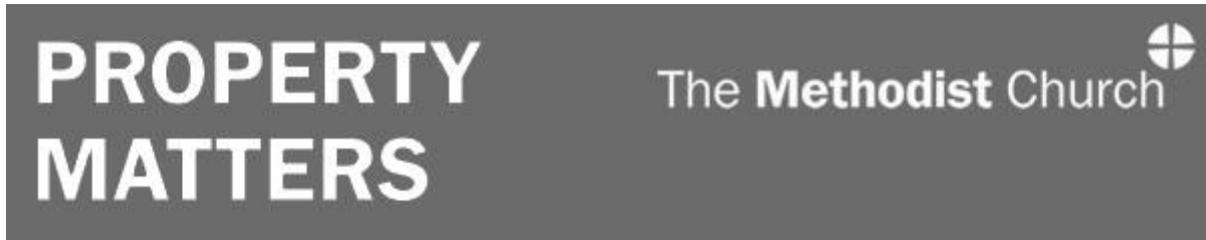


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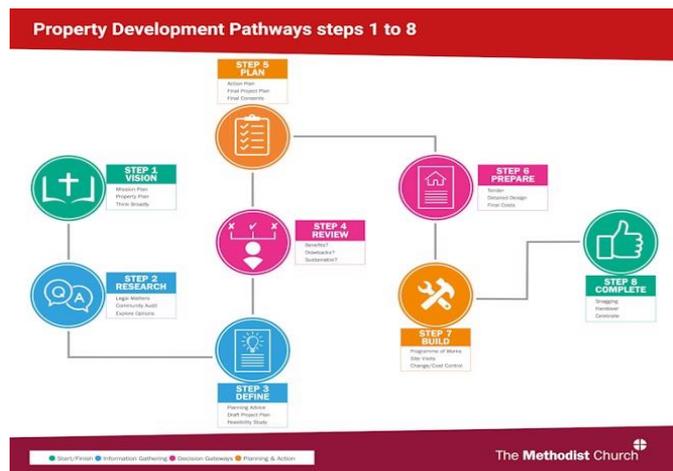


Welcome to the July edition of Property Matters with a focus on property-related updates and guidance.

If you have any feedback, please email the [Property Support Team](#).

Property Development Pathways

We are pleased to announce a new set of guidance on how to undertake a property project on Methodist properties called the [Property Development Pathways](#). The aim of this guidance is to improve communication and better publicise resources that are available for managing trustees.



Within the [Property Development Pathways](#), there is a **core path** that has a common set of steps to follow for every project. These core aspects should be followed in order to achieve success - both for the mission and for the development of the property. The guidance can also be scaled up or scaled down depending on the size of the project. [Click here to view a summary of the 8 core steps.](#)

In addition to the core pathway, there are supplementary pathways for:

- [Conservation & Listed Buildings projects](#)

- [Net Zero Carbon projects](#)
- [Project that involve a partnership](#)

The information and guidance is available for managing trustees to use as dictated by any additional parameters of the project. The pathways are designed to be worked through methodically and have been divided into bitesize steps. Thus, it is recommended to begin with Step 1 of the core pathway followed by Step 1 of a supplementary pathway if applicable.

Methodist Insurance Update

Competition Deadline Approaching

Tell us how you'd make £1,500 count for your church or community by 29 July 2022. Our favourite 15 ideas will each receive £1,500 towards bringing that idea to life. [Terms and conditions apply](#). [Enter now](#)



Working at Height

Falls from height can result in serious injuries that can usually be avoided. It is important that any work or access is properly planned, supervised and carried out by competent people.

[Read our guidance on working from height](#)



Build a Fundraising Team

Like other types of team, the most effective fundraising teams have clearly defined roles with people given particular responsibilities. The best teams have defined roles, are fully engaged and have fun. Find out how to build a successful fundraising team at your church.

[How to build your team](#)



Accidental Damage Cover and Home Insurance

Accidental damage cover is an optional extra on our home insurance policies but there are limits to what this can cover. Learn more about what is covered under this option to your home buildings and contents insurance.

[Accidental damage cover explained](#)



Refurbished Methodist Church Welcome Back the Community!

With the support of the Methodist Grants Programme, the doors of Edenderry Memorial Methodist Church in Portadown, Northern Ireland are open again after a major refurbishment. An accessible entrance, flexible seating, an AV system, and enlarged stage are all part of the changes that will make the church more welcoming and supportive for the community.

