



# Help and Advice

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## Bulletin 72: PROPERTY UPDATE

The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The group was disbanded in 2014, as part of a simplification of Synod committees, and its work continues through the Trust Officer, under the oversight of the Trust's Property Subgroup. We are willing to try to provide specific advice on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or suggestions.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects of interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the website <http://urc-northernsynod.org/help-advice-bulletins>, with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

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### Health & Safety

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office has produced a series of short guides for those managing historic properties, to help them consider and manage safety of visitors and staff, and prevent slips and trips: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/risk-management/preventing-slips-and-trips/historic-properties/>

### Fire Safety

Historic England's advice on fire safety for traditional church buildings is a useful and detailed guide, specifically considering the subject from a church viewpoint: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/fire-safety-for-traditional-church-buildings/fire-safety-traditional-church-buildings/>

### Controlling Damp

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings' advice on control of dampness in old buildings explains how it can be caused and treated: [https://www.spab.org.uk/sites/default/files/SPAB%20Control\\_of\\_Dampness\\_Edn\\_01\\_Rev\\_01\\_0.pdf](https://www.spab.org.uk/sites/default/files/SPAB%20Control_of_Dampness_Edn_01_Rev_01_0.pdf)

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