



Welcome to our MAYFACS eNewsletter

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

APRIL 2026

MAYFACS, LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD, TN20 6AQ
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.**

APRIL MAYFACS eNews

Celebrating 10 years of MAYFACS!!!! This month, we are proud to celebrate 10 years since our Charity Commission registration and MAYFACS came into existence!! Over the years, we have been supported by so many inspirational people and recognised by networks, community groups and funders from across East Sussex. Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do, as are the community to which we support. Thank you to everyone in Mayfield and Five Ashes for the last 10 years! And here's to many more to come!

Trustee Recruitment – Newsletter Article April 2026

As we celebrate our 10th year, MAYFACS will say farewell to 2 of our founding trustees who reach the end of their term of office. We are looking to recruit two new trustees who will support our organisation going forward. As well as formal trustee responsibilities like Board meetings, and governance of MAYFACS, all our trustees take an interest / lead role in supporting particular areas of our work, drawing on their skills and experience. We particularly encourage interest from Five Ashes, and from those who have experience - perhaps as parent or carer - of our local schools, though stress we welcome all interest which reflects the wide diversity of our community.

If you would like us to send you further details, please email recruitment @mayfacs.org.uk or call 01435 873888 to speak to our Charity Manager.

MAYFACS RECRUITING NEW TRUSTEES
MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY!

Our Trustees play a vital role in making sure that MAYFACS achieves its core purpose and we are looking for new Trustees to join our Board.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US ON RECRUITMENT@MAYFACS.ORG.UK

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2026

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Celebrating 10 years of MAYFACS!!!

Fundraising for MAYFACS

Paint and Sip – Wednesday 22nd April 2026 7pm at The Middle House, Mayfield – This event is now fully booked!

Our next Paint and Sip event will take place on **Wednesday 24th June at Mayfield Cricket Club** – details will be released in April. Email freya@mayfacs.org.uk to confirm your place.

Lent Lunch – thank you to everyone who came along and supported the MAYFACS Lent Lunch in March and helped raise funds for our community activities.

Jumble Sale (Jan) – A huge thank you to everyone involved in our first Jumble Sale for MAYFACS back in January. With a team of over 30 volunteers involved on the day, and generous donations from everyone, we raised almost £1000 for MAYFACS!

Giving in Memory for MAYFACS – www.mayfacs.org.uk/givinginmemory

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.

Our website has a new section to give you more information on how to support MAYFACS through Legacy donations and Giving in Memory. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has donated to **MAYFACS** in memory of a loved one and are honoured to pay tribute to them within these pages.



Recycling your Ink Cartridges for MAYFACS

Don't forget that we are collecting empty ink cartridges, sending them off for recycling and turning them into funds for MAYFACS! To date we have had over £100 raised from 4 boxes sent off for recycling – not only raising funds for our charity, but also reducing landfill! Cartridges can either be dropped to MAYFACS office or to Mayfield Post Office (please note, toners are not accepted apologies!). Thank you!

Co-op Local Community Fund

MAYFACS are one of the collecting charities for Co-op Community Local Fund for the next 12 months (from Oct 25) which means the more people we get sign up as members of the Co-op, or the more existing members who choose to support us as their local cause, the more funds we receive.



Therefore, if you are already Co-op members and can go into your account and select MAYFACS as your local cause that would be amazing. If you aren't a member and would like to become one, please visit our website for more information on how to do this – or ask in store! Don't forget to sign into your account and choose MAYFACS!

The funding from Co-op Local Community Fund will support Youth activities within our community. THANK YOU.

MAYFACS 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! Please see posters on pages 6 & 7 of new activities and Trips.

NEW!!! Community Lunch Club launches for MAYFACS on Tuesday 5th May. Join us for a delicious, freshly cooked two-course meal where great food meets even better company—nutritious, welcoming, and open to everyone! At the tranquil venue of Mayfield Cricket Club from 12-2pm on the 1st Tuesday of every month from May. Transport will be available! Please contact us for more information.



Please note, the last Tuesday Afternoon Club (TAC) will take place on 7th April at Colkins Mill Church.



Art at the Shed returns for the summer months (April to September) on the 2nd Friday of the month – starting **Friday 10th April**. Join Sue and our new volunteer artist, Alex, as we enjoy the inspirational space at our Community Shed to create! 10-12pm, £5 per person. Materials all provided. No experience necessary!

CREATE @ The Shed also returns for a special one-off session with the fantastic Paul Crabtree from Black Core Studios – as he leads our young people with a screen-printing street art inspired workshop! **Saturday 4th April 10am – 12.30pm.**



£5 per person. Aimed at young people within our community (Years 6 +). Please book to avoid disappointment as spaces will be limited



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 Sheddors always welcome!

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

Our annual COMMUNITY Repair Café will take place at Five Ashes Village Hall on Saturday 18th April between 10am – 1pm (last repairs accepted 12.15pm)

This outreach café allows for us to support more repairs, reach more people within a more accessible venue, share more information, raise awareness of the café, and invite more of our community along for some delicious home-made cake on a Saturday morning!!! No repairs necessary to come along and see what its all about! www.facebook.com/mayfacsrepaircafe

Men on the Move is a weekly 'walk and talk' group for men, to bring people together to explore the local area together, build connections and get some low-level exercise!

