

MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES COMMUNITY SERVICES

**ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR
FROM 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025**

TRUSTEES

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Registered Charity Number

1166647

MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES COMMUNITY SERVICES (MAYFACS)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2025

THE OBJECT OF THE TRUST

The organisation is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation – charity number 1166647. MAYFACS support the community of Mayfield and Five Ashes with a clear mandate to help alleviate loneliness and isolation by providing a range of activities for all ages, providing support and signposting to other organisations. We are striving to make our community an inclusive and welcoming environment, supporting one another, creating opportunities and working together for the benefit of all who live, work and are educated within our boundaries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial result for the period is stated in the income and expenditure account attached.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Income for this year was £122,879 (2024 - £94,711), with the substantial donations coming from a wide range of donors. We were particularly gratified to have been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Fund in 2022/23 for the 3 years commencing April 2022, from which we continue to benefit in the year under review. We are also pleased to continue to be generously supported by Mayfield Parish Council for a further year with a grant of £5,000 during the year as a contribution to staff costs. We have been the recipient too of £3,000 from Wealden to support our work with Ukraine refugees in the community.

Importantly we continue to receive a wide number of donations from individuals in the community to a total of over £17,238 including gift aid for unrestricted use and a further £1,775 for specific activities such as our Ukrainian Support Fund and activities within the Community Shed. We received in total donations and grants of £86,244 (2024 - £55,158) for restricted purposes for projects that are key to the development of the charity's aims. A full list of donors is noted in Notes 6 & 7 of the accounts.

MAYFACS now runs 17 regular groups/activities, with more than 250 individuals attending at least one, on a regular basis. New activities such as Men on the Move, our men's walk and talk group, MAYFACS Moving Sounds – an opportunity for people to get more active to music and instruments, and our youth activities with CREATE @ the Shed, have been a fantastic addition this past year to our schedule. This has allowed for us to reach new people, of all ages, and to create new ways for individuals to connect with each other.

We have been introducing more intergenerational activities, working together with local primary schools and the village pre-school to bring different ages together. This has been so lovely to watch the interaction from both the children and the adults and often brings a completely different engagement in our groups.

Our Community Shed, which also includes a community garden, Bee hives and an orchard, has become a sanctuary down at Merrieweathers Farm, with Shedders learning new skills, exploring new interests, and generally having a lovely time together. For a second year, our own MAYFACS honey was produced and used as a fundraising means for the project. The Orchard has developed and flourished, now

with 42 apple trees of many varieties growing well. We continue to welcome the local pre-school to the orchard for end of year celebrations, as well as lambs helping to maintain the grass levels.

The Community Garden has doubled in size over the winter season, now with 8 beds growing lots of vegetables ready for our produce table in the summer months. The garden has attracted a new pool of 'shedders' who come to work on the beds and also learn skills including willow weaving and supporting the bee keeping.

Our monthly repair cafés are a fantastic way of reusing and repairing items, and last year completed over 110 repairs. With their recent addition of providing a sharpening service for tools and kitchen items, we hope to increase the services and fundraising they deliver.

Create @ The Shed – our monthly Youth activity, has reached over 40 secondary aged young people, from over 14 different schools. This has really highlighted to us just how spread the secondary school reach is from our community and how important it is to bring these young people together in a safe environment to re-connect and explore new activities together. The support from local creative individuals offering their time to deliver a session for our young people has been so wonderful.

With sessions including monoprinting, graffiti art, paint pouring, bead making and, coming soon, a youth shed/woodworking double session, the group has really become a firm favourite in our regular activities – so much so that the parents are wanting to also get involved! This has led to the introduction of our very popular Paint and Sip evenings – an opportunity to be inspired by incredible artwork and create your own painting to take home with you! These are fundraising events now quarterly, but have been a way for us to reach new people, of all ages, and welcome them to our MAYFACS community.

This year, we have called upon local individuals and businesses to attend Dementia Awareness training – because gaining an understanding of how we can help those living with dementia, can make a huge difference to not only the individuals, but their family and friends. Statistics state that 1 in 11 people over 65 in the UK have dementia – and this will increase, which makes it so important for us to increase our support for those living with dementia within our Parish.

We are so proud to have trained for FREE over 60 individuals, and we are urging more people to gain this awareness training and direct people to further local training or online equivalents. We also held a more intensive Learning from Living with Dementia for 24 individuals over 2 days, really understanding from people living with

dementia, how we can improve our communications and support. Local businesses who have received this training now display their Wealden Dementia Action Alliance stickers in their windows, helping to build a more dementia friendly community.

