

**Press release: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **St Peter's Church Awarded Heritage Lottery Fund Grant for Restoration Project**

St Peter's Church in Hartshorne is delighted to announce that we have been awarded a generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support essential repairs to our historic building and develop a hub for our local history. The restoration work is scheduled to begin next spring and will focus on preserving the church's architectural integrity for future generations.

As part of the project, there will be opportunities for the local community to get involved. This includes educational activities and engagement sessions with our local schools and the village community, offering a chance to learn about heritage conservation and the church's rich history.

Debbie Patrick, Churchwarden of St Peters Church. *"We are very excited to get this project going; giving us the opportunity to do much needed repairs to our village church, which has stood on the hill in Hartshorne since the 15th century and has played a significant role in the life of our village for many generations; seeing the villagers through good times and bad, feasts and famines, peace time and wars. The restoration works, undertaken by ASBC of Melbourne - [www.asbc.ltd](http://www.asbc.ltd) - will be the beginning of ongoing work to ensure that our church remains a vital part of our community for many years to come; not to mention the fantastic opportunity this project gives us to explore and display the history for visitors and locals alike for years to come".*

We are grateful for the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and look forward to working closely with the community throughout this exciting project.



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