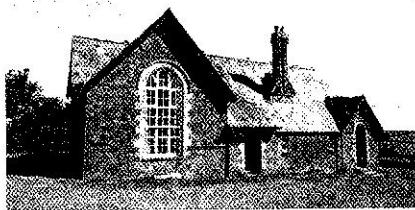


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### AN APPEAL FOR HELP

When Sampford Courtenay village school closed in the early 1950s the building was purchased by local people for use as a village hall. Today a hardworking committee of trustees ensures that it continues to act as a community centre.

Through a great deal of fundraising the interior has been updated and transformed. Two years ago the roof was damaged in a winter storm, and investigations during repairs identified the need for major works on the roof and exterior. The trustees are investigating grants and funding but a great deal of additional fund raising will be needed. They would like to appeal to readers for ideas on ways to save this valuable village resource. Urgent help is needed to ensure its ongoing use and enable it to develop and thrive for years to come.

Contact Joy Tucker (Chair), tel: 07749 522996, email: bobandjoytucker@gmail.com.

## Roof-us joins the Village Hall Appeal

**Sampford Courtenay Village Hall is pleased to introduce its mascot to lead the Village Hall Roof Appeal.**

Roof-us will be heading the publicity that is going out for the appeal to raise £150,000 to undertake repair and replacement works and save the village hall as the community hub in the village.

The first fundraising event, a Reuse and Recycle Sale, had to be cancelled due to the current COVID-19 situation, but lots of other exciting ideas have come forward for the next few weeks and months.

The Chairperson of Sampford Courtenay Parish Council, Michelle Wilson, is starting the fund raising with a 'Dry October Challenge'. Michelle is planning to donate the money saved from her abstinence to the Roof Appeal and is happy

for others to join in now or perhaps attempt the Challenge in November. Other socially distanced events and activities are being planned and publicised on the village website.

Roof-us has already been busy. He is soon to go out on letters to Sampford Courtenay parishioners and local businesses to ask for support and to launch the 'Buy a Slate Appeal'. He has also been accepted on the 'Amazon Smile Scheme' where that company supports nominated charities with donations from purchases made. Details on how to register are on the village website.

Roof-us and the Village Hall Roof Appeal group would like to thank those who have come forward with offers of support so far and would ask for even more support and ideas to help them achieve their fundraising target and save their village hall.

Roof-us - 12/10/20