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VAT REFUND SCHEME POST SPEECH BUDGET UPDATE

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Following the Government's Budget Speech on 30th October 2024, the Historic Religious Buildings Alliance (HRBA) has issued an update on the VAT Refund Scheme as follows:

Historic Religious
Buildings Alliance
a group within the Heritage Alliance

Dear Colleague,

VAT REFUND SCHEME - some time before we will know

After the Budget, we heard from DCMS.

- They said they are now entering a period of business planning within DCMS which will determine what happens with the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme once the current funding arrangements expire at the end of March 2025.

- They expect this process to potentially take a number of months. But they hope to get an answer on the Scheme as soon as they can, as they know the sector needs clarity on future arrangements.

- They will update us as soon as they have more clarity

Possible action, This means it's not too late to write to the Culture Secretary if you have direct experience of the Scheme and haven't already written. See below.

ALSO, as we have learnt from this exercise, it's worth letting your MP know if and when you benefit from the Scheme, and perhaps inviting him/her to your place of worship to see the benefits.

Anyway, we are still crossing our fingers for the continuation of this hugely important Scheme . . .

All the best.

Trevor and Becky

HRBA

The update contains HRBA's original email and important instructions as to the next possible steps to take in response to the DCMS content above.

Click [here](#) to read the entire update and the important instructions as to the next possible steps.

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