

Martha NEWS



Autumn 2025



In the summertime...

the weather was fine for our garden fun!



Partner with Martha



Martha hits Monte Carlo!



Thank you to all our supporters



The summer months have been very busy at Martha. We have been blessed with glorious weather, which has inspired us all to enjoy the outdoors. Everyone who lives and works at Martha has been able to take full advantage of the beautiful gardens at our homes, with summer parties a real highlight. Our staff 'thank you' day, held at Solley's Farm, was a great success, with entertainment for all the family. And where better to be in the sunshine than at one of Martha's popular outdoor music events!

Elsewhere, we continued to build on the progress made last year to protect the long-term future of the charity, but this is an ongoing challenge in today's economic environment. Your loyal support has always made a huge contribution to our ability to deliver the quality of life our residents deserve, especially during difficult times. I would like to thank you on behalf of everyone connected to Martha Trust.

Julie Gayler
CEO Martha Trust

Contact Martha Trust

Julie Gayler

CEO
07876 246198
juliegayler@marthatrust.org.uk

Alice Moir

Director – Fundraising & Marketing
01304 610448
alicemoir@marthatrust.org.uk

Martha Trust, Kent

Frances House and Martha House
Homemead Lane
Hacklinge
Deal, Kent
CT14 0PG

Carol Baalham

Fundraising & Marketing Officer
01304 610448
carolbaalham@marthatrust.org.uk

Kerry Banks

Fundraising & Events Officer
01304 610448
kerrybanks@marthatrust.org.uk

Martha Trust, East Sussex

Mary House
490 The Ridge
Hastings
East Sussex
TN34 2RY

Follow us

on Facebook,
X, LinkedIn
and Instagram



Martha News online

We keep our production costs to a minimum, but you could help us save even more by signing up to our newsletter by email. Simply email us at fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk quoting 'Martha News' in the subject line. You will then receive your newsletter in pdf format, so it won't even clog up your inbox!

A special 'thank you' to all the local businesses that have supported us in 2025, be it through sponsorship, making a donation, fundraising, donating an auction or raffle prize, supplying an item for free or volunteering.

A&S Events Services • Agents Giving • Agilico • Aldi
Anglo Dutch Model Trucks Ltd • Anna's Face Candy • Archers Low Nursery
Arsenal Football Club • Barclays • Bakkavor • Big Shot Golf • BJ's Pizza
Blueleaf Care • Boonies • Brandon Hire • Bumper2Bumper
Chris Mansfield Photography • C J Gray Building Contractors Ltd
Cook Fabrications Ltd • Country Carpets • Crumble Cups
C Watkins Plumbing Ltd • Curran IT & Electrical Services Ltd • Daniel Clarke Ltd
DAPA • Deal Fire Station • Deal Radio • Deal Welfare Club
Dover Marina Hotel • Dover Rotary Club • Dunkerley's of Deal • EVOS
Eurotunnel Le Shuttle • GM Pro Plumbing • Hardmans Solicitors • Helix AV
Holiday Extras • HRD Electrical Ltd • Hutchings Timber Ltd • I-Deal Security
Independent Insurance Services • Invicta Electrical & Building Services
Jenkinson Estates • J&R Carpets • JT & C Builders • Karls Festival • Keaveney Group
Korkers Sausages • K&M Roofing & Building Services • KW Fire and Security Ltd
Lilly Roos • Lizzie Willis Creative Planner • Maddie4Music
Mark 1 Sound & Light • Mark Bulley Ltd • Martinvale Clinic • MDC Removals
Mini Red Arrows Car Group • Moonreach • Mother Earth Therapies
Nick Cunningham Plumbing & Heating Engineers • One Call Property Services
Partnership One • Petal & Punk Facepainting • PGL Windmill Hill
Postage Supermarket • Premier Signs • Princes Golf Club • Purple Daisy
Rapid Relief • Reclamet Ltd • Rent A Bar • Ruby, Rose & Pearl • SAMS
Sandwich Community Events Association • Sandwich Technology School
SE Insurance • SMET • Smye-Rumsby Ltd • Solley's Ice Cream Parlour
Sota Solutions Ltd • Soul Chef Kitchen • S P Daniels Building Contractors Ltd
St George's Church • St Mary's Arts Centre • Superior Healthcare Group
Swiss Re • Tash's Cakery • The Cheeky Tipple • The Coach • The Courtyard Deal
The Dog at Wingham • The King's Head • The Larder
The Licensed Victuallers Golf Society • The Mac Shack • The Plough Inn
The Port Arms • The White House Kent • Town & Country Garden Services
TREK Plumbing • Triangle Fire Systems • Walmer Cricket Club
Walmer & Kingsdown Golf Club • Walmer Installations
Wesley Adams Construction Ltd • Wild Tayberry
Wingham Country Market • Wyman's Electrical • 9G Websites



