



**Discover
Churches**
Herefordshire & Shropshire

A guide to acronyms relating to church conservation & tourism

CfGA = Caring for God's Acre

Works nationally to support groups and individuals to investigate, care for and enjoy burial grounds. It values churchyards and burial grounds for their importance to people and their history and wildlife and to champion the conservation of churchyards and burial sites across the British Isles.

CCT = The Churches Conservation Trust

A charity set up to protect churches at risk. CCT cares for the 350 (approx.) churches vested in it by the Church Commissioners of the Church of England and works with local communities to bring their churches alive again.

CVTA = Churches Visitor & Tourism Association

Seeks to develop the tourism potential, and visitor experience of a unique part of our heritage and contemporary sacred heritage.

F(of)FC = Friends of Friendless Churches

Rescues and campaigns for redundant historic churches threatened by demolition, decay and unsympathetic conversion in England and Wales. The Friends preserve these buildings for the local community and for visitors to enjoy.

HCTG = Herefordshire Churches Tourism Group

A network of some of the best churches and chapels in the county. By encouraging tourism, visitors' appreciation and enjoyment of Herefordshire can be enhanced.

HHCT = Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust

Exists to provide financial help with repairs, restoration and improvement to churches of all denominations in Herefordshire. It looks to help churches to help themselves and, since its foundation, hundreds of thousands of pounds have been given in grants to churches.

NCT = National Churches Trust

Supports places of worship of historic, architectural and community value used by Christian denominations throughout the UK; provides grants for urgent repairs and community facilities and for keeping buildings in good repair through the Maintenance Booker service. Its 'Explore Churches' website encourages tourism.

SCTG = Shropshire Churches Tourism Group

An ecumenical network of interesting churches and chapels in the county and a body of volunteers interested in the development and promotion of church tourism to enhance visitors' appreciation and understanding of church buildings and their importance to the communities they serve.

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