



# West Lindsey Churches Festival

## Conference Evaluation 2023

### Responses:

80 delegated attended representing 63 churches

51 Evaluation forms were returned

#### Q1 The venue?

|               |          |   |   |         |
|---------------|----------|---|---|---------|
| 1 (excellent) | 2        | 3 | 4 | 5(Poor) |
| <b>44</b>     | <b>7</b> |   |   |         |

#### Q2 Conference programme?

|               |           |          |   |         |
|---------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| 1 (excellent) | 2         | 3        | 4 | 5(Poor) |
| <b>29</b>     | <b>21</b> | <b>1</b> |   |         |

#### Q3 Speakers?

Project Co-ordinator, St John the Baptist church, Scampton

|               |          |          |          |         |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1 (excellent) | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5(Poor) |
| <b>42</b>     | <b>7</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> |         |

Visitor Economy Officer, West Lindsey District Council

|              |           |          |   |         |
|--------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| 1(Excellent) | 2         | 3        | 4 | 5(Poor) |
| <b>22</b>    | <b>27</b> | <b>2</b> |   |         |

Campaign Manager, Destination Lincolnshire

|              |           |          |   |         |
|--------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| 1(Excellent) | 2         | 3        | 4 | 5(poor) |
| <b>22</b>    | <b>28</b> | <b>1</b> |   |         |

Churches Festival Secretary

|              |           |          |          |         |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1(Excellent) | 2         | 3        | 4        | 5(poor) |
| <b>35</b>    | <b>11</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> |         |

Communities Engagement Officer, West Lindsey District Council

|              |           |          |   |         |
|--------------|-----------|----------|---|---------|
| 1(Excellent) | 2         | 3        | 4 | 5(poor) |
| <b>37</b>    | <b>12</b> | <b>2</b> |   |         |

#### Q4 How important do you think it is to hold a conference?

|                   |           |          |   |                  |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|---|------------------|
| 1(Very important) | 2         | 3        | 4 | 5(Not important) |
| <b>36</b>         | <b>14</b> | <b>1</b> |   |                  |



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## **Q5 Did the conference fulfil your plans for this year's festival?**

(please comment)

- Yes, this year most of all. We learnt so much, especially about promoting our church. It was wonderful to hear about Scampton's road to gaining the prestigious award, well done!
- Keith was extremely interesting and informative.
- Lovely to see our church on cover!
- Not everyone has an RAF base on their doorstep!
- Very informative and inspirational.
- Interesting and constructive conference.
- Yes, it always renews the enthusiasm.
- Yes, first class.
- Very interesting speakers, informative & helpful.
- Don't really understand the question – this year's festival is already 85-90% planned, so conference is a bit late to have much impact. Having said this, I've found the conference very useful and informative about how to promote/grow our church's profile in the future.
- Yes fully.
- Plans already arranged as data was sent for guide in December, so no change, but interesting ideas for the future.
- Did help certainly. Thank you all.
- Provided a number of useful ideas.
- Plans already made before conference.
- Useful topic on volunteering & funding. Advertising for open churches a good idea.

## **Q6 Have you any suggestions for speakers at future conferences?** (please

comment)

- Other success stories which always give ideas of doing similar in our other churches.
- Someone from the Cathedral to talk about the new display of items not seen before due to lack of space.
- Churches Conservation Trust.
- Church Buildings.
- Feedback from a 'run of the mill church' together with suggestions for improvements would be good.
- Gods Acre re Churchyards.
- Developing eco-tourism. More about our open spaces and how our churches can support efforts re climate change!
- Enjoyed conference but would have liked ideas for themes.
- Transcripts for those attending the conference so we can refer to them for help.
- Funding to be continued please.

**Any other comments.** We are interested in your views on aspects of the conference not included in the questions above.

- The conference ran to time which was good for those of us hitching lifts from colleague churches. See you next year.



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- It is always useful to come to the conference and hear current ideas from the CF Committee.
- Return next year!
- Good venue, good space.
- Provide pencil/paper to complete form and make notes.
- Seating too cramped.
- When the intention of the festival is to promote the churches and raise money, why is the conference held, at great cost, in a commercial venue and not in a church, we at MRMC could host it at much less cost!

## **Conclusion:**

Overall, the Conference and speakers were valued by those attending.

Not many new suggestions for future speakers, but a couple of ideas included:

- Churches Conservation Trust
- transcripts from speakers' presentations
- first-hand experience from a participating 'run of the mill' church
- church buildings
- Eco-tourism

The only complaint was from one person who said the seating was too cramped.

## **Chairman's thoughts:**

- a. What came across was that I think we must help our churches/ chapel far more as the festival is now evolving in an interesting way
- b. I am thinking on the lines of a workshop to provide help and support for funding for our churches/ chapels in the future. Not this end of the year there is far too much going on for us and me. I think our good officers at WLDC will support us
- c. Already the power point presentation has gone to Angela to place on the website
- d. There is a young architect I know, who has an impressive CV working with churches and secular buildings and who has expressed an interest in WLCF  
(I declare an interest as he is the architect for Corringham church)

He too may be helpful in funding ideas

Moreover, he may warm to the idea of putting on a church crawl and allow him to visit several churches and talk about them

These are thoughts yet to be explored and firmed up etc.

- e. I think we should put our bank details on the website and on application forms to facilitate more efficient way of payment. Cheques are fast disappearing.
- f. The WLCF Committee needs to discuss these things for its approval
- g. I am delighted that many churches/chapels are cooperating with the WLDC project.