Community Recommendations, assigned to community participants, Churches Conservation Trust staff, or to the Churches Conservation Trust Local Community Officer specifically.

Part A - Current Report

Church Introduction & Statement of Significance

St Nicholas Church is a redundant Anglican church in the village of Freefolk, Hampshire, England. It is recorded in the National Heritage List for England as a designated Grade I listed building, and is under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. The church stands to the south of the B3400 road and the River Test, some 2 miles (3.2 km) east of Whitchurch.

The presence of a church on the site was recorded in the Domesday Book, but the present church dates from the 13th century. The windows and chancel screen were added in the 15th century. In 1703 the interior of the church was remodelled. During the 19th century the parish of Freefolk was united with that of Laverstoke. In 1896 a new, larger church was built to the north, on the other side of the road, and the functions of St Nicholas were transferred to this church, St Mary's, Laverstoke. St Nicholas was declared redundant on 11 December 1974 and was vested in the Churches Conservation Trust on 27 October 1976.

The church consists of a single rectangular cell measuring 36 feet (11.0 m) by 15 feet 3 inches (4.6 m). It is constructed in stone rubble with stone dressings. Its walls are partly rendered, and are supported by brick buttresses. The roof is tiled. At the west end of the roof is a weatherboarded bellcote with a lead-covered pyramidal roof. The windows are Perpendicular in style, those on the sides (two on the north, three on the south) having a single light, the west window has two lights and the east window three lights. On the south side is a doorway, above which is a plaque bearing the date 1703.

Around the interior of the church is a moulded cornice dating from 1703. On the east wall of the church, on each side of the altar, are painted boards containing the Lord's prayer and the Creed, and on the south wall is a large board inscribed with the Ten Commandments. On the north wall, opposite the south door, are three layers of wall paintings. To the east of this is the large Jacobean monument to Sir Richard Powlett who died in 1614. This consists of a recumbent effigy on a tomb chest. Two figures kneeling at the front represent his two daughters. The monument is housed in an elaborate surround and enclosed in wrought iron railings. At the west end of the church is a 15th-century screen. Also in the church are two hatchments, a Royal arms dated 1701, and a Victorian font.

Current use (bookings) & voluntary activity

St. Nicholas' currently enjoys permission from The Church of England for six Sunday services each year and four additional services on an occasional basis. Six services were held during the summer months of 2019 and there have been additional Wedding and Christening Services in recent years. During the past three years the church has also hosted fundraising tea parties and flower festivals and formed part of the CTT Historic Church Tour in 2018.

Voluntary activity undertaken by local residents includes

- Keyholding
- Cleaning as required
- Remittance of wall safe and service funds
- Planning and delivery of all bookings including services
- Ad hoc reporting of building change

Collection Review

Open Churches Policy status:	Open
Local Community Officer:	Tina Osgood
Current project:	None
Cleaning schedule:	As required, led by volunteers in accordance with CCT guidelines
Welcome table:	Walkaround guide has been drafted but funding required for reproduction; maintains stock of current leaflets (note unavailability of future leaflets for re-stock)
Keyholder role:	Fulfilled
Key representative role:	Fulfilled (remittances, CCT liaison, volunteer management, maintenance reporting)
Area volunteer role:	Surplus to requirements
Fundraising roles:	Vacant
Stewardship roles:	Surplus to requirements

