

THE CHURCH BUILDINGS RENEWAL TRUST

A Company Limited by Guarantee Registered in Scotland No. 156577 Scottish Charity No. SC025005



CBRT – WHAT IS IT?

The Church Buildings Renewal Trust is a Company Limited by Guarantee and is a non-profit making charitable Trust administered entirely by volunteers. It was established in 1994 with the support of Glasgow City Council, Church of Scotland General Trustees and the Archdiocese of Glasgow.

CBRT advocates the renewal of church buildings throughout Scotland to prevent redundancy, regardless of denomination.

CBRT – PRINCIPAL AIMS

1. To provide advice to existing owners, users and potential end-users of underused or redundant church buildings in their endeavours to find appropriate and sustainable ways to bring them fully back into community life. In support of that aim to advise on appropriate adaptation and extension of such buildings including relevant architectural and planning issues and practical alternative uses in whole or in part while promoting effective maintenance, repair and economic energy use.
2. To promote, for the public benefit, the conservation of church buildings, especially those which are underused or have ceased to be used for religious purposes in whole or in part and with particular regard for those of architectural or historic interest.
3. To advance education and, in particular, to increase public knowledge and awareness of the value of buildings of the nature referred to above.

To achieve the above aims the Trust acts as an 'influencing trust' to stimulate discussion and publicise the issue of underused or redundant churches. In this capacity, the Trust organises conferences and workshops in the various regions of Scotland and maintains a teaching website

The Trust has no capital or significant income; accordingly it does not provide grant aid.

WHAT IS CBRT ABLE TO DO FOR YOU?

1. Appropriately qualified members of the Trust are willing and able to discuss and give initial advice to representatives of churches seeking assistance to:-
 - increase the sustainability of existing buildings by promoting wider community use.
 - appropriately adapt and extend existing buildings as a consequence of increased use.
 - carry out effective maintenance and repair of existing buildings.
 - Carry out economic studies of proposals to provide additional use of existing buildings.
 - Obtain grant aid and/or funding for appropriate projects.
 - Find practicable alternative uses for redundant buildings.
 2. Allow access to the Trust's website containing:-
 - relevant news articles.
 - resources providing a wealth of knowledge covering every aspect of the care and development of your buildings.
 - a wide range of relevant case studies.
 - links to other associated websites.
 3. Arrange conferences/workshops in your area to suit your needs.
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WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE CBRT?

- provide information and/or case studies of successful projects.
- provide information about successful and unsuccessful projects.
- attend CBRT events and encourage others to do so.
- inform others about the assistance/information that CBRT provides including the website: www.cbirt.org.uk
- follow CBRT on twitter: [#cbirttrust](https://twitter.com/cbirttrust)
- become a Committee member
- become an Associate member.

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