

**NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007**

**Charity Number 511314**

**NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007**

The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity number 511314. The principal address of the charity is 20 Aykley Vale, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5WA.

The charity Trustees during the year were:

G Bell BA BArch FRSA - Chairman	Mrs E Norris
C Downs BArch RIBA	Mr R C Norris
Rev R Firth	Mrs G Walker
Mrs I Ferguson	Sir Josslyn Gore-Booth Bt
Ven P Elliott	Mrs E Conran OBE MA FMA
Mr M Festing OBE MA TD DL	The Rev Canon J E Ruscoe
J B Kendall DiplArch RIBA	

A trustee is appointed on recommendations from the Bishops of Newcastle and Durham.

The patrons of the Trust are The Duke of Northumberland and Lord Barnard.

The Trust has 3 presidents:

The Bishop of Durham  
The Bishop of Newcastle  
The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

The Vice Presidents are:

The Rt Hon Alan Beith MP	
Sir Paul Nicholson	Lord Lieutenant of Durham
Sir John Riddell	Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland
Mr Nigel Sherlock	Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear
Lord Vinson	

Other office holders are as follows:

Secretary	Mr N P de Lange
Steeplechase Organiser (Durham)	Mrs I Ferguson
Steeplechase Organiser (Newcastle)	Mrs E Norris
Steeplechase Treasurer	B D Napier
Financial Administrator	Mrs C A Courage

Principal advisers to the Trust are:

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc	COIF Charity Funds
Priestpottle	80 Cheapside
Hexham	LONDON
Northumberland	EC2V 6DZ

**NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST****TRUSTEES REPORT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007 (Continued)**

Accountants: Ryecroft Glenton  
32 Portland Terrace  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE2 1QP

**Trustees responsibility for the accounts**

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare statements of account for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- \* select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- \* make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* to value assets and liabilities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005: Accounting and reporting by Charities;

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust, and to enable them to ensure that any statements of account comply with the requirements of the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These accounts comply with current statutory requirements and the charity's governing documents.

**Appointment of Independent Examiner**

The Trustees propose the reappointment of Mr J G White of Ryecroft Glenton as Independent Examiner and will seek the approval of those present at the AGM.

**Aims and organisation**

The Trust is involved in raising money in order to make grants to Christian churches and chapels of historic interest. The main fundraising activity of the year is the annual Steeplechase. Other sources of income are donations, covenants and investment income. Those Trustees who are office holders carry out their duties on a purely voluntary basis.

**Reserves policy**

Trustees' policy is to commit not more than 20% of reserves in any one year to new grant offers. This should avoid major changes from year to year in the grants budget.

**Investment selection policy**

The Trustees do not consider that equity investments are appropriate to the Trust's requirements and that a balance between cash on deposit and fixed interest securities is more appropriate to its needs, given the requirement to maximise income.

**Review of progress and achievements**

Progress during the year has been very satisfactory, enabling the Trust to fulfil its aims as a result of the generous support of all contributors.

**NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST****TRUSTEES REPORT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007 (Continued)****Review of financial activities**

The Trust has had another successful year of fundraising.

The Steeplechase operation has once again been a great success with the help of the unstinting efforts of its organisers and treasurer. Steeplechase funds are raised by members of the congregations of churches and chapels participating in a one-day sponsored event involving visiting as many other churches and chapels as possible. The entire proceeds raised are then remitted to the Trust, a small administration charge is deducted before 50% of the remainder is returned to the church or chapel.

Generous donations from supporters provided the Trust with donations income of nearly £24,000. This together with the large sums raised by the Steeplechase have enabled the Trust to pay and offer the grants listed in Note 3.

The Trust would not be able to operate without the efforts of all its voluntary helpers enabling it to provide a significant impact on the preservation of churches and chapels.

**Review of Investments**

During the year the trust has not bought or sold any investments. The unrealised loss is due to the fall in market value of investments held during the year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

P de Lange

8 June 2007

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 January 2007, which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J G White  
Ryecroft Glenton  
Chartered Accountants  
Newcastle upon Tyne

8 June 2007

## NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007

	2007 £	2006 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
<b>Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources:</b>		
Trust donation	18,850	43,250
Other donations	710	1,705
Covenant and Gift Aid Income (Gross)	<u>4,316</u>	<u>4,087</u>
	<u>23,876</u>	<u>49,042</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Treasury stock interest	3,383	3,383
Bank interest	169	603
COIF interest	<u>8,437</u>	<u>6,053</u>
	<u>11,989</u>	<u>10,039</u>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Subscriptions	3,235	3,600
Steeplechase	25,714	24,241
Sale of cards, tea towels etc.	1,220	1,302
Events	943	865
Sale of painting	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>
	<u>31,112</u>	<u>30,308</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>66,977</u>	<u>89,389</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Direct charitable expenditure:		
Grants to churches (Note 3)	21,500	29,900
Steeplechase expenses, includes churches' shares	13,286	12,241
Events expenses etc.	186	1,015
Cost of cards, calendars etc.	782	1,231
Other expenditure (Inc VAT):		
Management and administration (Note 4)	9,807	5,011
Accountant's fee	885	1,328
Accountant's fee for independent examination	130	130
Depreciation charge	<u>105</u>	<u>102</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>46,681</u>	<u>50,958</u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>	20,296	38,431
Unrealised loss on investments	<u>(4,947)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
Net movement in funds	15,349	38,425
Total funds brought forward	<u>237,450</u>	<u>199,025</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>252,799</u>	<u>237,450</u>
<b>All funds are unrestricted</b>		

## NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 JANUARY 2007

	Notes	2007		2006	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	5		-		105
Investments	6		<u>86,993</u>		<u>91,940</u>
			86,993		92,045
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock of cards and tea towels		1,300		1,400	
Debtors		1,215		2,123	
Cash at bank		<u>166,970</u>		<u>143,365</u>	
		<u>169,485</u>		<u>146,888</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
Accountancy fee		1,250		1,233	
Other creditors		<u>2,429</u>		<u>250</u>	
		<u>3,679</u>		<u>1,483</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>165,806</u>		<u>145,405</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>252,799</u>		<u>237,450</u>
<b>Funds</b>					
Unrestricted			<u>252,799</u>		<u>237,450</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 8 June 2007 and signed on their behalf by:

P. de Lange      Secretary

G. Bell      Chairman

The notes on pages 5 to 7 form part of these accounts

**NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007**

**1 Accounting policies**

**General**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investments which are recorded at their market value, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and SORP 2005 (Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities), and the Charities Act.

**Income and expenditure**

Donations and legacies are accounted for as they are received by the Trust. Other income is accounted for on an accruals basis as far as it is prudent to do so.

**Grants payable**

Grants payable to churches are recognised on receipt of an architect's completion certificate from the church, following the completion of the bulk of the work.

**Depreciation**

Office equipment is depreciated over 4 years straight line.

**Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**2 Donations and Contributions received for £500 or over**

	<b>Unrestricted £</b>
The WA Handley Charity Trust	750
The Sir James Knott Trust	17,500
The Right Rev AAK Graham	<u>2,500</u>
	<u><u>20,750</u></u>

## NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007 (CONTINUED)

3 Church	Object	Offered in year £	Paid in year £	Outstanding at year end £
Chollerton St Giles	Repairs to bell tower		2,000	
Cockfield St Mary the Virgin	Roof repair and replacement	5,000		5,000
Cullercoats St George	Stonework repairs	5,000		5,000
Darlington SS Matthew & Luke	Roof verges	1,000		1,000
Durham Elvet Methodist	Stonework repairs	1,000	1,000	
Gateshead Durham Road Baptist	Structural and roof repairs	5,000		5,000
Gosforth Trinity	Roof repairs	5,000	5,000	
Greenhead St Cuthbert	Spire reshingling		2,250	
Horsley Ecumenical Church	Reslating of spirelet		2,000	
Longhirst St John	Spire repairs		1,250	
Meldon St John the Baptist	Replace rainwater goods	1,000		1,000
Muggleswick All Saints	Repointing	500	500	
Otterburn St John	Major repairs		1,500	
Seaham St John	Roof repair and replacement	5,000		5,000
Sleekburn St John	Guttering and stone repairs		1,500	
South Shields St Hilda	Pointing and stonework repairs			2,500
Stannington St Mary the Virgin	High level structural repairs		2,500	
Stillington St John	Roof repairs	4,200		4,200
Sunderland Pallion St Luke	Urgent repairs to tower		2,000	
Sunderland Pallion St Luke	Stonework repairs	5,000		5,000
Sunderland Roker St Andrew	Repairs to transepts	5,000		5,000
Woodland St Mary Mission Church	Rewiring	<u>1,500</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>1,500</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<u>44,200</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>40,200</u>

## NORTHUMBRIA HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2007 (CONTINUED)

**4 Management and Administration expenses**

During the year the following management and administration expenses were incurred.

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Postage, telephone, hire of office equipment, insurance, printing and stationery	3,454	3,246
Financial Administrator	1,090	1,010
Secretary's remuneration	4,744	-
Other expenses	<u>519</u>	<u>755</u>
	<u><u>9,807</u></u>	<u><u>5,011</u></u>

No trustee has received remuneration for any services provided to the charity.

**5 Tangible assets**

	<b>Computer</b>	<b>Guillotine</b>	<b>Fax machine</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cost at 1 February 2006 and at 31 January 2007	<u>1,895</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>2,729</u>
Depreciation at 1 February 2006	1,895	423	306	2,624
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>105</u>
At 31 January 2007	<u>1,895</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>2,729</u>
Net Book Value at 31 January 2007	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value at 31 January 2006	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>105</u>

**6 Fixed Asset Investments**

	<b>Treasury Stock</b>	<b>COIF Fixed Interest Fund</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Market Value at 1 February 2006	43,431	48,509	91,940	91,946
Net unrealised investment (loss)/gain	<u>(1,986)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>	<u>(4,947)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
Market Value at 31 January 2007	<u>41,445</u>	<u>45,548</u>	<u>86,993</u>	<u>91,940</u>
Historical cost as at 31 January 2007	<u>40,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>