



Welcome to our MAYFACS eNewsletter

Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services www.mayfacs.org.uk 01435 873888



August 2026

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Registered Charity No. 1166647

MAYFACS OFFICE OPENING TIMES: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 10am - 1pm every week.

Helpline phone number is monitored Monday to Friday only. **WE ARE OPEN THROUGHOUT AUGUST WITH LESS STAFF SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US IF A LITTLE BUSIER THAN USUAL!!**

MAYFACS OFFICE Helpline Number: Please use our **01435 873888** number for COMMUNITY CAR REQUESTS and GENERAL HELP rather than our direct mobile numbers which are not checked every day. We know it rings for a long time, but do leave a message on our answerphone as the phones are checked DAILY (Monday to Friday office hours only) and we will call you back as soon as possible. We do not answer the landline due to confidentiality whilst we have open offices. **The Helpline and our Mobile Phones are not in operation over the weekends and evenings, so if you leave us a message over Saturday and Sunday, this will not be picked up until the following working day.**

AUGUST MAYFACS eNews

Our 10th Anniversary celebrations have now come to a close – it's been a busy few months, but every aspect of our celebrations have been a huge privilege to share with you all.

We have been hard at work raising much needed funds and our Anniversary events have really made a huge difference. Total funds raised are still being finalised. At the time of print, we have raised **over £9,500** across all our anniversary events, but we are really wanting to raise **£10, 000 for our 10th Anniversary!**

If anyone would like to donate to help us reach this target, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. You can do this by donating on our website, via the office (cash, card or cheque), or a direct transfer using the bank details at the end of the newsletter (please reference 10th Anniversary donation). **THANK YOU!**

We started with our Anniversary Gala event at The Middle House, where we raised over £7000 for MAYFACS and our work in the community. Thank you to everyone involved in organising, sponsoring, performing, attending and donating on the night. Excited to release our **Anniversary Gala Video** see our website www.mayfacs.org.uk/10years

We then launched our Anniversary Raffle and our Art Auction – these ran for the whole of July, building bids, selling tickets at all our activities, these finished at the end of the month Thank you to all our incredible artists who donated their work to raise money for us, the donors of the Raffle prizes, also thanks to our bidders and purchasers!

Our final celebration event was our Summer Garden Party – with over 140 guests it was an opportunity to welcome along our volunteers, supporters, networks, donors, and friends to come together as a thank you for their role in our charity. Thank you to the Marshalls for the use of their stunning grounds, and to the volunteers at Thakeham who helped at the event, allowing our MAYFACS volunteers to be able to relax and enjoy the celebrations! A HUGE thanks to the wonderful MAYZING for opening the event, to Applause Touring and to our visiting ponies!

All funds raised during our 10 year celebrations go towards supporting the work of MAYFACS within our community and every pound raised really makes a huge difference to ensuring MAYFACS is around for another 10 years!



Fundraising

Paint and Sip – Wednesday 16th September 2026 7pm at Mayfield Cricket Club, Mayfield Our next Paint and Sip event is at Mayfield Cricket Club! £30 per person. Email freya@mayfacs.org.uk to confirm your place.



Regular Activities

Do you know someone that might like to be invited to come to any of our groups? A Neighbour, A friend? Please bring them along! Don't forget all our groups are about getting out in our community and making connections with others whatever your age!



Community Lunch Club – Next date 4th August at Mayfield Cricket Club **booking essential ** After our successful launch of our Community Lunch Club, we look forward to welcoming you back for another month! With huge thanks to funding from Community Action, we have been able to set up the Lunch Club in the idyllic location of Mayfield Cricket Club, with the Community Chef training our team of fabulous volunteers to prepare and serve a healthy and nutritious two-course lunch to our community, at an affordable donation. The food will include fresh produce where available from MAYFACS Community Garden and delicious meat donated by Leppards Butchers (thank you!!!)