Research, interp & talks role:	Fulfilled by volunteers
Accessibility details:	Provided via website
CCT silver plaque:	Installed
CCT information board:	Not installed
Oak post:	Not installed
CCT freestanding board:	Installed
Wall safe poster:	Installed
CCT A board:	Not installed
Gift Aid envelopes:	Provided
Visitor book:	Installed
Building services:	Electric lighting
Parking:	Limited to grass verge and hardstanding adjacent to church yard
Organ:	Harmonium
Churchyard:	Not owned by CCT
Ringable bells:	Yes
Pews:	Sound, no defects
Fire rated capacity:	60
Seating capacity:	60
Site plan:	Unavailable
Roof alarm:	Uninstalled
CCTV:	Uninstalled
Individual item security measures:	Uninstalled
Nearby attractions:	Oakley Hall Hotel, Bombay Sapphire Distillery, Norton Park Spa, Highclere Castle, The Watership Down Inn
Public transport:	Whitchurch train station (3 miles) and Overton train station (2.9 miles)
Social media presence:	Nil
Images on CCT website:	One of four
Regular feature parish news:	No
Services per year:	6+
CofE support for services:	Yes
Christmas memory tree:	Yes, sponsored in 2019
Tea Party:	Yes
Historic Church Tour:	2018
Heritage Open Days:	Yes, featured in Virtual Gin Trail 2020

Ride & Stride:	Yes
Champing:	No. For further information, please see Champing introduction and typical church income at appendix 4.
Retail:	No, possible
Risk assessment general:	Current
Risk assessment fire:	Current
COSHH listing:	Current
Portable appliance listing:	Current
Security Audit:	Current
Children's explorer cart:	No, surplus to requirements
Children's trail:	No

Conservation reports

<p>Annualised maintenance costs (Exclusive of VAT):</p> <p>Annualised maintenance costs express the total costs of church maintenance divided by 25 years. Every cost which relates to maintenance is included except the twice-yearly maintenance visit. Any anticipated repairs are also excluded. A list of typical maintenance tasks for any historic church, forecast over the period, is available to view at appendix 2.</p>	£2,674.44
<p>Routine maintenance costs (Per annum and exclusive of VAT):</p> <p>Total cost of two maintenance visits per year exclusive of any additional maintenance items included above. A list of the maintenance tasks included in the twice-annual maintenance visits is available to view at appendix 3.</p>	£1,344
<p>Other maintenance costs total (Exclusive of VAT):</p> <p>Additional maintenance needs discovered during twice-yearly maintenance visits, costed and listed individually below.</p>	£300.00
<p>Maintenance Liability (Exclusive of VAT):</p>	£185

- Blistering in limewash under windows	£100.00
- Broken monument in churchyard allow to repair	£85.00
Total short term repairs: Small scale items of limited cost which could be fulfilled with minimal fundraising.	£5,000.00
- Repairs to bellcote	£5,000.00
Total medium term repairs: More expensive needs such as roof repairs and tower repairs which may require more involved fundraising and grant applications.	£4,450.00
- Upgrade electrics and lighting	£4,450.00
Total long term repairs: Items which are known to require works in the longer term but which are not essential in the near future.	£3,500.00
- Wall painting cleaning	£3,500.00
Total desirable repairs: Repairs which are not essential to the conservation health of the church but which might improve aesthetics or usability of the building.	£0.00
<p>All cost figures are estimates, exclusive of VAT and professional fees.</p> <p>VAT is charged at 20% of the total costs and can sometimes be recovered. Professional fees vary, but are either charged at an hourly rate or as a percentage of the total project cost. These are usually charged only on larger or more complex projects.</p>	

Income, Expenditure & Balances

Income

	Wall Safe	Total Income
2019/20	£1,064	£2,564
2018/19	£352	£3,924
2017/18	£928	£6,789
2016/17	£857	£1,039
2015/16	£438	£1,391

Visitors

		Wall safe income per visitor
2019-20	7,013	£0.15
2018-19	8,200	£0.04
2017-18	8,381	£0.11
2016-17	9,438	£0.09
2015-16	8,182	£0.05

Expenditure

Total spend since vesting 20th October 1976 (non maintenance): £79,613

	Conservation (repair) expenditure	Maintenance expenditure
2019-20	£0	£2,016
2018-19	£0	£3,012
2017-18	£3,296	£1,531

2016-17	£0	£999
2015-16	£1,140	£1,140

	Electricity cost
2019-20	£131
2018-19	£94
2017-18	£83
2016-17	£87
2015-16	£92

Balances

The restricted balance is the amount of money which has been covenanted or restricted for expenditure at the church. Any expenditure needs to match the terms of the covenant under which the money was donated, for example, a term expressing that a donation is intended for roof repairs only.

