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Re: Roofing Works to St. John's Church, Kill, Co.Kildare

Dear Tina,

As discussed in your recent telephone call with Laoise from our office, St John's Church, Kill has been awarded a grant from the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) Historic Structures Fund for necessary roofing works.

Both slopes of the roof have areas where slipped slates show extensive nail failure. Other slates are damaged and cracked. Gutters are damaged in sections and lead flashings are also in need of repair. Moisture damage is visible in the interior of the church and areas of paint are damaged and flaking where water has penetrated into the church. Patch repairs have been carried out in the past but the areas in need of repair are widespread and re-slating of the roof is now overdue. If the church is not reroofed further damage will occur leading to loss of the interior features. Furthermore, if the roof continues to deteriorate it may become unsafe for parishioners and visitors to the site.

The roofing works will include removing the slates from both slopes of the roof, repairing the timber roof structure where necessary, renewing lead flashings and repairing gutters and downpipes, installing new battens and underlay and reslating the roof.

The conditions of the grant require that the works are completed in October. The roof is quite large and the works will take time so it is imperative that works can begin as soon as possible to ensure completion in time to claim the grant.

With best regards,

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