Our aim for the coming year is to deliver deaf awareness training, which will not only improve our community for those who are hard of hearing, or living with hearing loss, but also for people living with dementia, as hearing loss is a significant risk factor for developing dementia. We are currently working with East Sussex Hearing to deliver monthly hearing aid maintenance support locally, and this is a service which has already been a huge success. We have also booked an initial 6-week British Sign Language (BSL) course for our team and volunteers later this year, to ensure we improve our awareness and our communications to be more inclusive to those with hearing loss.

Our Community Car Service continues to be a lifeline to many who would not be able to access their medical appointments any other way. With the reduction of the only bus service to our community to one per hour, vulnerable individuals are not able to use public transport for their appointments with the long wait for public transport and our drive support has increased to over 430 drives in the last year alone, and this is rapidly increasing into this new year. Our drivers not only provide the transport, but also the companionship and support that the passengers need after appointments. A safe friend to travel home with. The service is so valuable, we have now started the process to recruit a dedicated co-ordinator for this service to increase the service we provide.

An aspect of MAYFACS work that is often not realised is in how we can ensure people get further support and assistance when they need it. We often say, if we cannot help an individual ourselves, we will know someone who can. Whether people need financial or food support, care support, access to transport and community car support, Computer and IT support, befriending and companionship, or just don't know who else to turn to for information. MAYFACS are there to assist with all of these needs, either ourselves, or by signposting people to other organisations and professionals who can help. Being a friendly face and building trust within our community has meant that people contact us for that first stage of support. And that first step is so important.

We work closely with local medical practices in referrals for support and this will continue to improve as we move towards being in the same community centre premises. We refer 2-3 food bank requests each week, and signpost to local community fridges/pantries. We also have our own produce table outside our office during the summer months, with fresh produce from our community garden, available for the community to select and use.

What really makes our MAYFACS Community strong is our Volunteers, of which we have over 140 volunteers, giving over 2400 hours of their time, and making a difference in so many different ways. Last year our volunteers supported and interacted with over 650 individuals.

When asked in a recent survey about why they volunteer for MAYFACS, the 4 biggest responses were

1. To support our local community
2. As a way to make new friends and connections
3. To use existing skills and experiences
4. To do something purposeful with free time

What our volunteers have also achieved on top of all they do for other people, is to build social connections and friendships along the way. We have been developing our volunteer engagement with regular volunteer coffee mornings and volunteer social events because we know how important our volunteers are to help deliver our services and support, but also how our volunteers also benefit from their roles as much as those they work with. By providing additional training opportunities (eg first aid, dementia awareness etc) and ways for our volunteers to interact with each other, we are also ensuring that they are being supported, reducing their loneliness and building community connections.

Being more financially sustainable is a huge focus for us in this coming year as we have finished our 3-year grant with the National Lottery Community Fund. We have spent the past year building our funding strategy, introducing new income streams and looking at how we fundraise. The recruitment of a bookkeeper has been a huge benefit, to be able to properly analyse our finances and set clear budgets, targets and structure to our strategy. The financial support of core costs for our charity proves ever harder to secure, which is why our fundraising and a mix of income streams will be as important as some of the restricted project related grants we receive.

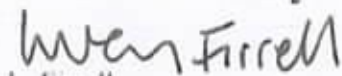
We enter this new funding period with good reserves in place to be able to sustain us whilst we develop and implement the new funding strategies, and ensure that all our support, activities and services continue to be there for our community.

TRUSTEES

It is with great admiration that the Trustees thank the existing management team for what they achieve, led by Lucy Jervis who, since taking up the post of Manager in February 2022, has provided great leadership to the organisation. The team has been joined by Gill Lawday in mid-2024 as the organisation's bookkeeper. The cadre of trustees has been stable throughout the year.

Further, the Trustees take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the charity, not only as volunteers but others in the community, by publicising our activities and by helping us in a myriad of different ways.

