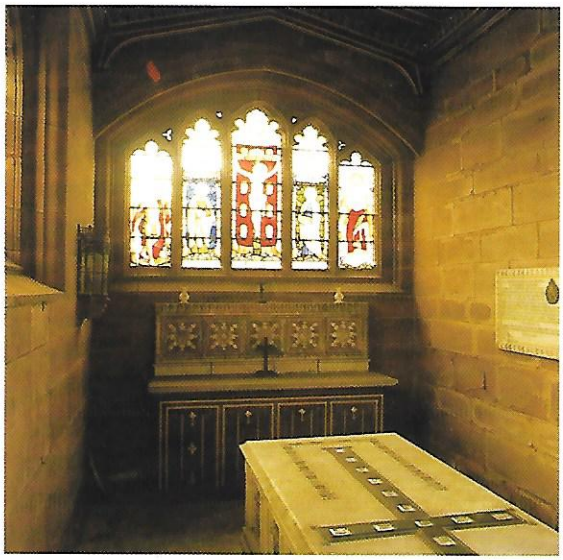
RURAL CHARITY OF THE YEAR
THE MAUSOLEA AND MONUMENTS TRUST

FOUNDED last year by the architectural historian Jill Allibone, this conservation charity is dedicated to rescuing and restoring a neglected aspect of the country's architecture, private mausolea and monuments.

Often on prominent rural sites, in churchyards and the parks of country houses, family mausolea were frequently designed by eminent architects who relished the opportunity for unfettered display. But such structures rely on the piety of descendants to maintain them, and when a family dies out or moves away, they present formidable conservation problems. The trust has so far acquired five outstanding examples, and has already raised funds to begin the repair of the Bateman Mausoleum (*above*) at Morley in Derbyshire, a late Gothic-Revival gem by G. F. Bodley.



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The trust also provides help and advice for local initiatives, and publicises larger-scale problems which it is not yet big enough to tackle, such as the sadly neglected Darnley Mausoleum at Cobham, designed by James Wyatt in 1784. It is also compiling an inventory of all monuments and mausolea of architectural interest in the British Isles.