



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 9	Year 2013		Day 31	Month 8	Year 2014

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Lamyatt Village Trust

Other names charity is known by Lamyatt Village Hall

Registered charity number (if any) 279378

Charity's principal address

c/o Mrs R Rodwell
 Lamyatt Lodge, Lamyatt
 Shepton Mallet, Somerset
Postcode BA4 6NP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mrs Sylvia Anderson	Chairman		
2	Mrs Mary-Clare Rodwell	Treasurer		
3	Mrs Victoria Lang	Secretary		
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5	Ian Deane			PCC
6	Anthony Fooks			Parish Meeting
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8	Mrs Pat Horler			
9	Ms Helen Rutter			Supper Club
10	Nick Smallwood			PCC
11	Mrs Hannah Stacey			
12	Mrs Simone Ash			
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust Deed
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The property shall be held upon trust for the purposes of a village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of Lamyatt without distinction or political religious or other opinions including use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In accordance with the Charities Act 2008, all trustees have been given the guidance on public benefit issues by the Charity Commission and these have guided the work of the Village Hall Trust.

Village Hall Improvement- Progress Report by *Helen Rutter*

Significant progress has been made towards the village's goal of a better village hall from which classes and social events, catering for our needs can take place. This will fully upgrade the existing hall as well as creating: a new level entrance way; a bigger hall space behind; storage; a super kitchen & internal toilets. The building design is energy efficient and low maintenance

- Planning permission has been granted for the scheme by Mendip DC
- The architects have done detailed drawings and builders quotes are coming in for the works, which we expect to be in the region of £250,000.
- A magnificent 110 villagers responded to the questionnaire asking you what you want from the hall and exploring how you might get more involved (details on website)
- Over £30,000 has been raised locally (plus a further £5,000 coming in through the village precept). This is mainly from pledges on the **Giving Tree**. It is not too late to pledge a sum, as a few apples remain, view the tree at the village hall.

- You can also make tax efficient donations, view our page www.localgiving.com On 14th October 2014 if you pledge up to £10 this will be doubled by Government.
- The main focus in recent months has been on preparing grant applications to major Trusts. So far £40,000 of grants have been pledged.
- We hope the building work will start next spring. This depends on further success with grants. At that stage we will need volunteers to form work gangs to do some elements of the build, to keep costs down. If you want to offer your skills then please contact me or any members of the village hall committee.

The **Giving Tree** has proved a great success and has now almost reached our target figure of £25,000. There are just a few apples left for anyone would still like to pledge one,

The committee signed a Deed of Easement whereby the Richards granted the Village Hall trustees the use of that part of their land as specified in the Deed. This is the strip of land beyond the kissing gate beside the playground which will be used to park cars and for disabled access once the hall extension is built.

Since the last annual report the following functions were organised by the Village Hall Management Committee for the benefit of the village:

13th October. **Apple day** is held annually and is a time for any volunteers from the village to pick up apples to make into cider. This year volunteers had to brave the elements as it rained continuously throughout the afternoon, nevertheless the brave pickers managed to fill the sacks with apples for Nick to take to make into Bullbeggar cider for next year. A delicious tea was enjoyed, even in the rain, during a much needed break in the picking.

27th October **Harvest Lunch**. The 2013 Harvest Lunch in the Manor House gardens had a really good turnout; Tents looked amazing draped end to end with autumn leaves & berries. David Ash & Guy Ogilvie sang, to complete an event of pure pleasure.

5th November 2013 **Guy Fawkes Night**. As usual held on exactly 5th November and attended by many Lamyatt residents as well as a large number from the surrounding villages, our reputation for putting on a good fireworks display has spread far and wide. We provided hot dogs and veggie sausages, together with hot chocolate or mulled cider from the bar. There was an excellent cake stall, and sparklers were on sale for the children to enjoy round the bonfire. The evening made a profit of over £1000 and so is a good fund raiser.

7th November **Bridge Tournament** Several members of the committee helped Mary Clare with the second of two Bridge Tournaments held in her barn this year. They were a great success and raised almost £2000. There were many favourable comments afterwards about what a fun day it had been, thanks to the hard work from all involved with running it.

11th December **Bruton Late Night Shopping**. Bullbeggar had a cider and cheese and game stall at this Bruton event, manned by Nick and other helpers from the committee. Sylvia's Christmas Cards were also on sale together with mistletoe, jams and fudge etc.

Supper Club 2013/14 Winter Season

Club members and their guests enjoyed a varied, winter season of 4 films and themed suppers. The Club works by a volunteer host who selects a film and organises a meal and drinks for up to 35 people. This is no mean feat in the tiny hall with its miniscule kitchen, more space is created by an overspill tent! Most food is prepared off the premises by a band of willing helpers. This year's films were all a sell-out: Buena Vista Social Club, Cuban, hosted by Nick and Romy; An Education, English, hosted by Helen; The Tale of the Weeping Camel, Mongolian, hosted by Victoria and finally Enchanted April, Anglo/Italian, hosted by Susan.

A healthy £500 surplus has been put towards sound and light equipment for the improved hall. Our thanks go to Bullbeggar for some sponsorship and Dave and Clive from Wincanton Film Society who provide the projection. Look out for details of the 2014/15 season. Family membership is £10 and tickets are £10 per person inclusive, first come first served.

25th January. **Burns Night** was a tremendous success. The village hall was superbly decorated, creating very Scottish atmosphere for the night. The traditional evening meal was enjoyed by all and this was followed by some impressive Scottish dancing. As someone commented with old and young, tall and small joining in 'What a wonderful sight it was to see all those little field mice dancing with those handsome giants!' The evening raised the admirable sum of £251 for the new village hall.

March **2014 - Saturday Coffee Mornings** resumed, usually on the first Saturday of each month from March onwards, Diane and Zoe ran the coffee morning for anyone to pop in and have a cup of real filtered coffee and home made biscuits and a chat. There was a bring and buy table for delicious home produced cakes, jams etc.

21st April. **Egg Rolling**. We had a record turnout this year, including many from outside the village, who had their hand painted eggs judged for the best decorated, then took their eggs to the top of Portway hill and rolled them down to see whose went the furthest. A prize was awarded for the best decorated, and furthest rolled, egg. The winning egg rolled 105 metres! Afterwards there was a delicious tea in the village hall.

15th June 2013 The annual **Summer Fete** is traditionally held on Father's Day in Lamyatt. We encourage people from outside the village, as well as residents, to attend this fun afternoon with activities such as sheep racing, egg throwing, china smashing, skittles, bric a brac, tombola, cake stall and a Shetland pony selling fudge. This year we had the addition of a Big Bertha and welly boot throwing! The weather was good and the water slide attracted many children. Refreshments were on sale in the form of a bar selling Bullbeggar cider and a barbeque. This is a real traditional village fete.

Shakespeare 2014 On 5th July we had our fourth Shakespeare play at Speeds Farm. The Festival Players' all male cast put on a hilarious performance of The Comedy of Errors for a record audience of 350 people (including 40 children). Once again it was a fine evening and a substantial sum was raised from tickets sales, generous sponsors and takings from the Bullbeggar Bar. All profits were shared between the Church and the village hall.

12th August **Ball for the Hall** Following a wedding in the village the marquee was used for a Caribbean party to raise funds for the hall improvements. The marquee was turned into a Caribbean island complete with a thatched beach bar. A Reggae band was made up out of talented local musicians, and other local artists added colour and music to the evening. It all looked amazing and a great party was had by all resulting in a £3000 donation to the Giving Tree.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We feel that we have accomplished the objectives as set out in Section C and are looking for further ways to do this. We held many events (described above) which have been attended by the majority of the village, and attracted support from the wider community, which has enabled us to raise sufficient funds to maintain the Village Hall. However as the hall is too small to accommodate all those wishing to attend some of the functions laid on, we need to build an extension. We have successfully applied for planning permission to do this, and are now trying to raise the funds necessary to achieve our aim.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserve account set up for monies taken for the improvement fund.
Current account for the day to day running of the hall.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		