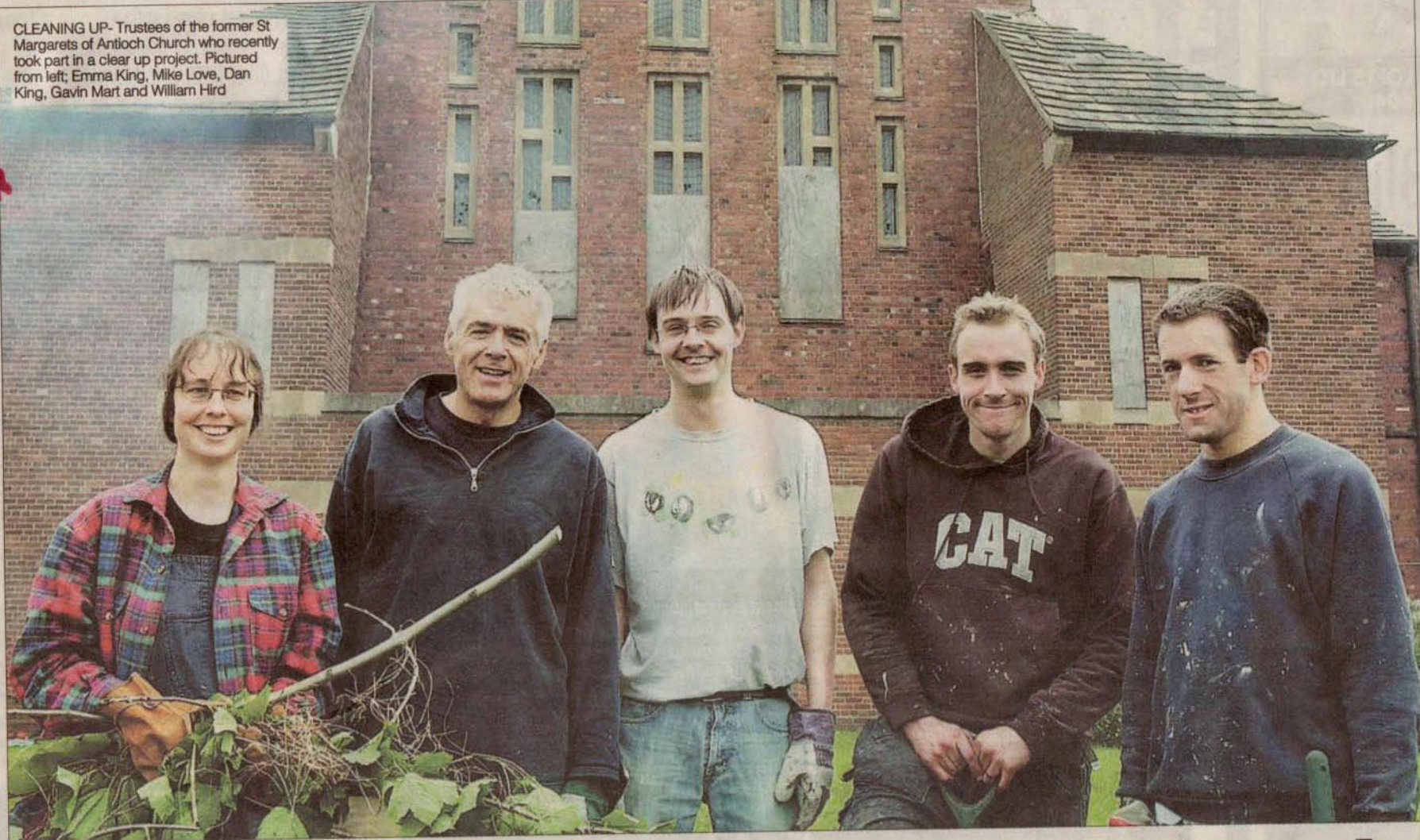


CLEANING UP- Trustees of the former St Margarets of Antioch Church who recently took part in a clear up project. Pictured from left; Emma King, Mike Love, Dan King, Gavin Mart and William Hird

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New lease of life for historic church

VOLUNTEERS are preparing the ground for an exciting redevelopment that will give an historic Burley church a new lease of life.

Margaret of Antioch has been empty for several years and fallen into disrepair but now the Word of Life Trust have bought the building and have secured

funding to transform it.

On Saturday trustees and members of the Christian community from Headingley and Burley will be getting together to clear shrubbery, debris and litter from the grounds of the Grade II* listed building so repair works and a survey can take place.

A grant from English Heritage will allow the trust to start work on roof repairs and guttering over the next couple of years.

The repairs will run alongside a process to decide what the church should be used for, 100 years after it was built.

Chair of the trust, Mike Love, said: "Our vision for the build-

ing in the long term is to see it used as a venue for the arts community of Leeds and beyond.

"As well as being a Christian place of worship it will be a vibrant, light space that could be used for many types of events such as exhibitions, workshops, conferences, banquets or concerts.

"We are excited about opening up its doors in the future to be a top quality venue known throughout the region.

"This tidy up will enable easier access to the building, and by cleaning up the surroundings we want to make a statement that this building has not been forgotten about."