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AGENT - BRUTON KNOWLES

8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

The Trustees of Sapperton Village Hall  
25 Sapperton  
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Dear Trustees

### Sapperton Village Hall

I was heartened to see that the Village Hall that was gifted to the village by my Great Grandmother in 1912 and designed by Ernest Barnsley is still extremely active, as indeed it was described as being in Norman Jewson's book published in 1951.

Sadly though I see as is so often the case, that the building is in need of urgent repairs and improvements; but it is though active and well supported, and from there must come hope. It is essential that the community of our villages is maintained and it is through gatherings such as those supported by the village halls that this occurs. Only last Thursday, I was talking to a lady whose young family had moved to the village of North Cerney and there the village community have gathered round to help them, something that they had never experienced before, having come from a large city background.

It is villages such as this and very much Sapperton, where there are still village schools and halls, which foster that community spirit and encourage an awareness of local people with their surroundings and neighbours which is so important. These halls play a vital role within the village and provide a resource where people can gather socially, or for other purposes, thereby maintaining and strengthening the sense of the village community so vital for their future.

The roles played by village halls has long been recognised by HRH The Prince of Wales and this one in particular requires all the support that it can be given and is something that I would very much second following my great grandmother's gift of the early 1900's.

I would be most grateful if you could keep me informed as to exactly what your plans are and what progress you have been able to make.

Yours sincerely

The Earl Bathurst

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown FRICS MP



The Trustees  
c/o 25 Sapperton  
Cirencester  
Glos GL7 6LQ

HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

23 September 2013

To Whom It May Concern

**SAPPERTON VILLAGE HALL**

The villagers from Sapperton have written to me about their village hall which is in dire need of additional funding to enable them to carry out repairs and renovations, compliant with the Health and Safety Act for communal premises.

The hall is used for a variety of events and is a focus for the local community.

My purpose in writing is to enlist my support for their bid for the serious funding now needed to get the hall into the condition it deserves to be and I trust that this application will receive your favourable response.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Clifton-Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**GEOFFREY CLIFTON-BROWN MP**

*Member of Parliament for The Cotswolds*

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AGENT - BRUTON KNOWLES

13<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Mr Jonathan Bullock  
2 New Cottages  
Sapperton  
Cirencester  
Gloucestershire  
GL7 6LQ

Dear Mr Bullock

Sapperton Village Hall Trustees

Thank you for your letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and I was fully aware that at some stage in the very near future the Village Hall would need to be re-roofed. This clearly needs doing and I am very honoured to have been asked to become a Patron of the Sapperton Village Hall Appeal, which I am delighted to accept.

The Village Hall is so important to the community and the vibrancy of the Village that all must be done to keep it going and watertight. I would be happy to meet up sometime on either the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of May at a time which is convenient to yourselves, I suspect that this may be in the evening.

I look forward to hearing as to how you are progressing with the Appeal and raising funds and meeting up with the Trustees.

Yours sincerely

THE EARL BATHURST



# COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR NICHOLAS PARSONS M.B.E.  
Deputy Leader of the Council  
Cabinet Member for Forward Planning  
Ermin Ward

**To the Trustees of Sapperton Village Hall**

3 June 2016

Dear Trustees

You have asked for my support in your project to refurbish the roof on Sapperton Village Hall. I am familiar with the building and am aware that the roof is in a poor state of repair and in need of urgent refurbishment.

Sapperton Village Hall is an important part of the village and the only community facility available within walking distance. The refurbishment of the roof will significantly improve the condition of the building and enable the Village Hall Committee to increase the letting of the building, thus enhancing its viability.

As the Cotswold District Ward Councillor for Sapperton, I fully support your project to refurbish the roof.

Yours faithfully

**N J W Parsons**



# COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR JOHN BIRCH  
Thames Head Ward

10<sup>th</sup> September 2013

## To the Trustees of Sapperton Village Hall

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I understand that you are embarking on a programme of refurbishment on this village hall which is very necessary and somewhat overdue.

Your village hall is an important part of the village and the only community facility available for some distance around. Refurbishment will allow the hall to be marketed to outside organisations thus boosting your income.

