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The Methodist Church

It has been brought to my attention that the links for the Action for Hope Case Studies featured in this month's Property Matters Newsletter are broken.

There is also an error in the writeup for for Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

The correction to these are published below.

Meet the Property Support Team

Action for Hope Corner - Case Studies (Repaired Links)

Summerbridge and **Lancaster** Methodist Churches have recently shared their experiences of installing solar panels. You can read Summerbridge's here and Lancaster's here.

If you'd like to share your net zero work, whether that's solar panels or insulation, heat pumps or LEDs, please get in touch with Anna.

Funding (Correction)

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme Applications now Open

The scheme gives grants for repairs of over £1000 to listed buildings used as places of worship.

There is **no** limit to the number of claims an individual listed place of worship can make.

However, the total combined value of claims cannot exceed £25,000 in the 2025/26 financial year. We should encourage any listed church to apply to the scheme before it is due to end in March 2026. Churches are welcome to refer to the guidance notes for further information on the scheme.

Please note that the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has developed an online tracker for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. Earlier this year, the Government reduced the annual budget for the scheme, which helps listed places of worship claim back some VAT costs for repairs from £42 million to £23 million. With the total available funding slashed, many churches are concerned about whether they'll be able to benefit from the scheme and struggling to plan for the future. To help with this, DCMS has now released an online tracker, which enables users to see how much of the total budget is still available. If your place of worship has a project on the horizon, but you're uncertain whether support will still be available when it takes place, this new tool could help to inform your decision making.

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