

# View from up on high

**N**owadays drones can greatly assist those seeking to identify fabric repairs in hard to reach places such as church roofs or towers. The more information that we receive in support of a grant application the better and pictures of the affected areas assist the committee in their assessment. Surveyors can identify problem areas and often zoom in to capture details that would be hard or unsafe for a human to venture into. The time, effort and cost saving advantages are many and the facility for giving a much wider view of the building is

something only a camera in the air can provide.

They can also assist in providing spectacular aerial shots that will present your church to its best on our international website.

So, a drone is more than a futuristic way for Amazon to deliver your package, a danger to aircraft that causes your holiday flight to be delayed or for surveying enemy positions.

There are several companies that provide services and Googling for those in your area should yield results. Always seek information on accreditation and look for reviews though.



Above: Penpont Church from a drone by Luce Bay Group. Right: A drone



## Organ Donors

**W**e're keen to see Scotland's church organs in use and have a number of projects within our Programme to help.

### Tuition

We offer bursary support for lessons to improve the skills of organ players.

### Concerts

Concerts using the church organ, or to raise funds for repairs, can apply for SCT support.

### Travelling Bursaries

Each year we offer up to two Travelling Bursaries for exceptional candidates to visit world renowned tutors, organ builders and to play the world's best organs.

### Recording Scotland's Organs

SCT is a Partner in a project to ensure the details of Scotland's rich history of church organs is not lost.



**St Mirin's Cathedral**

**“We are so grateful to Scotland's Churches Trust for the great help you are giving us.”**

### Marion Fraser Lecture

This year's lecture "Signs of Faith - Ecclesiastical Heraldry and The Lyon Court Public Registers" will be given by The Lord Lyon of Scotland, Dr. Joseph Morrow CBE, QC. The venue is the magnificent Dome Room at New Register House on Tuesday June 9th. Light refreshments will be available from 4.45pm and the lecture will start at 5.30. Space will be limited so it would best to indicate attendance to ensure a seat.

# Please step this way...

**D**uring the past year SCT has helped more than 20 churches with varying amounts, from £500 to £5000, to assist in many projects ranging from gutter clearance to large scale roof and window repairs.

We recognise that there are a large number of grant giving bodies out there and it can be daunting knowing where to start. It can also be time consuming to complete application forms that often ask request information in varying formats. Often completion does not guarantee success.

It is also true that receiving a grant from SCT definitely enhances the likelihood of getting an award from other providers.

We have three or four committee meetings per year which are made up of professionals from surveyors and stonework consultants to heritage. Documents are emailed to committee members around two weeks prior to the meeting and there is a countdown clock on the website showing how much time before submissions are closed.

The new preventative maintenance grant can be a saving on limited church funds. £1,000 spent wisely now can save £10,000 in a few years time. We are also now considering a wider spectrum of projects such as kitchen replacement.

## STEPS IN APPLYING

### Become a member

To be eligible linked churches must now also join.

### Information is key

Prepare as much information as possible prior to the application such as descriptions of the work required, surveys, photos.

### Go to the SCT website

Log in to your account and select "Grant Application" on the right hand side.

### No rush!

The grant form automatically saves completed pages as you go along allowing you to research figures and resume at any point

### A picture says a thousand words

Provide as much photographic, survey and quotation information as you can. There is a facility for upload at the end of the application. If the documents or images are too many or big, you can always email them at a later stage.

### Don't be afraid to ask

We are here to assist you in making a successful application so email or call for a chat. We can even email a list of potential other funders.



## How to stop SCT emails going to spam

To make sure that you always receive emails from any of our addresses (info, grants, office, newsandevents) then the following may be of assistance to you. We realise that there are many email programs and online providers, each with a different method but the general principle is to add SCT to the "Safe Senders" list, for example,

### Outlook

- Right click on a message from SCT (without opening it).
- Left click on Junk
- Left click on Never Block Sender's Domain
- This will allow messages from all addresses at SCT e.g. info@, grants@ to reach you.

OR you can manually edit your safe senders list:

- Go to Home, Junk, Junk Email Options, Safe Senders
- Add
- Then insert info@scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk. Also grants@, office@ and newsandevents@ should you wish.

## Linked churches

To make our fabric and preventative maintenance grant opportunities reach as many buildings as possible we are no longer covering linked churches by a single subscription. To benefit from SCT's grant opportunities linked churches will need to join in their own right. We would

urge any Place of Worship with a congregation to join as distinct members. However, congregations that rotate over more than one building will still be able to apply for our support to all their buildings. Each congregation with a working building needs to join in order to benefit.

To find out more of what we do, or to join as a Church or Friend please contact us or visit our web site. Church Membership is £50 a year and becoming a Friend starts at £20.

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