



Kirk Ireton Neighbourhood Plan

Kirk Ireton Church

Broadly the Church currently costs £20,000pa to run, roughly split:

£10,000 pa for the Ministry: e.g. conducting Church services, pastoral care, visiting the distressed or sick, dealing with bereavements, visiting school, etc, etc and for ongoing evaluation and formal monitoring of the School.

£10,000 pa for upkeep, maintenance & repair of the building and churchyard of which a significant proportion is paid for by donors to the Patronage Scheme.

The repair element to the fabric of the building included within that figure changes from year to year but presently averages £4,000pa.

There is no undue backlog of repairs, but it is known that the heating may have to be replaced at some time (budget £25,000) if the building is to be kept constantly warmed at a realistic cost, as will the lead roof within the next 25 years (budget £100,000).

The Chestnut trees in the graveyard are prone to a disease that is spreading through the country and they may have to be felled if they catch it.

The Church is used weekly by an average of 13 parishioners on Sundays and by all the children from school occasionally.

Other than school, there are some 20 occasions a year when more than 30 people attend - eg: Baptisms, marriages, funerals, Easter, Mothering Sunday, Harvest festival, All-Souls, Christmas, Concerts.

There is currently seating for 100 people and standing room for perhaps another 50 or more.