

SPAB IMPACT REPORT 2019

Mission: Through our casework, research and educational outreach the SPAB aims to keep old buildings useful, beautiful and part of people's lives.



KEY STORIES



Year one of the Old House Project at **St Andrews, Boxley, Kent**: We secured the site, carried out structural and ecological surveys and took on Malcolm Fryer Architects for phase 1 works.

Our Guardians:
We held our first **Guardians conference**, bringing together the eight volunteer committees help staff run the SPAB.



More for members:
An updated **membership pack** accompanies the new-look magazine plus extra benefits in the online members' area.



THANK YOU

In 2019 we were supported by **6303 Main Society** members, and over **400 volunteers**.
This year we welcomed **888 new members**.
Over **260** of you donated to support our work.
11 kindly left gifts in their wills.
15 grants supported our projects.



EDUCATION

2019 saw an exciting programme of well-attended courses including our **Humble Heritage** series that provided hands-on training with traditional materials.

The Philip Webb Award celebrated sustainability this year with joint first prize going to **Olivia Hellman** for her urban dairy scheme in Stoke on Trent, and to **Nikola Yanev** receiving the award for his scheme to turn a disused textile mill into an algae energy production plant in Halifax.

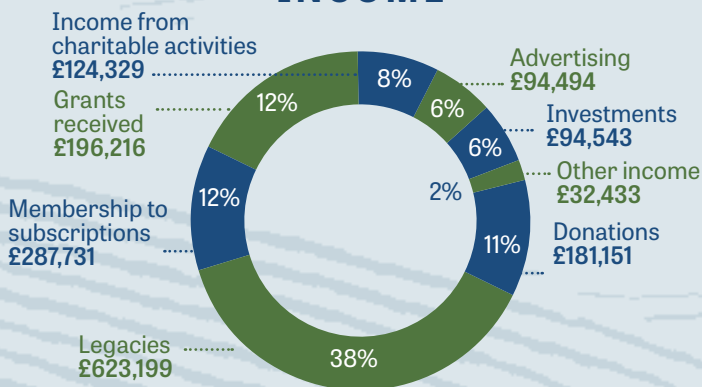
The John Betjeman Award went to **St Oswald's Church, Grasmere, Cumbria** for church tower repairs, carried out by Crosby Granger Architects. We also invited applications for a **Millwright Fellow** with funds from the Edith Lamb Legacy.

We held **27** courses, lectures and workshops and welcomed **796** delegates

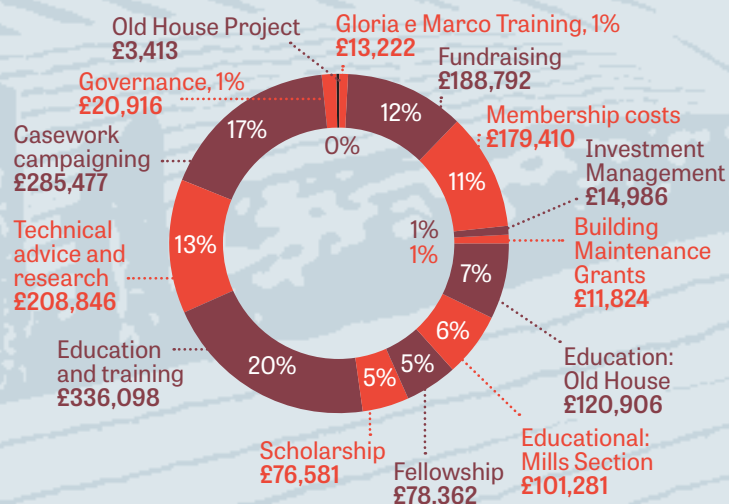
Four Scholars and four Fellows travelled to **214** workshops, sites or buildings between them during the Scholarship and Fellowship programme.



INCOME



EXPENDITURE





CAMPAIGNING

IN 2019 we renewed our focus on buildings at risk, built a network of expert volunteers to carry out casework visits and put our approach into practice at sites across the UK. SPAB Scotland and SPAB Ireland held exemplary working parties repairing a **lime kiln in Lismore, Oban**, and the **Tullynisk House buildings in Co. Offaly**.

This year we responded to almost **1000 requests** for advice on proposed changes to listed buildings.



We also responded to **128 requests** for advice in Wales



We held 13 working parties across 9 counties

Working parties allow us to reach buildings in need of repair, engage with local communities and meet our members

We advised on a significant number of high-profile cases including **Lincoln Cathedral** and **Westminster Abbey**.

Success!

- Due to SPAB Scotland's campaigning, Europa Nostra has included **Glasgow's Egyptian Halls** on Europe's most at risk list
- Reordering at **St John the Baptist, Bodicote, Oxfordshire**
The church took our advice against lifting their beautiful historic floors to create level access and install underfloor heating. We offered solutions that met their access, flexible space and heating needs so the character of this 13th century gem can still be enjoyed.



ADVICE

We strengthened our international connections in 2019, meeting with conservation professionals interested in craft training from **Latvia, Lithuania, Australia** and **New Zealand**.

In October 2019 we hosted an early-career architect from India, keen to learn more about our conservation principles and practice. We took our advice on the road with our first advice surgery at **Thaxted Guildhall** in Essex.

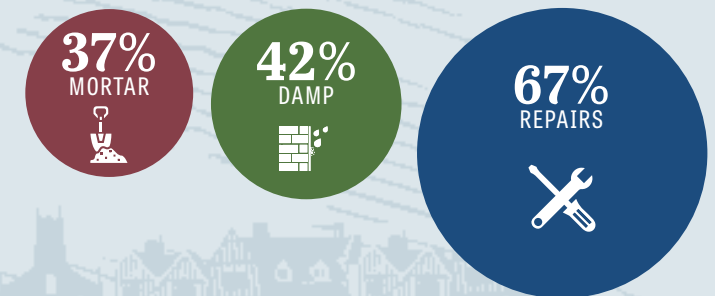
We published 4 technical advice notes



Our online knowledge base articles were visited **147,076** times

We received 655 calls to our technical line

Popular topics Each call often covers more than one query or concern, these numbers reflect that.



- Who called: Building owner **76%**; Consultant **13%**; PCC/amenity society/trust **5%**; Other **6%**
- Building type: Residential **60%**; Religious **5%**; Commercial **2%**; Other **33%**
- 44%** of all calls were about a listed building

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