The Lunch Club is open to ANYONE, of all ages, to enjoy social eating together - come on your own to meet new connections, bring a friend or two, or join us as a family or group. Transport is available to get to the club from both Mayfield High Street and Five Ashes Bus Stop (please contact us for details).

Booking is essential for us to ensure we cater for enough people each session and ensure any dietary requirements are catered for (veggie option will be available). Please contact us to book your space or find out more about our Lunch Clubs on freya@mayfacs.org.uk or 01435 873888.

MAYFACS Moving Sounds returns Wed 26th August at Five Ashes Village Hall 2pm – 3pm

We are so excited to be welcoming back Keith and his team of musicians to lead us in another 6 monthly sessions of Moving Sounds – this time at Five Ashes Village Hall, with thanks to funding support from Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council.

Moving Sounds explores music and movement in a fun environment, and this year we are lucky to be receiving visits from our younger students at Five Ashes Primary School. Ideal for anyone with limited mobility – but welcomes everyone who enjoys music to come along and get involved as much or as little as you want! Every 4th Wednesday of each month. £2 per session, and transport is available to get to Five Ashes Village Hall if required. There is ample parking at the Hall as well.



MAYFACS Matinee Films are back next month !! Please save the date for our Matinee Films to return on Friday 25th September at Five Ashes Village Hall. The long list of films is being finalised, and the final programme will be finalised shortly! We look forward to announcing these very soon.

Little Munchkins Baby and Toddler Group (term time only). No Group in August. Back on 9th September.

Please do join us every Wednesday (term time) from 9.15am – 11.15am at Mayfield Scout Hall for just £3 per family! All carers, grandparents and parents are very welcome! Lots of toys and activities available for the little ones, and a cuppa and chat for the others 😊.

There will be no monthly Scrabble group during July and August, but will be returning in September!

Bereavement Café (last Friday of each month, 10am – 12pm)

Friday 28th August 2026 at RSM, The Institute, Rotherfield TN6 3LX

10am – 12pm

Friday 25th September at Mayfield Cricket Club, Mayfield. 10am – 12pm

MAYFACS have partnered with Rotherfield St Martins (RSM) to build a welcoming and informal space for people who have experienced loss, to come together, talk and listen and support one another at a monthly Bereavement Café. We will be holding our Café on the last Friday of each month, and it will be alternating in location between Mayfield and Rotherfield.

Everyone is welcome to attend both locations, and the sessions will be run by the same team of volunteers each month. No need to book, but welcome to contact either MAYFACS or RSM for further information before coming if you prefer.



The Bereavement Café is a welcoming, informal space where people who have experienced loss can come together to talk, listen, and share their experiences of grief.

It's not a counselling session, but rather a monthly supportive community gathering that helps reduce isolation and encourages open conversation about loss and healing.

WE MEET ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 10AM - 12PM ALTERNATELY AT MAYFIELD CRICKET CLUB TN20 0EA AND THE INSTITUTE, ROTHERFIELD TN6 3LX

For more details or directions please don't hesitate to contact us.

FREE TO ATTEND DONATIONS WELCOME LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

30th Jan 2026 - Mayfield
27th Feb 2026 - Rotherfield
27th March 2026 - Mayfield
24th April 2026 - Rotherfield
29th May 2026 - Mayfield
26th June 2026 - Rotherfield

31st July 2026 - Mayfield
28th Aug 2026 - Rotherfield
25th Sept 2026 - Mayfield
30th Oct 2026 - Rotherfield
27th Nov 2026 - Mayfield

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MAYFACS COMMUNITY SHED

Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ

The MAYFACS Shed and Community Garden is an opportunity for anyone to come along, meet some friendly people, work in the workshops or outdoor spaces on your own personal projects or community projects.

