

“Saving a Church for All Seasons”

Development Phase Update 6, 21st June 2026

Despite a splendid weekend of village Open Gardens and Concert in church which together raised just over £3,000 earlier this month, we continue to struggle in meeting the strict demands of The National Lottery Heritage funding. Therefore, after much discussion the Project Board has decided that the Delivery Phase application should be made in March 2027.

The driver for this is clear indication from our NLHF Investment Manager and Independent Consultant that the Lottery Fund now looks for match funding to have been secured at the point of application.

In our own case, that places a requirement on our Fundraising Consultant, Sian Newton, to have secured both the originally anticipated £70,000 and the additional shortfall of £72,581, which is a result of the Government having withdrawn its coverage of the VAT element for churches after we had submitted our Development Phase application.

With the economy having tightened it is also the case that, over the last year, major grantees have reviewed and tightened up their conditions.

Given that we are in competition with other organisations (not just churches), St Andrew's needs to be as well positioned as possible.



Fundraising Concert

Should you feel able to help towards meeting the targets above, please use the QR code below or make a direct payment to Lloyds Bank.



Give a Little

**Payable to: Parochial Church Council of Boreham / Boreham PCC,
Sort Code : 30-91-85 Account Number : 02387192**

Thank you so much.

Development Phase Update 7, 14th September 2026

Final drafts of the Project Activity Plan and separate Business Plan are being considered by the Project Board. The Activity Plan sets out and costs all the community and history related events. The Business Plan sets out income streams and possibilities during and after Project completion.

Applications are being made for grants from Trusts so that we can show The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) that match funding is in place.

We are looking at how best to present concerns about the condition of the tiles on the north side of the nave roof to the NLHF.

An Inspector from Historic England (a statutory consultee) has visited the Church and there will soon be a visit by a Committee responsible for advising the Diocese on works to churches.

The recent public consultation event was well attended and helpful in confirming support for the Project - thank you to all who contributed.

Should you wish to know more about the Project do please ask any of the Project Board - John Bostock (Project Lead), Peter Horton, Nick Fenning-Mills and Bob Taylor.

**With grateful thanks to all the Lottery Players,
without whom this project would not be possible.**

Thank You.

