

Sampford Courtenay Open Parish Meeting November 2024

Welcome

**The purpose
The opportunity
The future**

Sampford Courtenay Open Parish Meeting
Items for discussion

The Village Green

The Legacy of the Prayerbook Rebellion

The future of the Church Rooms

The Time Travellers

Achieving sustainability of the Village Hall

The options for future Flower and Produce Shows

Sampford Courtenay Open Parish Meeting Programme and format

Short Presentations from each speaker

Each will pose a question/s for the audience

Break with refreshments

Smaller Group discussions

Group lead to feedback notes from each group

Notes will then be consolidated and published

Cllr Andrew Green

The Parish Survey - overview of the results

Parish Priorities

**Moving forward with the
village green and public toilets**



The 2024 Parish Survey

✓ 168 completions (vs. 81 in 2019)

- **33% of registered electors**

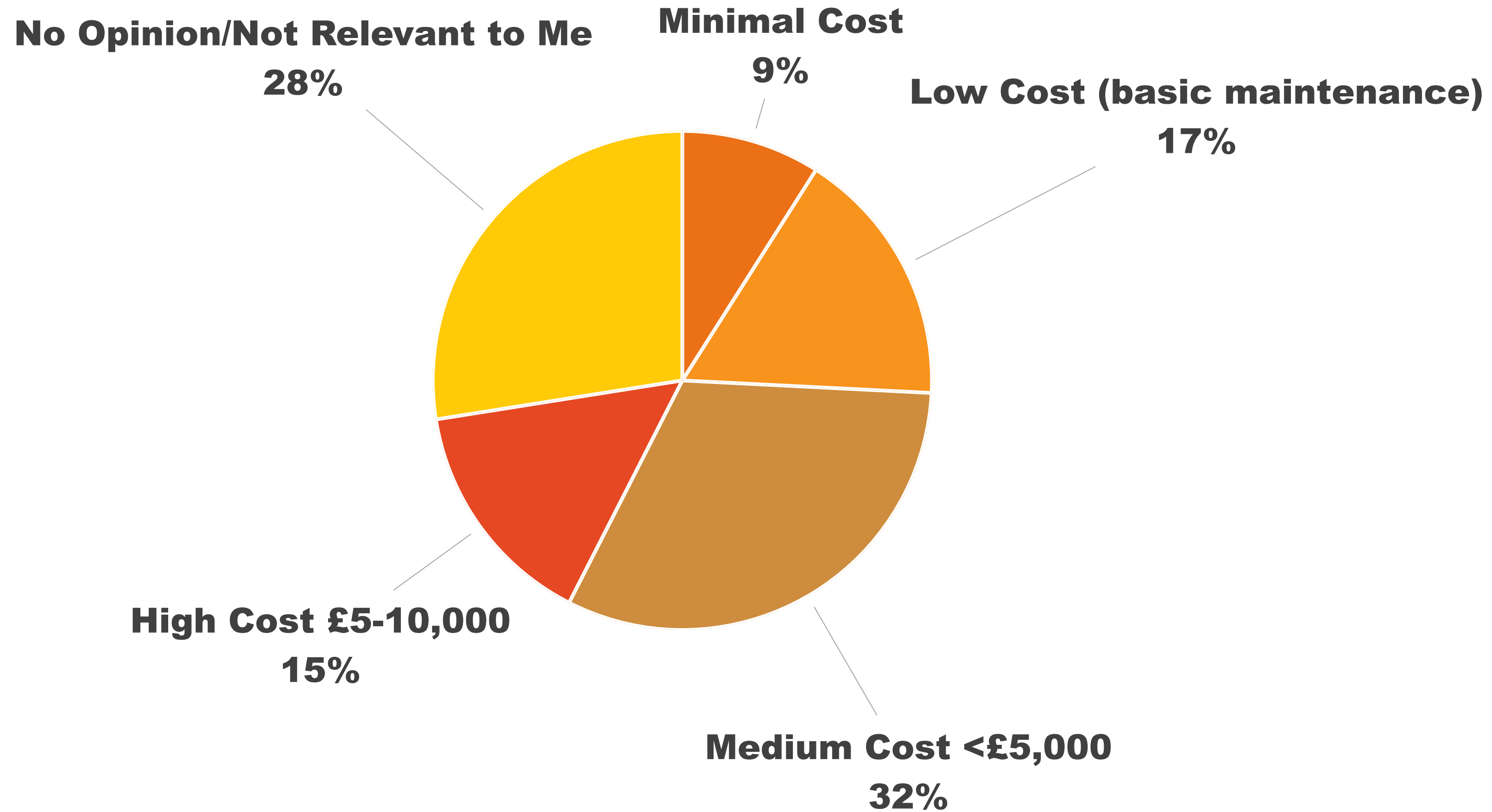
✓ Good spread of responses

- **Demographically**
- **Within/outside the main village**
- **Amongst active and less active users of community resources**