WEEKLY SESSIONS

MONDAY (Mixed Group) 9.30am - 12.30pm
WEDNESDAY (Men's Group) 9.30am - 12.30pm
THURSDAY (Mixed Group) 9.30am - 12.30pm

REPAIR CAFES

3rd Saturday of every month (no Cafe in December) at MAYFACS Shed (Refreshments available) 10am - 1pm.
Community Cafe at Five Ashes on Sat 20th April 24

Bring your repairs along, join us for tea and cake, and get to know our Repairers! You are also welcome along without repairs! Volunteer Repairers always welcome!

For more information
Email us on theshed@mayfacs.org.uk
Call MAYFACS on 01435 873888
Visit our website www.mayfacs.org.uk/the-shed
or Follow us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/MayfacsShed

MAYFACS Community Shed holds 3 Sessions every week for anyone to come along and join in! With inside and new external workshop spaces available across all sessions every week, as well as the community garden, bee keeping and the orchard, there is plenty to get involved in whenever you are available! New Shedders always welcome!

For more information, please visit our website www.mayfacs.org.uk/the-shed or email theshed@mayfacs.org.uk

Our next Repair Café will take place at MAYFACS Shed on Saturday 15th August between 10am – 1pm (last repairs accepted 12.15pm)

We welcome you to find out more about our Repair Cafes, join us for some tea and cakes (you do not need to bring a repair to attend!) and find out more about our MAYFACS Shed and MAYFACS community.
www.facebook.com/mayfacsrepaircafe

MONTHLY TRIPS – 2026 Trips Schedule

Monthly Trip places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please email or pop into the office to secure your place! If you would like to attend any of our trips but need some financial support, please talk to us in confidence.

Thursday 6th August: Mousehall Spirits and Tidebrook Wines Tour and Tasting £20 per person

Thursday 10th September: Hever Castle Craft Fair £28 per person

Thurs 1st October: Amelia Scott Tour of Museum £18

Giving in Memory for MAYFACS

Giving in Memory is a lasting way to celebrate a loved one's life while providing opportunities and support for the future within our community. By dedicating a donation in the name of a loved one their legacy continues to build a more resilient community, providing vital support and connection to those who need it most.

www.mayfacs.org.uk/givinginmemory is a new section on our website to give you more information on how to support MAYFACS through Legacy donations and Giving in Memory of your loved one. Thank you to all our supporters who have given in memory for MAYFACS.



MOUSEHALL

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Come and join us for our minibus trip to Mousehall Spirits and Tidebrook wines for a tour and tasting session
Thursday 6th August 2026
£20 per person email Freyja@mayfacs.org.uk or phone 01435 873888 to book a place

Important Update: Hearing Aid Maintenance Sessions Discontinued

Please be aware that East Sussex Hearing have had to make a difficult decision to discontinue the community Hearing Aid Maintenance sessions (HAMS) in Mayfield and other local areas. We are incredibly grateful to East Sussex Hearing and our trained HAMS volunteers for the vital support they provided to our community for the past couple of years.

If you or a family member relied on this service for battery replacements, tubing updates, or general cleaning, you will need to seek assistance through alternative providers or contact your audiology department directly. You can order replacement batteries and tubing directly online <https://www.esht.nhs.uk/service/audiology/order-hearing-aid-batteries-and-tubing/> or by calling 0300 131 5679.

We are disappointed that this has discontinued and we will continue to try and seek a way to support our community more locally with maintenance support.

Support for All on our website: www.mayfacs.org.uk. Our website has specific information sections for **Youth Support** and **Dementia Support** available to everyone within our community and the surrounds. This is on top of signposting for **financial and other support**. Please do visit our website if you need any advice or help, or come into the office and chat with the team.

