

**Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust (BHHCT)** awards grants to churches and chapels to help with the cost of repair and restoration. Many of these buildings are of outstanding historic importance and all are loved and used. The Trust helps to preserve these buildings so that they remain active centres of community life.

Church buildings matter to local people because of history, architectural beauty, spiritual value, and their role in a community. A church may be the only public building where people can meet.

Since the Trust was formed in 1991, it has awarded over £4 million to help churches in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and part of Barnet. The money comes from: donations; legacies; subscriptions and fundraising.

As a Friend or Supporter, you play a part in preserving this valued heritage for future generations. You will receive newsletters and may attend events such as guided church tours and the Annual Meeting.

## How you can join in

**Become a Friend** or, as a church congregation, or group sign up as a **Corporate Supporter**.

**Sponsor someone** to take part in our annual Bike 'n Hike event.

**Welcome Bike 'n Hike** visitors your church.

**Raise funds** - take part in the Bike 'n Hike in September and be sponsored to have a day out visiting beautiful local churches. This event raises over £100,000 annually. Half the money goes straight to the local church of those taking part. The rest is given out by BHHCT as grants.

**Volunteer with the Trust** - roles may be advertised on the website or contact [general.enquiry@bedshertshct.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiry@bedshertshct.org.uk)

**Find out more:** [www.bedshertshct.org](http://www.bedshertshct.org)

**To join the Trust, download and complete this application form and email it to:**

[membership@bedshertshct.org.uk](mailto:membership@bedshertshct.org.uk)

Or post the form to: The Membership Secretary,  
BHHCT, 31 The Avenue, Hitchin SG4 9RJ

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## Saving the past for the future



**With your support we can help to preserve historic churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire as a living heritage for local communities.**

Registered Charity 1197228

## Application form

Please complete this form and send it to the Membership Secretary – see overleaf.

### FRIEND ( individual/family )

TITLE	FIRST NAME		
SURNAME			
For families list additional names here:			
ADDRESS			
POSTCODE			
EMAIL			
TEL			
INDIVIDUAL £20	Tick here	FAMILY £30	Tick here

### CORPORATE SUPPORTER (Church/group)

CHURCH NAME	
CONTACT NAME	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
EMAIL	
TEL	
Fee £50	Tick here

## Your payment

**Please set up a Standing Order** for annual payment from your bank for:

FRIEND - individual £20

FRIEND – family £30

CORPORATE SUPPORTER -church or group £50

**Please make payment to** The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust.  
Sort Code 20-05-73 Account no. 43234452

### Your bank details

Name of bank	
Account holder name	
Account number	
Sort code	

### Add your banking reference

Please add a reference to your Standing Order so we can trace your payment for our records. Please use the following:

**FRIEND:** First initial and surname eg J SMITH

**CORPORATE SUPPORTER** ( ie Church) please use name of town/village and church name eg WARE ST MARY. Abbreviate as required.

## Gift Aid

We can claim Gift Aid from tax you pay to boost your donation by 25p for every £1 donated.

### Gift Aid declaration

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... and any donations I make in future or have made in the past 4 years to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the total Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

### Please write in capitals

Full name: .....

Postcode: .....

House number/name.....

Signature.....

Date: .....

Please notify BHHCT if you want to cancel this declaration or if you change your name / address.

### Protecting your personal information

We will hold your name, address and email on our database and send you information about the Trust, such as newsletters. The personal information provided will be protected in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and our Privacy Statement found at [www.bedshertshct.org.uk](http://www.bedshertshct.org.uk)