

Report on the Fabric for 2020

This is my last report as Chair of the Fabric and Finance Committee. I am grateful to Gerald Blues who will be taking over as Chair of this committee.

Pat as Treasurer has given her report on the finances so I concentrate on the fabric and grounds of the church and Leverton Hall.

We started 2020 having to obtain emergency approval from the Diocese to deal with a collapse in the church yard, on the bank just below the vestry. My thanks to Richard Stone of Anstey and Stone for his quick response in dealing with this.

The grass cutting team continued their work and together with Andrew Jones, Deborah Ling and others we have continued to maintain the churchyard and grounds. We are very grateful to all these volunteers as their endeavours save the parish a very considerable sum of money each year.

During the year quotes were obtained, and Philp Yates ensured that the necessary legal consents were in place, to undertake the removal of the old chimney flue at the west end of the church and completion of all outstanding external stonework repairs. This work commenced in January 2021 by Anstey and Stone and has been finished.

This was the last major item to be completed following the 2017 5-yearly inspection. Following completion of the stonework and the roof and gutter repairs in 2019, I am hopeful that there will not be such a major list of actions when the next inspection is carried out in 2022.

We continued our planned refurbishment of the Leverton Hall with enlarged and refurbished storage being installed during the year. This has allowed removal of older storage cupboards and the safer and more visually attractive storage of tables. The red tables in the hall have been replaced with new folding ones due to wood worm damage, two have been refurbished by Jim Jeffery for use in the church. Following the outsourcing of the magazine printing and the donation of a new office printer at the vicarage, the old printer is soon to be removed from the inner lobby and this will allow the blue plastic chairs to be moved, further enhancing the appearance of the hall.

Other than all the usual day to day maintenance issues that inevitably arise during the year, the only major items that now need attention are the internal and external redecoration of the Leverton Hall and the redecoration of the vestry.

Ian Lapworth 11th April 2021.