



Guidance Notes

What is 'Heritage' etc?

Regarding 'heritage' the **NLHF** has a good exercise here: [LINK](#)

Historic England has also created a wonderful paper on this subject which I have always been a big fan of: [LINK](#)

According to Historic England's Heritage Counts: Heritage and Society:

"Our heritage encompasses the built historic environment, historic landscapes, stories from the past, memories and heritage collections."

They further explain that:

- Heritage includes records and artefacts dating back thousands of years, as well as in-use buildings dating back hundreds of years.
- Heritage is intertwined with the identity of places, individuals and communities, influencing wellbeing and shaping how people connect with their environment

So as a church you have quite a holistic story of heritage:

- Architectural significance (e.g., medieval timbers, Victorian restoration, unique fittings).
- Historic significance (e.g., community events, memorials, long-term use).
- Artistic significance (e.g., stained glass, craftsmanship).
- Archaeological potential (churchyards, foundations).
- Wellbeing (quiet space, heritage buildings improve mental health, community building - improves health).
- Ecology (churchyard, wildlife/bats/birds).
- Social and intangible heritage (burials, memorials, people's feelings about the place, past connections).

I hope that helps on Heritage.

On the future of the '**Listed Places of Worship Renewal Fund**', there is a Zoom briefing with DCMS where we will learn more on April 29th. Please look out for details on the Ministry Mailing List.

Regards **development costs**, how many fees you will need is completely up to your architect - what they charge and what other surveys you will need to carry out and ultimately what work you need to have done. There is some help with this, for example the Norfolk Churches Trust offers grants towards these surveys. Some churches include the surveys into the NLHF bid - this is risky, but it can be successful. Or you could decide to apply to the lottery as part of a phased approach and have an investigation phase applying just for the surveys and investigatory work.

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