



Potential sources of funding for repairs to churchyard walls and other churchyard structures in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

Information on and links to the wide range of sources of grant aid for church buildings is given on our Fundraising and Grants [web pages](#). This note flags-up a smaller number of funders more likely to grant-aid repairs to churchyard walls and other churchyard structures. More information on most of the funders listed below is given in our advice notes on [national grants](#) and [local grants](#).

It is helpful to view webpages and get in touch with funders to discuss your project and its eligibility for their grants at an early stage. This will establish a connection and avoid wasted time and work.

Some funders will grant-aid work in Bedfordshire or Hertfordshire but not both.

Funders with some kind of local focus

The **Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust** is able to offer Wixamtree funding for the repair of churchyard walls in Bedfordshire. Please get in touch with Archie Russell, the Trust's Grants Secretary, in the first instance. His contact details are given here <http://www.bedshertshct.org.uk/grants.html>.

The Steel Charitable Trust. See www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk for the online application form and guidelines. The Trust has a focus on Bedfordshire and Luton in particular.

Mrs B L Robinson Charitable Trust. May be able to offer a grant for work in Bedfordshire but no specific direction given on the eligibility of churchyards. For more information contact Mrs E A Quinn, Clerk to the Trustees, at Anne.quinn35@hotmail.co.uk.

Gale Family Charity Trust. The Trustees will consider applications from charitable causes in Bedfordshire. Write to alistair.law@garnerassociates.co.uk giving some details of what you are doing and the amount you are seeking from the Trust.

National funders

The Allchurches Trust. Apply online at www.allchurches.co.uk.

The Church of England (ChurchCare) can offer grants for repairs to walls or other churchyard structures but only if they are separately listed. See www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants/grants-churcyhyard-structures.

Garfield Weston Foundation. See www.garfieldweston.org for the online application process.

The Lady Neville Charity. Repairs to a churchyard wall could be eligible as a Local Heritage Project. See <https://www.skinner.org.uk/neville/> .

Alan Evans Memorial Trust. Contact aevans@roydswithyking.com for more information.

Information on **National Lottery Heritage Fund** grants is at www.heritagefund.org.uk. Heritage Fund grants go from £3,000 upwards. They have particular requirements and can be very competitive. See our advice note on national grants www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/National-Grants-Advice-DB-25.03.19.pdf .

Trusts and foundations which will generally not fund churchyard wall repairs

The National Churches Trust, The Headley Trust (Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts), The Foyle Foundation, Laing Family Trusts, The H. B. Allen Charitable Trust, Simon Gibson Charitable Trust, Francis Coales Foundation.

Help and feedback

Please get in touch to talk about these funding sources and tell us if you have found another source of grant-aid for churchyards or think that this note should be updated.

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