



**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 nearly £4 million to help churches in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and part of Barnet. The money comes from: donations; legacies; subscriptions and the sponsored Bike 'n Hike on the second Saturday of September.

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, 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, fill in this application form and post it to:**

The Membership Secretary, 31 The Avenue, Hitchin SG4 9RJ

Contact us for more information:  
[membership@bedshertshct.org.uk](mailto:membership@bedshertshct.org.uk)

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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.

TITLE	FIRST NAME
SURNAME/CORPORATE NAME	
FULL ADDRESS	
POSTCODE	
EMAIL	
CATEGORY please tick	MINIMUM AMOUNT
FRIEND – INDIVIDUAL	£20
FRIEND – FAMILY	£30
CORPORATE SUPPORTER	£50
IF JOINING AS A FAMILY PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL NAMES	

# Standing order

## TO YOUR BANK (IN CAPITALS PLEASE)

BANK NAME	
ACCOUNT NAME	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	
SORT CODE	
BANK ADDRESS	

Pay Barclays Bank plc, for The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust Charity  
 Number 1197228 Sort Code 20-05-73  
 Account no. 43234452 the sum of:

amount in figures £.....

amount in words: .....

annually beginning .....  
 (DD/MM/YYYY) and each year thereafter or  
 until further notice, charging my account:

Authorised signatory/ies:
Your name:
Your address:
Postcode:

This instruction replaces any previous order payable to BHHCT.

# Gift Aid

BHHCT can reclaim Gift Aid from tax you pay and 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)