



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 9	Year 2017		Day 31	Month 8	Year 2018

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

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

### 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	Jonathan Bone			
4	Andrew Harrison			
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.

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### 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)

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:

We started off the season with a **curry night** when Jo Latif gave us a short demonstration on preparation and cooking a chicken curry. She introduced a range of her sauces (available at Bill the Butcher) and this was her first presentation. We were treated to Chennai Chicken Curry and Palak Paneer both of which were thoroughly enjoyed although some wished they had been a little spicier. . . .

13<sup>th</sup> October we had an enjoyable evening with The Reverend Robert Prance talking about **Gilbert and Sullivan**, performing some of their songs and showing us film clips. During the interval there was a meal of typically English food to compliment the tone of the evening. Tickets were sold out and a good profit was made.

There was a very jolly **Christmas Party** in the hall which took place after the carol singing, and to which all the village were invited, tickets were free and the food was provided by members of the village hall committee and the drink was produced by Bulbeggan Cider. We had music from talented Lamyatt residents David Ash, Keith Pascoe and Guy Ogilvy, to which we could all sing along or dance.

**Burns Night** was celebrated Saturday 26th January, 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 Eightsome reel, the Gay Gordons, Strip the Willow and The Dashing White Sergeant all very energetic and jolly.

**Film/Supper Club 2017/18 Winter Season** – We had a good variety of films starting with a 1950s Japanese film called **Rashomon**, a chilling dissection of the nature of human communication, about a trial relating to a mysterious crime where the witnesses all give different accounts of the crime. This was preceded by a sushi supper. **The Eagle Huntress** was a film about a 13 year old girl in Kazakhstan. The charming American film **On Golden Pond** showing the troubled relationships in an aging couple and their daughter and grandson were the next offerings to keep us all entertained through the winter months. The next month the showing was **The Guard**, an Irish black comedy about murder, blackmail, drug trafficking and police corruption, when an unorthodox Irish policeman and a straitlaced FBI agent take on an international drug smuggling gang. January brought **The Boat that Rocked** which is a feel good film about a pirate radio ship, based on Radio Caroline, with lots of 60s music and a scampi and chips supper to get us in the mood. The last film of the season was **Tracks**, a memoir about Robyn Davidson's nine month journey through the Australian desert with three camels.

Over the last year we have hosted 3 events through the Somerset **Take Art** programme and 2 further musical gigs. We have been experimenting with a range of concerts & events to see what is popular at the hall. These events are all top quality and in our tiny venue viability relies on a good turn out and sometimes is underpinned by generous sponsorship from the Bulbeggan cider cooperative. Suggestions for the future are very welcome.

Late September 2017 we had a memorable concert with Kate Dimpleby. Not only does she have a great acapella voice but also is a superb story teller. She brought electronic wizardry to layer her music and create a big sound. The audience were intrigued and soon singing along. In February 2018 Chris Fogg made reappearance with Chris Waters for a gentle evening of childhood reminiscences focussed around movies and films. The audience shared some touching and remarkable memories. The first weekend in March 2018 left us deep in snow. This led to the postponement of The Great Train Robbery, a play devised by the all-female troupe Scratchworks. We were able to rearrange this for 19 May. The date offered an antidote to the Royal Wedding! It was great to see theatre that engaged the audience and attracted 3 teenagers. One couple said it was the best play they had ever seen.

Later in March we hired the hugely popular acoustic singer Martha Tilton for a sell-out concert with bass player Matt Tweed & guest songwriter Nathan Ball. Martha writes her own songs and has a beautiful, haunting voice. This was a charity/ birthday event that raised over £560 for the charities Medecins Sans Frontieres and Martyn Joseph's Let Yourself Trust.

In July we welcomed Martha's father West Yorkshire singer, songwriter

and accomplished guitarist Steve Tilston. His gig came with bass player Hugh Bradley and harmonica/ vocals Keith Warmington of BBC Bristol fame. They played a broad range of acoustic music from rousing Blues numbers to reinterpreted traditional folk songs. The great thing in the balmy summer weather was spilling into the outdoors with the gentle accompaniment of grazing sheep. A lovely relaxing evening

**Shakespeare comes to Lamyatt** - On a warm sunny evening at the end of June The Festival Players performed an excellent interpretation of The Winter's Tale to an audience of over three hundred. Many people in the village helped in the organization of this the 8<sup>th</sup> year of Shakespeare in Lamyatt, including Maya and Alice Barrow and friends who transported picnics and chairs from the car park to the garden in wheelbarrows.. Once again the substantial proceeds were shared between the church and village hall.

In May we were lucky enough to have **Brassica Restaurant** book the village hall for Paella night. Their restaurant in Beaminster is highly regarded and featured in the Sunday Times Top 100 Restaurants. Graham Chidgey, founder of Laytons wine merchants was guest sommelier and we were treated to some delicious wines to match the menu, supplied by him. The evening was a sellout, great fun and we hope to welcome other local restaurateurs in the future.

**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 meetings for the green fingered amongst the community, and had a successful plant stall at the summer fete.

**Easter Monday. Egg Rolling.** We had a good turnout for the egg rolling, and the eggs rolled well down Portway hill, but sadly not many stayed on to enjoy the many delicious cakes on offer for tea.

**Fete – Saturday 30th June.** Another glorious warm day for our fete this year, which was held on a Saturday rather than the usual Sunday, and started and finished later in the day. This new format worked well and we had a good turnout to see the Falconry display along with all the usual stalls, games and the ever popular egg throwing. Tea with lovely cakes followed by a wonderful barbeque and strawberries and cream all washed down with drinks from the bar kept everyone in good spirits to enjoy the music provided by our very own village band the Beaconaires. The water slide was put to good use by the younger members of the village who were grateful to cool off in the sunshine.

For those residents wishing to keep fit, there are now regular **pilates** classes being held in the hall. These are good fun and open to all ages and levels of fitness. While **Bridge Lessons** continue on a Wednesday morning for those in need of mental stimulation.

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.

The final payments have been made to the builders for the hall renovations and that account is now closed.

**Section E****Financial review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We gave two bank accounts, one is a current account for the day to day running of the hall.

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

**Section F****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>		
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
<b>Date</b>		