NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

The Salisbury Diocesan Scheme for the Inspection of Churches was established by the Diocesan Synod under the provisions of the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955 as amended by the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991. Following this, revisions to the scheme were made under the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, as amended by the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2019. From October 2020 the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) has the responsibility for overseeing that any architect or surveyor who undertake QI inspections have appropriate experience. The committee works with parishes to ensure this is case and keeps a register of current inspectors.

Expertise and experience
The DAC looks particularly for expertise and experience in as many as possible of the following fields:

1. Knowledge and understanding of the current approaches to and techniques for building conservation and a willingness to continue to develop experience

2. Conservation training and experience, i.e. the sensitive repair of traditional buildings using appropriate methods and materials, together with appropriate disciplines of recording and archaeology – which we ask you to specify. Whilst experience of historic church work is an obvious advantage, it is not essential if a person has other knowledge and experience of historic building work.

Conservation accreditation with the Register of Architects Accredited in Building Conservation (AABC), the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA – particularly SCA or CA) and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors is strongly encouraged.

3. An understanding of the role of a church as a local centre of worship and mission and of those responsible for its maintenance

4. Sensitivity and understanding in the adaptation or extension of traditional buildings for contemporary worship

Applications
If you are currently on the old approved list, please complete application form APPL1 and provide any supporting information requested.

All new applicants should complete application form APPL2 and provide supporting information requested.

The application form is largely self-explanatory but please supplement it with any other information you may feel is relevant.

The Diocesan Register is now reviewed annually to confirm current parish appointments, memberships, contact details and changes to qualifications/CPD. To note: inclusion is on a personal and not a practice basis. More than one member of a practice may be included on the register but each must be appointed in his or her own right. All inspections must be carried out personally by the appointed practitioner.