

St Wilfrid's Church, Kelham

THE ORGAN

A Completion Report

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THE COUSANS ORGAN

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I am delighted to report that today (17th December 2018) I inspected the conserved and restored Cousans organ of 1907 formerly in the chapel of Lincoln Theological College, with its colourful Temple Moore case and large decorated 'wing' doors, and found it finished and in first-class order.

The restoration by Henry Groves & Son Ltd has been thorough and detailed, ensuring that all now works to perfection. Michelle Pepper has conserved all the painted finishes of the case and has painted in matching colour the new panels flanking the organ where previously there was nothing at all. The organ looks wonderful in the south aisle and might always have been there. The beautiful crucifix newly hung on the east wall of the south aisle, where the old organ used to stand, together with the revealing of a long-hidden piscina in the south wall, has returned to the east end of the aisle the ambiance – long lost – of a chapel.

The pipes were carefully cleaned and put back with no alteration to mouths, tops or tips. The result is striking in St Wilfrid's, ringing round the building as if the organ had been made and voiced for the church. The chorus is bright yet completely musical and the flutes are delightful.

The outcome of this project confirms my expectations that this organ was 'right' for St Wilfrid's; it has given fresh life to this fine little instrument – a near twin to the Cousans formerly in Kelham Hall Chapel – and will enhance the church's musical and liturgical life.



Confirmation of cost outcome:

c. £30,000



