Go ahead for All Saints Church Wighton 600th Anniversary Restoration Project

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The project aims to carry out essential repair work, increase community involvement and raise awareness of the historical importance of the church within the locality. This is a four-year project leading up to the celebration of the 600th anniversary of the building of the 15th-century nave which will take place in 2017.

Development funding of £29,000 has been awarded to help Wighton PCC progress their plans towards a full grant at a later date.

As well as aiming to restore the church fabric for heritage and religious use, the main focus of the 600th Anniversary Restoration Project is greater community involvement. A new website, family trails, heritage displays and interpretation boards will be created. A four-year programme of events will be designed to appeal to a wide range of ages, backgrounds and beliefs.

The Church of All Saints in Wighton is a fine Grade I listed, 15th-century building in an elevated position. Originally built by the most highly-skilled stone masons and glassmakers as a regional showpiece, it's now a living and much-loved Norfolk landmark, dominating the village and surrounding countryside. However, the nave built in 1417, is in need of urgent repairs and waterproofing which is a huge funding challenge for a small village.

A spokesman from the PCC said: “We’re delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has given us this vital support. The 600th anniversary in 2017 will be a huge milestone in the life-span of All Saints Church in Wighton and the essential work we are planning to do to mark the event will preserve this historic building for future generations to enjoy and worship in.’

Robyn Llewellyn, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East of England, said: “We are delighted to support this project, which will enable All Saints Church, Wighton to plan urgent structural repair work to safeguard the building and at the same time give the community the opportunity to learn more about what makes the church special."

Notes to editors

About Wighton PCC
The Wighton Parochial Church Council is the charity responsible for the financial affairs of the church and the care and maintenance of its fabric.

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