



## **The Friends of St Mary's contributes £27k towards repairs to Hadleigh Church**

[Hadleigh, Suffolk, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017] The Friends of St Mary's Church Hadleigh have just contributed £27,107 towards repairs to the stonework holding the windows of Hadleigh's famous medieval church.

Natural "wear and tear" over the centuries has resulted in some of the windows now requiring substantial maintenance and repair work. The need for these repairs was established in 2013, but the funds for the work were not available. Hadleigh's Parochial Church Council (PCC) therefore looked to the Friends to help raise the funds for this essential work.

"This was quite a challenge for the Friends," explains the charity's chairman John Hunt. "We were a very small group relying mainly on membership fees and small events. Clearly we had to up our game and preparations were put in hand to launch a major appeal to include donations, legacies and corporate contributions.

"The Friends have received some very generous donations recently and we are pleased to have been able to make this £27,000 payment. However, the upcoming repair and maintenance requirements for St Mary's are so substantial that we need to redouble our efforts," Mr Hunt added.

The Friends of St Mary's Church Hadleigh is a charitable organisation dedicated to preserving the architectural heritage of Hadleigh's magnificent historic Church and Deanery Tower.

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