On behalf of the Trustees



L. Firrell
Hon Chairman

24 September 2025

**MAYFIELD AND FIVES ASHES COMMUNITY SERVICES
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025	2024
INVESTMENTS			
CAF Bank	2	124,914	100,835
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	1,120	1,479
Cash at CAF Bank and in Hand	3	7,329	2,294
Deduct		8,449	3,773
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry Creditors	5	2,239	2,200
NET CURRENT ASSETS		6,210	1,573
NET ASSETS		<u>131,124</u>	<u>102,408</u>
RESERVES			
Unrestricted Funds	8	73,970	66,576
Restricted Funds	8	57,154	35,832
TOTAL RESERVES		<u>131,124</u>	<u>102,408</u>

**MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES COMMUNITY SERVICES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	2024
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations & Grants	6/7	17,238	86,244	103,482	76,534
Service Charges	7	11,109	4,865	15,974	15,270
Other Income		3,423	-	3,423	2,907
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>31,770</u>	<u>91,109</u>	<u>122,879</u>	<u>94,711</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>					
Support Costs	7	7,244	18,079	25,323	31,157
<u>Other Expenditure</u>					
Management and Administration		17,132	51,708	68,840	60,065
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>24,376</u>	<u>69,787</u>	<u>94,163</u>	<u>91,222</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>7,394</u>	<u>21,322</u>	<u>28,716</u>	<u>3,489</u>
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2024		66,576	35,832	102,408	102,408
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31ST MARCH 2025		<u>73,970</u>	<u>57,154</u>	<u>131,124</u>	<u>102,408</u>

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those dealt with in the statement of financial activities

Approved

L. Firrell
Chairman

C Marshall
Hon Treasurer

29 September

MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES COMMUNITY SERVICES
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.
b) Income is accounted for when received with the exception of tax recoverable on donations.

	2025	2024
	£	£
2 Investments		
CAF Bank	124,914	100,835

3 Bank & Cash		
CAF Cash	7,329	2,294
Petty Cash	-	-
	<u>7,329</u>	<u>2,294</u>

4 Debtors		
Prepayments & Repayments for Services	-	-
Tax recoverable	1,120	1,479
	<u>1,120</u>	<u>1,479</u>

5 Creditors		
Payments in Advance and Sundry Creditors	2,239	2,200

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	2025	2024
Donations & Grants	6,660	7,500
Sundry Receipts	10,578	13,876
	<u>17,238</u>	<u>21,376</u>

			Restricted		
	Contribution	Contribution			
	in Year -	in Year -	Balance b/f	Expenditure	Balance c/f
	Grants &	Fees &	2024	in Year	2025
	Donations	Payments			
7 Car Service - Mayfield Community Cars Development Fund	-	-	3,789	(490)	3,299
Community Hardship Fund - Private Donors	-	-	5,850	(2,279)	3,571
Dementia Project - Dr John Hall Trust & others	-	-	14,893	(560)	14,333
National Lottery Community Fund - RC London & South East Region	46,708	-	-	(46,708)	-
Office Refurbishment - Private Donors	-	-	4,675	-	4,675
Ukraine Support Fund - Wealden	3,010	10	428	(3,448)	-
Ukraine Support Fund - Private Donors	1,125	-	1,639	(2,352)	412
Community Fridge Support - 3VA	(300)	-	300	-	-
Community Shed Project - Private Donors	350	4,425	4,258	(3,968)	5,065
Community Garden	300	-	-	-	300
Orchard Grant (Wealden Sustainability)	1,005	-	-	(110)	895
Fidelity Youth Grant	1,000	430	-	(1,140)	290
Sussex Community Fund	8,732	-	-	(3,276)	5,456
3VA Micro Grant	220	-	-	-	220
Tackling Inequality through Physical Activity	4,094	-	-	(456)	3,638
Mayfield Parish Council	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-
Hollick Family Foundation	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
	<u>86,244</u>	<u>4,865</u>	<u>35,832</u>	<u>(69,787)</u>	<u>57,154</u>

8 Reserves

	Unrestricted	Restricted
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	7,394	21,322
Add: Balance brought forward 1 April 2024	66,576	35,832
Balance carried forward 31 March 2025	<u>73,970</u>	<u>57,154</u>

9 Allocation of Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted
Investments	67,760	57,154
Net current assets	6,210	-
	<u>73,970</u>	<u>57,154</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name:

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES COMMUNITY SERVICES

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2015

Charity no
(if any)

1166647

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2015

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Paul Mark FEA F281

Date:

31/5/2015

Name:

PAUL MARK FEA F281

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow of Inspectors of Charities
Associations in England & Wales

Address:

THE FIVE, MAYFIELD, TOWN 66W

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE.

Paul M.

31/5/23