Fun in the sun!



What a summer it's been at Martha – full of sunshine, laughter, and unforgettable moments. The warm weather gave us every reason to spend time outdoors, though truth be told, our dedicated staff never need much encouragement to enjoy the beautiful sensory gardens that surround our



homes in Deal. Originally designed by Charlie Dimmock and her BBC Ground Force team, these gardens have continued to blossom thanks to the care of volunteers over the years. This summer, a wonderful team from Keaveney's helped us refresh the decking beside the Koi Carp pond, creating a peaceful space where



residents and their families can relax and connect.

We made the most of the sunshine with two joyful events planned by our brilliant Activities Coordinator, Natalie – a Summer Party and a Carnival Day. Both were filled with colour, laughter, and a real sense of togetherness. Carnival Day was especially meaningful, with all the games and props lovingly handmade during arts



and crafts sessions. From cream pie throwing to the hilarious antics of Britain's Got Talent's 'Chicken Man', Allan Swan from Faversham, the day was packed with fun and laughter.

Families shared some truly touching feedback. One parent told us, "It was the best event we've been to – so much laughter and fun with



everyone together in the sunshine. A very special day we'll never forget." Another said, "It was so lovely to see my boy so happy." These moments of joy and connection are what make our community so special. Staff on shift that day were just as moved. Many commented on how lovely it was to see so many



parents attend and how much everyone enjoyed themselves. One staff member laughed as they recalled a cheeky resident cream pieing 'the chicken man' and giggling about it for hours afterward. With so many requests to do it all again, we're happy to say – yes, absolutely. Planning for next summer is already underway.

The Summer Party, held in the Frances House gardens, was a



memories. Here's hoping next year brings just as much sunshine – and just as many smiles.



heartfelt thank-you to our amazing staff and a chance for them to enjoy relaxed time with residents. Claire, one of our Directors, even volunteered to run the mocktails bar, which was a huge hit.

As we head into autumn, we carry with us the warmth of these summer





Light up lives this Christmas

In the run up to Christmas there are lots of ways you can get involved and support our work.



We know that this Christmas will be hard for many in the current financial climate, which makes us appreciate your support even more at this time.

We are excited to have some amazing top prizes this year, kindly donated by local businesses. What better way to show support for Martha this Christmas, and you could be the lucky winner of an overnight stay for two at Dover Marina Hotel, including meals and two spa treatments!



1st Prize An overnight stay for 2 people to include dinner, breakfast and spa experience plus a 30 minute treatment each – donated by Dover Marina Hotel & Spa



2nd Prize £200 donated by Big Shot Golf



3rd Prize £100 donated by Town & Country Town and Country Paving Restoration

Plus lots more prizes!

You can buy online www.marthatrust.org.uk/christmasraffle or by calling **01304 610448**.



Light up a Life



Our Light up a Life appeal is a great way to show your support of Martha and celebrate the life of someone close to you, one of our amazing residents or a member of our incredible teams at Martha. Whatever message you choose to make, we will personalise a star with it and hang it on one of our Christmas trees at Martha.



You can make a Light up a Life donation online at

www.marthatrust.org.uk/lightupalife or by completing our Light up a Life donation form.

