



ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH IN CRICKLADE RECEIVES HUGE BOOST TO ITS ROOF APPEAL

The first stage of much needed repairs to the roof of St Sampson's Church have begun, thanks to a £20,000 grant which St Sampson's Church PCC has received from Crapper & Sons Ltd, and a £10,000 grant from Hills Group Ltd. The grant was made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which is administered for Crapper & Sons Ltd. and Hills Group Ltd. by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire.

Work started on the South Transept on Monday 5th October 2020. Lead abutting the tower and south wall has been removed along with some lead covering the gutters which will need to be inspected. Some wet rot has been discovered and will need to be replaced by splicing in a seasoned piece of timber. It is possible more rot may be found when replacing the gutters, which are at the lowest point to the roof, but a recent inspection by the architect has found the roof structure to be basically sound and not compromised by the rot found so far.

The drawings and specifications for the North Transept, Nave and Lady Chapel roofs have been completed and submitted to tender.

The roof repairs are expected to take around six months to complete.

This is the start of a major project for our historic building, which will include replacing flooring throughout and improving the heating and lighting systems. Other facilities in the church will also be refurbished to provide a building that is more usable to all.



Adina Grace, Church Warden said; "This is fantastic news for our project and will enable work to begin in earnest from September 2020. We are extremely grateful to Crapper & Sons Landfill Ltd and Hills Group Ltd. for this grant and would especially like to thank to Mary Hardwidge, Grants Officer for all her support.

"The roof appeal is an on-going project which will result in a much improved space which can be used by all members of our town. We are continuing to appeal for additional funding for this project and any donations would be gratefully received."

Recently, a CCTV/Audio Intruder Alarm System has been installed on the roof. This is now operational and will make this area more secure. Our thanks are due to the Waylands Estate Charity and the Allchurches Trust Ltd. who contributed towards the cost of this.

Our thanks are also due for grants which have also been awarded by the Red Lion Charity and Wiltshire Historic Churches.

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