



BOLDRE CHURCH TRUST

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We write on behalf of Boldre Church Trust to those known to us to take an interest in the beautiful Church of St John's, Boldre, to advise you of repairs to windows in the west wall costing £19,182 which the PCC have asked the Trust to meet.

The 2015 Quinquennial Architectural Inspection highlighted the severely crumbling stonework surrounding two windows in the west wall of the church – caused by weather erosion over centuries. Following discussions with the Diocesan architect and Advisory Committee it was decided to replace all the damaged stonework. Hoare Banks was selected based on competitive quotes and the work is now complete.



Boldre Church Trust has two priorities – first, to raise an endowment fund to pass to future generations against the time when major repairs are needed - and, second to assist the PCC with capital repairs if necessary. Thanks to the generosity of many donors, trustees have made a good start on setting up an endowment, and from time to time have agreed to fund certain capital projects. We are very grateful to those who contribute to the Trust on a regular basis although we have only made public appeals on the few occasions the PCC has had to incur expenses which are beyond their normal budgets.

The repair to the west wall windows is one of those occasions as it involves delicate work cutting out and renewing stone and mortar. The cost of this would make a severe hole in the Trust's endowment, so we are making a general appeal for donations. The work is clearly of the first importance to preserve this major feature of our beautiful church.

We are well aware of the many calls on your generosity but we hope you will feel able to contribute to this important work. We only make an appeal of this sort very occasionally.

Please send cheques (payable to Boldre Church Trust) to the Hon Treasurer Nigel Henley, or by bank transfer to the Trust's account at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-95-32, account number 00158051 (quoting your name as reference). All donations will be gratefully acknowledged.

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