



FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY CATHEDRAL REPAIRS FUND EVALUATION



The Fund aimed to keep England's cathedrals safe and open to perform their crucial civic role, including First World War commemorations:

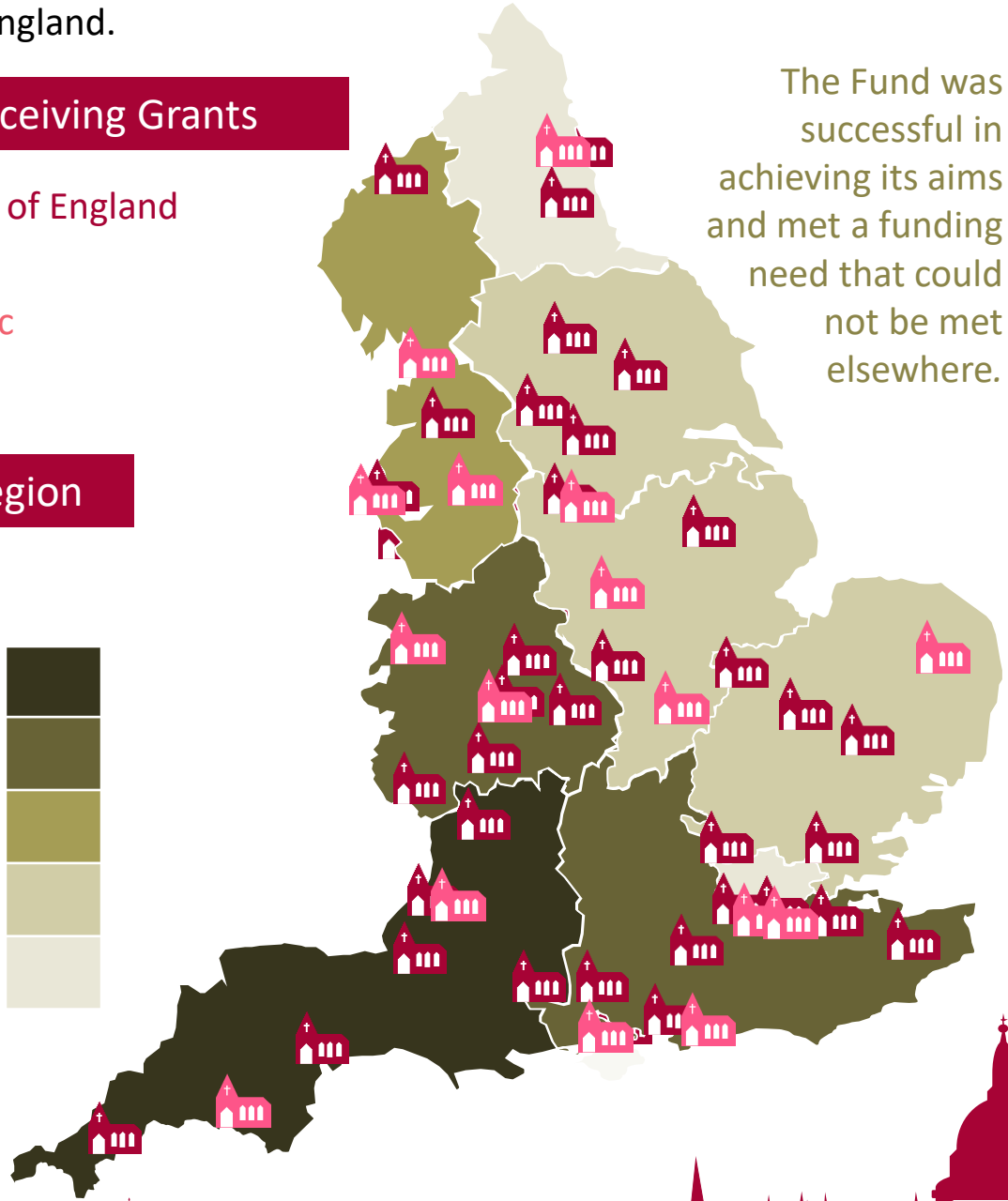
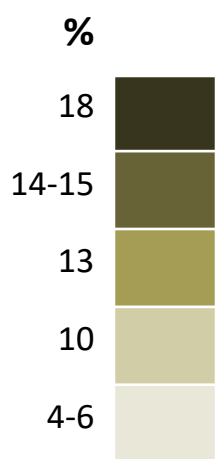
- £40 million funding for urgent repairs between 2014-2018;
- 144 grants awarded as part of 130 separate repair projects;
- 57 Anglican and Catholic cathedrals supported;
- Funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport;
- Administered by Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division, Church of England.

Cathedrals Receiving Grants

-  Church of England (x41)
-  Catholic (x16)

The Fund was successful in achieving its aims and met a funding need that could not be met elsewhere.

Grant % by Region



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Awards by Repair Type



Skills Supported

Delivery of the repair projects supported a range of traditional skills, including:



Stonemasonry



Leadwork



Carpentry



Conservation
Research



Glass
Conservation



Slating



Concrete
Repair



Metalwork



Archaeology



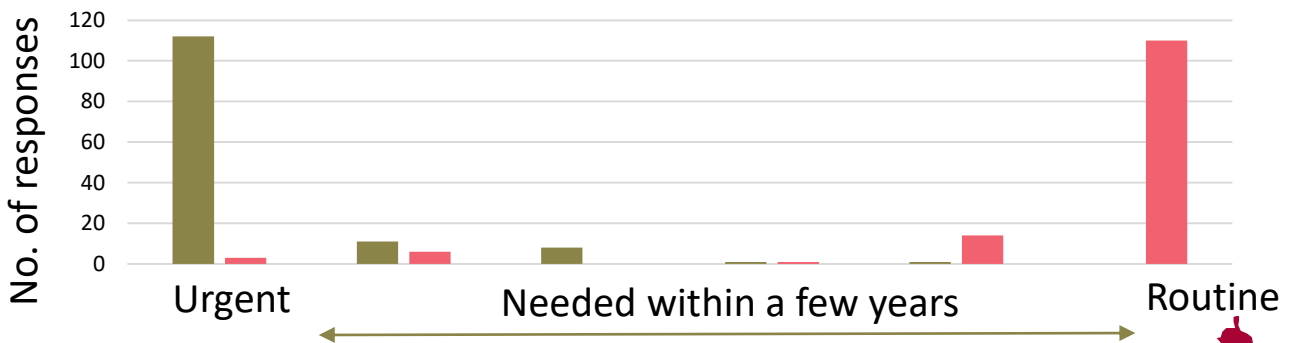
Blacksmithing



Electrics

Before and After Repairs

Repair status of the grant-assisted area
■ Before repairs ■ After repairs



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Wider Outcomes

Repair projects safeguarded cathedral buildings and allowed existing activities to continue.

Leveraged additional funds

Increased tourist visits

Increased publicity for the cathedral

Improved project management

Improved building condition

Increased community interest

More First World War commemorations

More community events

Increased skills development

Freed-up resource for other projects

Existing Activities Safeguarded

First World War Commemorations

Civic Events

Worship

Schools Groups

Community Outreach

Tourism

Care of Collections



100% of respondents still had outstanding repairs outside of the grant-funded areas. There remains a need for continued annual funding for cathedrals to undertake required repairs and maintenance.

