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CHARING ARCHBISHOPS PALACE Neighbour Newsletter – w/c 27th October

Dear friends and neighbours,

We are delighted to share that the long-awaited buttress application has finally worked its way through planning administration, and is now registered and validated with Ashford Borough Council. We have been given a target decision date of **5th December 2025**, with the plans and associated documents available to view here:

https://abcportal.ashford.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0hTw000003SVVOIA4/pa20251771?c_r=Arcus_BE_Public_Register.

We remain most grateful to Thomas Ford & Partners for all their assistance in this application, along with Canterbury Archaeological Trust, the Morton Partnership, and Historic England. We also extend our thanks to Reverend Sandra Marsh, who kindly agreed for a printed set of the drawings to be made available within the church porch for those who have not yet seen the proposals.

Should you wish to support this application to reinstate the lost buttresses, we would be most grateful for any comments to be made by way of the council's Planning Portal as above. The planning reference number is '**PA/2025/1771**' if it is easier for you to search via this method.

In terms of updates in respect of the rest of the site:

- Many of you will know that our wonderful tenant at 1 Palace Farm Cottage has moved to a new home in the village, and as such, this property is being readied for sale and is likely to be marketed soon. These funds will help support our wider work at Charing Archbishop's Palace, and we wish express our enormous gratitude to Janet and Herbert for taking such care of the property. Over the past few months we have undertaken some gardening, various structural and building surveys, and visits with Historic England and local Conservation Officers. This has enabled us to better understand this fascinating building, and will help convey the opportunities and constraints of this to potential purchasers. We are excited about new owners joining this friendly community, and this house being sensitively restored. It has clearly been a home full of much warmth and happiness, and we hope that the new owners cherish it as much as we all have.
- We are also delighted to share that Ptolemy Dean Architects are wrapping up their proposed masterplan updates for the site as a whole, and we are pencilling in dates for an on-site engagement day in the coming weeks, where they will be able to present these proposals to the community. It is likely that we will set this up as an Eventbrite event with freely available tickets, and we will let you know as soon as these are available.

As ever, we thank you for your continued interest and support in this site. If you have any particular questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at: Charing@spitalfieldstrust.com

With kindest regards,



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For and on behalf of The Spitalfields Historic Building Trust

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