

## Securing the future of Stonegrave Minster

Stonegrave Minster as you see it today, is the result of cycles of development as the church has adapted to change. The result is a vivid historical and architectural record. There is stone or woodwork from the 8th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th centuries. The Minster is the only community space within the village of Stonegrave, which is within the Howardian Hills National Landscape. The Minster is Listed Grade II\*, and it's Christian and historical heritage has close ties with the local and national history of religion, Royal power and the growth of literacy and democracy in Britain.



Detail from the chancel screen freize. 1637.

As we move into the 21st century, it's time for The Minster to begin a new cycle of development. One which will help it adapt and become available for a broader role in the village and community, while protecting and improving access to its history and heritage, liturgical and musical. The last major work was the introduction of electricity in the late 1950's. Now it's time to make it more accessible, adaptable and usable. We hope that you can help.

We've been asking everyone who uses the Minster or walks past it to tell us what improvements they'd like. We now have clear priorities. First: a new electric heating system, removing the old oil-fired system which is inefficient as well as damaging to the environment. This will also involve upgrading the electrical circuits. That will give us the opportunity to re-fashion the lighting, to provide better illumination where and when it is needed, both inside and outside. We'll also re-lay the track across the green to the church gate for better vehicular access (especially in winter), and re-surface the path from the gate to the porch, and provide access ramps at the porch steps. Later, we're looking to bring in a water supply, and possibly provide a composting toilet as well.



The Stonegrave Saxon cross (c. 940AD)

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