

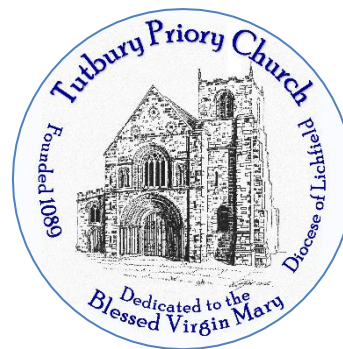
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Conservation of the Priory Alabaster Arch (CoPAA)

Status Report to End of August 2018

Distribution

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Summary

Phase II cleaning work commenced on 14th August 2018 and is proceeding as planned.

Funding remains difficult – several small requests are outstanding and there is a small chance that ChurchCare may change their mind re their £10,000 grant conditions but it is unlikely.

The Hirst status report is also distributed with this report.

Changes from last month denoted by a vertical revision bar at the left side and the word Updated

Timing & Execution

No change **Phase I - Condition Survey and Cleaning Trials:**

The Phase I Condition Survey Report (CSR) is on the website (www.tutburystmarys.org/priory-projects/copaa/progress)

Updated **Phase II – Cleaning, Consolidation and Laser Scan:**

Sampling for paint in the alabaster was completed on Monday 6th August from a mobile lift – analysis found no sign of paint, so cleaning was able to start.

The scaffolding was erected on the afternoon of Saturday 11th August and from early (7 am) on Monday 13th August and was completed in time for Hirst Conservation who arrived on Tuesday 14th August – photos on Flickr at

www.flickr.com/photos/111715115@N04/albums/72157699843280074 .

Cleaning has commenced and the first Hirst summary status report with photographs accompanies this report. Further photos can be seen on Flickr at

www.flickr.com/photos/111715115@N04/albums/72157695096538360

Phase II is on course to complete mid-October.

Note: that during the work, there will be **no access** via the West Door and parking by the West Door will be **severely restricted**.

No change **Phase III – Follow-up Laser Scan and Comparative Condition Survey:**

This phase will take place 12 months after the completion of Phase II

Permissions

No change The Chancellor agreed that we can proceed with the project.

Finance - Overview

Updated The funding gap is now between £12,225-£20,561¹. The approximate average figure of £17,000 is still used publicly for simplicity.

ChurchCare/CBC have been a major disappointment (see below) and may cost the parish a lot of money.

Most grant requests have now received responses – any left are likely to be small.

Any resultant **shortfall will have to be borne by the Parish.**

Finance - Costs²

No change **Phase I – Condition Survey & Trials:**
Forecast was £14,429 - invoices now all received and paid – total £11,873

No change **Phase II – Cleaning and Consolidation**
From now on, all Phase II costs will exclude “5.3 Other Works” in the original Hirst quote as agreed with the DAC and Historic England.
Quotes from Hirst Conservation, Robert Kilgour Architects and Russell Geometrics (Laser scans) have been received.
The Hirst quote was split into two sections for Phase II:

- Arch Conservation - £42,777-£49,193
- Arch Protection³ - £7,022-£8,075

The total cost for this Phase is now £56,370 (previously forecast to be £40,107).

No change **Phase III – +12 Months "Comparative" Condition Survey**
Quotes now put this cost at £5,776-£6,643 (previously forecast at £6,210). Further discussions are underway to reduce this cost

No change **Project Total:**
The total project cost (Phase I, II and III) is now in the range £75,000-£83,300 (previous estimate £61,600) – an increase of £13,400-£21,700

¹ Where two cost figures are given, the 2nd figure includes the 15% contingency recommended by Hirst

² All costs exclude VAT as most VAT can be recovered via the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

³ Work that is not on the Arch itself but necessary to protect the arch

Finance - Funding

Grants:

Updated As finance is now the critical item in the project, more detail is given than might normally be provided in a status document about the funding applications that are in progress.

Items that 'competed' in the previous status report are removed.

