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‘Roof-us’ continues to lead the challenge of fundraising to save the Village Hall in Sampford Courtenay

Not being able to use the Village Hall during the pandemic has shown how valuable it is to the Parish community. Suspension of the regular social activities has particularly affected those parishioners who are not online or have poor internet coverage, and have been unable to participate in the programme of virtual activities on offer.

An event that did take place in the Hall was ‘Winter Wonderland’. It was a great success with over 50 children enjoying a special ‘socially distanced’ chance to meet Father Christmas and enjoy the displays in the Christmas grotto. Other events that were planned have had to be cancelled or deferred.

So far the hall roof has held out against the heavy rain and high winds this winter, but the repairs are still extremely urgent. As fundraising has taken off plans are now in hand to replace the two main windows, which are in danger of collapse, but the roof remains in a very sorry state and needs major funds for its repair.

There have been a number of very generous donations to the Village Hall Roof Fund and ‘Buy a Tile’, where individual tiles, gables or windows can be purchased, is proving very popular.

In addition, the fundraising group has joined the Amazon Smile scheme and opened a JustGiving page. Details of these can be found on the Sampford Courtenay website.

The fund raising group are currently writing up bids to potential funding charities and organisations and are also planning an online session to gather ideas for further fundraising events and activities.

The ‘Ideas’ session will be on Thursday, 28th January at 8pm. All are welcome, please use the link on the website to join the meeting and share your ideas on how Sampford Courtenay can raise funds to save its Village Hall. Please visit www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk

