St Martin's Heritage Trust report for the APCM on the year ending January 2026

During the last twelve months, the Trust has continued to operate at a low level due to the continued lack of volunteers and lack of time available from our volunteers and trustee, and also uncertainty about local support for the Trust's fundraising activities. Previous musical concerts, with few exceptions, have been sparsely attended and barely covered expenses and trustees have agreed that we should not run the risk of organising events that might any of the capital we have already accumulated at risk.

The two exceptions to this are:

- Concerts by the Croydon Male Voice Choir, which has its own considerable following and gives us confidence we can make a surplus on the evening. The Choir has therefore been booked for a return concert in the coming year
- Guided village history walks, which while only raising small sums, incurs no expenses and these will continue while there is local interest.

Trustees are also conscious that the Trust has not made a charitable donation to St Martin's Church in the last twelve months but a project has been agreed with St Martin's Brasted PCC, which trustees have agreed can be fully funded from our reserves and this work should be completed in the coming year.

Roger Rogowski / January 2026