No
change

East Staffs Borough Council

- 13/05/18 - Emailed Duncan Goodfellow (ESBC Cllr) re ESBC WASP Fund - no response yet

Updated

Staffs County Council

- 03/09/18 – application submitted – max grant £500

ChurchCare

No
change

- 14/05/18 - Submission to ChurchCare Monuments Grant - max grant £8,000 – response in July if we are lucky – average Monuments grant in 2016 was £2,340.
- Late June - various emails at the end of June asking for further information.
- 06/07/2018 – email saying that ChurchCare had awarded CoPAA a £10,000 grant – this was obviously a major change in the project's finances and the news was well received in Tutbury and by the project's supporters.
- 13/07/2018 – follow-up award letter with a Condition attached saying that we had to execute "*Hirst 5.3 Other Works*" which the DAC, Chancellor and Historic England had all accepted that we could not do (cost and resource). This would have added another £30,000 to the project cost and possibly another *two years* (this had been explained in the grant application).
- 18/07/2018 – a six-page document was sent to ChurchCare explaining why we could not accept the grant and the effects that the application of this unnecessary Condition would have on the Parish finances and project resources.

Updated

- 17/08/2018 – a technical document from Robert Kilgour was submitted to ChurchCare arguing that "*5.3 Other Works*" were unnecessary because the key elements of the work have already been done in the past and the changes are achieving the objective. Janet Berry to take the information to "the Committee" – no date for a response has been forthcoming despite asking.

No
change

JCB

- 20/05/18 - Letter to Lord Bamford (JCB) requesting a contribution – no response yet

No
change

The Headley Trust

- 07/06/18 – 2-page (maximum allowed) application emailed – should hear in 8 weeks – will only contact us if we are successful
- 03/07/18 – acknowledgement of application

No
change

Lichfield Diocese Finance

- 06/06/2018 – Emailed Jonathan Hill, Director of Finance at the Lichfield Diocese at the Ven John Hall's suggestion to ask what less obvious funding streams might be available – no response yet

Updated

Churches Conservation Foundation

- 29/08/2018 – application submitted – next meeting 16th October. Maximum grant £2,000

No
change

Idlewild Trust

- Next application not decided until November – too late for 2018 Phase II

Updated Few, if any, other grant opportunities appear to be available

Donations (2018):

Updated

- £1,272 (£1,032) donated in the collecting boxes, at services and in return for guided tours of the church

No
change

- Our very kind American friends have sent a cheque for \$1,000 (approx. £750) to be used as seed money for fund raising – their generosity is beyond admirable!

Updated

- Having failed to clear the \$1,000 cheque through Lloyds international clearing, the money was donated online through the MyDonate system (see below)

Fund Raising:

Updated

General

- An organ concert by Roger Sharp on Bank Holiday Monday raised £268, the 4th Bank Holiday concert in aid of CoPAA this year
- Priory Crafters were selling their wares at Tutbury Castle for 3 days over the BH weekend – they have now raised a total of £1,803 for CoPAA since they started

Updated

Online

The online fund-raising capability is now working, and money can be donated at www.bit.ly/donate-to-copaa or on the St. Mary's website at www.tutburystmarys.org/priory-projects/copaa/donate

Targeted

- Updated
- Part of the USA money has been used to Produce a tri-fold fund raising leaflet which is being distributed to various localities
 - Some 60+ Tutbury businesses and approx. 20 corporates in the area have been targeted with funding requests backed by the tri-fold leaflet.

Updated **Funds received or promised**

2013-2016	£15,312
2017	£31,901
2018	£16,144
Total so far	£63,358

Updated **Funding Gap:**

Currently⁴ projected to be **£12,225-£20,561 (public figure £16,393)**

Publicity

Updated A fund-raising publicity campaign has started – see “Targeted” above.

Project Statistics

Updated All numbers are project totals so far with the increase since last month in brackets for reference.

“Official” communications ⁵	553	(+78)
Emails in & out	2,034	(+384)
Hours so far	1,042	(+65)

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⁴ Excludes all current applications for grants or other fund-raising activities

⁵ Funders, authorities, etc.