Welcome to our MAYFACS eNewsletter

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

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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.

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.**

NOVEMBER MAYFACS eNews

🎉 WE REACHED OUR £10,000 TARGET! 🎉. We are over the moon to confirm we reached our milestone 10th Anniversary target of raising £10,000 for our 10 years! This is a massive achievement for Mayfacs, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported our summer celebrations to make this happen.

But while we'd love to sit back and relax, the reality of running our vital local charity means our feet can't leave the accelerator just yet! As incredible as £10,000 is, it only covers a fraction of the funds we need to operate to keep our essential services running for a full 12 months.

If you'd like to help us secure the rest of our yearly funding, you can support us in a few ways:
👉 Become a regular donor to give us predictable, steady support
👉 Volunteer your time or skills
👉 Organize your own fundraiser for us!

To find out more or to donate, please visit our website www.mayfacs.org.uk and click DONATE.
Thank you for making our 10th year unforgettable, and here's to another 10! 💪 ✨

MAYFACS would like to express our huge thanks to the last of our founding Trustees, **Charles Marshall** and **Lucy Firrell**, who have stepped down as Trustees after an impressive 10 years. Having been there for the start of MAYFACS, with Lucy as our Chair and Charles as our Treasurer, they have stayed on the Board to see us through the first 10 years and the enormous development we have undergone in that time. Whilst they will be missed as Trustees, we know they will always be MAYFACS Volunteers, and we are over the moon to still have their support for the years to come. THANK YOU!

With this in mind, we will be reopening our Trustee Recruitment process and welcome anyone interested in joining MAYFACS as a Trustee, to get in touch for more information on recruitment@mayfacs.org.uk

We enjoyed hosting an Autumn fundraiser at Mayfield Cricket Club last month with a Musical Bingo evening and raised over £700 for our work in the community whilst singing and dancing to some 80's and Rock & Roll classics! Thank you so much to Keven and the Club for hosting the evening, and to our volunteers who helped run the event, and thank you to our "Full House" of attendees for your support.

We are also incredibly grateful to the team at Mayfield Bonfire Boyes & Belles for a fantastic event, and for choosing to support MAYFACS with donations this year amongst other worthwhile local causes. Our volunteers also enjoyed supporting the event (some with multiple 'hats' on!) and fundraising efforts, where fantastic amount of money was raised.

Thank you to everyone involved with this year's Remembrance postbox topper made by the ladies at **MAYFACS Yarners in Sew Inspired.**
The theme is Regimental Mascots. There is also a display in Sew Inspired window of the Service Animal's decoration, the Dickin Medal. Poppies for sale Sew Inspired**.**



Please **Save these dates in December** and contact the office to book your places on our Christmas Specials.

Community Lunch Club at Mayfield Cricket Club Tuesday 1st Dec
St Dunstan's Church Christmas fair 5th Dec – 10 – 1.30pm Shed fundraising stall
RSM Christmas party in Rotherfield Mon 7th Dec (2-4pm – by minibus)
Festive Wednesday Tea and Chat (singing with Five Ashes School children) 9th Dec at Five Ashes Village Hall 2pm
Live Crib 14th Dec at 1.30pm

Matinee Films continue with a November classic film, suitable for everyone. Film entrance £6 per person. Minibus available between Mayfield and Five Ashes for £3 per person (return). No need to book and collection from Southmead at 12.55pm (additional stop added), Middle House 1.10pm and St Thomas of Canterbury Court 1.20pm. Please note there is no film in December.
Friday 6th November – Downton: The Grand Finale
Friday 15th January – Mother's Pride



Everyone is welcome to come along to our Film shows.....Don't worry if you don't normally attend MAYFACS events. Films are open to everyone of all ages! Welcome to invite friends who live outside Mayfield and Five Ashes too. We ask that you pay £6 per head and bring cash on the day.

Doors open at 1.30pm and the film starts at 1.45pm. Tea and cake are served at the Interval

Remember we have our Jigsaw Library and the back catalogue from our MAYFACS Matinee Films on DVD to borrow at any time during the winter months. Just pop in and collect at your leisure.

Fundraising for MAYFACS:



Paint and Sip – Wednesday 11th November 2026 7pm at Middle House Mayfield
£30 per person. Email freya@mayfacs.org.uk to confirm your place.
Last paint and sip before Christmas, ideal time to have a go – give it as gift or a treat for yourself.

Regular Activities: - please see our updated Activities list on page 6



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.

Saturday 21st November: Eric & Ern Matinee Show, Trinity Tunbridge Wells £28 SOLD OUT (Mayfacs allocation) – tickets may still be purchased directly through Trinity Theatre.

Thursday 3rd December: Bluewater shopping trip £12 – limited places let

Our **Scrabble group** meets to play on the third Friday of the month for a relaxed game in London House from 2pm. New members of any age welcome, with no commitment required. **Next date: 20th November.**

Community Lunch Club – Next date Tuesday 3rd November at Mayfield Cricket Club – FULLY BOOKED
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.
Book now for December to secure your space.



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.

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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).

Little Munchkins Baby and Toddler Group (term time only).
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.

Bereavement Café (last Friday of each month, 10am – 12pm)
Friday 27th November at Mayfield Cricket Club, Mayfield.
No meeting in December, next café 29th January in Mayfield.

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 info before coming if you prefer.

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!
Shedders will have a stall at St Dunstan's Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December 10 – 1.30



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 21st November between 10am – 1pm (last repairs accepted 12.15pm). NO Repair Café in December back January.

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

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 advise 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
Alternatively, please visit our website www.mayfacs.org.uk and follow the DONATE button on every page to securely donate via CAF DONATE. We can automatically collect Gift Aid on top of every donation made via this service.



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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 Referals
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 AUGUST - 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 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
Thurs 8th Oct Knit & Stitch Show in Alexandra Palace, London £36
Sat 21st Nov Eric and Ern Show at Trinity Theatre (Matinee) £28
Thurs 3rd Dec Bluewater Christmas shopping Trip £12

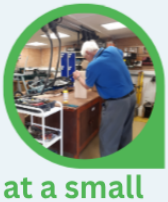




Most of the monthly trips leave Mayfield and Five Ashes at approx. 9-10am and are back about 4pm. The MAYFACS team will contact you a week or so before the Trip and arrange pick up times at our various stops. Because we have to pre order tickets and transport, we will not always be able to offer a refund 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 (Mixed Group):** 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 various different locations 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 NEW	**Tuesday Lunch Club:** 1st Tuesday of the month at Mayfield Cricket Club, Mayfield 12-2pm. Nutritious home cooked meal and friendly company provided. Booking essential £8 per person	
Wed	**Little Munchkins Baby & Toddler Group:** For all carers, parents & grandparents and under fives. Every Wednesday, term time only Scout Hall 9.15-11.15 am. £3 per family.	
Wed	**MAYFACS Shed Session (Men's Group):** 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.	
Thur	**MAYFACS Shed Session (Mixed Group):** 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	**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 25th 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