

Save Our Spire

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Please complete the form below and send it with your donation (*cheques made payable to 'The Chapter of Truro Cathedral'*) to:
The Appeal Administrator, Truro Cathedral Office, 14 St Mary's Street, Truro, TR1 2AF, or place in one of the Cathedral donation boxes.

Title..... Initials..... Surname.....

Home Address

..... Postcode.....

Date..... Email/Tel.....

I would like to sponsor a

Single stone at £15

Double stone at £30

Decorated stone at £250

Please tick
box

I have chosen to sponsor a stone, please record my donation in the Record of Sponsors. (Please indicate below the name to be recorded in the Archives, and note if this is in memory of a person or event)

Name to be Recorded

Dedication to a person or event.....

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Please allow us to collect gift aid on your donation by ticking the appropriate box.

- Please treat the enclosed gift of £..... as a Gift Aid donation, OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations, OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the Cathedral will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

Signature.....

Our sincere thanks for your support.

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How You Can Help?

We are sending out an urgent SOS for help:

Become directly involved in our restoration project. Sponsor Our Stones and your assistance will help ensure that the restoration of Truro Cathedral's iconic tower and spire can take place.

Your contribution will have a positive impact in helping to safeguard our heritage for future generations.

In return for your financial assistance you will receive a special 'SOS' certificate signed by the Dean, thanking you for your valuable support. The certificate can be given as a unique birthday or Christmas present, or as an enduring memory of a loved one or anniversary.

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*Thank you for supporting the Cathedral.
Your financial assistance will help Save Our Spire.*



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An Inspire Cornwall Project to help restore the
Central Tower and Spire of Cornwall's Cathedral



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Over 36 miles of scaffolding was used in the 2004/5 restoration of the West Front.

The Background

In 2001 we embarked on a three phase plan to carry out a full restoration of Truro Cathedral. Two phases, the restoration of the East End in 2002 and the West Front in 2004/2005, have been successfully completed, on time and on budget. We are now beginning the final phase; to restore the iconic Central Tower and Spire. This specialist restoration project will cost an estimated £2m, of which we have already raised over half. However, some of the grant funding we have received is only payable once the full amount has been raised, and so we need your help and financial support urgently. Please back this major restoration project today.

Save Our Spire – sponsor our stones is a fundraising scheme whereby you directly sponsor the cost of restoring a stone (or stones) so that future generations can enjoy the spectacular beauty of Cornwall's Cathedral.



This photograph shows the partly constructed Cathedral in 1887 without its familiar towers and spires. Extensive fundraising was underway to create them, as it is today to restore them!



The iconic city skyline. This picture was taken just after the completion of the restoration work on the West Front in 2005.

A message from the Dean:

“Truro is fortunate to have such an iconic city skyline, beautifully enhanced by the Cathedral’s magnificent three spires. Visitors and locals alike can share in our wonderful heritage and faith. If you would like to see this heritage restored and saved for future generations then please consider making a financial gift through this scheme. If everyone gives a small contribution then together we can SAVE OUR SPIRE.”

The Very Revd Dr Christopher Hardwick
The Dean of Truro



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The Problem

Although the majority of the Cathedral is built from local granite, many of the features like the spires and towers are made from Bath stone. This stone was used because it is much easier to carve than granite...and therein lies the problem. The Cornish climate, with its salt-laden winds and driving rain, has done its own carving of the Bath stone - leaving it in a precarious state. It needs immediate attention to prevent permanent structural damage and the longer we leave it the more costly the repair will be. *Please help us to restore this much-loved Cornish building.*



The Dean, Dr Christopher Hardwick, and Sir Barry Cunliffe (English Heritage) examine the damage to stonework on the central tower caused by wind, rain and salt-laden air.

The Solution

English Heritage helped us to come up with a solution to reduce further erosion of the Cathedral's stone-work. Extensive tests at Hallam University, Sheffield, helped identify Syerford stone as a suitable alternative to Bath stone. It is similar looking but much harder wearing and longer lasting. So we have solved half the problem, can you solve the other half? Turn over to see how you can help.



The Photogrammetric Survey has helped identify the damaged stones that need replacing on the central tower.