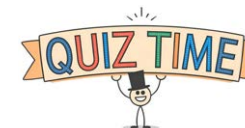
Quiz4Martha



Hosting your own event in aid of Martha is a great opportunity to raise money but also bring friends, family and colleagues together. Quiz nights are a fun way to fundraise - creating laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit. Every question answered helps us raise vital funds to support our mission, so whether you're a seasoned quizzier or just in it for the snacks and good vibes, your participation makes a real difference.

With Christmas fast approaching why not host your own Christmas themed Quiz4Martha?

If you'd like any help or guidance on hosting a quiz we are on hand – simply email us fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk or call us on **01304 610448**.



Partner with us

We believe that when we partner with local organisations, incredible things happen. By partnering with us, you're not just supporting a cause – you're investing in the heart of our community. Whether through sponsorship, in-kind donations, or collaborative events, your organisation can make a tangible difference to the lives of people with profound disabilities while gaining meaningful visibility and giving something back. Together, we can create lasting impact, and build a stronger, more connected community.

Reclamet Ltd recently came on board with Martha as a main sponsor for our flagship music event – Martha's Music on the Farm. Their owner and Managing Director came to look round our homes in June to meet our residents and see first-hand the work we do and the difference their support makes. We are currently fundraising for two new minibuses, however in the meantime, Reclamet has generously pledged to keep our two oldest buses roadworthy until we are in a position to replace them. They started by taking one of our minibuses, giving it a full service and repair, and even

dropping it back to us – all free of charge! We truly can't thank them enough!

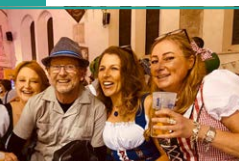
Our minibuses are more than just vehicles – they are a lifeline for our residents, they provide freedom, helping them stay connected to their communities as well as being used for essential medical appointments, trips and days out.

If you'd like to find out more about the opportunities, we have for you to get involved in 2026, we'd love to hear from you, please contact us on **01304 610448** or email fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk



Diary dates 2026

We are excited to announce our programme of events for 2026, including:



German Music Night

Saturday 14th March 7.30-11.30pm at St Mary's Arts Centre, Sandwich

The Bettesteiner Footstompers are bringing the spirit and joy of the Munich Oktoberfest to St Mary's Arts Centre in Sandwich in aid of Martha.

Tickets go on sale 1st January 2026 and cost £35 each and include a Peach Schnapps on arrival and all your drink and food.



Martha Trust Golf Day

Friday 24th April at Walmer and Kingsdown golf club

The course is set high up on the famous White Cliffs of Dover with magnificent sea views where you'll be sure to enjoy a great day's golf for a really good cause.

If you would like to register a team, please email fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk or call 01304 610448.



Martha's Music on the Farm

Sunday 14th June 12-8pm in the fields of Solley's Ice Cream Parlour, Ripple

Enjoy this great day out with family and friends. Be entertained by local musicians and activities to keep the children entertained. Bring a picnic or enjoy food and drink from on-site vendors, as well as Solley's ice cream!

Tickets on sale 1st January 2026 and cost £45 for a family ticket (2 adults, up to 3 children under 16), £18 for an adult and £8 for a child.



Music4Martha, Deal

Sunday 2nd August 12-6.30pm in The Square, Deal

Come along and enjoy live music at The Square, Deal outside Dunkerley's, The King's Head and the Port Arms. Free event



Bonkers in Barcelona

September 2026 from Dover to Barcelona

In September 2026, our intrepid teams will be setting off from Dover for Barcelona in our 2026 car challenge – Bonkers in Barcelona!

All the usual rules apply, you'll need a car, which we ask that you try and source for less than £500 (although any cars are welcome), with tax, insurance, MOT and that is eligible for a Crit'Air sticker. We'll organise your channel crossing, accommodation and flight home and in return, we ask you to pledge to raise £1,600 to help transform the lives of people with profound disabilities.

If you are interested in taking part we'd love to hear from you please email fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk or call 01304 610448.

Monte Carlo Madness: rain, rattles and road-trip triumphs!



