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The Methodist Church 



Welcome to our first ever edition of **Property Matters News Flash**. News Flash publications will be used to communicate important time sensitive property-related updates and other information that we need to bring to your attention in between the normal Property Matters Newsletter publications.

**This edition generally focuses on
Grants, Funding Opportunities and
Helpful Upcoming Training**

[Meet the Property Support Team](#)

Government Grants to Support Rural Community Buildings (England)

ACRE are pleased to be managing a grant fund on behalf of Defra to support the modernisation and improvement of rural community buildings.

As far as multi-use spaces within Churches are concerned applications are welcome where there is not a village hall or other similar meeting place in the village. Similarly, some Church halls will be eligible.

Applications are looked at carefully by the award panel so church applications will be given fair consideration. [Click here to more information.](#)



Building Sustainable Futures for Scottish Churches

This event is for everyone who helps to care for a place of worship or former place of worship in community use in Scotland. Visit Paisley Abbey to chat with funders and advisers all under one roof. They are there to help support all aspects of the work within your church building, whether it is from community, heritage, faith, tourism, or climate action sectors.

Whether you are a congregation looking to repair a roof or to expand your community outreach; or a community organisation considering how to prepare a business plan and get advice on which insurance you will need, there will be someone there to help.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



William and Jane Morris Fund

Next deadline: 31st August

The William and Jane Morris Fund supports smaller programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative or non-structural features inside the building, between £500 - £5000. This might include stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, monuments and tombs, or wall paintings.

The object must have been made no later than 1896 (the year of William Morris's death), even if it is in a building which is older. Turret clocks and organs are not grant aided. However applications for a clock or an organ case that makes a significant contribution to the interior of a church, and/or is of specific antiquarian interest, may exceptionally be considered. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Morrison's Foundation Community Grants

The Morrison's Foundation supports registered charities making a positive difference in local communities across England, Scotland, and Wales.

Grants are available for up to £10,000 for capital spend or direct project delivery.

The Morrison's Foundation prioritises applications from small charities, those with an income of less than £1m, but applications from larger charities are welcome. [Click here to learn more.](#)



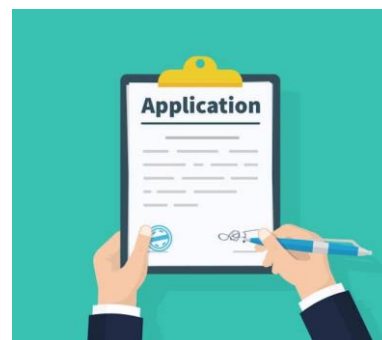
Strengthening Communities Grant

The Henry Smith Charity's Strengthening Communities grant programme aims to support small, grass roots organisations who are embedded in the community, working within the most deprived areas of the UK. Through this grant programme they want to make sure that their funding reaches organisations that provide services which are widely accessible to the whole community and respond to and address the needs of the people living in it. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Henry Moore Grants

Henry Moore Grants support the growth and development of sculpture across historical, modern and contemporary registers, and funds research that expands the appreciation of sculpture. They welcome applications from non-profit organisations, based in the UK or internationally.



You can apply for a grant in support of exhibitions, exhibition catalogues, commissions, conferences, research, publications and the development of collections through acquisitions, conservation, cataloguing and display.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Sports England Small Grant Scheme

The Sport England Small Grants Programme seeks to develop opportunities for communities to get more people physically active and they'll support new and existing projects through providing National Lottery funding of between £300 and £15,000. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Rowlands Trust Grants

The Rowlands Trust funding decisions are guided by the criteria laid out in Mr Rowlands' Will, and we are keen to hear from charities, within a specific geographical location, needing help. The main areas that Mr Rowlands wanted the Trust to support were:

- Restoration and re-ordering of church buildings which lead to an increase in community use
- The environment
- Elderly and young people
- People and areas disadvantaged by education, health, finance and disability
- Music and the arts
- Research, education and training in order to promote success
- Medical and scientific research



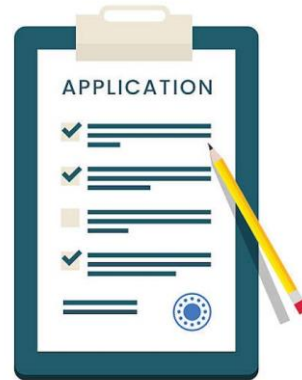
- The Armed Services

[Click here to learn more.](#)

The Leche Trust Heritage Conservation Grant

The Leche Trust support the conservation of historically, artistically and culturally significant buildings and objects dating from before 1837 that are in urgent need of remedial treatment. Items must be in public or charitable ownership and accessible to the public. The conservation grants are typically around £2,000 and under £5,000, but occasionally larger. The Leche prefer to give grants to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where our contribution can have a greater impact. This means that we do not fund structural buildings repairs.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Explore Programme - Autumn 2024

Explore is an opportunity for members of the Methodist Church in Britain to consider how you are called to respond to God's invitation to church leadership.

This programme is delivered by the Learning Network and the Taster Session will take place online on **Thursday, 5th September 2024.**

Book your place on Eventbrite via this [link](#)

A flyer for the 'Explore programme' starting in Autumn 2024. The flyer has a teal and white color scheme. At the top left, it says 'EXPLORING' next to a speech bubble icon. The main title is 'Explore programme' with 'Autumn 2024 start' below it. The text describes the opportunity for members of the Methodist Church in Britain to take a step back and consider how they are called to respond to God's invitation to church leadership. It lists '9 sessions', '1 meeting a month', and '2 hours per session'. A circular graphic says 'countless benefits'. At the bottom, it provides the taster session date: 'Taster: Thursday September 5th 2024', registration information, a booking link for the taster, and contact information for Alice at explore@methodistchurch.org.uk and the website www.methodist.org.uk/exploring. A red cross logo is at the bottom left.

Heritage Open Days 2024: 6th - 15th September

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences, all of which are FREE to explore.

Historic Religious Buildings Alliance
a group within the Heritage Alliance

For more information and to register, click [here](#)

A Future For Your Church - Working With An Architect

Heritage Trust Network and Historic Churches Scotland are joining forces to host the next event in this series for any group contemplating the future of their church building.

This event will take place on **Wednesday 4th September 2024. 10am - 11.30am online**

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We Need Your Feedback

Thank you to all of you who have completed the feedback form - we appreciate your response.

If you are yet to send in your thoughts we have extended the submission deadline to **Friday 16 August 2024** to give you the opportunity to participate in this survey.



Click [here](#) to complete the form



This is all for this edition of Property Matters News Flash.

Your usual Property Matters Newsletter will land in your inbox soon filled with lots of valuable information, tips and inspirational stories from around the Connexion.

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