

Doncaster Civic Trust

An independent group of local people interested in Doncaster's heritage



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Well, here we are in 2026! May this year bring you all Health and Happiness for you and all your family



Doncaster Civic Trust Meetings in January

Thursday 8th January – Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday 15th January – Members Talk (see below)

Monday 19th January – Planning and Conservation Committee Meeting

Members Talk Programme

This month to start the new year on Thursday 15th January, we have a talk by Peter Clegg, a Local Community Officer from the Churches Conservation Trust. He will be talking about some of South Yorkshire Churches cared for by the Trust

What is The Churches Conservation Trust?

The Churches Conservation Trust is the national charity saving historic churches at risk.

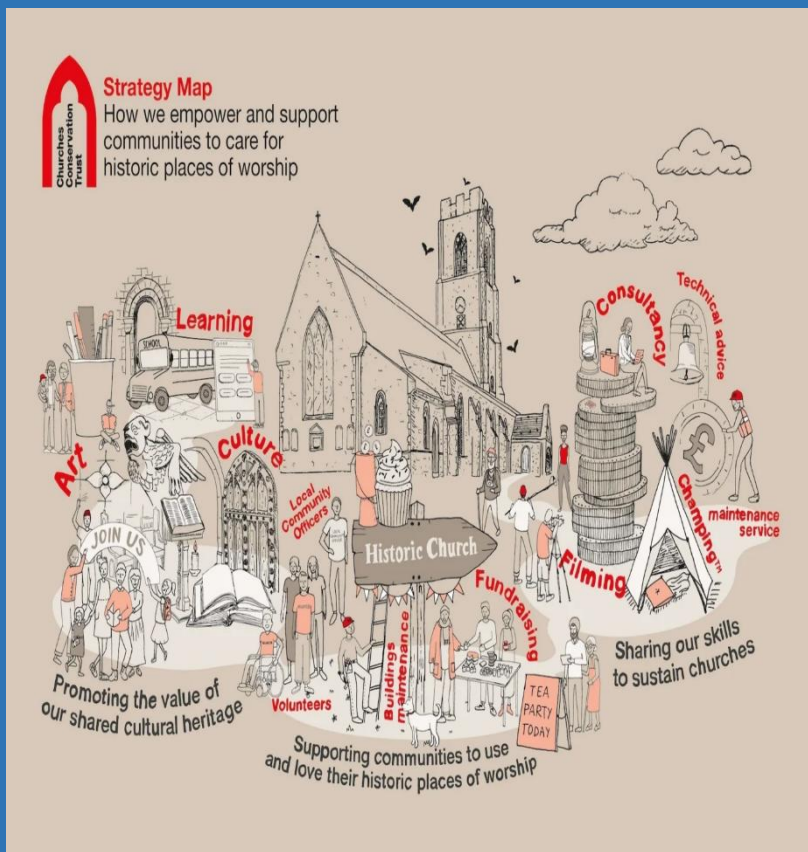
What do they do?

They have saved over 350 buildings which attract almost 2 million visitors a year. This unique collection of English churches includes irreplaceable examples of architecture, archaeology and art from 1,000 years of history. The Charity aims to keep the churches open and in use - living once again at the heart of their communities.

What area do they cover?

They operate the third largest heritage estate in charitable ownership in the UK. All of the churches in the collection are listed, mostly Grade I and II*, and some are Scheduled Ancient Monuments.

I found the following chart which explains many of their activities:-



As usual the talk will take place in St Peter's Church Hall Chequer Road, Doncaster.

Following the talk there will be refreshments available and a chance to chat and catch up with other members.

There is plenty of free parking inside the church grounds.

Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Reminders of 2025



£250 contribution made towards
Dendrochronology of Ancient
Community Chest in DGLAM

£400 contribution made towards a
Plaque, at Doncaster Station, to
commemorate Sir Nigel Gresleys life
and major achievements

Full programme of
Member's Talks and Social
events



Representation on Local
Heritage Committees

Civic Trust Stalls at Heritage Events



Led Heritage Walks
for other Societies



Organisation and funding of
Heritage Open Day events



What's in Store 2026

Evening Talks /Socials

15th Jan South Yorkshire Churches in the Churches Conservation Trust

12th February The sky's the Limit – History of Skyscrapers

12th March - History of Alm houses

23rd April – Treasures in the Tower

Events to Celebrate
80th Anniversary of the
Doncaster Civic Trust

1946 - 2026

250th Anniversary of the St. Leger

10th to 13th September

City of Doncaster Heritage
Open Days

Theme "Everyday histories of
working lives"

11th to 20th September

Why not do something important in 2026

Help us run the organisation

**Remember the Success of Doncaster Civic
Trust depends on your support**



Do you have skills?

You may be a good communicator, or organiser. You may have some computer or office skills. You may just feel passionate about heritage or environmental issues. You may have experience of working as part of a team. You may just have an enthusiasm and a local knowledge.

Please support us! We need whatever you can offer. The success of the Doncaster Civic Trust depends on the support of its members and volunteers.

There is an opportunity to make a personal contribution by joining one of our committees.

Opportunities within the Doncaster Civic Trust

Join the Planning Committee

We are looking for members who may be interested in joining our Planning and Conservation Committee. Don't worry--You don't need any experience in Planning or Conservation, just a general interest. We currently have seven members but would like someone else to join this friendly group. We meet every 4 weeks in the Abberton Room in the Church Hall at St Peters on a Monday night .

Each meeting lasts about two hours. We look at planning applications relating to listed buildings and conservation areas as well as important new buildings of note and put over our views to the planners, if necessary. So, this is a good opportunity to influence what happens to our buildings.

We also discuss any other heritage matters the group wishes to discuss.

If you are interested please let us know.

Secretarial Support

We need a member to help with Secretarial Support on our Executive Committee.

Preparing for meetings, recording a summary of discussions, booking rooms among other duties, which can be adapted to suit the applicant.

We hold executive meetings every 2 months in the Abberton Room in the Church Hall at St Peters on a Thursday evening. The meetings usually last a couple of hours and are a friendly discussion about all aspects of the organisation of the Trust.

If you think this is something you could help with please get in touch and we would be delighted to welcome you to sit in on a meeting.



If you have any feedback to anything you see in the Bulletin, please get in touch.

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