

SPAB Faith in Maintenance

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Project Summary 2009

Number	Faith in Maintenance held 31 courses in 2009 and took part in 2 other events. In addition, we held one workshop for young people.
Venues	Slimbridge, Kirk Braddan (Isle of Man), Wellesbourne, Dewsbury, Ely, Aston (Sheffield), Whitland, Charlton Kings (Gloucester), North Creake, Sheriff Hutton, Shepshed, Higham Ferrers, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, Risca, Merton, Paddington Green (London), Betchworth, Jesmond (Newcastle), Swansea, Downside Abbey, Llanvaches, Stafford, Brackley, Wingerworth, West Chiltington, Elham, Hildenborough, Whaplode, Cambridge, Leeds.
Attendance	Approximately 1000 volunteers took part in 2009 (the average attendance is 33).
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 <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.
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Funding	£565,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £125,000 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>"Please pass my thanks onto Sara Crofts for a brilliant and well presented day. It was delightful to hear so much realistic information."</i> <i>"The handbook is a great resource and so too the website which we have looked at today. Thanks to you, I am now better informed to do my job as churchwarden and our church building hopefully will benefit."</i> <i>"Lots of ideas and tips, all of which I shall be using in my future maintenance programming."</i> <i>"I thought it was first class and a real eye opener; churches would save a lot of money if more people attended this."</i>



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