



TOLPUDDLE OLD CHAPEL TRUST

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What is TOCT?

The Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust is an independent building preservation trust formed with the support of the Architectural Heritage Fund. The Trust is a company and a registered charity. Its Trustees are people who live locally or have a personal interest or passion for the building and its history. They are:

(from right to left)

Andrew McCarthy, Chairman

Rob Brunt, Secretary

Revd Stephanie Jenner

Adrian Whittlesea



The Trust has also been supported by volunteers assisting with finance, project coordination, legal matters and administration.

TOCT progress

The process of developing the project to renovate the former chapel commenced before the building and site were purchased in February 2015, key achievements of the Trust to date include:

- Building survey and viability report funded by the Architectural Heritage Fund
- Emergency repairs funded by Historic England
- Conservation report funded by Historic England
- Architectural Heritage Fund support for project development
- Heritage Lottery funding for a start-up grant for conservation, business planning and Trust development
- Dorset County Council support for project development
- West Dorset District Council support for project development
- Corporate support for legal work, information board and project development
- Project architect Architecton appointed





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How can you help?

To renovate the former chapel the project needs your help. You can support the Trust by:

- Giving us your views and ideas
- Becoming a 'Friend' of TOCT to show support for the project and to keep you informed of progress
- Attending subsequent consultations
- Volunteering to help the Trust with the project
- Helping us raise £300,000 to preserve, renovate and maintain the former Chapel and site.

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Visit our website and find out how to donate, how we can claim Gift Aid and how we will acknowledge your support

Talk to a Trustee



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What we hope to achieve

TOCT is committed to sympathetically preserving, renovating and maintaining the Grade II* listed building as **'a quiet place in the heart of this historic Dorset village'**.

The Conservation Report has helped guide our thinking about what is important about the former chapel and the best approach to the renovation of the building and the use of the site.

The Trustees believe it is essential, in order to maintain the feel of the former chapel and the quiet place, that services, storage and any modern facilities e.g. toilet, should be housed to the east, in a small new building. The Trustees believe this additional building should be subservient to and in keeping with the scale of the former chapel, and distinct in design.



How the renovated former chapel might look and the possible location of an addition/extension. This is an artist impression, the project architects, Architecton will now be working with the trustees to develop proposals for the former chapel and site.

Ideas for future use

The Trustees believe that the former chapel should be open every day free of charge for local residents and visitors to Tolpuddle. The building will be a **'quiet place'** for contemplation and thought to be enjoyed by all users. The Trust does however need to secure income to pay operating and maintenance costs. In addition the building and any extension could provide a useful additional community facility for the village.



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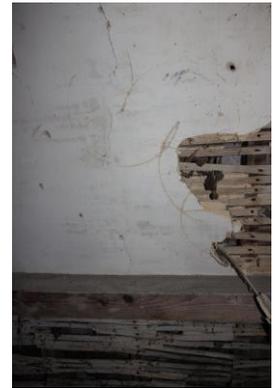
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How will we do it?

Through support from the Architectural Heritage Fund the Trust has appointed Architecton of Bristol, to develop proposals for the renovation of the former chapel and the site. These designs will then form part of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund in early 2016. During the development of the project the input from local people, stakeholder organisations and others interested in the project is critical to its success. A future consultation will be held in November/December 2015, when specific proposals for the use of the building and site will be presented.



When will we do it?

The Trustees hope to complete the renovation of the former Chapel and all other works by the 200th anniversary of the opening of the building in October 2018.

Who is supporting us?

The project has already been supported by a number of individuals and a wide range of organisations. The process of continuing to seek financial and other support is on-going with funding bids from the Heritage Lottery Fund and charitable trusts being the key target. Due to the nature of the building and its history the funding sources being sought do not conflict with the funding proposals of the village hall or St John's Church. If the Trust decides to seek funding from Viridor Credits this will be done in 2016 after the village hall's bid for funding.