

SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL. ANNUAL MEETING.

MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026

Report of Barret's Charity

In 1488, Thomas Barrett, in his Will, left 52 acres of land to the south of Swanton Morley to provide an income for a priest to say Mass for his soul.

This income passed in the 16th Century to the Churchwardens, who used it to discharge their duties which included the repair of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the upkeep of the roads.

In Victorian times, most of their jobs were taken over by local councils and by 1952 the Charity Commissioners redefined the purpose of Barrett's Charity as; half to maintain the Church and half to assist persons in need in the Parish.

Though the Trustees occasionally make donations for an emergency, their custom for many years has been to give a little gift where it is thought helpful at Christmas to the older members of the community.

The Trustees hope they find it does a bit to bring some seasonal cheer and that they may spare a thought for Thomas Barrett, way back in the time of Henry VII and the kindness he has brought to those in need and the elderly of the village over all those years.

In 2026 The Barrett's Charity will be in receipt of substantial sums in payment for disruption caused by the RWE cable route which passes through the Barrett's Charity land to the south of the village.

The Trustees have determined that such monies be placed on deposit and dividends accrued to used to support the Charity's objectives.

From the Trustees of Barrett's Charity

John Carrick. Vice Chairman