

# Merry Christmas and here's to 2021!

This has been a strange and stressful year for us all. However, we want to start by thanking you for your continued support and to wish you the best possible Christmas! We also hope that we will all have a better New Year!!

Although we have not been able to undertake all the activities that were planned, we have been able to pursue some of them.

We have continued to provide support to members in the form of grants and advice to maintain our buildings. This is important, as having our built heritage in good condition is vital for all who use it for any purpose.

Recording the contents is part of this approach, as knowing what is or was there is another part of creating the understanding needed. This is why our Church Recording Project is so important for producing that information both for now and for the future. These reports are being placed on the HES CANMORE database as part of a national record. You can help with that as we need volunteers!



All of this is aimed at making visiting more interesting and more complete so we hope that when it is possible we can help churches reopen to visitors including supporting pilgrimages of all kinds.

This is part of all we do – we normally promote lectures and other events to broaden understanding and more importantly give greater enjoyment to church explorers of all kinds. We have been

able to publish a book of organ pieces to add to that pleasure as we could not hold an organ recital – those will return!

All of this has been happening; slower than it could be and in a more limited way, but we are thinking of how to do more and do it better. We have ideas but we need yours too so we will be in touch in the New Year with a simple questionnaire to help us understand what you think

of what we are doing and suggest what we might do in the future. We do hope you will take the short time needed to complete it because your input will be an important tool when we look at the strategic plan for SCT, which we will do in 2021.

So, watch for that and in the meantime may we repeat our wish for a safe but Merry Christmas and may 2021 be kinder to us all!!