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Introduction

We are delighted to bring you this first newsletter of 2020! In this edition we introduce you to one of our key members of staff Billy Hesketh, profile one of our many success stories in deterring criminal activity and announce the pending arrival of our new church maintenance care package this May. This year is shaping up to be a very busy one for us as we continue to protect our church buildings heritage and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on our services.

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Billy Hesketh: ten years at E-Bound AVX

I was employed by E-Bound when I was just 15 years old as an apprentice. I have been lucky to be able to travel to most corners of the UK, from Edinburgh to Cornwall, Cardiff to Kent. Only recently have I started to look back at my time here, at all the churches and historic buildings I have been fortunate enough to visit, also accessing parts of the buildings that the general public have never seen.

I began to think of all the changes, renovations and conservation I have seen over the ten years, one church sticks out in my memory the most. I remember the first time I visited the 13th century St Bartholomew, Much Marcle back in 2010. The renovations were in full flow, windows, monuments and much more. I visited at the back end of 2019 and the church looks beautiful and well worth a visit, the work they have put into this church is some of the most exceptional I have seen. We currently supervise the roof and also the two monuments, Blanche Mortimer and Walter De Helton.

I have met lots of individuals and churchwardens on my travels and I would like to thank them for all the advice and history about their churches they have given me over the last ten years.

I have learned a lot in the last decade and hope I will learn much more in the next ten years at E-Bound, bringing new and innovative solutions to security for historic buildings.

I would also like to thank the directors of E-Bound, Hannah Goodley, Lynne Franklin & Angus Brown for putting their trust in me at a young age and now trusting me at 25 to help run the engineering side of the business and other ventures.



Church roof section destroyed by Storm Ciara

St Michael and All Angels in Edmondthorpe had a large section off roof blown off in the wake of Storm Ciara, exposing the organ and other fixtures of the church to the elements.

Luckily, the Churches Conservation Trust was quick to act and began repair and maintenance on the destroyed roof, covering the organ and other valuable aspects of the church interior.

The top picture shows the roof on the floor after it's face-off with the storm. It looks to have been mostly intact as it was forcefully detached, landing as one solid piece but the impact broke it apart.

Middle pictures show the open interior of the roof, directly over the organ.

The bottom picture shows some of the coverings the CCT have put in place to protect the interior and organ from the weather before much needed repairs take place.

The entire section where the roof will need to be completely replaced, this is costly damage and it will take the CCT months to fully repair and replace the church roof.

Please support the CCT's work in caring for heritage and historic churches.

If you wish to donate, visit www.visitchurches.org.uk/donate.html



E-Bound *Care*

is coming...

We are delighted to announce that we will be launching our new annual maintenance package in May. Available in three service levels; Essentials, Elements and Elite, this contract will help you budget for the cost of routine servicing and the provision of new technology. We want to provide you with peace of mind.

1st May

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Case Study: St Bartholomew, Colne

Church buildings are increasingly vulnerable to theft, with perhaps the most pressing issue of our time the risk to the external historic building fabric itself.

In recent years, Ecclesiastical have reported a shift from roof metal thefts carried out by opportunistic individuals to larger operations conducted by highly organised criminal gangs. These gangs are well prepared and - when successful - can swiftly remove large amounts of lead and / or copper from the church roof. The effect of this removal can result in substantial damage to the church building, which is often not detected for weeks or months, depending on the weather.

E-Bound are continually working with churches and all major church insurers, in order to reduce the frequency and severity of these attacks. An E-Bound roof alarm system is a very effective deterrent, and Ecclesiastical and other major insurers have approved our full range of roof alarms. An example of how an E-Bound roof alarm and the accompanying alarm system protocol can protect the church is shown in the example of St Bartholomew in Colne.

The church installed an Ecclesiastical approved roof alarm from E-Bound AVX Ltd. On the morning of the 6th May 2019, the Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC) received alerts indicating that there was suspicious movement on the church roof.

When triggered, a signal is sent through to the ARC immediately, who in turn alert the nominated contacts by telephone to inform them of the intrusion. In addition, an audible alarm is broadcast onto the church roof to warn the intruder they have been detected. Blue strobe lights also activate. During the incident at St Bartholomew, a neighbour called the police upon hearing the roof alarm. All of this activity resulted in the thieves being arrested on site with their tools in hand.