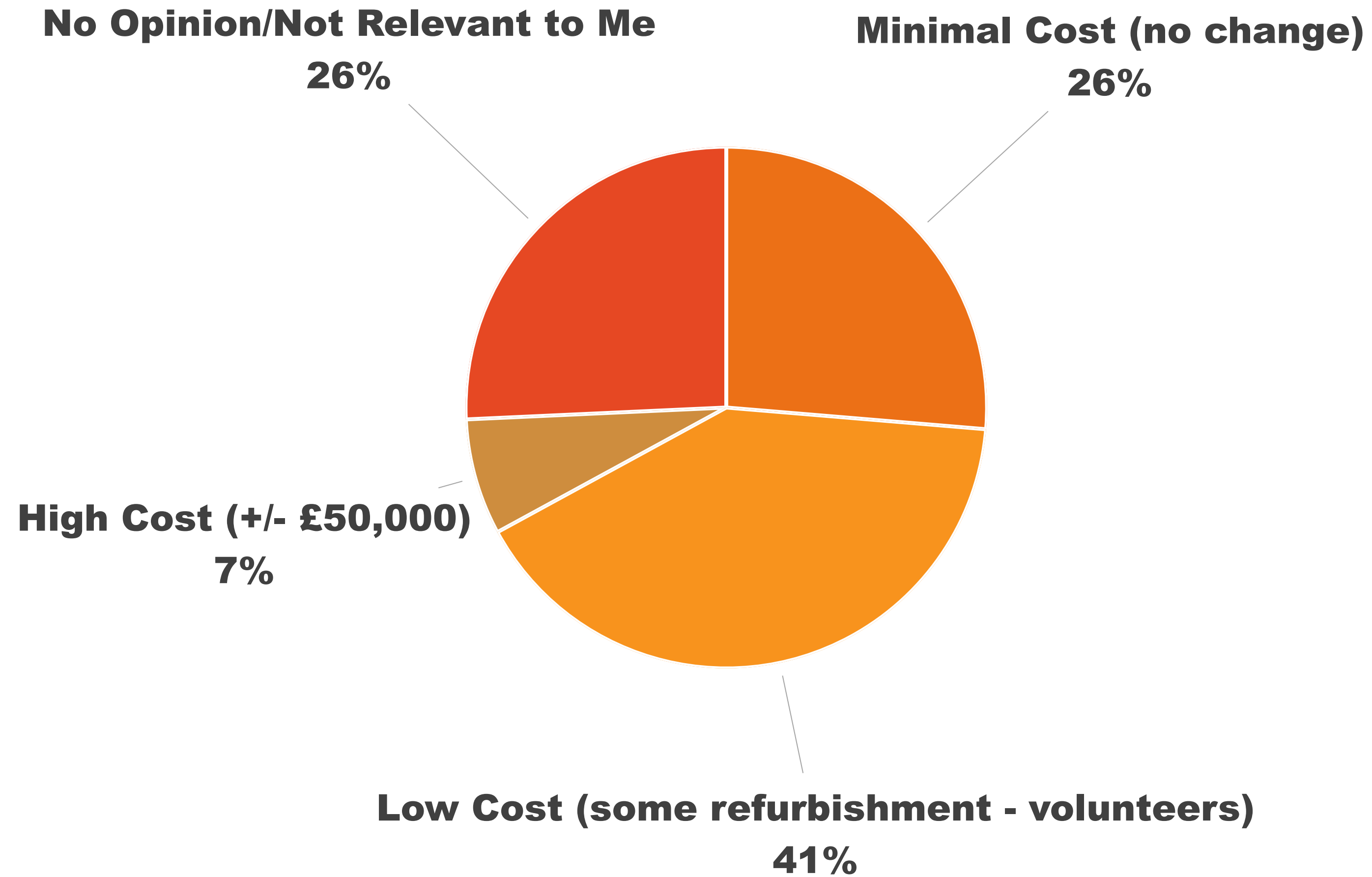
✓ Plenty of 'engaged' respondents

- **83/168 – 49% of respondents added comments to their questionnaires**

Village green: options for development



Public toilets: options for development



Cllr Andrew Green & Mike Carpenter

The Village Green

**Should we maintain what we have or make a substantial investment to
attract a more diverse and larger user base?**

David Botting Page

The Prayerbook Rebellion Legacy

Do you think that the community should preserve and celebrate our important local history?

Do they know about the heritage of the
Long Table?

Do the community appreciate the historical
significance?

Rev David Spence

The future of the Church Rooms

Do you have any ideas of how St Andrew's can best use the Church Rooms to serve the community of Sampford Courtenay?

Veronica Matthews

Sampford Courtenay & Honeychurch Time Travellers

Successful launch event last month. Great feedback, Thank you!

Frankland Case Study – showed the range of information
available to us

Stephanie Pouya's notes, Parish and Church Records, King's
College – much already transcribed and available locally

Potential to get support from others to help us

Going forward – suggestions, please:

1. Identify a number (6? More?) of older properties (1500's ?) to trawl through the information we have – house features, residents - jobs, events, stories etc.

Volunteers & Suggestions?

1. Research topics or themes across the Parish ***Volunteers & Suggestions?***
 - a. Wall cupboards (age, design, purpose)
 - b. Apotropaic marks (Witches' marks)
 - c. Wells
 - d. Quarries
 - e. Trades and Shops
 - f. Education and support for the 'less well off'