Restricted Balance Report Jul 2019	£4,598.31
Income less expenditure 2019/20	£417
Income less annualised maintenance 2019/20	-£110.44

Local Community Officer's Summary

This pretty rural church benefits from loyal support of a small number of regularly active volunteers as well as the very generous financial support of the local community. Additional members of the community support the church well but less regularly through events and attendance services.

The regularity of church services presents an opportunity to review the level of contribution from congregants' collections, given they may be currently unaware of our annualised maintenance liability. This message could be amplified through regular updates to the parish

newsletter and inclusion of church reports at parish council meetings. Interest and use by local schools may also enable the community to communicate church needs to pupils' parents and extend offers of booked use to this prospective audience for alternative uses.

Marketing the venue through location agents for filming, photography, concerts, weddings and audio recordings may prove fruitful. Additional marketing could focus on historical societies with an interest in wall painting, (as well as to the Ride & Stride scheme), seeking bookings to tour the church alongside other popular Hampshire venues with a related connection.

Volunteers have already worked to produce a walk around guide, this along with further interpretation products could facilitate encouragement of these bookings at the same time as enriching the visitor experience further.

The site has limited open floor space for alternative use but could be considered as a venue for Champing. Additional revenue could derive from promotion of local, sympathetic businesses seeking to promote services and products through signage at the church.

The voluntary team deserves considerable recognition for their support of St Nicholas', and a fundraising tea party or barbecue, sponsored by a local business, could provide good means for such acknowledgement. The community are already considering a fundraising theatre performance, but could also consider a concerts or Christmas tree festival.

The Community may need to review some of the options detailed in this summary towards repair liability costs and addressing the risk of necessary repairs wanting for funds in future seasons.

A supply of Christmas cards could work well with the Christmas Memory Tree to develop useful income against maintenance liability.

Part B - September 2020 Survey

Summary of consultation responses received by end August 2020

*Following distribution of fifteen questions through our standard church plan questionnaire in summer 2020 to existing Churches Conservation Trust correspondents, (together with an invitation for correspondents to share the survey and associated Church Plan Part A), **no response** was received for **Freefolk St Nicholas** by the deadline of **August 30th**.*

The response received was from a respondent writing in a **[no response]** capacity, who confirmed that their responses related to **St. Nicholas's Freefolk**.

In addressing the question of *a perfect outcome for our work together at the church* the respondent indicated **[no response]**

In writing about challenges anticipated in respect of repair liabilities and running costs, the respondent indicates **[no response]**

Thinking about local life away from the church, in relation to other community projects or activities which might combine with our work to protect the church for the future, the respondent indicated **[no response]**

Considering if increased use of the church might benefit the community, or if increased use might benefit the church itself, the respondent indicated **[no response]**

In relation to identifying conservation priorities for the church, the respondent provided **[no response]**

Regarding priorities, opportunities or ideas for fundraising the respondent noted **[no response]**. In respect of means for initiating fundraising activity, the respondent gave **[no response]**. The respondent also indicated that they would **[no response]** be available to participate in fundraising activity.

In seeking respondents' participation in a future group discussion regarding church planning the respondent indicated **[no response]**.

In answering our final, open question about any additional church matters not covered in other areas of the survey, the respondent indicated **[no response]**.

In addition to responses fielded through the questionnaire, a further **[no response]** respondents wrote back to their Local Community Officer, expressing the following perspectives:

Nil

Part C - Community Recommendations

Minutes of Zoom meeting held on 4 February 2021

Present: Attendee A
 Attendee B
 LCO (CCT Local Community Officer)

Amendments to be made to Collection Review section of Church Plan:

- the Local pub is the Watership Down rather than the pub listed.
- Overton Station should also be added as St Nicholas' is mid way.

