

Grant Policy Considerations.

In their recent consultation note, the Council have suggested that "Restoration applications have almost invariably been declined" and that "Restoration of historic sundials is not easy to agree."

This is frankly not properly representative of the facts. See this extract from a submission to one of the quarterly BSS Council Meeting in 2009 which indicates both the interest from the public and the responsiveness of the appointed BSS Restoration Adviser to such problems.

Restoration Report submitted to the Council Meeting of June 2009 by the Society's Restoration Adviser. Name and places have been omitted for security purposes.

There have been five enquiries.

1) XXXXXX have asked if they might apply for a BSS grant to restore a hemispherical dial that is currently located on a [pedestal]. The work on the [pedestal] has been costed at £2.3K, XXXXXX is going to quote for work required on the dial itself There is some doubt about the possible age of the sundial which carries equal hours and so is probably 17 C. [snip] The [pedestal] has only been used as the pedestal since 1920.

- Discuss a potential BSS grant.

2) There is an [snip] horizontal sundial that has survived unvandalised in the Church yard at XXXXXXXX. It was restored by Barkers in 1906 but the dial plate, [snip] may be much older. It is to be relocated to provide more burial space, practical advice has been given, a local historian is attempting to find out more, various permissions are being sought from Church Authorities. It is an ongoing project that should only require appropriate advice regarding levels and orientation.

3) A privately owned XXXXXXXX is in need of significant restoration, XXXXXXXX have offered a quotation, so far no response - ongoing.

4) The Vicar of XXXXXXXX has asked for restorers to quote for a vertical sundial restoration. XXXXXXXX are following this up.

5) Horizontal Sundial at XXXXXXXX
XXXXXXX is in discussion.