Your project has my whole hearted support as your local District Councillor.

With my kind regards,



J. G. K. Birch



LOVE, HONOUR,  
TRUST

# Sapperton Church of England (Aided) Primary School

1848-2013

Head Teacher: Mrs Dawn Thomas BEd (Hons)

**Collective Worship Theme for Term 1 is Forgiveness  
School Values Focus is Honour**

12th September 2013

To whom it may concern

I am writing to support the Sapperton Village Hall application for additional funding.

The village hall is a much valued and needed asset for the Sapperton community. The school uses it on a regular basis for PE, dance, musical performances, plays, workshops and as a venue for a variety of educational activities. It is also used by The Friends of the school for fund-raising events.

If the village hall could not be used the school community would suffer as the school does not have it's own school hall. Parents also value the village hall for social activities such as yoga, quiz nights and shopping events.

A village hall, along with the school, church and pub are vital key components to the village, offering opportunities for social and educational events.

We would support any application by the village hall committee to raise funds for vital repairs and decoration.

Yours faithfully

*Dawn Thomas*

Dawn Thomas, Headteacher

*Dickie Randall*

Dickie Randall, Chair of Governors

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Dear Sirs,

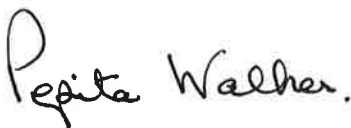
**Re: Sapperton Village Hall.**

Village Halls are very much part of a village community, particularly in an area like Sapperton. They are often used by school, church and village organisations as well as for private hire.

Funding is always a problem when you have a small number of people trying to support more than one project, as is frequently the situation in these small communities.

Your support for the Village Hall Committee's request for a grant would not only help them but also all who use this facility.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pepita Walker." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Revd. Pepita walker.

Bachelors Court  
Sapperton, Cirencester  
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Mr John Bullock  
Chairman Sapperton Village Hall  
2 New Cottages  
Sapperton

8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2013

Dear John,

Sapperton Parish Council wish to congratulate the whole Village Hall Team for their ingenuity, dedication and motivation, which by both its fund raising efforts and hands on hard work have transformed and hopefully secured the future of our precious and historically important Village Hall.

It is so gratifying to see the Hall again becoming the hub of the village, where the locals can depend on the Hall to celebrate both nationally important events such as the Royal Wedding and the Diamond Jubilee, annual milestones such as Harvest Festival Barn Dance and Christmas and New Year celebrations, and also to offer regular entertainment to the community with Quiz Nights, Race Nights, Bowls Club and Snooker Evenings. Even the health of the villagers is now catered for with the Yoga classes!

The new introduction of an annual Produce Show is a very popular addition to the Calendar and I expect the allotments and many back gardens in the village are going to be heaving with produce for next year.



Clematis Cottage  
9 , Church Lane  
Sapperton  
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**Sapperton Village Hall**

11th September 2013

**To Whom it May Concern**

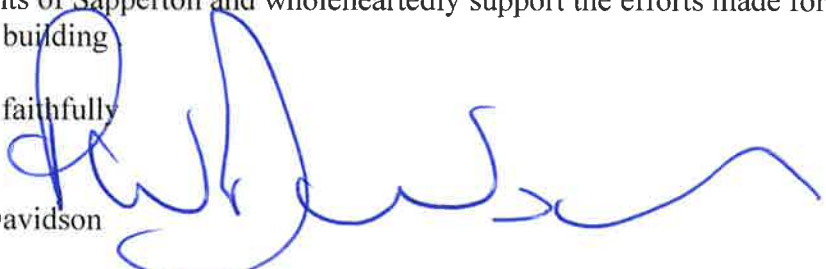
I am writing as the former landlord of The Bell at Sapperton , 1999 - 2012 , to voice my continued support of Sapperton Village Hall . During my tenure at The Bell the hall formed an integral part of community life for our village hosting many events , more especially in the last four or five years since a seriously minded committee was formed to steer its progress .

