



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 9	Year 2016		Day 31	Month 8	Year 2017

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 Simone Ash			
3	Ian Deane			PCC Rep
4	Anthony Fooks			Parish Meeting Rep
5	Mrs Pat Horler			
6	Mrs Victoria Lang	Secretary		
7	Mrs Mary Clare Rodwell			
8	Ms Helen Rutter			Supper Club Rep
9	Mrs Anthea Skinner			PCC Rep
10	Nick Smallwood			Supper Club Rep
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13	(Gordon McCarthy	Treasurer		Not a Trustee)
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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

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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.

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.

With the Village Hall extension works now completed, the Village Hall Management Committee are delighted to have been able to offer the residents of Lamyatt a varied and interesting selection of activities in the last year. Some of these are listed below:

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)

Burns Night was celebrated Saturday 25th January, and this year was the first year of having it in our new hall so it was wonderful to have all the space needed for several groups to reel at once. A delicious traditional meal of haggis and cranachan was served, and entertaining toasts to the Haggis, the Laddies and Lassies were given to keep us amused. This was followed by the reeling the standard of which improves each year, and having more room to dance made all the difference.

Bridge Lessons - Lou Hobhouse's bridge lessons continue to bring mental stimulation and much fun to Wednesday mornings. With sessions for novices to advance players, her engaging teaching style is enjoyed by all."

Bridge Competition Day on 10 February - To thank all those bridge players who helped to raise so much towards the building of the new Village Hall, we held another competition day in the Hall itself. They were very impressed by what we had built. As a result, £1000 was sent to the Disaster Emergency Fund for the Yemen, £500 for the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and £277 for Lamyatt Village Hall. We are so grateful for having such a wonderful venue to hold fund raising events."

Film/Supper Club 2016/17 Winter Season – We had a varied selection of films including an evening of short films made by local young film makers, which showed what talent there is in this small village. The first film of the season was *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg*, with singing in the place of talking, and a French themed meal. Into 2017 we had *The Wild* which followed the adventures of a girl walking the Pacific Crest trail, and the next month we watched *Shakespeare In Love*. The season was wound up by *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, a jolly romp including sex and murder!

The whole season produced a great profit of just under £1000 for the village hall coffers. A big thank you to all who ran the evenings, providing fun for all.

Take Art - We were fortunate to be admitted into the Take Art Rural Touring Programme sponsored by the Arts Council. We are one of their smallest venues, and as Mendip DC does not subsidise any events, selling all our tickets is necessary to break even, luckily we managed to make a small surplus. On 18th November we hosted a play by Chris Fogg called *Tree House*. This was about growing up in a rural community and was a gripping and poignant story.

On 9th February, we hosted guitarist Clive Carroll. He gave a performance of diverse guitar pieces and thrilled the audience with his virtuosity and charm. This experience has vindicated our investment in an acoustic ceiling which delivers great sound.

8th July. This year's **Shakespeare** production was the *Merry Wives of Windsor*, which went down very well with the audience on a beautiful evening in the Ash's garden. The magnificent sum of £2,250 was donated to the village hall with a similar sum going to the Church.

Saturday Coffee Mornings. Roughly once a month there is the chance for anyone to come and drink good coffee accompanied by home-made cakes and biscuits, and catch up on the local gossip.

The Gardening Club holds regular meetings for the green fingered amongst the community, and had a plant stall at the summer fete.

17th April. **Egg Rolling.** Back on Portway hill, after last year having had to be moved to the Church hill, this year was a great success with the sun shining and eggs rolling further than ever, and the winning spot being marked for future reference. A delicious tea with homemade cakes was served in the village hall for all egg rollers and their families.

Fete – 18th June. The village fete was held once again on Fathers Day, with all the traditional stalls plus a barbeque and cream teas. For the first time for many years, this year we included a Dog Show in the fete which proved popular, so may become an annual event. In contrast to recent years of wet fetes, this year was particularly hot, too hot for some!

There are now regular **yoga** and **pilates** classes being held in the new hall. **Tai Chi** and a **Dance class** are also being planned.

As well as the planned events, the beautiful new hall with its excellent facilities is now available for residents of Lamyatt to hire for private functions, and enquiries are welcomed.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The committee work hard to accomplish the objectives as set out in Section C, and feel that they have achieved this, with the events described above.

Having created such an amazing transformation of the building last year, into an up to date and practical village hall, whilst keeping the original old school building with its period features largely intact, the final snagging points have now been rectified and the work is complete. The end result has only been achieved by hours of tremendous hard work, done on a completely voluntary basis, by residents of Lamyatt. We are rightly proud of the beautiful hall we now have, and endeavour to use it for the benefit of all residents of Lamyatt that wish to take advantage of the many activities on offer. It is available for hire to Lamyatt residents, and everyone is encouraged to organise, or suggest, activities for the future. In July we were awarded Hallmark Two by the Community Council for Somerset, which is an indication of the high standards achieved in the running of our village hall.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Main current account for the day to day running of the hall.

Business Reserve account used as a reserve and for the allocation of funds for ongoing maintenance, repairs, improvements etc

No 2 account for monies raised for the new hall, will be closed once final payment to builder is made.

Section F

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