SOCIAL MEDIA : MAYFACS is on social media! Please follow us to keep up to date with our activities and to learn more about what we do! MAYFACS OFFICE info@mayfacs.org.uk www.mayfacs.org.uk



BANK DETAILS: (for donations, payments of trips and activities)

Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services (MAYFACS)

Account No 00029924 Sort Code 40-52-40

Contact Details – Lucy Jervis, Freya Huxtable, Clare Vosloo, Becky Smith, Gill Lawday

Telephone: 01435 873888 in the first instance and leave a message. We will phone you back. Emails:

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MAYFACS SUPPORT SERVICES

MAYFACS has many services to help you should you need any additional support at any time. All requests will be treated in the strictest of confidence, and our team will do everything we can to ensure you have access to any help that you need - be it financial, personal, social or medical.

Everyday Support Services

With our incredible team of volunteers, we can support you should you need help with emergency shopping, collecting prescriptions, getting to our activities, navigating other support services and agencies, as well as borrowing a wheelchair, DVD or Jigsaw! If you need us for anything, please just get in touch, and if we can't help, we can tell you who can! We are here for everyone within our community.

Community Car Service

Our Community Car Service ensures you can get to medical appointments when you may have no other way to get there and is open to anyone who needs to use it. Our growing team of volunteers can drive you to these appointments and get you safely home again. Whether it is a local appointment, or further afield, please contact us. This is a paid for service - literally covering the cost of providing the service and fuel for our drivers, however, if cost is a concern, please always let us know and we can look at ways we can support this for you.

Community Fridges

Community Fridges are available at Heathfield, Hailsham and Uckfield and are open to anyone, no questions asked, to collect food as and when you need it. They are there to prevent food waste and support our environment by ensuring food goes to a home. They receive donations from supermarkets, cafes, local produce suppliers, and other generous donors, as well as the general public.

Food Bank Referrals

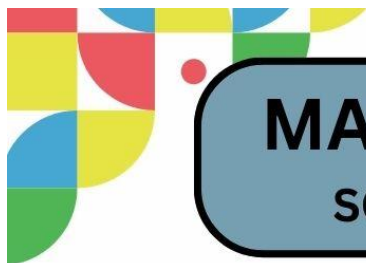
We are able to make referrals for families and individuals to local foodbanks for anyone in need of this support, be it short term or longer. Parcels are created for you, and specific requests/dietary requirements can also be accommodated. Collections or deliveries to your house are both available. Anyone who wishes to donate food to the local foodbanks can do so at their local supermarkets and help support others in need.

MAYFACS Hardship Fund

You may be finding it difficult to make ends meet following the recent pandemic and cost of living crisis, or through a change in living or family situation. If you are finding it difficult and need some extra support, and live or work within Mayfield and Five Ashes, do contact us in confidence to discuss how we can support you through our Hardship Fund or email hardshipfund@mayfacs.org.uk

For more information about the above or any of MAYFACS activities and services, please visit us in London House, Mayfield, email us on info@mayfacs.org.uk or call us on 01435 873888. Alternatively pick up our leaflets from various shops in Mayfield High St, Five Ashes Village Hall, Woodhill Surgery, information booths and our noticeboards! Join our eNewsletter mailing list or follow our social media or our website www.mayfacs.org.uk.





MAYFACS MONTHLY TRIPS

SCHEDULE JUNE - DECEMBER 2026



Monthly Trip places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and are open to everyone. To book please pop into the office, phone and leave a message or email clare@mayfacs.org.uk



Once you've booked with the office and confirmed there is space available, please pay ASAP to secure your place via:

- a) cheque or cash to the MAYFACS office
- b) card payments in MAYFACS office
- c) BACS transfer (please include your name and the name of the trip/s as the reference)



Direct bank transfer details: Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services (MAYFACS), Account Number 00029924, Sort Code 40 52 40

Refunds can only be given at MAYFACS discretion. If you would like to attend any of our trips but need some financial support, please talk to us in confidence.



