

## National Churches Trust Relaunches Grant Programmes for 2018

The National Churches Trust offers funding for projects that are in line with its aims which are:

- To help maintain the UK's heritage of church buildings and to enhance their ability to serve local communities.
- To promote the benefit to communities of church buildings and to inspire everyone to value and enjoy them.

Applications are currently being accepted to the following grants programme:

- **Community Grants** of between £5,000 and £20,000 for projects that have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees). The grants are for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. All types of community projects will be considered, but should include toilets or catering facilities.
- **Repair Grants** of between £5,000 and £40,000 to help with the cost of urgent and essential structural repair projects with estimated costs of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees).

In addition there are micro grants of £2,000 for churches awarded a National Churches Trust Community Grant to set up a social action project that meets the needs of local people.

Churches, chapels and meeting houses in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland that are open for worship and which are part of a denomination belonging to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are eligible to apply. Applications from both listed and unlisted places of worship are welcomed. Priority will be given to Baptist and Presbyterian/Church of Scotland denominations as well as to projects in North East England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

**The next deadlines for applications are 30 October 2017, 5 March 2018 and 2 July 2018.**

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