[Find out more](#)





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Removal of War Memorials from Closed Churches

Often when our church closes and no longer meets for worship, our thoughts turn to what to do about war memorials and plaques that may adorn our church walls. Indeed, the [Conservation Office](#) receives a number of enquiries and is always keen to help find the most sensitive and appropriate solution. However, we believe that a war memorial should be preserved in its original location as its



relocation can be a high risk, as well as an expensive, project. For guidance on this extremely emotive issue please refer to the [War Memorials Trust's Guidance note on Relocation of War Memorials](#).

A note of reminder for Managing Trustees that the removal of a war memorial or similar fixed object of this nature from a listed church building will always require listed building consent, and that relocation and removal should not be carried out without this. To discuss this, or any matters relating to the removal of objects from a listed building at the point of closure, then [please speak to the Conservation Officer](#).

National Churches Trust Awards 2022

[The National Churches Trust](#) are proud to honour churches and the people who care for them through a range of award schemes and your church could win a cash prize. Whether it's great maintenance, a wonderful welcome, careful repair and conservation work, a superb volunteer team or installing vital new facilities; they want to hear more about your projects and people and they would love for you to nominate them for one of their awards.



This year, for the first time, they are bringing together all their awards schemes into one nominations process and one event. They have also added new awards to recognise the hard work being done to welcome visitors, and an overall Church of the Year. [Click here to find out more](#).

HSE Updates

Bust the myths on portable appliance testing

Portable appliance testing (PAT) is the examination of electrical appliances and equipment to ensure they are safe to use.



There are many common myths about PAT - use the [HSE's frequently asked questions](#) to find the key facts about the inspection and testing of portable electrical equipment.

You can download the leaflet on [Maintaining portable electric equipment in low-risk environments](#). It explains simple and sensible precautions you should take to prevent danger from portable or movable electrical equipment in low-risk environments. There is also [general advice on electrical safety at work](#).

Safe Use of Ladders and Stepladders at Work

HSE has released the latest [annual fatality statistics](#), and there were 29 fatal injuries caused by falling from height in 2021/22.

Ladders and stepladders are not banned under health and safety law. They can be a sensible and practical option for low-risk, short-duration tasks, although they should not automatically be your first choice. To help you make sure you use the right type of ladder, and that you know how to use it safely, [HSE has updated guidance on staying safe when using ladders at work](#). It now includes:

- more detail on competency, and what that means for ladder users and those managing ladder use on site
- key safety advice for using telescopic ladders
- practical tips for using combination and multi-purpose ladders
- good practice for securing ladders

You can also download the guidance document [Safe Use of Ladders and Stepladders](#), which was jointly produced by HSE and the Ladder Association.

Community Ownership Fund

There is a [Community Ownership Fund](#), which forms part of the Government's Levelling Up Initiative offers funding for those communities who wish to purchase and renovate assets which can then be used for community purposes. It offers funding to cover the purchase, with match funding, and refurbishment of the



asset (including heritage buildings/churches). It has been established to give communities a better ability to compete in the market place. These assets can be designated Assets of Community Value but this is not essential, and it covers the UK.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

The Great Big Green Week

[Get involved in The Great Big Green Week \(24 September - 2 October\)](#)

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest call for action on climate change and nature, showing decision makers that people from all walks of life are stepping up to take action - and that we need them to step up too. Last year over 5000 events took place, with more than 200,000 people showing up for the planet in their community and online. As members of The Climate Coalition, we're encouraging as many Christians and churches as possible to take part. This can show that we serve a God of Creation and to add our efforts to those of others for the greatest combined impact. Could you or your church host a community event as part of the [Great Big Green Week](#)? A litter pick perhaps, some wildlife gardening, or a climate coffee morning - whatever your idea is - get involved today.



Net-Zero in my Neighbourhood

Do you want to make your neighbourhood more climate-friendly?

Sign up to Net Zero In My Neighbourhood, a campaign to help you effectively lobby local councils for climate action.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



Listed Building Advisory Committee (LBAC) Meeting Dates:

- **11 October 2022** - Deadline for paper is 20th September 2022
- **24 January 2023** - Deadline for paper is 3 January 2023
- **18 April 2023** - Deadline for paper is 28 March 2023
- **18 July 2023** - Deadline for paper is 27 June 2023

Supporting the Methodist Connexion

Methodist Insurance has been protecting the property of the Methodist Church since 1872. We are a Public Limited Company owned by shareholders and independent of the Methodist Church. The company operates like a mutual by returning most of our profits back to our community in the form of a significant financial contribution to the Methodist Connexion. [Find out more.](#)



Property Matters is a monthly newsletter focused on giving updates on property related guidance and legalisation as well as providing information and links to related subjects. We cannot know about everything that's going on, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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