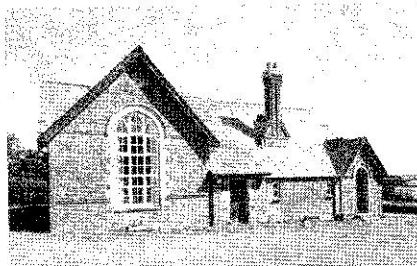


# Help save Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

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Through a great deal of fundraising the interior of the hall has been updated and transformed. The Village Hall now has a new foyer offering disabled access and amenities along with a spacious kitchen, and a meeting room extension with online access. These improvements have been a great success and have enabled the hall to offer enhanced facilities to existing events and hirers, as well as attracting more activities for local people.



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The trustees are currently investigating what grants and other funding may be available but it is clear that, in these financially uncertain times, a great deal of additional fundraising will need to take place. They would also like to make

an appeal to readers and contributors for help and ideas on ways to achieve their target and save this valuable village resource.

Help could be fundraising ideas, offers to organise activities or events, knowledge of other individuals or organisations that could help or even making a personal or business donation.

The Village Hall is an important resource for everyone in Sampford Courtenay. Urgent help is needed to keep it open and in a condition to ensure its on-going use and enable it to develop and thrive for years to come.

Please contact Joy Tucker (Chair) on 07749522996 or [bobandjoytucker@gmail.com](mailto:bobandjoytucker@gmail.com)

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