

## MESSAGE FROM PETE HIGHWAY, WARDEN OF ST PETER'S CHURCH, DYRHAM

In January this year the gutters and downpipes on the church were restored and repainted. They now match Dyrham House and will protect the structure for at least the next ten years. The cost was £8966 including VAT (although we think we can claim the VAT back), and the National Trust supplied the paint and operated a cherry picker for the work to be done.

Several of the pieces were more badly corroded than expected so had this work not been carried out significant structural damage would have been inevitable.

The Parish Council gave £5500 towards this work from the green energy reward they received last year as a result of having the wind turbine and solar farm in the parish. The remainder was funded by the Harvest supper, some individual donations and from the church reserve funds.

Obviously on a building with a history of 800 years there is always something to be done, and the next works that we will be looking at are replacing the Tower Roof, getting the clock working and replacing some stone sections that are damaged and will lead to frost damage to the walls if not fixed. The money to carry out these repairs needs to be raised and anyone in the community who feels they would like to help, either with a single donation or by setting up a small regular payment to the St Peters Dyrham PCC buildings account can get in touch with the Church Warden Peter Highway, the Treasurer Sarah Nunez or the Secretary Alison Grose.

Peter Highway



