

# Samford Courtenay celebrates a Roof Appeal milestone

The fundraising appeal for £150,000, to save the Village Hall at Samford Courtenay has achieved a major milestone with £30,000 now received.

Generous donations from local people and pledges to 'buy a tile' have boosted the fund, and recent events at the Village Hall have helped achieve this milestone.

An intrepid band of volunteers organised, within strict COVID-19 regulations, a Takeaway Curry Night and a Sunday Ice Cream Sundae to go with the Village Easter Egg Trail. Their combined efforts raised over £1,200 towards the appeal.

As well as supporting a wide range of local fundraising activities the fundraising group is also making applications for major heritage funding.

As part of the applications process the group has been asking parishioners 'what the Village Hall means to them'.

Over Easter a competition featuring paintings, photographs, poems and stories was held and some of these will be used in the applications for funding.

Using the funding achieved to date, some urgent works will be taking place in the next few weeks.

Work will start with the three large windows being replaced but then the Hall will be reliant on other funding to replace the roof, which is deteriorating rapidly. You can find out the ways of helping Samford Courtenay save their Village Hall by visiting the village website.

Samford Courtenay Village Hall is a major hub in the community and very much part of village life. Its enforced closure over the last year has shown how much it means to the wellbeing of the Parishioners.

There is still a long way to go with fundraising but with help they are confident that it can be saved.



ROOF-US, THE VILLAGE HALL ROOF APPEAL MASCOT, WITH THE EASTER COMPETITION PRIZE WINNERS PERCY CUNNINGHAM AND VERONICA MATHEWS