Thurs 4th June National Cat Centre at Ashdown Forest £12.50

Thurs 2nd July Arundel Wetland centre £27.50

Thurs 6th Aug Mousehall spirits and winery (Tour & Tasting) £20

Thurs 10th Sep Hever Castle craft fair £28

Thurs 1st Oct Amelia Scott Tour of museum Tunbridge Wells £18

Sat 21st Nov Eric and Ern Show at Trinity Theatre (Matinee) £28

Thurs 3rd Dec Bluewater Christmas shopping Trip £12



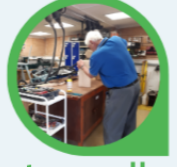
Most of the monthly trips leave Mayfield and Five Ashes at approx. 9-10am and are back about 4pm. The MAYFACS team will contact you a week or so before the Trip and arrange pick up times at our various stops. Because we have to pre order tickets and transport, we will not always be able to offer a refund should you cancel your place. If you are worried about accessibility for any of our activities or trips or have any questions please do let us know.

Please visit our website www.mayfacs.org.uk for updates of weekly activities or contact us at the MAYFACS Office on 01435 873888.



MAYFACS Weekly Activities

Mon	MAYFACS Shed Session: Monday 9.30am - 12.30pm Mixed Group Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ.
Mon	Yarners: Chat and knit, sew and crochet in Sew Inspired shop in the High Street, £3.50 per person, 1.30-3.30pm.
Tue	Men on the Move: weekly "Walk and Talk" group for men, for any age. Meet in Court Meadow 9.30am. Free to attend.
Tue	Tuesday Chat: Regular meet up & chat with refreshments in Colkins Mill Church, Station Road. 2-3pm. £2. Every Tues apart from the first Tuesday of the month.
Tue	Tuesday Lunch Club: 1st Tuesday of the month at Mayfield Cricket Club, Mayfield 12-2pm. Nutritious home cooked meal and friendly company provided. £8 per person
Wed	Little Munchkins Baby & Toddler Group: For all carers, parents & grandparents and under fives. Every Wednesday, <u>term time only</u> . Scout Hall 9.15-11.15 am. £3 per family.
Wed	MAYFACS Men's Shed Session: Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm Men's Shed Group Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ.
Wed	Writing for fun: A monthly group on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am - 12pm in London House. £3 including refreshments.
Wed	Wednesday Chat: Monthly meet up & chat with refreshments in Five Ashes Village Hall. Every 2nd Wednesday 2-3pm £2.
Wed	Moving Sounds (APR-SEPT): A musical activity to bring people together. Every 4 th Wednesday, 2-3pm in Five Ashes Village Hall. £2.
Thur	MAYFACS Shed Session: Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm Mixed Group Merrieweathers Farm, East Street, Mayfield TN20 6RJ.
Thur	Poetry: 1st Thursday 11-12.30 Coach House Cottage, Royal Oak Mews, Mayfield £2.
Thur	Middle House Lunch: 2nd Thursday of the month on a rota basis. 12.30pm £12.50 for senior citizens living alone.
Thur	Community Café Crowborough : A dementia friendly group for people to come together to enjoy an activity and refreshments. Last Thursday of the month. 2-4pm. Chaperoned transport available from Mayfield. Free to attend.
Fri	Art at the MAYFACS Shed (APR-SEPT): 2nd Friday of the month 10 -12 pm £5 Materials and refreshments provided.
Fri	Bereavement Cafe: last Friday of the month 10- 12pm. Working with RSM, alternately at Mayfield Cricket Club and The Institute, Rotherfield. Refreshments provided. Free to attend
Fri	MAYFACS Film Club (SEPT-MAR): Starts 25 th Sept Five Ashes Village Hall. Please see our programme of films. 1.45-4pm Film £6 . Transport from Mayfield £3.
Fri	Board Games/Scrabble: 3rd Friday of the month 2-4pm £3 at London House, bring a game or join in with others.
Sat	MAYFACS Shed Monthly Repair Cafe 3rd Saturday of every month (except Dec) open 10am - 1pm refreshments available. Last repair 12.15pm.



No need to pre book, unless stated. Transport can be provided to attend our groups at a small charge, just contact us. Please visit www.mayfacs.org.uk or contact us on 01435 873888