"The church is in significantly better condition than it was five years ago. The building suffers movement, and will continue to do so, but monitoring confirmed this is seasonal. You are to be congratulated for attending to most of the major items from the previous report – well done!"

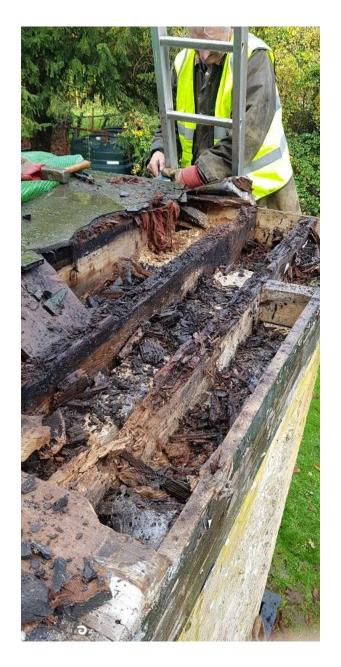All Saints' Rampton QQI August 2023, Executive Summary

How to get going…

- Start simple … but think BIG … who else if not you?

- Find like minded locals with skills and know-how

- Set a regular time and bring a 'Can-Do' attitude

- Do it properly – this is ~~not DIY~~

- Keep everyone informed and on board
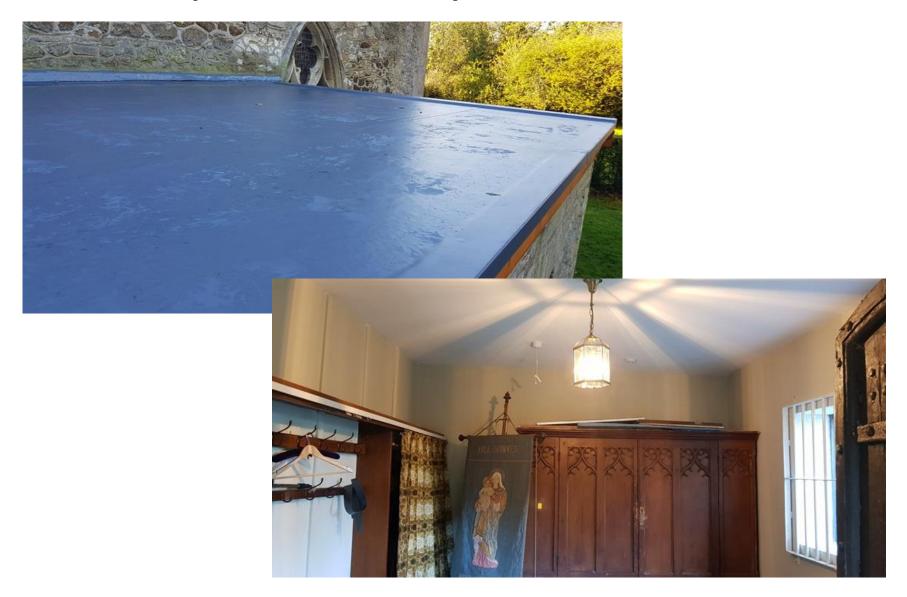
- Bring tea and cakes!

From the start, once we began to remove the first layers of the old roofing, it was clear that the roof was in even worse shape than we all had thought.

The roof decking boards were rotten. The bitumen layer was cracked and had sunk in various places. The joists were rotten throughout and all in need of replacement – not just a few but all fifteen of them. In fact the ceiling was near collapse.

The repaired vestry roof and interior

Since then…

- The new South Aisle window (with help from the Friends of All Saints')
- Repairs to the Chancel roof
- Restoration work on the bells and in the bell tower
- Repair of the north window following break in
- Clearing the North and East churchyard boundaries – opening up to the community
- Planting and nurturing of the 'Jubilee Hedge'
- Pointing repairs all external walls of the Church – watertight
- Structural monitoring of subsidence around north-east end of Church
- New Boundary fence
- Owl box and bike rack

- Plus … a hundred other items of general maintenance… oiled, cleaned, polished, trimmed, mowed, renovated, cleared, waxed and reset

A word about permissions...

- Go with it – play the game

- It's not as hard as it first appears – List A and List B

- Explain what you want - write a short paper/ proposal document

- Use the Online Faculty System

- In the end - we are all on the same team

What's Next?