

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1158029

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016
FOR
THE ST MARTIN'S LOW MARPLE HERITAGE TRUST**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2016. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1158029

Principal address

St Martin's Vicarage
15 Brabyns Brow
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Trustees

Rev Ann Wendy Hyde
Anne Hambleton
Anthony Philip Burton
David George Bush
Jean Tipper
Michael Newton
Margaret Haresnape
Ann Mary Sayer

Independent Examiner

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5 Great Underbank
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The St Martin's Low Marple Heritage Trust is governed by its Trust Deed dated 21 June 2014 and is constituted as an unincorporated charity. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The method of appointment of new trustees is by unanimous agreement by the original trustees of a proposed new trustee.

Organisational structure

The trustees take the Trust's legal and financial decisions.

Friends of the Trust

Members of the public are invited to become Friends of the Trust on payment of a small annual subscription. A range of activities are arranged for the Friends group in addition to the activities undertaken for the wider public. At 31 December 2016 the Friends group numbered 92 individuals

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONT)

Risk management

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities in the area of risk management, ensuring the safety of visitors and the security of the artefacts within St Martin's Church. They work closely with the Vicar and the Parochial Church Council in these matters and engage appropriate external advisers where necessary.

The financial status of the Trust is kept under regular review and all expenditures are approved by the Trustees in ordinary meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The St Martin's Low Marple Heritage Trust is a heritage and education charity whose charitable objectives are:

- i) To preserve and protect the church buildings of St Martin's Low Marple and the St Martin's Collections so that it can be made accessible to the wider public whilst ensuring it is kept intact and secure; and
- ii) To advance education by the development of educational resources appropriate for all ages and stages of education and by the development of appropriate facilities for visitors.

These objectives have been carried out during the period through the organisation of lectures by the Trustees, the provision of regular openings of the Church buildings, the provision of facilities for visits by interested groups, the research and development of further educational resources concerning the history and artefacts within the Church, the commissioning of an extensive restoration of one of the major artworks in the Church, and the commissioning of a further specialist report concerning certain wall art within the Church.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that the activities summarised below provide benefit to the public with regard to the protection and preservation of the buildings and collections within St Martin's Church and the advancement of education. They also comply with the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit as detailed in Section 4 of the Charity Act 2006.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Activities

The St Martin's Low Marple Heritage Trust was established to preserve and protect the buildings and artistic heritage within St Martin's Church and to make that heritage better known within the local area and more widely by the development of educational material.

The year 2016 was a busy one for the Trust and one which saw the completion of its first restoration project – the Christopher Whall painting in the Lady Chapel.

The Trustees met on 9 occasions during the year and topics under discussion included future restoration projects, fund raising events, visits to places of interest, communication with Friends, church security, the Heritage Open Weekend, open church on Saturday mornings as well as finance and publicity.

We were pleased to see completed the restoration of the Christopher Whall painting in the Lady Chapel thanks to the generosity of one of our Friends, Mrs. Janet Cuff. A brass plaque in recognition of this will be installed in 2017. An official "unveiling" was held in Nov at which we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Cuff. Details of the painting previously masked in dirt can now be seen and thanks go to David Everingham, the expert restorer who carried out the work in a sensitive and discreet way. All Friends were invited to this event and we were pleased to see a good number there. They were able to see some photos of the restoration project as well as a short film about Christopher Whall and his work as well as a display about other paintings on the theme of The Annunciation.

A number of fund raising events have been held by the Trust during the year including a successful Cheese and Wine evening in February, a concert by the Cantus and Bravura choirs in September as part of the ever popular Heritage Open Weekend and a very interesting talk by Barrie and Wendy Armstrong which was well supported.

Visits to the church by various groups have also taken place and have been well received. These included a visit by the Romiley local history society in January, the Wilmslow branch of NADFAS in June, an Arts and Crafts group from Surrey in July and a group from St. Thomas' church in Hyde in September. We are grateful for the help of our church guides on these occasions as well as those who prepare and serve the refreshments.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (CONT)

We have also continued with "Open Church" on Saturday mornings during the months April – end of October between 10.30 and 12.30. We are pleased to report that visitor numbers over the year have risen to over 200 (including the Heritage Open Weekend).

The Trust now has active Facebook and Twitter accounts as well as our website. Work is ongoing in keeping these up to date.

2017 will see the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Martin's and this will be marked in a number of ways throughout the year. The Heritage Trust is principally involved in a Community Arts project overseen by Revd Ann and due to come to fruition in November 2017. Future projects for the Trust include the restoration of the "Angel" panel in the Sanctuary and the re-gilding of the names on the war memorial.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity maintains unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, sufficient to cover anticipated expenditure.

The reserves are held in a current bank account.

The results of the year can be seen on page 5. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a surplus for the year of £9,110.

TRUSTEES

There were no changes in the composition of the trustees during the year.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES :

ANN W HYDE

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25 JULY 2017
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Rev Ann Hyde – Chair of the Trustees

Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ST MARTIN'S LOW MARPLE HERITAGE TRUST**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016 set out on pages five to eight.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MICHAEL R POWELL

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Michael R Powell

25 JULY 2017

Date:

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	15,340	-	15,340	5,255
Activities for generating funds	3	675	-	675	1,050
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Events and sale of brochures	4	1,726	-	1,726	1,283
Other incoming resources		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources		17,741	-	17,741	7,588
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Conservation		8,331	-	8,331	670
Publishing and education		300	-	300	1,127
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended	5	8,631	-	8,631	1,797
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		9,110	-	9,110	5,791
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>14,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,901</u>	<u>5,791</u>

The notes on pages 7-8 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

Notes	2016 £	2015 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank	14,901	5,791
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>14,901</u>	<u>5,791</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>14,901</u>	<u>5,791</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>14,901</u>	<u>5,791</u>
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	14,901	5,791
Restricted funds	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,901</u>	<u>5,791</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on25 JULY 2017.....and were signed on their behalf by :

ANN W HYDE.....

Rev Ann Hyde-Chair of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2005).

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Income from charitable activities includes income from publicity and organised events.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

- Charitable activities include expenditure associated with restoration and conservation, publishing activities and organising events and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund structure

Restricted income funds are set up to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

All other funds are unrestricted income funds.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2016 £	2015 £
Grants and donations	<u>15,340</u>	<u>5,255</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2016 £	2015 £
Friends membership fees	<u>675</u>	<u>650</u>

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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2016 £	2015 £
Lectures, open events	Events	1,446	1,283
Sales of brochures etc	Publishing	<u>280</u>	<u>-</u>
-		<u><u>1,726</u></u>	<u><u>1,283</u></u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2016 £	2015 £
Publishing-brochures, booklets	145	532
Web design and hosting	155	595
Conservation costs	<u>8,331</u>	<u>670</u>
	<u><u>8,631</u></u>	<u><u>1,797</u></u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No trustee received remuneration or benefit from the trust during the period