Attendee A commented that he is impressed with the numbers of visitors and highlighted that the 5 services a year held at St Nicholas from May onwards draws additional congregation from Overton.

The outdoor Harvest Festival service worked well and was well attended.

All attending agreed that it is not suitable for champing to be held at St Nicholas' Church.

Freefolk is on the Mill Trail walking route that goes through Freefolk, Whitchurch and Laverstoke. <http://www.hants.gov.uk/rh/walking/mill-trail.pdf>. This can be added to the website to attract more footfall and to contribute to the CCT Walking Festival. **ACTION:** LCO to add walk to website.

The community reported that visitor numbers should have improved recently, as the key had to be collected from a neighbour in previous years.

The first service held at St Nicholas' Church is usually 1st Sunday in May, so LCO will need to coordinate planned building work to the bellcote with contractors to ensure no interruption. **ACTION:** LCO to liaise with CCT Estates Officer to avoid conflict of service and maintenance work.

Rogation Sunday will (restrictions permitting) involve a tour around the parish and it will include a visit to St Nicolas' on 9th May.

Attendee A asked how CCT measures success and LCO updated that it is measured in a variety of ways including footfall, income and events.

Attendees discussed previous events held at the church and their success and the offer from This is my Theatre.

It was noted that it is possible to park on the hard standing by the church for events.

Part D - Action Plan

Community Actions

Short term actions (to end June 2021)

- Agree dates for face-to-face or digital meeting to review interim church plan (September 2020 edition)

Medium term actions (to end June 2022)

- Investigate suitability of church for concerts and theatre performances
- Investigate suitability of church for exhibitions or use as gallery space
- Investigate suitability of church for recording and live-streaming of performances
- Discuss potential for regular church related features, parish newsletter and inclusion of church updates in parish council meetings
- Identify means and suitability of Christmas card sales and continuation of the sponsored Christmas Memory Tree initiative
- Identify school parents', governors' and staff's interest in church updates
- Review the level of contribution from congregants' collections, given they may be currently unaware of our annualised maintenance liability
- Review methods for promoting church to location agents, wedding companies et cetera
- Review methods for promoting church to historical societies
- Consider means for increasing footfall and consequent donations
- Provision of lavatories for events use

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Complete

Local Community Officer Actions

Short term actions (to end June 2021)

- Publish Part A, B & D as Interim Church Plan to colleagues by end September 2020
- Undertake staff consultation against Interim Church Plan by end November 2020
- By end November 2020 review colleagues' feedback regarding updates to church plan part A, to include:
 - Conservation interpretations
 - Presentation improvements
 - Champing data
- Complete community audit to identify additional survey respondents and participants in face-to-face or digital meetings by end November 2020
- Repeat survey for additional respondents by end January 2021
- Agree dates for face-to-face or digital community meetings by end January 2021
- Resolve updated findings, conclusions and recommendations based on Part A, B & C expressed as short, medium and long-term actions for each site (Part D)
- Publish Church Plan Version '2021-22'
- Share CCT Cleaning Churches standard and report
- Investigate potential for scheduled cleaning days
- Publish walk around guide already drafted by volunteer
- Review church web page to ensure clear directions available for all visitors

Medium term actions (to end June 2022)

- Investigate options for recruiting additional volunteers
- Investigate suitability of church for concerts and theatre performances
- Investigate suitability of church for exhibitions or use as gallery space
- Investigate suitability of church for recording and live-streaming of performances
- Discuss potential for regular church related features, parish newsletter and inclusion of church updates in parish council meetings
- Add information on local walks to website
- Consider means for increasing footfall and consequent donations

