

Sir,

Your article on the changes being made at Botton Village will have surprised many who have loved and admired this community for over 60 years.

I worked there for 14 years running the maintenance and building programme, and left last year as I couldn't stand to see the devastation being caused to peoples' lives, people who had given a lifetime of care for no monetary reward.

What was not made clear in the article, is that as skilled and experienced co-workers have been forced to leave, the running of the Village has been taken on by highly paid managers, sub managers, care managers, accountants and 'consultants'.

The result of this has been a slide into a massive and unsustainable budget deficit.

Supporters of Botton Village should be aware that their donations will not necessarily be used to support Villagers, but to underpin the salaries of staff carrying out functions previously done for nothing - by co workers, as part of their community duties.

Regards,

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