

£50,000 raised towards hall

NEARLY 50,000 has been raised towards a £150,000 appeal to save Sampford Courtenay Village Hall.

This fundraising milestone is down to the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers who have organised a wide range of fundraising events during the recent covid restrictions, as well as the generous support of individual local sponsors and parishioners.

The last event to bring in cash 'Raise the Roof for Roof-us' was a great success and raised over £1,700 for the appeal.

The hall which was formerly the village school has been the centre of the community in Sampford Courtenay for many generations and there has been real concern that without urgent attention it could be lost for the future.

The first phase of the works has now been completed, the replacement of the large Victorian windows, but the appeal needs to raise a total of £150.000 for the complete works which includes replacement of the roof and insulation.

There is still a long way to go, and as well as planning a further list of community based activities and events, the village hall is also supporting applications to major charities and grant organisations to cover the next phase of works.

The hall is now decorated with bunting made by the local sewing group using left over materials from the hospital scrubs they made during the pandemic.

The 'Roof-us' appeal is eager to hear from groups or individuals who would like to offer support with the fundraising.

The Sampford Courtenay village website gives details on how you can get involved: www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk They John sept 21

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