



In remembrance of Chris Herries, Chair of Norwich Historic Churches Trust.

Trustees, staff and volunteers were extremely saddened by the unexpected loss of our Chair, Chris Herries, who passed away after a short illness in August.

The various tributes and messages of condolence shared through her many networks including the Labour Party and Co-operative Party, have all been a testament to her outstanding contribution to Norwich and the local and national causes she supported.

Chris had been a popular and active Trustee of the Norwich Historic Churches Trust since 2014, joining initially as a representative of Norwich City Council before being elected in her own right. She was a key player in the development of the hugely successful Flintspiration weekend of 2017 (credited with coming up with its iconic title) before taking on the role of Vice Chair in 2018 and Chair from October 2019.

Chris was always keen to use her skills to develop NHCT's work within the community, seeing the repurposed churches as a key asset for the people of Norwich, as well as understanding their historic value. She set up and led a programme of children's activities at St Martin at Palace, for example, and pursued a recent interest in expanding the use of churchyards for all and developing St Martin at Palace as a community venue.

Chris's experienced and community-centred approach brought a huge benefit to the organisation whilst her compassionate and generous nature was strongly felt by the staff, volunteers and all who worked there.

She will be greatly missed.

Norwich Historic Churches Trust, September 2020.