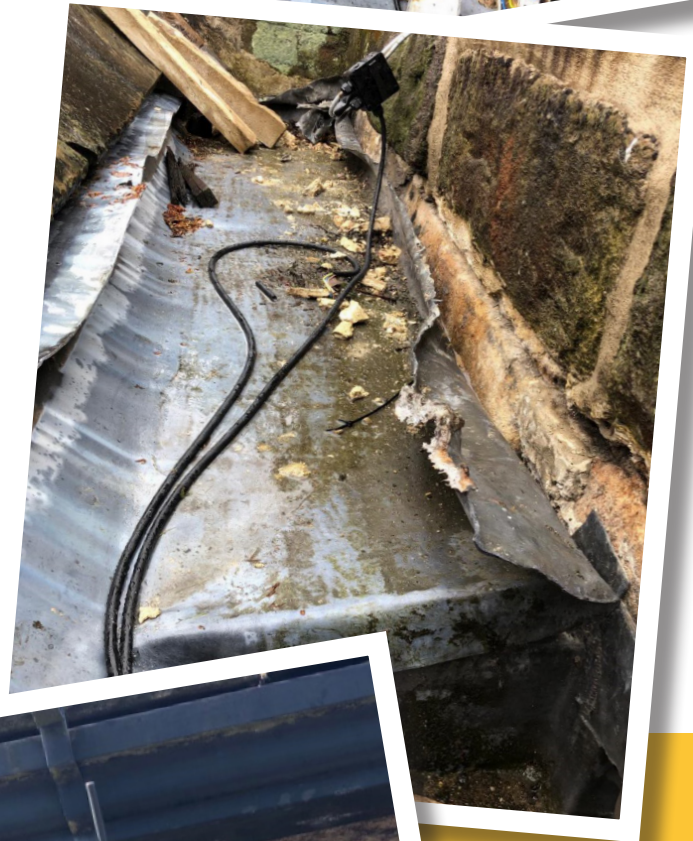
The intruders had lifted some of the lead flashing in a small area of the roof, but were unsuccessful in fully removing any lead from the site. A week later on 12th May, a further attempt was made to access the roof. It is unclear if these were the same intruders as the previous incident. As per the previous week, the E-Bound alarm system activated and the intruders fled, with no damage caused to the church building.



On the morning of the 15th May, the church suffered a third attempt. Similar to the previous attempts, intruder signals were received by the ARC and the local contacts were made aware, with the intruders fleeing after the alarm activated. On inspection, E-Bound engineers discovered that one of the sensors had been tampered with. Despite this, the alarm was able to activate with signals successfully notifying the ARC.

The main purpose of a roof alarm is detect intrusion at the earliest opportunity and thereby reduce the risk of a significant loss occurring. Whilst St Bartholomew's suffered repeated attempted thefts over a short period of time, the damage suffered was minimal and the thieves were not successful in removing any lead from the site. A CCTV camera was installed as an additional security measure.

Pictures: (top right) Shows the uplifting of the lead flashing and external lighting cables which had been ripped up. (middle right) Close up photograph of the above. (bottom right) Camera installed following the three incidents to provide extra security.



For more
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the E-Bound Roof
Alarm System visit
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Bell from England's smallest church has been stolen

Reported by the BBC



A 291-year-old bell has been stolen from a small church recognised as the smallest in England.

Bremilham Church on Cowage Farm, near Malmesbury in Wiltshire holds the Guinness World Record for the smallest "in service" church in the country. It is a Grade II listed building, has just one pew and can seat a congregation of up to 10 people. For years the building was used as a turkey coop, before being reconsecrated as a church in recent years.

The church is too small to have its own bell tower and the bell was housed on an oak frame on the floor by the entrance. Weighing around 100kg and 3 feet in height, "It would take two or three men to lift it or move it, but once you get it on the floor you can roll it," said local resident Mr Tom Collins, formerly married at the church.

An appeal has been made by the Wiltshire Police.

Church tower in Lincolnshire collapses

Reported by The Church Times



The tower of St John the Baptist church in High Toynton collapsed suddenly in the early hours of Sunday 19th January.

Lincolnshire Police have confirmed that no one was hurt in the incident. "It's obviously a great shock to see the devastation and a great gaping hole...The fire service did a thorough job and brought in dogs, just to ensure nobody was found," said the Rector of High Toynton, Canon Charles Patrick. The church was rebuilt by Ewan Christian in 1872, replacing the original 13th-century building. Prior to its collapse, the church tower was known for an unusual octagonal upper storey and short spire.

Investigations have begun into the possible cause of the collapse. The exact repair cost is not yet known, but residents in the village — which lies in the Lincolnshire Wolds near the town of Horncastle and has 133 residents — have already set up an initial appeal for £100,000 to restore the church. The village needs to raise at least £30,000 to pay for the immediate structural repairs to the building and plan to rebuild St John the Baptist as a community space as well as a church.

Donations can be provided on the fundraising platform [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/high-toynton-church>.