

Community News

Clubs - Societies - WIs

Sampford Courtenay Village Hall

AN APPEAL has been launched to raise £150,000 to replace the roof and carry out extensive repairs to Sampford Courtenay Village Hall to safeguard it for the years ahead.

Sampford Courtenay Parish Council chairperson Michelle Wilson is setting the ball rolling on the fundraising with a Dry October Challenge.

Michelle is planning to donate the money saved from forgoing alcohol for the month to the roof appeal, with donations invited on the village hall website. She is asking others to join in now or alternatively attempt the challenge in November.

Other socially distanced events and activities are being planned and publicised on the

village website.

The appeal has a mascot, Roof-Us, who will be emblazoned on letters going out shortly to Sampford Courtenay parishioners and local businesses to urge them to support a Buy a State Appeal to kickstart the fundraising.

The appeal has also been included in the Amazon Smile Scheme which allows people to support the appeal when they buy something from Amazon. Details can be found on the village website, www.sampford-courtenay-pc.co.uk.

The appeal organisers are thanking everyone who has supported the appeal so far and are urging people to keep the fundraising ideas coming.

The village hall was a school until the early 1950s when the building was bought by a group of local people to establish

a community centre. This is what it has been ever since.

More recently it has had a new kitchen, a meeting room extension and a foyer which have encouraged greater use of the facilities and allowed more events and meetings to take place. The range of activities on offer has increased and now includes yoga, dance, quizzes and table tennis to name a few.

However, urgent action is now needed to safeguard the building as the roof is in very poor repair.

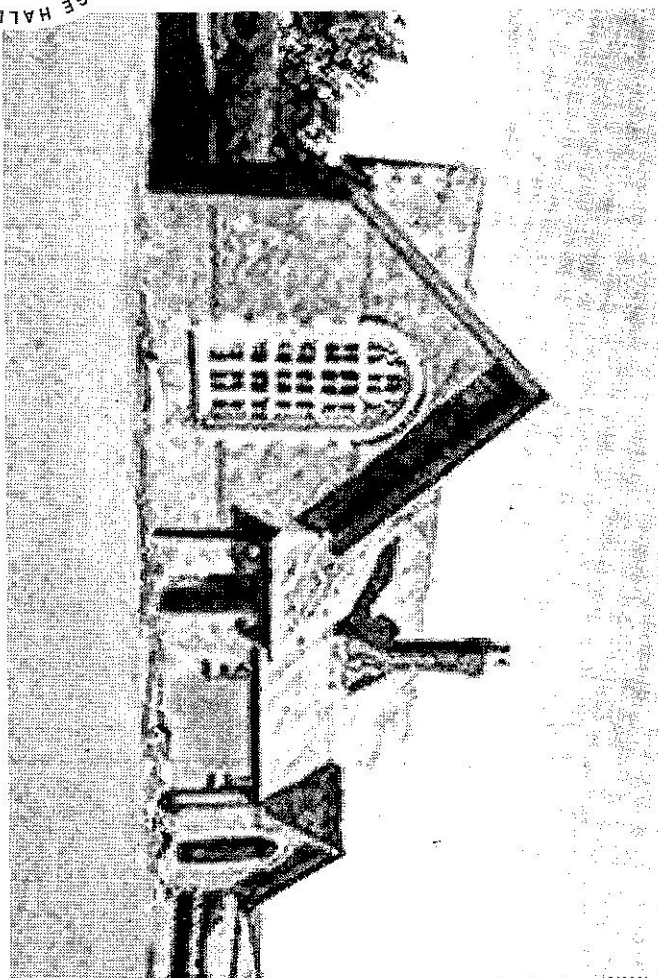
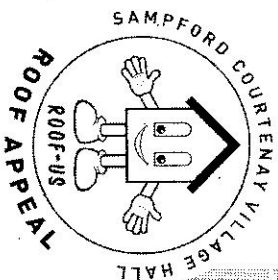
The appeal has been launched to meet the cost of replacing the roof and the large window beside the new entrance.

Repairing the roof will involve removing all the historic slates. The best of these will then be retained and those will then be put back with more bought through the

appeal. Insulation will also be fitted as there is currently no insulation in the main roof, so this will be brought into line with modern standards.

Fundraising events in the pipeline include a virtual murder mystery event. Find out more on the events calendar on the village website.

Please email village hall committee chair Joy Tucker on hoband-joytucker@gmail.com to donate to the appeal or suggest a fundraising idea.



● Sampford Courtenay Village Hall — an appeal has been launched to raise £150,000 to replace the roof and carry out a number of other major repairs. Parish council chairperson Michelle Wilson is kickstarting fundraising by taking part in Dry October, and is encouraging others to follow her lead.