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- Consider adding video directions to the church for prospective visitors' information
 - Identify means and suitability of Christmas card sales and continuation of the sponsored Christmas Memory Tree initiative
 - Identify school parents', governors' and staff's interest in church updates
 - Review the level of contribution from congregants' collections, given they may be currently unaware of our annualised maintenance liability
 - Review methods for promoting church to location agents, wedding companies et cetera
 - Review methods for promoting church to historical societies
 - Review prioritisation of and means for repair / conservation works outlined in the Conservation Report, particularly repairs to the bellcote and electric and lighting system
 - Decide on arrangements for a fundraising tea party or barbecue to recognise and acknowledge community support for the church

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Complete

- Agree dates for face-to-face or digital meeting to review interim church plan (September 2020 edition)
- Update wall safe signage
- Distribution Part A reports for each church to all existing correspondents, together with survey
- Receive, anonymise and collate survey responses and add to Church Plan Part B
- Resolve initial findings, conclusions and recommendations based on Part A & B, expressed as short, medium and long-term actions

CCT Actions Other

Short term actions (to end June 2021)

- Provide interpretation of maintenance and repair plans to further explain anticipated costs described in part A above.

Medium term actions (to end June 2022)

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Complete

Appendix 1: Summer 2020 Questionnaire

1. This is the first of fourteen questions in the survey - thank you in advance for working through each one. First of all, we need to know if you're completing the survey on behalf of an organisation or writing in a personal capacity (If you're writing on behalf of an organisation, please use the text box to let us know which one. Thank you!)
2. Which church are you writing about? (Don't worry, you can complete additional questionnaires for other sites if you like!) Please state the location and dedication, as in 'Sapperton, St. Kenelm's'. Thank you.
3. People are involved with our sites in so many different ways. In your own words, please describe your relationship with the church building.
4. Some people are actively involved at the churches we look after together. If you're part of this group, tell us about your involvement. Cleaning, attending services and fundraising are just a few of the most frequent activities we share, but we'd appreciate as much detail as you might be happy to provide.
5. In your own words, and having reviewed 'Part A' of our church plan (sent to you by email with the invitation to this questionnaire), please describe a perfect outcome for our work together at the church. What would you like to see happen in terms of community involvement and other use of the building?
6. Bearing in mind the repair liabilities and running costs described in the report you've read, what challenges do you anticipate for a sustainable future at your church?
7. Thinking about local life away from the church, which other community projects or activities are you aware of that could combine with our work to protect the church for the future?

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8. Here are two questions together... Could increased use of the church benefit the community? How would this increased use benefit the church itself?
 9. What do you think are the most important conservation priorities at your church? For each or all of these priorities, please also let us know about any ideas you have for addressing them.
 10. Income and expenditure for the church is detailed in 'Part A' of the report we sent you. Addressing conservation priorities will entail finding new ways to raise funds. Tell us about any ideas or opportunities you have identified for raising additional income at the church.
 11. What do you think might be the best ways to get started with any fundraising activities you have suggested?
 12. If you don't already, would you be interested and available to take part in future fundraising activity?
 13. Almost done! We'd like to invite you to join us in a group discussion about the church later this year, either in person or through 'phone / video conference. Would you be willing to join the discussion?
 14. Last question! Is there anything else you'd like to share about your interest in the church which we haven't asked you already? Otherwise, thank you again so much for reflecting on the future of the church through your answers.

