



St. Kyneburgha Building Preservation Trust

Safeguarding this ancient building for present and future communities

Lead Theft: it's happened. Now repair and prevent

The big news this month is we've joined the statistics and are a victim of this "unprecedented problem".

This is how the theft of lead from Churches and other buildings is being described by the Archdeacon of Lincoln. 50 churches targeted in Lincolnshire since January. 361 incidents this year in Peterborough area according to the ET.

On August 14th 5 sheets of lead were removed approx 5' x 6' in size from St Remigius Church at Waternewton. On the 19th August 2 ½ sheets were taken from St. Kyneburgha's. These crimes rise and fall with the price of lead. Lead prices are 5 times what they were 9 years ago according to Evening Telegraph last month http://www.peterboroughtoday.co.uk/news/local/et_investigation_thieves_take_130k_worth_of_scrap_metal_in_361_incidents_across_peterborough_area_1_2987199



This criminal activity strikes at vulnerable buildings and communities. Repair to stonework or water damage sometimes needs to be added to the roof repair. And in the case of St Remigius, there are fewer resources in the village to rally round and both sort the problem out and fund prevention.

In our case insurance will cover some of the repair cost, excluding the excess which has to be covered by a hard-pressed PCC. St.KBTrust is limited in what it can fund for the preventative security measures. Where we can help is to offer to project manage the repairs and the installation of the prevention plan. This offer has been accepted and William Baxter will work with the contractors over the next 4-6 weeks to fix the problems.

Preventative security measures include - restricting vehicle access to the church site, installing security lighting, applying a “DNA” grease product to leaded roof areas, locking down Wheelie bins - the favourite moving tool for thieves. Very importantly is the “neighbourhood watch” effort - encouraging anyone local to report suspicions by making sure contact names and telephone numbers are available. Evidence says we are more likely to report if we have a known name and a telephone number.

Watch this space.

Trust events



Romans at Durobrivae

Tickets left for 11.00 and 3pm 24th September

Join us at Water Newton for a stroll across to Durobrivae. We will travel back 2000 years to origins of this thriving town straddling Ermine Street with help from Dr. Stephen Upex. Refreshments will be available. Please wear footwear suitable for rough ground. This walk is not suitable for dogs!

Tickets in advance £10 contact tickets@stkbpt.org

Saxon politics, spirituality and princesses

November (date tbc)

The first in our History Series II - which opens up the world of the 7th and 8th Century England and the Saxon princess - Kyneburgha. More information to follow.

To reserve a place contact tickets@stkbpt.org

Carols at the Dickens

14th December 7.00pm

Join us for a festive sing song with some seasonal cheer at Evergreen Hill, Peterborough Road, kindly hosted by Robert Dickens and Carol Mackaoui. Will Craven will be accompanying the singing. Please walk to the location as parking is limited.

Strictly limited to 60 tickets in advance £10 contact tickets@stkbpt.org

Will you help us?

We are keen to attract regular donors. A small regular donation of £5 or £10 a month means that we can put more energy into grant applications and events which show of the history of the church and its situation and less into other forms of fundraising. All trust funds are spent on the preservation and maintenance of the church building and its environs. If you are interested in becoming a regular donor please contact William Baxter confidentially on William.Baxter@virgin.net.

Would you like to get involved with the Trust?

We are a small group with a big challenge and we rely on the support of a wide circle of Friends to both help arrange and support the events that raise the precious money the Trust needs to fund its work. In addition to raising money through the events we run, a large amount of the money we spend comes from grant applications. Once we have a project identified and funds available, the Trust manages the project directly or with the help of a volunteer. If you would like to take part, then please get in touch.

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Please consider remembering the Trust in your will to help preserve the church of St Kyneburgha for the enjoyment of future generations

What is the St Kyneburgha Building Preservation Trust?

The Trust was set up in 2000 to deal with what became our first project, the crisis of the East Window which was in serious need of repair.

The church of St. Kyneburgha is one of two Cambridgeshire entries in the top 100 churches in the country. (The other is the church at Barnack which also has a Building Preservation Trust). Over the last 11 years, the Trust has funded many projects including the rejuvenation of the porch, repairing the floor after the dry rot was exposed, re-siting the 7th century Saxon figure and setting up the mensa - a 14th Century altar in the Lady Chapel.

Built by the Normans St. Kyneburgha's church was built by the Normans on the site of a Roman Palace and dedicated in 1124. It is one of the oldest buildings in the country, Grade 1 listed, with features of great interest to architectural historians and admirers of Anglo Saxon building expertise. Any repairs or adjustments to the church require specialist architectural guidance and workmanship. It is, perhaps inevitably, an expensive building to maintain.

The Trust is responsible for raising money, deciding which projects to fund, managing projects and communication. As a registered charity its mission is to maintain, improve and enhance the building and surrounds of this ancient church.

Happy staying in touch?

Our plan is to communicate our news via email. If you would rather we did not email you then reply to this email with **Unsubscribe** in the subject heading. We also use the Parish Magazine and village websites to publicise events.