Our eight fearless teams hit the road on 20th September for the ultimate charity car challenge to Monte Carlo – and what an adventure it was! Battling torrential rain, rogue satnavs, and one team's unexpected detour into Italy, which saw them just make it to the scrapyard on time; every car crossed the finish line with smiles (and soggy socks) intact. One even lost a side window along the way, but nothing could dampen their spirits!

This adventure wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of our sponsors: Superior Healthcare Group, Nick Cunningham Plumbing and Heating Engineers, Sota Solutions Ltd, Agilico, and Eurotunnel Le Shuttle. Huge thanks also go to the friends, families, colleagues, and local businesses who supported each car. With your help, this year's Monte Carlo Madness is on track to raise £22,000 in sponsorship!

Next stop: Barcelona 2026!

Interest is already revving up for our next charity car challenge to Barcelona next September. Spaces are limited and demand is high – so if you fancy swapping the M25 for Mediterranean sunshine, now's the time to get on board!



Register your interest at fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk or call us on 01304 610448



Let's make the next adventure even bigger, bolder, and brighter!

A huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and helping us to transform the lives of our residents with profound disabilities. Special thanks go to:



The team from PartnershipOne for giving up their time to volunteer in our gardens at Deal



A huge well done to the Martha Trust runners – Aaron, Ben, George, John, Shaun and Trevor who took part in the TCS London Marathon in April. Together they raised an incredible £18,223!

The wonderful villagers of Worth for hosting their annual Open Gardens event and making Martha one of their chosen charities



The wonderful team from Nonington Garden Club who raised an incredible £1,178 from their Open Gardens weekend



To the talented Rebecca Robinson Music who came in to sing for one of our resident's birthdays



President for 2024-2025, Marcia Bryant, Rotary Club of Senlac, St Leonard's for choosing Martha as her charity of the year and raising £2,000



We are currently fundraising for two new minibuses however in the meantime, the generous owner of Reclamet Ltd has pledged to keep our two oldest buses roadworthy until we can replace them



To Mark Sapsford, Captain of the Yoxball Golf Society and GM of Orsett Golf Club, for choosing to support Martha during his captaincy year and raising £1,000



Our long-term fundraiser, Neil Pretty of Big Shot Golf, for organising yet another fantastic golf day at the prestigious Sunningdale Golf Club raising £2,145



To Walmer Cricket Club, Sholden for hosting our annual T20 Charity Cricket Match and raising £1,000



Sandwich Technology School for raising and amazing £516 through holding a non uniform day



The teams at Barclays UK who came and volunteered for the day at our Deal homes



Luke from Dynamic Detailing for organising an incredible car meet at our friends Solley's Ice Cream Parlour raising £400



Our neighbours at The Coach for hosting a Quiz4Martha and raising £515



Inner Wheel of Dover President, Mrs Rita Hunnisett, for her incredible support throughout her Presidency Year and raising £1,000



Martinvale Clinic for choosing Martha as their Charity of the Year 2025-2026



The team from Swiss Re who gave their time to volunteer in our gardens at Deal and gave a generous donation of £2,500 towards the garden



To the team from Triangle Fire Systems Limited who gave up their time to volunteer; they did a fantastic job transforming our memorial garden at our home in Hastings – Mary House



To Deal Hop Farm for organising Quiz4Martha and raising £335

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who supported Martha's Music on the Farm 2025 with special thanks to our hosts and long-term supporters Solley's Ice Cream Parlour. It was our biggest and best year yet – raising an incredible £45,000!



Supported by

solley's



**Postage
Supermarket**
Proud to Deliver

Moonreach

C. J. GRAY
BUILDING CONTRACTORS
01304 361325



RECLAMET



BARCLAYS



Superior Healthcare

SMET

COOK
FABRICATIONS

Jenkinson
01304 361325

Martha Trust, Homestead Lane, Hacklinge, Deal, Kent CT14 0PG
T 01304 610448 F 01304 615462 E fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk W www.marthatrust.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1067885 Company Number 3467406