

Parish Support

“The Busiest Team in England”

DAC Secretary Sarah Baines writes:

The Salisbury DAC Committee and Church Building Team have recently been recognised by the Church Building Council as the busiest team in England in 2020. The Team received over double the number of faculty and List B applications, compared to all other dioceses.

During lockdown we have had a spike in applications, receiving almost 117 applications from the online faculty system since the end of March. Of those applications received, the Church Building Team has processed 63 decisions.

Following the last DAC committee in November 2020 almost 70% of the applications discussed progressed, with most receiving their Notification of Advice shortly after the meeting. This is a great achievement and a real team effort.

Just before lockdown the DAC moved over to the online faculty system and the Church Buildings Team has worked hard during lockdown to process all applications in this way. The DAC committee meetings have been set up and conducted over Zoom. We have also used Zoom to communicate with parishes.

We have used Microsoft Teams to keep in regular contact as a Team to ensure casework is processed quickly and effectively. DAC members and Archdeacons have also carried out Covid-secure site visits to offer advice to parishes.

I am very proud of what the Church Building Team and the DAC committee has achieved during these unprecedented times, and I am sure the team will continue to make improvements under a new Team Leader in 2021.