Appendix 2: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - 25 Years (Not Including Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

Item	Method & Purpose	Cycle/Yrs	Estimated Cost per visit (present day levels)	Cumulative Estimated Total Cost After 25 Years (2020 values)
Drains, rodding	Below-ground drains can be blocked by debris which stops the rain water dispersing properly and potentially leading to water backing up and overflowing. To prevent this they require rodding and cleaning even ten years.	1	£ 39.00	£ 975.00
Soakaways, inspection and clearance of silt build-up	Soakaways consist of a large pit filled with gravel of varying sizes which act as a filter to allow rainwater to slowly seep into the surrounding ground. Over time material carried into the soakaway in the rain water fills in the gaps and slows the rate of dispersal which can lead to water backing up and potentially damaging or even flooding the church	10	£ 600.00	£ 1,500.00
Mansafe hatchway system	Man safe systems are steel cables or anchor points which are fixed to the roofs of churches to allow people to safely access and work on the roof. As these systems are used for safety it is a legal requirement that they are tested every year for loose fittings or damaged cables.	1	£ 360.00	£ 9,000.00

Lightning conductor testing	Lightning conductors are required to be checked every three years to make sure that they are still performing correctly and will be able to disperse a lightning strike effectively. Metal thefts have often targeted lightning conductors and they may need replacing.	3	£ 480.00	£ 4,000.00
Organ maintenance	Organs are complex machines built using numerous natural materials which can be damaged by moisture, heat and animal attack. It is recommended that organs are checked every year to carry out minor repairs and to be re-tuned as required. Regular servicing can also reduce the likelihood of large unexpected repair bills.	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00
Fire extinguisher inspection	Fire extinguishers servicing checks that the fire extinguishers are functional and maintaining adequate pressure for use in an emergency. Note the CCT only provides fire extinguisher in churches which are either stewarded, used for Champing™ or have significant timber items.	1	£ 166.00	£ 4,150.00
Electrical periodic inspection testing	Electrical tests ensure that the electrical system of the church is both safe and fully functioning. The test will check all elements of the system and highlight any concerns.	5	£ 350.00	£ 1,750.00
Replacement of electrical fittings	As items are highlighted as faulty through periodic testing and maintenance visits they will need to be replaced.	15	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,500.00
Replacement of lamps	General wear and tear - Bulbs require regular replacement. Note LED bulbs will be used where possible	2	£ 250.00	£ 3,125.00
Heating installation,	Annual servicing of the heating system to ensure the efficiency and	1	£ 384.00	£ 9,600.00

servicing	safe working order of the boiler etc.			
Roof alarm, servicing	Roof alarms require annual servicing to check that the system is in good working order and to replace minor parts such as the batteries in sensors.	1	£ 316.80	£ 7,920.00
Rainwater goods, redecoration	All external rainwater Goods (RWG) require redecoration as they are in exposed locations and are exposed to significant amounts of water. The redecoration significantly extends the lifespan of the RWGs and ensures that they are working correctly and are securely fixed in position.	7	£ 1,560.00	£ 5,571.43
Internal & external ironwork redecoration	Redecorating the ironwork prolongs the life of the item and improves the aesthetic of the church. The redecoration of ironwork also provides a good opportunity to inspect the item for damage.	7	£ 1,500.00	£ 5,357.14
External joinery, redecoration	Redecorating external joinery prolongs the life of the item and improves the aesthetic of the church. The redecoration of ironwork also provides a very good opportunity to inspect the item for damage.	7	£ 1,875.00	£ 6,696.43
Window repairs	Minor repairs to the windows such as broken panes of glass, replacement of glazing bars, mortar repairs or lead work repairs are important to exclude the weather and birds and other animals.	5	£ 350.00	£ 1,750.00
Bell maintenance	Bells require ad hoc inspection and minor maintenance to fixtures and fittings	5	£ 235.00	£ 1,175.00
Condition inspection report, all specialists	We have a 9 yearly architect or surveyors inspection plan. When the survey is undertaken all elements of the church will be inspected and a prioritised plan for	9	£ 450.00	£ 1,250.00

	all required repairs will be created.			
Roof overhaul	Roofs require constant minor maintenance with a major overhaul every seven years	7	£ 2,500.00	£ 8,928.57
Clock maintenance	An annual service of the clock with minor repairs and checks to ensure good timekeeping	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00
Tree inspection	A five yearly inspection of all the trees in the churchyards we are responsible for to check for defects and enable us to plan for any required works.	5	£ 225.00	£ 1,125.00
Churchyard maintenance	Grass cutting and minor trimming of plants and bushes etc.	0.5	£ 200.00	£ 10,000.00
Overheads	Office costs to support maintenance planning etc.	1	£ 20.00	£ 500.00
Staff Costs	Staff costs incurred in preparing the required inspections and reports	1	£ 97.00	£ 2,425.00
TOTAL (Excluding VAT)				£107,598.57
TOTAL (Excluding VAT) / 25 years				£4,303.94

