



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 9	Year 2018		Day 31	Month 8	Year 2019

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Lamyatt Village Trust
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	Lamyatt Village Hall
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	279378
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	c/o Mrs R Rodwell
	Lamyatt Lodge, Lamyatt
	Shepton Mallet, Somerset
	<b>Postcode</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>BA4 6NP</b></span>

### 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	Mrs Anthea Skinner			PCC Rep
5	Mrs Pat Horler			
6	Mrs Victoria Lang	Secretary		
7	Mrs Mary Clare Rodwell			
8	Ms Helen Rutter			Film Club Rep
9	David Smith		Until 14 <sup>th</sup> June	
10	Kara Thomas		From 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	
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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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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.

**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 hall provides a venue for social and educational activity open to all residents. It is entirely volunteer run. In addition to the Egg rolling at Easter and summer Fete we hosted a successful Autumn - Spring programme of events, mainly organised by the programming group.

These 13 Events generated profits of over £1,350 (with another £390 in hall hire fees) and attracted more than 500 people. This income goes towards hall running costs such as insurance, utilities etc and to buy better equipment to improve the experience for hall users.

The 3 Take Art events brought top quality, professional shows to the hall. November saw the Neil Maya Quartet, offering superb Brubeck and other cool jazz classics. It played to a very appreciative audience. Kali followed in February. A sell out audience enjoyed a spell binding story about the Indian God Shiva and other Hindu myths, accompanied by Indian Sitar music and street food. In March Will Finn and Rosie Calvert brought their own brand of Newcastle Folk, fusion music. The set was woven with banter, a Capella and accompanied by string, piano and steel drums, all to a delighted audience.

In December the gardeners in the village had a rare treat with a talk by the renowned gardening writer and producer, **Charles Dowding**, on how to produce a “no dig” vegetable garden. Everyone left feeling inspired to get their gardens in order for spring.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December Romy organised a wreath making morning, supplying all the necessary bits and pieces to make glorious Christmas wreaths. It was great fun, and some amazing wreaths were produced. Lamyatt has never had such well adorned front doors as this year.

The first **Pub Night** was held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, with a good turnout of people, many of whom are not usually seen in the village hall, which was a good result. Cheap booze, free nibbles and good company made it an evening to be repeated.

A second **pub night** was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, and it is hoped this will become an occasional regular event as it is enjoyed by many people.

**Burns Night** was celebrated on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January. This year was special because for the very first time we had the bagpipes played by Craig Mcfarlane. He played outside the village hall to start with, which added great atmosphere to the beginning of the evening. He then played the pipes, parading round the hall with Guy Ogilvy and the haggis. As usual Guy's address to the haggis was superb, adding to the general feeling of goodwill and humour. The evening progressed with a delicious meal, the traditional addresses to the Lassies and the Laddies and some fairly wild reeling! A lot of fun was had by all, both young or old and the dancing is getting better each year!

**Film/Supper Club 2018/19 Winter Season** – The first film of our winter season was **Pride**, a well attended and profitable evening hosted by Bob and Gary. It was much enjoyed by all, including some visitors from Ditchat, with a delicious supper beforehand. 'Pride' was a lovely surprise, a real feel good film about gay rights, one would have expected dark & serious. but it was uplifting.

Following the success of **Pride** the next film was a French film called **Les Intouchables** shown on 11<sup>th</sup> January about an aristocratic paraplegic man who hires a young black man as his carer with hilarious results. Both funny and touching this film was a great hit and was preceded by a French themed supper.

15<sup>th</sup> March film was **Hidden figures** an amazing story of the women who worked unlauded behind the scenes at NASA, with the brilliant mind of a black woman who made the important calculations for the 1st Moon landing, a brilliant film.

26<sup>th</sup> April –**The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** (with Lily James, Michiel Huisman, Tom Courtnay) was scheduled to be shown, and we started the evening with a delicious Spanish omelette (Potato Pie) and salad, followed by rhubarb fool. We then couldn't make the projector work because someone had fiddled with the knobs! However there was lots of chat and much red wine drunk. We showed the film a fortnight later, on 10<sup>th</sup> May, with nibbles and a free glass of wine! The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society, is based on German occupied Guernsey and an ad hoc literary society. When a London based writer begins exchanging letters with a Guernsey resident, she decides to visit the island, and learns about their experiences during the occupation. It is a real feel-good film and everyone much appreciated it.

In October and May the village hall was used for the Annual Parish meetings, making use of the large hall, and Village Hall committee meetings are regularly held in the small meeting room.

The **Quiz Night** had to be postponed from 1<sup>st</sup> February as Lamyatt was snowed in and no one could get here, so it took place on 8<sup>th</sup> February instead. A good mix of questions about various subjects kept everyone guessing, with chilli con carne during the interval to give everyone a brain boost.

For the ninth year of **Shakespeare in Lamyatt** the Festival Players were booked again. They gave, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, their best performance yet, a clever and hilarious rendering of 'Much Ado About Nothing'. The lawn at Speeds Farm was host to an audience of over 400, which included regular fans, new subscribers and a good number of sponsors. Once again, the weather was kind and picnic tables were out in force. The wonderful committee turned up in a variety of Elizabethan costumes and were once again supported by men, women and children from the village, whose work in the car parks and on the wheelbarrows was highly appreciated. From the proceeds of the event there will be the usual substantial contributions to Lamyatt Church and Village Hall. Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare in Lamyatt, when we hope to invite the players back to perform 'Henry V'. Not to be missed!

**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 in May and again at the summer fete.

**Easter Sunday. Egg Rolling** was held on Easter Sunday this year to encourage weekend visitors who may have gone home by Easter Monday. This was a successful strategy and we had a good turnout of local children and visiting grandchildren.

**Fete – Saturday 22nd June.** This year we had many more stalls for children reflecting the increase in numbers of children in the village. We also had the ever popular egg throwing and a good tug of war. The skittles were put to good use and the china smash was a good way to let off any excess aggression. There were sports races organised for children to take part in and dog agility for the canine members of the village. A palomino miniature Shetland pony sold the raffle tickets with useful pockets on her coat to hold the money. The tombola made a good profit, and plants were for sale for any budding gardeners. Delicious cream teas were served, followed by a barbecue and bar to enjoy while listening to the excellent bands playing in the tent.

**Pilates** lessons continue to be held on Wednesday mornings for any resident wishing to keep fit and supple.

**Bridge** lessons happen during term time for those keener on mental exercise, also on Wednesday mornings.

A **singing** group was started, but sadly folded due to lack of support.

As well as the planned events, the beautiful new hall with its excellent facilities is available for residents of Lamyatt to hire for private functions, and enquiries are welcomed. The hall is a licensed premises including the sale of alcohol at suitable events. This has broadened the range of entertainment we can offer and reduced the price we pay for one off licences.

## 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.

## 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, ongoing maintenance, repairs, improvements etc

The second is the Business Reserve account used as a reserve and for the allocation of funds for items we need to purchase for the hall.

## 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>		