

## Save Our Hidden Gem



Christian Guild, who own and manage the Sidholme Hotel in Sidmouth, Devon, has run into financial difficulties and has recently announced plans to sell the venue. Following an appeal from various community interests in Sidmouth, the Guild has offered us an opportunity to put forward an outline proposal, together with our plans for Sidholme, by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, before going to the open market.

Our hope is to generate a rescue package for this hidden gem. The Sidholme Music Room has become a centre for performing arts and is a community lifeline for many in the Sid Valley and further afield.

The Grade II\* listed venue presents a great opportunity to retain and develop this historic hidden gem for the benefit of the community. After an initial consultation we have discovered that the business has great potential for development as a Centre for Excellence of Arts and Music in the South West, as well as conferences, weddings and other profitable events.

Considerable interest has been aroused within the Sid Valley and we are appealing to the business and wider community in Sidmouth and beyond to see if there are interested parties with financial capability who wish to take up this opportunity, individually or as a consortium, to acquire or potentially lease the facility and develop the business.

To this effect, a Sidholme working group consisting of Sameer Velayudhan, John McGregor, Mukie Gosrani, Sylvia Brownlee, Val and Colin Howels have formally requested information from Christian Guild with regards to financial reports, current valuations and a view on their expectations.

**Within one week**

**(Bank Holiday Monday 25th May)**

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