Appendix 3: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - (Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

Item	Method & Purpose
Gutters, downpipes and gully clearance	Gutters, hoppers and downpipes are easily blocked by leaves and debris both windborne and dropped by birds which can lead to overflowing and water damage to the building.
Roof, inspection & replacing slipped/missing slates/tiles	Over time some slates/tiles or the pegs/nails which hold them will reach the end of their useful lifespan. When this happens it will allow slates to move from their correct position which can let rain in to the building and potentially poses a risk to visitors as the slate/tiles can fall.
Vegetation, control of growth	Overgrown vegetation against walls and buildings can hold moisture against the building potentially causing damage and some plant species are invasive. Vegetation can also obscure the building hiding potential damage and can provide shelter for vermin such as mice.
Tower stairs & boiler room steps, sweeping	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. Regular sweeping reduces the risk for potential accidents.
Principal steps and paths, clearance	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. This is especially the case for churches with trees in the area. Regular sweeping of the steps reduces the risk for potential accidents.
Wall Safe, servicing	Servicing of the wall safe helps to ensure that the donations can be easily collected and also checks to ensure that there hasn't been an attempt to steal from the safe.

Appendix 4: Typical Champing™ Arrangements and Related Income

Champing™ is the exclusive overnight hire of a church to visitors. Camp beds and chairs are set up inside the church, along with tea making provisions, battery lighting, and cushions and blankets to give guests a cosy stay.

Guests book online through the Champing™ website www.champing.co.uk and these bookings are related to local contacts so everyone knows when visitors are staying. A local member of staff sets out equipment for the night and removes all gear each morning. Guests have exclusive access to the church between 6.00 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. so visitors can enjoy the church during the day.

Champers don't expect much in the way of facilities and understand that these are ancient buildings. For most churches we've installed eco-loos either inside or outside in wooden cabins. We don't allow candles but provide battery lanterns and fairy lights. As most of our churches don't have heating we only operate Champing™ between the end of March and the end of October, and we recommend Champers bring warm sleeping bags and extra blankets. We also supply bedding and breakfasts but this option isn't available at all churches. Most Champers will eat out locally or may bring their own picnic.

For those churches without electricity we provide a gas camping stove and we also provide amply bottled water for Champers and all visitors to use.

Typically Champers are couples and families. Some of our churches are large enough to welcome groups of up to 16 people. We are dog-friendly, and child-friendly. Many Champers appreciate the history, architecture, and unique features of their surroundings, and come to learn about the building and its locale through this unique accommodation. We offer those staying for the first time a free CCT membership so they can learn more about our work and consider support for The Trust after their visit.

You can evaluate typical income which derives from Champing™ in the table below.

Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Langport, Somerset	£10,472.40	£2,765.60	£3,809.94	£3,128.00	£20,175.94
Emborough, Somerset		£2,024.30	£1,378.49	£2,625.00	£6,027.79
Chiselhampton, Oxfordshire	£10,156.29	£2,696.40	£5,864.11	£1,705.00	£20,421.80
Wolfhamcote, Warwickshire		£3,001.00	£2,213.77	£1,624.00	£6,838.77
Holme Lacy, Herefordshire		£4,368.80	£4,758.55	£1,004.00	£10,131.35
TOTAL	£20,628.69	£14,856.10	£18,024.86	£10,086.00	£63,595.65