Whilst at The Bell we regularly had Arts & Crafts enthusiasts asking for direction to view this well known building , including Lord Lloyd Webber , who is also an renowned architectural expert apart from musical composer . We saw many events hosted such as artistic exhibitions , christmas fayres and in the early days as a centre for weekly working groups of students in rural crafts . This is apart from the many events held for the village community such as quizzes , barbecues and horse racing evenings . Additionally the hall is an ideal venue for school events such as the nativity plays and activities throughout the year .

I can only see the use of the Sapperton Village Hall continuing to grow in the next few years due to the continued support of its use by the village hall committee and the residents of Sapperton and wholeheartedly support the efforts made for funding this iconic building

Yours faithfully

Paul Davidson



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17<sup>th</sup> September 2013

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam,

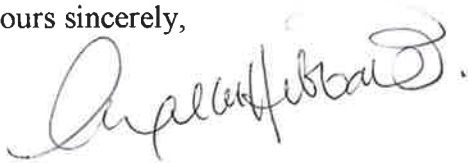
RE: SAPPERTON VILLAGE HALL

I have lived in the village of Sapperton for some eleven years and have taken part in many events at the Village Hall, including quiz nights, race nights, New Year's parties, private parties and even performing music on stage for the Jubilee celebrations last year. I consider it to be vital part of our rural community.

This charming village hall is constructed in the traditional style, of Cotswold stone with mullioned windows, under a tiled roof. The main hall, with a built-in stage, features an impressive heavily beamed vaulted ceiling. There are two additional function rooms, suitable for smaller gatherings and a downstairs kitchen and toilets. It is conveniently situated in the very centre of this quintessential Cotswold village, surrounded by period stone cottages and houses. The village forms part of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, being set amidst undulating wooded countryside.

The village hall is now threatened by decay and is in need of immediate and significant repair. I would like to express my continued support of the village hall and therefore support any application for funding, to retain this very valuable amenity for our village.

Yours sincerely,



Angela Hibbard  
Resident of Sapperton

15/9/13.

MICHAEL & CAROLYN  
HOOK.

44 SAPPERTON  
CIRENCESTER  
GL7 6LQ

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

We have used Sapperton Village Hall (SVH) on many occasions. Birthday parties, anniversaries, and many other family functions have been held there. We have also joined in Quiz's, produce shows and various other enjoyable local events. SVH is at the heart of village life and I would have no hesitation in recommending the venue for your enjoyment.

Your Faithfuls.

John.

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Sapperton Village Hall Management Committee  
c/o 2 New Cottages  
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4<sup>TH</sup> September 2013

Attn: Mrs Annette Bullock

Dear Annette.

Thank you to you and the committee for the great Produce Show on Sunday, it was good to see such a good turnout. It is wonderful to see the Village Hall moving forward.

I am amazed to see how many turn up these days it's time the village redeveloped its "Heart" and you are making it happen, well done!!

Please send us a programme of events.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel and Nell Maydew', written in a cursive style.

Nigel and Nell Maydew

Mount Cottage  
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## Sapperton Village Hall

I have hired the village hall on 3 occasions for my childrens christenings and a birthday party. The hall is the only venue within the village where it is possible to hold such gatherings and I view it as an essential facility for the village.

My son also attends Sapperton school who make frequent use of the hall.

Jenny Batchelor

The Daneway Inn  
Daneway  
Sapperton  
Cirencester  
Glos  
GL7 6LN

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

To whom it may concern

My wife and I have been landlords of The Daneway Inn at Sapperton since 1986. In the last 27 years we have attended, organised and participated in many events at Sapperton Village Hall. These events include pantomimes, barn dances, birthday parties and for the first time this year, the Village Produce Show. Both our children and grandchildren have attended Sapperton Primary School where they performed in Nativity plays at the Village Hall. At one time the hall was also used as a part-time post office.

Built by the famous Sapperton craftsmen, Gimson and the Barnsley brothers, it has always been an integral part of village life and for it to continue as such, needs support from everybody if the fabric of the building is to be maintained in a safe and suitable condition.

Elizabeth and Richard Goodfellow