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**BOURNEMOUTH
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**THROOP CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CHURCH HALL, MUSCLIFFE LANE
AND THE MANSE, 209 BROADWAY LANE**

Please accept my apologies for writing to you regarding the above. As the Ward Councillor representing the Throop area and having been the local Councillor now for over 39 years and spending many hours over the past years in connection with this lovely church, attending fetes within the vicarage grounds, etc. I feel I need to contact you with regard to concerns expressed by many of the area's residents. I understand the church is now vacant and the hall no longer used and the residents are wondering what is going to happen to the buildings in the future.

In the past the hall has been used as a Polling Station and also as a residents' meeting place when good times were enjoyed by all. I appreciate the church is a listed building, dating back to early 1828 and holds many interesting features within it.

My main concern is the situation with The Manse and understand that it has been empty for some time. There is the likely threat of squatters and possible vandalism if it becomes known that both buildings are vacant and unused.

I have informed our local Community Police Officer of the situation who, I am sure, will keep an open eye on the buildings but in the meantime I would welcome any information on the possible future use together with any proposed security measures around The Manse, e.g. window shutters, etc. to help prevent unauthorised entry.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully,

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