

# SPAB Faith in Maintenance

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## Project Summary 2008

Number	Faith in Maintenance held 27 courses in 2008 and took part in 3 other events.
Venues	Bolton, Berkswell, Crediton, Bethnal Green (London), Plymouth, Corfe Mullen, Coychurch, Richmond on Thames, Terling, Harrow-on-the Hill (London), Guildford, Barnwell, Macclesfield, Leicester, Bradfield Combust, Grimsby, Bracon Ash, Chitterne, Wrightington (Wigan), Garforth, Brockley (London), Waterloo (Liverpool), Barton-le-Clay, Felpham, Lostwithiel, Meopham, Bristol.
Attendance	Approximately 875 volunteers took part in 2008 (the average attendance is 32).
Criteria	Courses are <b>free</b> and open to <b>any volunteer</b> looking after a <b>historic place of worship</b> (not just listed buildings).
Support	Delegates are given a copy of the <i>Good Maintenance Guide</i> and the <i>Maintenance Calendar</i> . They also have access to advice and guidance on the project website, the free technical helpline and the email bulletin service.
Contact	The Faith in Maintenance project is run by Sara Crofts (Project Director), Kate Minnis (Project Administrator) and David John (Technical Officer). Write: 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY Telephone: 0207 456 0913 Email: info@spabfm.org.uk Website: www.spabfm.org.uk
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 PoWs To enhance the skills, expertise and personal development of volunteers To promote the SPAB's philosophy – daily care, conservative repair etc.
Feedback	<i>"The enthusiasm of Sara Crofts was palpable and inspiring, her expertise undoubted. What might have been a 'dry as dust' excursion into lurking decay was a revelation and a most enjoyable day."</i>  <i>"Thank you for a fascinating day on this course. Invaluable to me as a new churchwarden."</i>  <i>"I'd just like to record my appreciation of the above course. I do think it is amazing to have a training day like that offered free of charge. Although I knew a good deal, it was very useful in plugging gaps and in the information on help available."</i>  <i>"I found the content very interesting and thought provoking, and considered it worthwhile, being a positive benefit to those looking after our buildings."</i>



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