

# Efforts to save village hall for future generations has legs

**GARDENER** Garry Letheren has signed up to take part in the 'Conquer 24' Endurance Race at Powderham Castle to raise money for the Sampford Courtenay Village Hall Roof Appeal and has inspired others in the process.

'Conquer 24' is taking place on a five-mile circuit in the grounds of the castle on June 5/6 where competitors will be running to see how many laps they can achieve in 24 hours.

Garry has decided to run on behalf of the Roof-us Appeal because of his close family connection to Sampford Courtenay.

His late grandfather was a very active member of the local community and had a special interest in activities at the village hall.

Garry has undertaken a number of marathons but this event is a real test of strength and stamina and he has been training really hard for the challenge.

Roof-us, the village hall mascot, has been helping Garry with his training and hopes to be able to cheer him on in the event, Covid

restrictions permitting.

On Saturday, May 29 Garry will be joining Roof-us who has taken on his own challenge, the (virtual) Vitality London 10k. They will be running round the village lanes and have challenged parishioners and local people to take up their own 10k challenge.

Supporters can choose how they do their challenge throughout the week beginning May 29. This could be on their own or with their family or their own 'bubble' and can involve running, walking, riding or pushing or being pushed around around the three circuits of the village lanes.

Details on how you can sponsor Garry on his 24-hour challenge or take up your own 10k challenge are on the Sampford Courtenay Village website. The Roof-us Appeal target aims to raise £150,000 to replace the hall roof and so far £31,000 has been raised by donations and events. Some major grants are being applied for to add to local fundraising. Appeal organisers are urging people to join the 10k challenge and help save the village hall.



● Garry Letheren and the Roof-us mascot.

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