

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund

All Saints' Church, Madeley (Ref: 16/17003/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following grant is approved:-

£1,122 for repointing and stonework repairs to All Saints' Church, Madeley, subject to the appropriate standard conditions

Purpose of report

To enable members to consider this application for financial assistance.

All Saints' Church, Madeley is a Grade I Listed Church within the centre of Madeley Conservation Area. Built from pink ashlar sandstone with tile and lead roofs, the church has 12th century origins but was remodelled in 14th and 15th centuries and restored in 1872.

The tower (14th century) underwent high level repointing and stonework repairs last year following a five yearly survey in 2014. Funds for this work were raised through the Parochial Church Council and local donations. The Church now is looking for the low level repairs and repointing to the stonework to be completed and is asking for assistance towards the cost of the next phase of repairs. The work has been specified and tendered by a conservation accredited architect and your Conservation Officer is satisfied that the work is necessary and it is appropriate to support the grant.

The total cost of the works plus professional fees is estimated at £5,610 excluding VAT (which is recoverable). The works are eligible for grant up to 20% of the total cost.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party is being asked for its views on this application and they will be reported to the Committee.

Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with £33,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments.