

St Andrew's Parish Church, Ombersley

English Heritage support

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council is grateful for the support of English Heritage through their *Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England* scheme.

Over the years the Scheme has contributed generously towards essential conservation of the church fabric. The spire has been refurbished, and more recently the windows in the north transept have been restored.

A survey conducted in the spring of 2010 revealed that the stone facings and decorative mouldings on the tower needed stabilisation and repair. The problem is exacerbated by the rusting of iron cramps used in its construction. The overall cost of the work is around £250,000. English Heritage has offered a grant towards the project, and this has been augmented by grants from other local and national charitable bodies. There still remains a large balance to be raised by church members and the PCC, and fund-raising activities are currently under way.

We anticipate that the repair work will start in April 2011, and last for 5-6 months.

The preservation of this architecturally important church in the attractive and historic village of Ombersley places a large financial burden on our congregation and the local funding bodies who contribute towards its upkeep. We thank all our donors, without whom we could not continue this work.

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