 - g. Church records ... the role of Churchwardens, including hedgehogs and fitches!
 - h. Anything else?

Other ***ideas and suggestions*** Trips? Visits?

Roger Thompson

The Village Hall -

What changes to the Village Hall or current events might make it/them more attractive

What other events might be attractive and who would run or lead on them

Marion Pratt
Sampford Courtenay & Honeychurch
Flower & Produce Show

Is there enough interest in the Parish to
continue to hold it?

What would encourage you, personally,
to take part?

Questions to consider?

Should we maintain what we have or make a substantial investment to attract a more diverse and larger user base?

Do you think that the community should preserve and celebrate our important local history regarding the Prayer Book Rebellion?

Do you have any ideas of how St Andrew's can best use the Church Rooms to serve the community of Sampford Courtenay?

To embrace our local history can we identify properties of interest & encourage Research Volunteers & work to set a standard criteria?

What changes to the Village Hall or current events might make it/them more attractive?

What other events might be attractive and who would run or lead on them?

Is there enough interest to continue to hold the Flower & Produce Show & what would encourage you to take part?

REFRESHEMENTS

**Then please return to discuss
and provide your views on the
questions posed**

Thank you

MEETING DEBRIEF

**On behalf of all the groups and presenters
this evening thank you for taking the time
to give your ideas and suggestions**

Next Community Meeting

**Rural crime presentation for Farmers
and Rural Businesses**

7pm Thur 9th January 2025