

Lincolnshire Update



Spring 2015

It might not feel like it yet, but Spring is here, and with it comes a packed diary of events - see below!

Project Update

Changes to the Team

Colm O'Kelly, project officer for Somerset and Dorset left us at the end of January to take up an exciting full time job with English Heritage. Best of luck Colm! Interviews for Colm's replacement took place in February, and our new colleague, Judith Eversley will be joining the team on 1st April.

In addition, our team leader Kate Streeter, whom some of you will have met at the York conference last year, will be away on maternity leave for a few months from the end of April, and we wish her well. Whilst she is away, we will be managed by SPAB's Deputy Director, Sara Crofts, who will be familiar to those of you who have attended a Faith in Maintenance Course (see below for details of this year's course in June).

New Website

The new Maintenance Co-operatives website, which replaces the temporary one we've been using so far, will be going live very soon! The new site has a separate page for each region, which means you can keep up to date with what's happening in Lincolnshire a lot more easily. I'm also writing sub-pages for each Lincolnshire Co-op, which will include details of meetings and events, as well as how to get involved. The web address will stay the same.

2015 Conference

Our conference this year will kick-off **National Maintenance Week** again, which will run from **Friday 20th November to Friday 27th November**. It will be in **Birmingham** this time, and our local team of volunteers in Hereford and Worcestershire are very enthusiastic about potential tours and visits, with lots of good ideas for what we might do. If you missed the conference in 2014, all of the PowerPoint presentations and videos of the speakers are now available on the [project website](#).

Lincolnshire News

It's been a busy couple of months so far this year, spent organising training events and attending meetings across Lincolnshire, so I'm looking forward to a rest over Easter!

At the end of January I held a 'Dealing with Damp' training course at Sausthorpe. This included a visit to nearby St Andrew's church, which has some serious damp issues! At the end of the day we also visited [St Mary's church](#) in Horncastle and heard all about the fantastic roof repair project that was undertaken a few years ago, all while the church remained open! If you weren't able to attend and would like a copy of the PowerPoint slides from the day, just let me know.



Lincolnshire Co-ops

There are now two Maintenance Co-op Groups in Lincolnshire, the **North Manlake** group in the North to the NE of Scunthorpe; and the **Holland Coastal** Group in the South to the East of Boston. Both groups are getting ready to undertake baseline condition surveys in the next few weeks, and are looking forward to a packed programme of training and events this year (see below).

A group in **Lincoln** is also being set up, and over the next few weeks I'll be meeting with people from places of worship in/near **Laughton, Brigg, South Witham** and **Kirkby on Bain** to talk about setting up groups there.

If you're not already a member of a group and would like to join one, or set one up, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Upcoming Events (n.b. all MCP events are free to attend, and usually include refreshments too)

Introduction to the North Manlake Co-op

Date: Monday 23rd March 2015, 2pm to 4pm

Venue: Trinity Methodist Church, Winterton (to be confirmed)

If you're from this area and are interested in volunteering to help care for your local church, or if you already do but would like some additional support, then why not come along to hear all about the project, and how you can get involved ([view the programme by clicking here](#)).

it would be helpful if you could let me know if you would like to attend by [clicking here to book](#), but you are most welcome to just turn up on the day with as many people from your place of worship as would like to join in.

Holland Coastal Group Drop-in Day

Date: Friday 10th April 2015, 12pm to 4pm

Venue: All Saints Church, Benington, Nr Boston

This drop-in day, held in partnership with Benington Community Heritage Trust, will kick-start the Holland Coastal Group Maintenance Co-operative, and everyone's welcome! ([view the poster by clicking here](#))

Join us any time between midday and 4pm to meet the Holland Coastal group Co-op, find out more about the project and how to get involved, try your hand at some exciting heritage skills sessions (at 2pm for approx. 1 hr), and enjoy some delicious tea and cake, free of charge!

There will also be activities for children, including a treasure hunt and memorial rubbings, with prizes at the end of the day!

For further information, including the full programme, and to help us buy enough cake for everyone by booking a place in advance, please get in touch, or [click here to book](#).

Maintenance Survey Training Day: North Manlake Co-op

Date: Thursday 30th April 2015, 10am – 4.30pm

Venue: Village Hall and St Bartholomew's Church, Appleby, North Lincs

Anyone interested in learning how to undertake a Baseline Condition Survey at a place of worship is welcome to attend this key hands-on training day ([View the programme by clicking here](#)).

No building knowledge or experience is needed - the survey is about looking at the building and recording what you see. We do not anticipate any climbing of ladders.

[Click here to book your place](#), or get in touch to let me know that you're coming.

Maintenance Survey Training Day: Holland Coastal Group

Date: Wednesday 13th May 2015, 10am – 4.30pm

Venue: to be confirmed

Anyone interested in learning how to undertake a Baseline Condition Survey at a place of worship is welcome to attend this key hands-on training day (programme still to be confirmed, but will be much the same as above).

No building knowledge or experience is needed - the survey is about looking at the building and recording what you see. We do not anticipate any climbing of ladders.

[Click here to book your place](#), or get in touch to let me know that you're coming.

Faith in Maintenance Training Day

Date: Friday 26th June 2015, 10am – 4pm

Venue: Tennyson Room, Horncastle Community Centre, Manor House Street, Horncastle LN9 5HF

This award-winning course aims to help volunteers who look after historic places of worship by helping you understand how your building works, and how to solve common maintenance problems.

As well as talks, the day includes a **practical exercise** looking at elements of a church building and learning to identify defects. ([click here to view the programme](#)).

Everyone who attends receives a free copy of the **Good Maintenance Guide**, and after the course help is available via the SPAB's telephone **technical advice** service.

Please [click here to book](#) – spaces are limited to book early to guarantee a place!

Contacts and Further Information

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, need any advice or guidance, or would just like to get in touch:

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