

SPAB Faith in Maintenance

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Project Summary 2011

Number	Faith in Maintenance held 41 courses in 2011. In addition, we ran 3 workshops for young people.
Venues	Aylesford, South Kensington (London), Lindfield, Lancaster, Kidderminster, Woking, Bedale, Stamford, Union Mills (Isle of Man), Lillington, Pirton, Port Talbot, Warsop, Queensbury, Moulton, Morville, Worthing, Wingerworth, Whalley, Burrough-on-the-Hill, Rattery, Norton, Lichfield, Norwich, Brierley Hill, Fernham, Gildersome, Warrington, Old Alresford, Pimlico (London), St John Lee, Bath, Bristol, Chilham, Patrington, Wickhambrook, Birmingham, Wendover, Toddington, Lincoln, Bungay.
Attendance	Approximately 1,120 volunteers took part in 2011 (the average attendance was 27).
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>"I thought the day was excellent and very informative. Absolutely no time-wasting!"</i> <i>"We were deeply impressed at the quality of the day. The presentations were excellent as well as making what is indeed a difficult topic understandable to Churchwardens. The practical session in the afternoon made so much sense of the information of the morning."</i> <i>"What a successful day! We learned so much from Sara, who must be amongst the best presenters of her subject we have ever come across. The day flew by."</i> <i>"An excellent training - what could have been a very boring day was quite the opposite."</i>



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