

## How do I get involved?

**Faith in Maintenance** courses are free to attend and will be run at various locations throughout England and Wales each year. Further information can be found on the Faith in Maintenance website at [www.spabfim.org.uk](http://www.spabfim.org.uk)

You can also call us on 0207 456 0913 or write to us at Faith in Maintenance, SPAB, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY



*“Take proper care of your monuments and you will not need to restore them. A few sheets of lead put in time upon the roof, a few dead leaves and sticks swept in time out of a water course, will save both roof and wall from ruin. Watch an old building with an anxious care; guard it as best you may, and at any cost, from every influence of dilapidation.”*

**John Ruskin** (speaking of Rouen Cathedral in 1859)

**Faith in Maintenance** is run by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage and others.



The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) was founded by William Morris in 1877 to care for and preserve the UK's architectural heritage. Since its foundation, SPAB has been committed to maintenance matters, in line with William Morris' exhortation to: Stave off decay by daily care. Today it is a dynamic organisation, and a registered charity, taking building conservation into the future.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage. From our great museums and historic buildings to local parks and beauty spots or recording and celebrating traditions, customs and history, HLF grants open up our nation's heritage for everyone to enjoy.

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**William Morris 1877**



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## What is Maintenance?

Maintenance is the routine work needed to keep the fabric of a building in good condition. Carrying out maintenance tasks on a routine basis helps to protect the fabric of our historic buildings and assures their survival for future generations to enjoy.

Maintenance is also the most practical and economic form of building preservation. By carrying out basic maintenance, the expense of major repairs can often be avoided and at the least postponed.

**Lack of maintenance is one of the key reasons why old buildings deteriorate.**



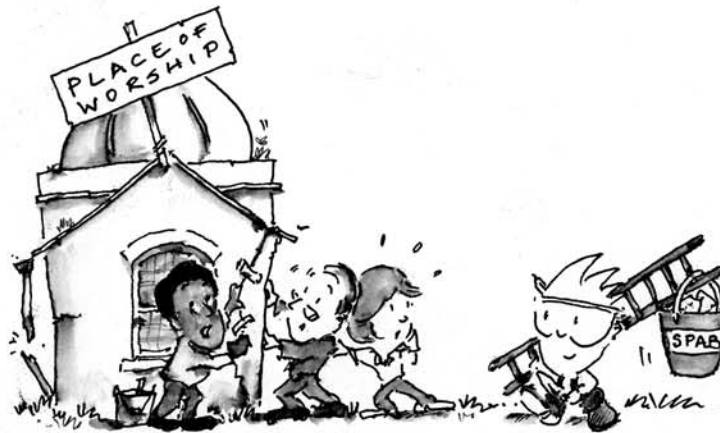
*Regular maintenance and repair are the key to the preservation of all historic buildings. Modest expenditure on repairs keeps a building weathertight, and routine maintenance can prevent much more expensive work becoming necessary at a later date.*

**Planning Policy Guidance Note 15**

## What is Faith in Maintenance?

Places of worship are integral to the landscape of Britain, representing centuries of faith, craftsmanship and design. Many of our most precious faith-related buildings are in desperate need of repair and rely on the help of local communities. **Faith in Maintenance** is a unique project that aims to provide training and support for the thousands of volunteers in England and Wales who help to maintain our historic places of worship.

**Faith in Maintenance** will provide 30 training courses each year helping over 6,000 volunteers to look after a variety of faith buildings across the country. Along with protecting significant historic structures, the project will also encourage more people to become actively involved in their local community's heritage. One of the key aspects of the scheme is that the training courses are free and are available to any faith group using a historic building for its worship.



**We want to support you and give you the help you need to look after your building.**

## What does the project offer?

- A full day of training including practical sessions and professional speakers
- A dedicated telephone technical advice service
- An exciting new website with guidance on maintenance issues and sources of further advice



## What will I get from a Faith in Maintenance training course?

- An appreciation of the importance of historic places of worship
- An understanding of traditional building materials and construction
- The ability to recognise potential problems
- Information on how to tackle common maintenance tasks
- Access to specialist professional advice
- Opportunities to share experiences with other volunteers