

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1158029

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015
FOR
THE ST MARTINS LOW MARPLE HERITAGE TRUST**

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ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

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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 2015. 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
Marple Bridge
Stockport
Cheshire SK6 5DT

Trustees

Rev Ann Wendy Hyde
Anne Hambleton
Anthony Philip Burton
David George Bush
Jean Tipper
Michael Newton
Lionel Terence Powell (retired 30 November 2015)
Margaret Haresnape (appointed 1 December 2014)
Ann Mary Sayer (appointed 1 December 2015)

Independent Examiner

Michael Powell
5 Manor Hill Road
Marple
Stockport
Cheshire SK6 6LP

Bankers

HSBC plc
5 Great Underbank
Stockport SK1 1LH

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 2015 the Friends group numbered 85 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 development of a new booklet detailing the history and artistic treasures of the Church, the development of an extensive website, the establishment of a Friends Group, and the commissioning of a detailed report by a conservator setting out a programme and costings for the conservation of the artefacts 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.

During the period we developed and launched a new website specifically for the Heritage Trust, providing details of our activities alongside details of the history and artefacts within the church.

The Trust started a Friends Group during the year and at the period end this had 85 members.

The Trust organised the running of "Open Church" on Saturday mornings from Easter until the end of October, manned by the Trustees with help from a small number of volunteers from the congregation was appreciated.

New information booklets about the church have been produced and are on sale in church.

A number of events were organised by the Trust in 2014/15. These include a lectures on the Art and History of the Church, a Candlemass party and talk on Light within the Church, an escorted visit to Sheffield in May to visit comparable churches and architectural styles, a "Behind the Scenes at St. Martin's", the Heritage Open Weekend in and a talk on Edmund Sedding and the revival of traditional Christmas Carols.

The trust hosted visits from Whaley Bridge Local History Society in October and the Manchester Victorian Society in September.

The Trust was also responsible for overseeing the repair of the vandalised West Window (St. Martin) on behalf of the PCC. We secured outside financial support for this work..

The Trust has identifies a number of projects for restoration/ and /or conservation. Before embarking on any of these, however, the Trust sought professional advice, first from our architect, Nicholas Rank and secondly from an established conservator, David Everingham. David visited St. Martin's in October and presented a detailed report on various items including the War memorial and The Christopher Whall painting in the Lady Chapel

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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 first period of activity of £5,791.

TRUSTEES

Rev Ann Hyde, Anne Hambleton, Anthony Burton, David Bush, Jean Tipper, Michael Newton and Lionel Powell were appointed Initial Trustees of the charity on 21 June 2014.

Margaret Haresnape was appointed an additional trustee on 1 October 2014.

Lionel Powell retired as Initial Trustee on 30 November 2015.

Ann Sayer was appointed an additional trustee on 1 December 2015.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES :

ANN W HYDE

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Rev Ann Hyde – Chair of the Trustees

1 AUGUST 2016

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Date

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

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2015 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 Act

have 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

Date:10 AUGUST 2016.....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2015 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	5,255	-	5,255
Activities for generating funds	3	1,050	-	1,050
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Events	4	1,283	-	1,283
Other incoming resources		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources		7,588	-	7,588
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities				
Conservation		670	-	670
Publishing and education		1,127	-	1,127
Governance costs		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended	5	1,797	-	1,797
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		5,791	-	5,791
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>5,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,791</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 2015

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ..1 AUGUST 2016...and were signed on its behalf by :

ANN W HYDE

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Rev Ann Hyde-Chair of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2015

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 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

2015
£

Grants and donations 5,255

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

2015
£

Friends membership fees 650

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4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2015
	Activity	£
	Lectures, open events	Events
		<u>1,283</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS		2015
		£
	Publishing-brochures, booklets	532
	Web design and hosting	595
	Conservation costs	<u>670</u>
		<u>1,797</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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