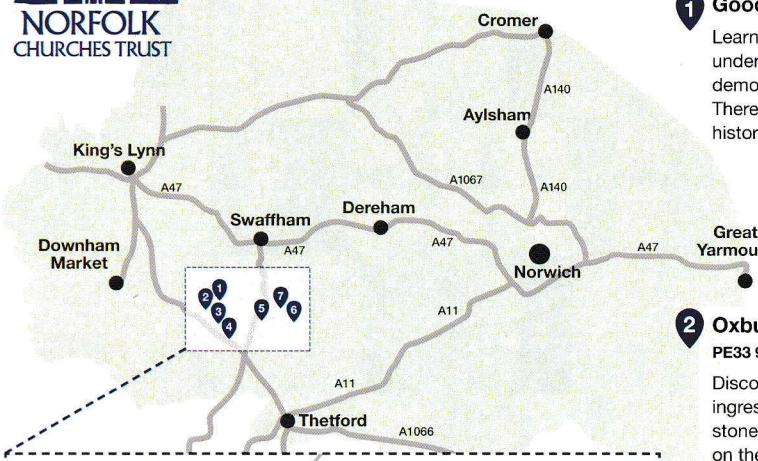
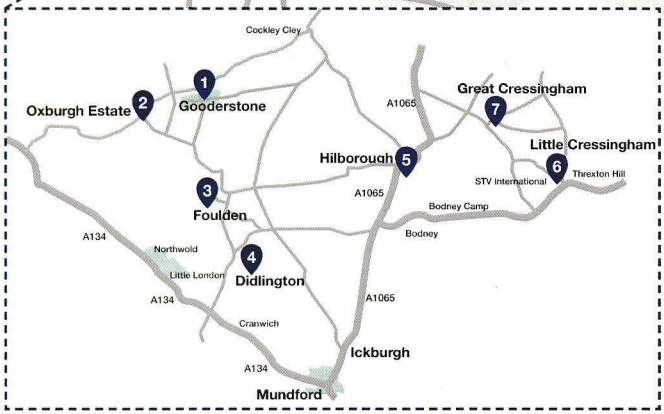
50 YEARS
NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST

Whats happening where:





1 Gooderstone – St George, PE33 9BY

Learn how to spot and monitor cracks, understand church drainage, and enjoy demonstrations on historic lettering. There will also be engaging talks on the history of stained glass windows.

2 Oxburgh – St John the Evangelist, PE33 9PS

Discover how churches tackle water ingress, with demonstrations of coping stone and flintwork repairs. Hear talks on the church's exceptional monuments, including advice on cleaning monuments and ledger stones – with a chance to try it yourself. Plus, talks on timber roof repairs and information about the 2026 Bike Ride and a new Classic Car event launching this year.

3 Foulden – All Saints, IP26 5AA

Watch repairs in action on the flint churchyard wall and take part in hands-on 'have a go' workshop. Find out more about Eco Church and the **Churchyard Wildlife Award**, with practical tips for turning your churchyard into a thriving wildlife haven.

4 Didlington – St Michael, IP26 5AT

Bell specialist **Neil Thomas** will guide you through the restoration of St Michael's 17th-century bell, recently lowered from the tower and ready for work to begin – a rare opportunity to see this process up close.

5 Hilborough – All Saints, IP26 5BU

See examples of emergency repairs supported by the **QI Inspection Grant Scheme**, Architect **Ruth Blackman** will explain how this new initiative is making a real difference for churches and their communities. The Norfolk Churches Trust will be offering advice on setting up a Friends Group, *Coffee, Clean & Chat,* and top tips for effective church cleaning.

6 Little Cressingham – St Andrew, IP25 5BU

Learn about essential maintenance of rainwater goods and explore the challenges and opportunities of caring for ruined churches, including practical tips and funding advice.

7 Great Cressingham – St Michael, IP25 6NH

Enjoy demonstrations of leadwork, stained glass repairs and tower repairs. Take part in hands-on textile conservation sessions, explore the Butterfly Garden of Remembrance and enjoy plenty of activities for children.

Great Cressingham Village Hall, The Information Hub

Your central stop for information on funding, faculties, and our new **Heritage Skills Scholarship Scheme.** Full details of all exhibitors can be found on our website. Location for afternoon tea, prize giving and a final opportunity to talk to the Craftspeople taking part in the day.

Something for everyone

At each church, a representative from **The Norfolk Churches Trust** will be on hand to share the history of the building and explain the Trust's work. All venues will offer children's activities, a family-friendly treasure hunt, delicious homemade refreshments and essential toilet facilities.

Find full details of what's happening where: www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk