



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 9	Year 2014		Day 31	Month 8	Year 2015

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		
4	Anthony Fooks			Parish Meeting Rep
5	Ian Deane			PCC Rep
6	Anthea Skinner			PCC Rep
7	Mrs Simone Ash			
8	Mrs Pat Horler			
9	Ms Helen Rutter			Supper Club Rep
10	Nick Smallwood			Supper Club Rep
11	Mrs Hannah Stacey			
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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*

Village Hall Improvement Project
 Community Fundraising has continued throughout the year. The focus of effort has been on the following aspects

- Production of a brochure to help to attract some business sponsorship as we near our overall target.
- evaluating tenders and selecting our preferred building contractor P Stone just before Christmas 2014.
- securing 3 major grants from Veolia, Viridor and Garfield Weston spring 2015, a fantastic total of over £230,000 of awards.
- Commissioning various building reports and structural details In order to prepare for building work, which finally started late August
- writing some smaller grant applications for specific fixtures and fittings
- most recently a sub committee of the village hall has held its first meeting to research and prepare an activity programme for after the opening of the new facilities in Spring 2016, watch out for more details later in the year.

Our particular thanks must go to Keith Moore for coordinating all the funding bids and Romy Smallwood for all the building liaison work. Both are co-opted volunteers. The Village Hall Management Committee is grateful for the huge amount of effort they have dedicated to the project. We also thank all those who turned out in May to clear the hall. Mary Clare Rodwell is storing the bulk of this equipment whilst the works take place

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

26th October. **Apple day** As always it was a fun afternoon with the reward of a lovely tea; but with a seriously bad apple crop Nick had to buy in 3 tons to help make the Bulbeggan Cider for this year.

27th October **Harvest Festival**. The church looked resplendent, decorated with fruits and flowers gathered from the hedgerows, gardens and orchards of the village. The well attended service was followed by lunch in the marquee at the manor. Over 40 guests sat down to a lunch provided by several of the guests and were musically entertained by David Ash and Guy Ogilvy. Many thanks to all who contributed.

5th November 2013 **Guy Fawkes Night**. This is always 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. There was an excellent cake stall, and sparklers were on sale for the children to enjoy round the bonfire.

10th December **Bruton Late Night Shopping**. We had another successful evening providing mulled cider and mince pies, gift packs of cider and apple juice and bunches of mistletoe. This was supplemented significantly by pheasants and cheese kindly donated by Mary Clare.

Supper Club 2014/15 Winter Season. This year's season was started with the wonderful comedy, *Saving Grace*, about a respectable woman in a genteel English village trying to get together enough money to save her home and ending up growing cannabis in her conservatory, with hilarious results. Before the film we had enjoyed a delicious traditional English supper, courtesy of Nick and Romy. The January film was *French*, and Helen and Paul gave us a lovely French meal followed by the animated film *Belleville Rendezvous*, which was very funny and had fabulous animations and only a few subtitles to read! In February we went much more sombre and Nick and Romy gave us the gritty drama *Salaam Bombay*, about poor street children in India, preceded by a Curry supper. Neil and Susan rounded off the season in April by hosting an American supper, and the film *Little Miss Sunshine* which was a charming feel good film about a family's trip cross country in a VW bus to get their daughter to the finals of a beauty pageant.

25th January. **Burns Night** Saturday 24th January
It was a tremendous evening enjoyed by all with Ian Barrett giving a very dramatic, 'Address to the Haggis,' while Gordon McCarthy's, 'Toast to the Lassies' was extremely entertaining. After a delicious meal the Scottish dancing commenced and as this was the fourth Burns Night held in Lamyatt, the dancing could not have gone better, particularly the Eightsome Reel and the Dashing White Sergeant.

March 2014 - **Saturday Coffee Mornings** These take place in the Village Hall roughly once a month. Good coffee and homemade biscuits ensure a lively gathering at our monthly coffee mornings where we can keep abreast with village news and activities and perhaps buy a cake from the produce bring and buy table.

During the time the Village Hall is undergoing its overhaul we intend to continue to have the coffee mornings in the Church on the first Saturday of each month.

21st April. **Egg Rolling.** As is traditional on Easter Monday in Lamyatt, adults and children alike bring their hand painted eggs to the village hall to be judged for the best decorated egg. Then they 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. Afterwards there was a delicious tea with homemade cakes for all in the village hall.

June 2014 The annual **Summer Fete** is traditionally held on Father's Day in Lamyatt, but due to the hall being closed for redevelopment it was decided not to hold it this year, and a few private functions, including a Croquet tournament hosted by Simon and Victoria were held instead, to bring in the revenue we lost from not having the fete.

Shakespeare 2014 Saturday 4th of July remained blissfully fine for Lamyatt's fifth presentation of a professionally-acted Shakespeare play in the garden at Speeds Farm. A record audience of around 400 people attended and gave the most positive feedback on the evening's entertainment. The Festival Players rose brilliantly to the absurdities of *As You Like It*, drawing peals of laughter from the crowd, not least from the many children present. With a record contribution from our generous sponsors we are able to make up increased expenses and again donate a substantial sum to both Lamyatt Church and the Village Hall. David and Simone would like to thank all our wonderful committee members and helpers, not forgetting Jen and Ern, who provided the field for parking, for ensuring the success of this inspiring annual event.

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 have now raised the funds necessary to achieve our aim. The building of the hall extension will begin in August 2014.

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.

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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		