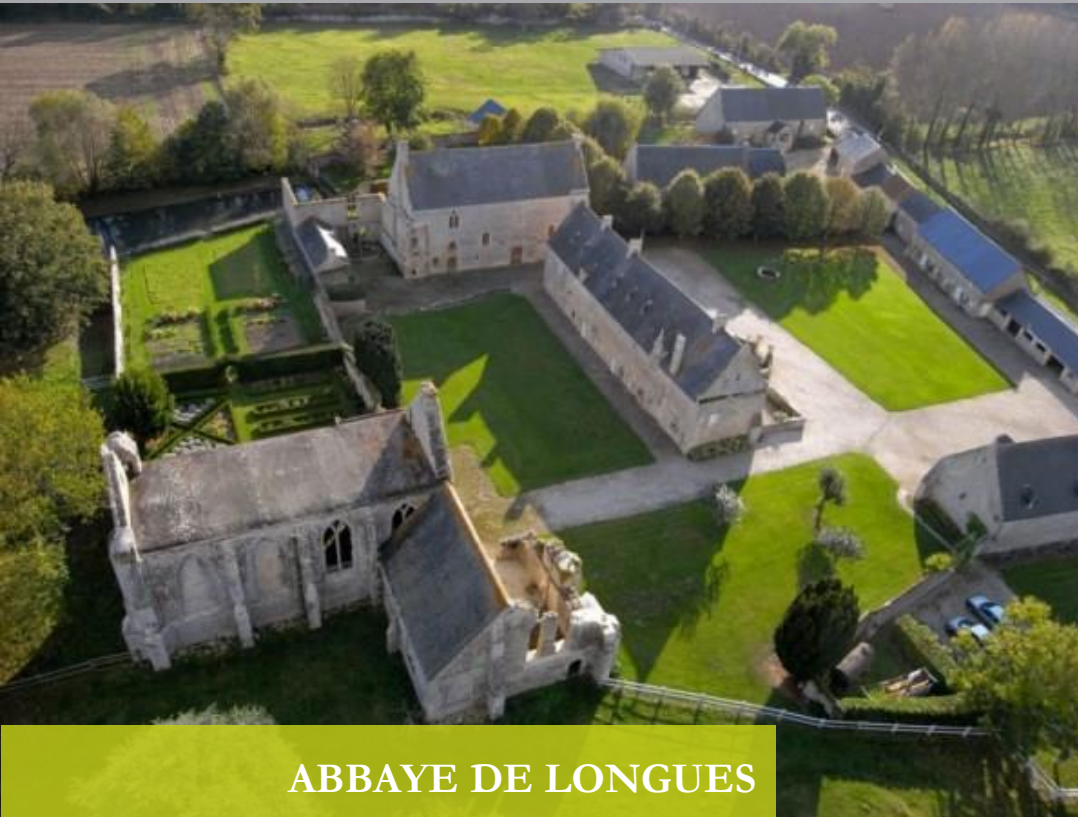




# ABBAYE DE LONGUES

CALVADOS, NORMANDY | GRANT REQUEST AVAILABLE FOR FUNDING



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Located in Calvados, Normandy

### HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP

The Abbaye de Longues was founded in 1168. The first Benedictine monks came from the Abbaye de Hambye (Manche). In 1257, the community has 22 monks and in 1760 it was reduced to just five members. The Bishop of Bayeux has the abbey closed in 1782, following a lengthy trial. The abbey is sold during the Revolution.

The remaining buildings were saved from ruin by US Senator Charles Dewey who in 1932 bought the estate and begins the first urgent restoration work. Spared from destruction in 1944, the abbey is now being restored by its current owners. Classified as an Historic Monument, it is open to visitors by its owners and for weddings, receptions and other activities.

### COMPELLING INDICATORS

A few kilometers from Bayeux near the Landing Beaches, stands the Abbaye de Longues which remains an exceptional testimonial of religious life in Normandy in the Middle ages as well as of its architecture and decorative arts.

This striking former Benedictine abbey dates from the 12th century. The abbey features a complex of buildings, the church, chapter house, the monks' refectory, a garden and a beautiful collection of glazed tiles from the 13th century that are among the finest in Normandy.

### GRANT SUMMARY

The chapter house is still in need of major restoration work including for the walls and roof. Stone façades and walls must be consolidated and repaired and in some cases stones replaced. Major masonry work is also needed.

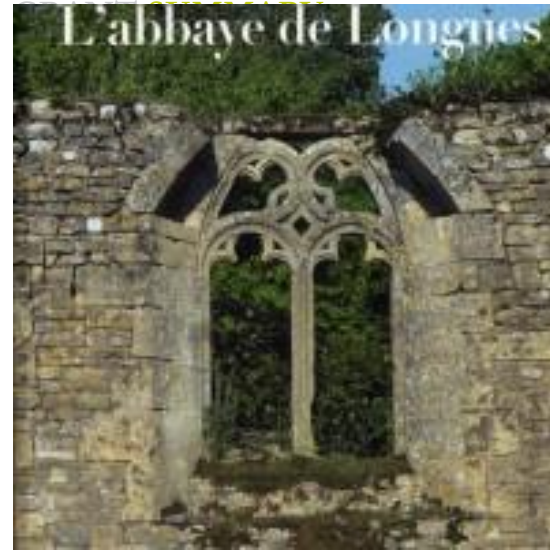
Ivy and vegetation have caused serious damage to the structure over the years and led to water infiltration and some major stones are splitting and breaking.

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Ownership:	Privately owned, M & Mme d'Anglejan-Chatillon
Grant Request:	Available for funding – potential US donors
Matching Fund Source:	DRAC, owners' funds, Conseil départemental
Allocation of Funds:	2016 wall and roof of chapter house Cost of work : 318,230 € / \$365,964
FHS Payment:	TBD



Georges and Marie-Jeanne d'Anglejan were charmed by this windswept abbey overlooking the sea. Since 1964, for more than half a century, they have devoted themselves to its preservation and restoration. It is a project of a lifetime that is being passed on to the next generation of the family.





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