

ST MARY THE VIRGIN HORNE



Help us Restore
and Preserve our
Beloved Spire

The Spire

St Mary's church has stood at the heart of Horne parish for approximately 900 years, serving as a spiritual sanctuary, a venue for life's great celebrations, such as, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and as a cherished landmark in our rural community.

The spire was rebuilt in its current form in 1880 and will reach its 150th anniversary in 2030. It has withstood a century and a half of English weather. However, the spire now requires urgent specialist care to ensure it stands proud for generations to come.

Whether or not you are a regular churchgoer, St Mary's belongs to us all. St Mary's is open every day. It is:

- A place of sanctuary and reflection for those in need
- A gathering place for our community events and celebrations
- A historic structure of national importance (Grade II*)
- A link to centuries of ancestors buried in our churchyard
- A vital part of our rural landscape and heritage

The Challenge

Recent building surveys have identified that the spire, whilst still standing firm, is showing signs of age. Specialist inspection has revealed:

- Significant damage inflicted by woodpeckers
- Loss of pointing in the masonry

The Solution

So far the spire is not leaking, at least as far as we can tell. The damaged shingles continue to keep out the rain. However, it is only a matter of time before they fail and, in the mean time, the roof timbers may be at risk of rotting.

The Parochial Church Council have decided to accept recommendations of the Quinquennial Reviews and replace the shingles. This is not work we can delay.

The Cost

Taking into account the cost of repairs by craftspeople, bat surveys, obtaining permissions, listed building and Church consents and architects' fees, the total replacement cost is expected to be around £172,000.

We have a Church Fabric Fund built up from savings and fundraising initiatives over many years which is providing £50,000 towards the project. We are actively seeking grants from other charities.



How can you help

Your support can make a huge difference.

Scan the QR code for
St. Mary the Virgin Horne



Bank transfer:

Account Name: Horne Parochial Church Council

Sort Code: 20-23-98

Account No: 23281639

Reference: SPIRE

Cheque or cash: Deliver to our Treasurer, Lauma Kazusa.

At church or 2 Hornecourt Manor Farm Cottages,
Hornecourt Hill, Horne RH6 9LB

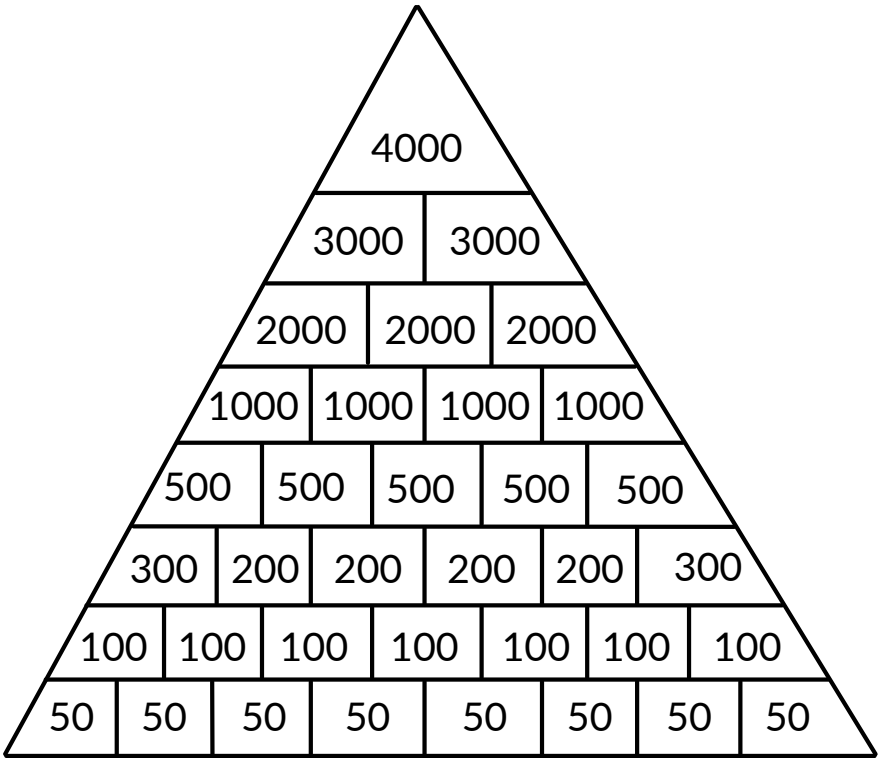
Our sincere thanks in anticipation of your support and help. Any surplus raised will be used towards reordering works to improve accessibility.

St Mary the Virgin Horne
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www.windmillchurches.co.uk



A Gift for Every Shingle

The spire has stood for centuries because, over the years, many hands and many purses have kept it standing. It doesn't take one large gift to restore it - it takes a great many gifts of every size. Find a box that feels right for you. You don't need to tell us which one - just circle it, take it home, and see how it sits with you.



Every gift, whatever its size, can be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you through Gift Aid - see overleaf. If you'd like to give in instalments, or explore Gift Aid, standing orders, or a legacy gift, do speak to Lauma, our PCC Treasurer.

£25,000 raised locally strengthens every grant application we make - so your gift, at any level, does double duty.

Gift Aid

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation this will boost the amount by 25p for every £1 you donate as the PCC will be able to claim this from HMRC. All you need to do is complete the attached declaration and return this to the PCC addressed to Lauma Kazusa at the address given in the leaflet.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

Charity Gift Aid Declaration

☐ YES I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to and through St Mary the Virgin Horne.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed:

Date:

Title:

First name or initial(s):

Surname:

Full home address:

Postcode:

Please notify us if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

Gift Aid Reference number:.....(PCC Treasurer to complete)