

Registered Charity Number
1171983
England & Wales

Mark Cross Community Centre
Annual Report & Accounts
for the year ended
31 March 2025

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Mark Cross Community Centre Charity Information

Trustees Rotherfield Parish Council (Sole Custodian Trustee)

Treasurer

Rotherfield Parish Council (Sole Custodian Trustee)

Bankers

Metro Bank plc

Registered office

Mark Cross Community Centre
St Mark's Church
Mark Cross,
Crowborough,
East Sussex
TN6 3PR

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Mark Cross Community Centre Trustees' Report

Legal status

Mark Cross Community Centre (MCCC) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity's Commission under registration no: 1171983 on the 10th March 2017

Charity Objectives

To provide a community centre facility for the whole community.

Achievements and Performance

As of September 2024, Rotherfield Parish Council took over the Charity as Sole Custodian Trustee. All the previous Trustees wished to stand down at the same time. The Parish Council has taken a while to get all the finances sorted, particularly the complicated accounting of the previous trustees in relation to the status of the Charity hiring the Mark Cross Community Centre. The Council has switched the accounting system to Receipts and Payments, which it believes is appropriate for a charity of this size and objective. **It is very much a fresh start to the accounting and record keeping for the charity.**

The Charity continues to act successfully as a Community Centre, with regular bookings each day. We have been pleased to welcome new regular hirers since the April Council assumed responsibility for the charity.

Youth Club

The idea of a youth club for the young people of Mark Cross and the surrounding area originated in 2019 and had its first session early 2020, but the club had a bumpy start with COVID restrictions coming soon after. However, the Youth Club continues to grow from single figures to the present day, where there are regularly 18 - 19 young people attending, with a waiting list. The Parish Council continues to support the Youth Club with the existing arrangements of free use of the hall and fundraising support.

The youth club sessions are on a fortnightly basis during term time, with the focus on free time, no pressure and "be" the young people that they are, all within a safe, inclusive space. The objectives are to support young people aged 10 to 14 years, enabling them to remain in contact, maintain friendships and build further bonds with others that they may not have been able to socialise with, prior to and going up to senior school. The Youth Club has become an important place for young people who may not have had the opportunity to maintain and foster long-term friendships. As a result, this contributes to positivity, supporting mental health, socialisation and peer connection.

Sinking Fund

This condition under the lease and faculty has been changed so that the sinking fund contribution is no longer necessary. The Contribution of £1,000 is now available upon request from the PCC of the Parish of Rotherfield with Mark Cross. The Parish Council and the PCC have worked collaboratively, both materially and financially, to develop and improve the Community Centre.

The previously restricted funds have now been moved back into the general reserves.

Banking Arrangements

The Community Centre continues to bank with Metro Bank PLC

Future

The Community centre is currently seeking new customers to fill the available vacant time slots and to maximise the Charity's future income. The Community Centre, working with the PCC and the Parish Council, is looking at improving the audiovisual system in the Community Centre.

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Trustees' Report**

Reserves policy

The MCCC does not own any physical assets except the cash at the bank of £22,816.00. Reserves are required to meet the normal everyday running costs and therefore, no reserve policy is currently in place.

Approved by the Trustees on.....29th January 25.....and signed on their behalf by:

A. S. Hardy.....

Adam J Hardy

Rotherfield Parish Council - Parish Clerk & RFO

MARK CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
Rotherfield Parish Council Sole Custodian Trustee (from September 2025)

31.3.25

Hire	£	5,622
Grants	£	269
Trns from Deposit	£	5,059
Credir Interest	£	602
Total Income	£	11,552

Dec & Repair	£	5,808
Fire Protection	£	234
Electricity & Gas	£	3,115
Water	£	-
Rates	£	642
Insurance	£	304
Cleaning	£	1,878
Misc	£	1,591
Transfer to Deposit	£	1,405
Total Expenditure	£	14,979

Surplus/Deficit **-£** **3,426**

Opening Banks	£	26,243
Surplus/Deficit	-£	3,426
Closing Banks	£	22,817