

## The Templar Heritage Trust

### Introduction

Monks + warriors + diplomats + bankers + builders + farmers + engineers + protectors of pilgrims: the medieval Knights Templar were all of these things... and more.

If you are interested in:

- sorting the fact from the fiction in the history of the Order of Knights Templar
- conserving churches, farms and fortifications built by the medieval Templars in this country and overseas
- meeting and volunteering with others who share your interest in this most fascinating of organisations

then the Templar Heritage Trust (THT) has been founded with you in mind.

The modern Grand Priory of Knights Templar in England and Wales has been interested for many years in the need to research and conserve the rich heritage of the medieval Knights Templar. As part of its cultural and charitable work, the Grand Priory has supported the establishment of the Templar Heritage Trust to take forward this interest.

The Templar Heritage Trust currently operates as part of the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), registered charity 268369. The THT plans to seek approval from the Charity Commission for England & Wales to register as a separate charity in due course.

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## 1 Objects

- a) To conserve buildings and sites associated with the medieval Knights Templar;
- b) To provide bursaries to young people or the unemployed training in the crafts of building restoration and conservation; and
- c) To provide grants for research into the Templars, the Crusades, monastic and chivalric orders and associated subjects.

## 2 Activities

- In partnership with the Grand Priory, the THT organises a Templar History & Heritage Weekend each summer.
- The weekend includes speakers on matters of interest to all engaged in conservation, research and archaeology issues close to the hearts of Templars, and visits to local Templar sites, as well as a report on the work of THT.
- Local Preceptories and Houses within the Grand Priory also organise events to support the THT.
- The THT Organising Committee usually meets three times each year to decide on grants to support training, historical research initiatives, and/or conservation projects on Templar buildings or sites.
- The THT also provides information and education material about the Knights Templar and their heritage.

## 3 Organising Committee

Of the nine THT Organising Committee Members, at least five are drawn from within the membership of the Grand Priory and up to four are appointed by the Committee for their independent expertise. Through these processes the Trust seeks a balance of relevant knowledge and experience.

In keeping with good governance practice, THT is managed by the Organising Committee separately from the Grand Priory's direct activities.

## 4 Funding

The Grand Priory of Knights Templar in England and Wales and other individuals have raised initial funding of £10,000.

The Templar Heritage Trust's regular income is generated through investments and donations from friends.

## 5 Grants

The Trustees consider grants each year under one or more of the following headings:

- bursaries for research into the history of the Templars or associated subjects
- bursaries for young persons undertaking training or volunteering in building conservation
- grants for conservation at churches linked with the medieval Order

Individual grants will not normally exceed £250.

## 8 Grant Recipients

Recipients of grants or bursaries are asked to provide the Trustees with a brief report on their activities, and a selection is published in the Grand Priory's magazine, "Beaucéant".

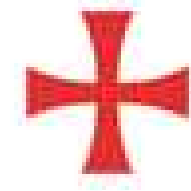
## 7 Further Information

If you would like further information on the Templar Heritage Trust and its work, please write to:

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For more information, please also see the website:

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