Our main role is to make grants to churches which need to carry out repairs to their fabric and historical fittings and also towards facilities to keep churches in use. Grants are paid once work is completed.

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FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES
FACTS AND FIGURES

• FOUNDED 1949 - STILL COVERS
• KENT’S HISTORIC COUNTY BORDERS

• SET UP IN RESPONSE TO BAD STATE OF CHURCHES
  AFTER YEARS OF NEGLECT AND WAR DAMAGE

• FIRST GRANTS 1951 – 2 OF £29 & 3 OF £25
• IN FIRST 10 YEARS £7989 PAID IN GRANTS
• IN PAST 10 YEARS £1,428,980 PAID

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Early Fundraising included Open Gardens, Collecting Boxes and Sale of Cards

• SPONSORED BIKE RIDE
  • First bike ride in 1985 raised over £44,000 and grants quadrupled

• RIDE AND STRIDE
  • 2017 Ride and Stride raised over £130,000
    • (Only 3 other trusts have ever exceeded £100K)

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RIDE & STRIDE 2017 FACTS AND FIGURES

• Highest amount raised by one church: Ulcombe £2816
• Highest number of churches visited: 75
• Most Visited Church: Brenzett, St Eanswith
• Churches Open: 731
• Number of Riders/Walkers: 864
• Estimated total visits to churches: 10,500

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Where does our money come from?

2017  £K

- Ride & Stride  75  59% *
- Investment Income  11  8%
- Legacies and Donations  42  33%
- Total Income  128  100%

What was it spent on? Grant offers made in 2017  £158,000

- Every penny of sponsors’ money from Ride & Stride goes to churches, either to the participants’ church or through FKC grants.

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WHO WE GAVE THE MONEY TO AND WHY

In 2017 you helped us to raise £130,397 which allowed the Friends of Kent Churches to promise to help 29 churches with essential repairs. Thank you! Amongst the recipients are:

- St Catherine, Preston-next-Faversham
- St Margaret, Broomfield
- St Mary, Nettlestead
- St Dunstan, Farningham
- St Lawrence, Mereworth
- St Nicholas, New Romney
- Appledore Methodist Church

Money raised by Ride & Stride for Churches provides grants to many churches to help with the cost of their essential repairs.

All Saints, Snodland was placed on the at risk Register in 2014. It has needed repairs to window tracery, stonework, roof and rainwater goods.

St Mary Milstead needed extensive repairs to its tower and turret.
HOW TO APPLY FOR AN FKC GRANT:
GO ON LINE TO
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PRINT OUT APPLICATION FORM OR COMPLETE ON LINE

MEMBER OF GRANTS COMMITTEE VISITS CHURCH
GRANTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS
FKC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ENDORSES
CHURCH INFORMED

St Mary in the Marsh 2016
MEMBERSHIP

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• RIDE AND STRIDE 2019
  • SATURDAY 14\textsuperscript{th} SEPTEMBER

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