Meet every Tuesday 9.30am (please contact us to confirm meet location each week as it may vary!). FREE TO ATTEND! Join the group and explore the local area. Sorry no dogs.

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.

Thurs 9th April: Hole Park Bluebells £22.50

Thurs 30th April: Pashley Manor Tulip Festival £26

Mon 11th May: Wakehurst Place £10



Come and join us for our minibus trip to Hole Park Bluebells in Kent
Thursday 9th April 2026
£22.50 per person email freya@mayfacs.org.uk or phone 01435 873888 to book a place



Come and join us for our minibus trip to Pashley Manor Tulip Festival
Thursday 30th April 2026
£26 per person email freya@mayfacs.org.uk or phone 01435 873888 to book a place

Gathering YOUR feedback on MAYFACS Support within our community

Have you, a friend or a loved one benefitted from the support of MAYFACS and our team of volunteers? Did one of our fantastic volunteers support you in a medical drive, or befriending role that made a huge difference? Do you attend one of our activities and value the connections and friendships made along the way?

In order to continue in our work, MAYFACS apply to grant providers to fund our support within Mayfield and Five Ashes, and a really important part of this is to demonstrate the impact that we make to individuals within our community. This can be included as short quotes, feedback thoughts, or stories from time spent together.

If you would be willing to share with us about how we have played a role in your, or a loved ones lives, please send us an email to info@mayfacs.org.uk, write a letter or note to MAYFACS and hand to one of our volunteers, activity leaders, or deliver to our office, or leave us a message via our website, facebook, Instagram or the traditional telephone! Your words really do mean a lot to us, and can make a huge difference to us gaining further funding support to keep doing what we do! Thank you!!!



Volunteering Opportunities – Community Car Drivers Needed!

Expenses are reimbursed for your costs of travel.

Our Community Car Service runs every day of the week for those who need to access medical appointments but cannot get there any other way. In the last 4 months, requests have increased by 60% which could mean an additional 200+ drives this year! More appointments are being scheduled for Saturdays to get people the medical care they need in hospitals that are getting through waiting lists. This means we really do need more help to support this vital service for our community.

Do you work Monday to Friday, and would love to volunteer for MAYFACS, but only available on Saturday's? Do you have any spare time to undertake a drive every now and then? Do you know if your Employers offer matched volunteering time as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility programme?

Community Car Volunteers can choose what how often they are available to drive for us and the more drivers we have, the more this shares the support needed. You can also choose whether you prefer to support local drives within our Parish or travel further afield. It really can be flexible around what you can offer. **Expenses are reimbursed for your costs of travel.**

The service is open to anyone who needs help getting to medical appointments, and it really does make a huge difference. For more information, please contact becky@mayfacs.org.uk.

Support Services

MAYFACS UKRAINE SUPPORT HUB: The support email address (Ukrainesupport@mayfacs.org.uk) continues to be available at all times and our phone line which is checked daily Monday to Friday (01435 873888) for any further support required, or please visit us at our office anytime to say hello. Our weekly **English Lessons** are at MAYFACS office every Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30 weekly at London House and are available for all our Ukrainian friends at various levels. Please contact the email

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



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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: manager@mayfacs.org.uk, freya@mayfacs.org.uk, clare@mayfacs.org.uk, becky@mayfacs.org.uk, finance@mayfacs.org.uk; theshed@mayfacs.org.uk, ukrainesupport@mayfacs.org.uk, info@mayfacs.org.uk; create@mayfacs.org.uk.



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.



Stay in touch with MAYFACS



Keep an eye on our window displays and noticeboards at London House, or follow us on our social media to stay up to date with information about MAYFACS and MAYFACS Shed



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Website www.mayfacs.org.uk



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Charity Registration 1166647





MAYFACS MONTHLY TRIPS

SCHEDULE JANUARY - JUNE 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)

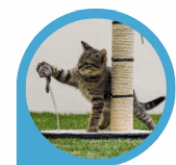


Direct bank transfer details: Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services (MAYFACS), Account Number 00029924, Sort Code 40 52 40

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 22nd Jan** Katharine Jennings Art in Rotherfield to do crafting £22
- Thurs 5th Feb** Bexhill Museum followed by Fish & Chip Lunch £25.50
- Thurs 5th Mar** Museum of Gardening in South Downs Nurseries £15
- Thurs 9th Apr** Hole Park to see the Bluebells £22.50
- Thurs 30th Apr** Pashley Manor Tulip Festival £26
- Mon 11th May** Wakehurst place -Trees for Bees talk and presentation and free entry to the gardens £10
- Thurs 4th June** National Cat Centre at Ashdown Forest £12.50



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

NEW

Tuesday Lunch Club: Starting 5th May 1st Tuesday of the month at Mayfield Cricket
Club, Mayfield 12-2pm. Nutritious home cooked meal and friendly company
provided. Please bring a small prize to share for the raffle. £8 per person



Wed

Little Munchkins Baby & Toddler Group: For all carers, parents & grandparents and
under fives. Every Wednesday, term time only in the Scout Hall 9-11 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

NEW

Moving Sounds (APR-SEPT): A musical activity to bring people together. Every 4th
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 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