

SPAB Faith in Maintenance

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Project Summary 2007

Number	Faith in Maintenance held 18 courses in 2007.
Venues	Croydon, Newport (IoW), Betws-y-Coed, Rotherham, Ipswich, Pimlico (London), Carlisle, Sandhurst (Gloucester), Norwich, Tondur, Chippenham, Bexhill, Stoke Newington (London), Alvechurch, Truro, Kendal, Chester-le-Street, Braintree.
Attendance	Approximately 660 volunteers took part in 2007 (average attendance at a course is 37).
Criteria	Courses are free and open to any volunteer looking after a historic place of worship (not just listed buildings).
Support	Delegates are given a copy of the Handbook and the A3 Calendar. They also have access to advice and guidance on the project website, the free technical advice line service and the email bulletin service.
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Funding	£645,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £75,000 from English Heritage
Objectives	To deliver a maintenance training course To devise an effective support system (information in a range of media) To reach as many and as diverse a range of volunteers as possible. To raise awareness of the need for regular and basic routine maintenance To encourage greater understanding of the history and interest of historic PoW To enhance the skills, expertise and personal development of volunteers To promote the SPAB's philosophy – daily care, conservative repair etc.
Feedback	<p><i>"I think that we all came away having learnt something, but much more importantly came away feeling invigorated, more confident and less alone."</i></p> <p><i>"Anyone who has responsibility for a church building should grab the opportunity to attend one of these courses. Never will the blindly obvious be put in front of you so helpfully!"</i></p> <p><i>"I came out of a sense of duty, not expecting anything other than the mundane, but Sara's presentation was so well done and very much passed on their enthusiasm. Being then able to go out and look at two so very different and intriguing churches in such close proximity and with new eyes was brilliant. I came home really enthused. The booklet too is invaluable, and will certainly help us get properly organised."</i></p>



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