

Sampford Arundel Parish Room Management Committee

Parish Room Trustees' Report to all Interested Parties for the year ended 28 February 2018

Sampford Arundel Parish Room is a Registered Charity, no. 285511. The Charity was established under a Trust Deed in 1982, with the Parish Council as Custodian Trustee.

During the year 1.3.17 – 28.2.18 the Secretary was Jill Cook of 'South View', Sampford Moor, & Isobel Popplestone of Hallhayes Farm, Sampford Moor, combined the roles of Chair & Treasurer.

In addition to the above the following have served as Trustees throughout the year :

Mr John Troake, Mr Derrick Alford, Mr Philip Jones, Mrs Josephine Chave, Mrs Sue Marshall, Miss Rosie Sandy

The Management Committee at full strength should consist of 7 Elected Members and a Representative of each of the organisations which use the hall on a regular basis, namely :

Parish Council)	current Representative :	Cllr. Roland Milton
Parochial Church Council)	“ “	Mr “ “ (Churchwarden)
Women's Institute		“ “	Mrs Vera Rowlandson
Gardening Club		“ “	Mrs Kathy Alford
Senior Citizens' Club		“ “	Mrs Margaret Meale
'Monday Knights' table tennis group		“ “	Mr Philip Jones
Sampford Arundel Primary School		“ “	Mrs Jackie Collier (headmistress)

The Trustees' bankers are Lloyds Bank of Fore St., Wellington, and the Independent Examiner of the Accounts is Mrs Janet Burley of 'Glenleigh', Whiteball.

During the year the principal users of the hall have continued their regular monthly bookings, supplemented by one-off bookings for private parties/celebrations, plus other occasional functions. Regular users during the year have been the Women's Institute, Gardening Club, Senior Citizens' Club, 'Monday Knights' table tennis group, the Parochial Church Council for fundraising Coffee Mornings and the Harvest Supper, the school for its Christmas production & the Parish Council for its Meetings. When required the hall is also used by the local authority as a Polling Station.

In the course of the year our fundraising efforts have included a 'Strawberry Cream Tea', participation in the Village Fete (for which the Parish Room receives a share of the proceeds), providing the teas at an Open Garden Day under the NGS scheme & for 3 private viewings, plus a highly successful Christmas Bazaar & Cash Prize Draw kindly sponsored by Mrs M Meale in memory of her late husband, Len.

Following an inspection of the Parish Room to establish its suitability for the purpose Taunton Deane Borough Council has registered the premises as 'A Place of Safety' for use by the community in the event of any emergency arising.

In late summer 2017 the building's exterior was repainted single-handedly by one of our Committee members, Mr Derrick Alford, to whom we owe our grateful thanks. We wish to express our appreciation of the Parish Council's support in covering the cost of the paint for the purpose.

Within the next few weeks a Defibrillator machine, for which the Parish Council has obtained funding, will be installed on one of the external walls of the Parish Room with the agreement of the Trustees. The Parish Room will not incur any running costs.

With regard to the current lease, due to expire in December 2018, the outcome of a public meeting in May hosted by the Parish Council was that Messrs N & D Tredwin agreed to extend the lease for another 10 years, news which was warmly welcomed in the community. The legal costs involved will be shared equally between Messrs N & D Tredwin and Messrs H & P Popplestone. To date the process has not yet been completed but is progressing.

I Popplestone, outgoing Chair/Treasurer 11.4.18