



Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe (Somerset) Vestry Repairs Project awarded National Lottery support

It was announced today that the Holy Trinity Church Newton St Loe has received a confirmed grant of £84,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for repairs to the vestry and a heritage project. Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, the project aims to secure the building for years to come. Work on the heritage project will start early autumn and repairs should be undertaken during the winter months.

The project aims to carry out urgent structural repairs to the “At Risk” -Grade II* church to ensure that it remains open and available to local people and visitors. It will create opportunities for engagement with the heritage and architecture for all and especially school children and also it will allow greater use of the building by students of heritage, campanology, music, drama and location filming.

The church, which is sited within a conservation area close to Newton St Loe Castle and Newton Park, has stood on the site since the 11th century. The current building was constructed in the 14th century with the tower added a century later, it was restored in 1857. The numerous wall tablets together with the stained glass windows form a history in themselves. The belfry has six bells hung for change ringing. Commenting on the award, Rosemarie Bailey, P.C.C. Treasurer, said: “We are very grateful to have received this generous support thanks to the National Lottery players. The repairs will serve as a good example of church restoration and we are delighted that the church’s heritage will have more detailed publicity in future.”

[Nerys Watts, Head of HLF South West, said: “Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, we’re delighted to support this project which will secure the future of Holy Trinity Church and share its heritage with the community which it has stood at the heart of for centuries.”](#) .

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