



Summer 2026

Fundraising News

Dear Supporters, Trusts, Foundations, Friends, Families and Mount Community,

I hope you are very well and enjoying the summer so far.

For those that aren't aware already, after twenty years here at The Mount under various guises, I am retiring this Summer. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to my successor, Emma Dolman, who started several weeks ago. I know I am leaving you in excellent hands – we have been lucky to have had a few weeks overlap and a good handover for all the fundraising work. So, for the last time, I have pleasure in updating you on all fundraising activities here at The Mount.

Our New Fundraising Appeal is The Green Agenda Mobility Initiative



Launched at our recent Summer Festival, we are hoping to raise **£25,000** for a fleet of E-bikes, an E-cargo bike and timber charging hub and storage sheds. The Mount's Green Agenda refers to our long-term commitment to sustainability, including reducing carbon emissions, promoting environmentally responsible

practices, and embedding ecological awareness into daily community life. The initiative represents a key step in delivering that vision. Since the campaign launch on 20 June 2026, we have raised just under £7,000 (27% of the target) through a combination of summer festival takings, donations and sales.

At The Mount, everyone is encouraged to live in conscious awareness of the earthly materials and spiritual resources we share. Across our households, biodynamic gardens, and craft workshops, we strive to move from passive consumers to active caretakers. This first e-bike initiative propels us forward in the bigger proactive plan.

To date, as well as smaller donations, two generous donors have funded the purchase of one entire e-bike each (c. £2k). **If you'd be interested in doing similar, we'd love to hear from you.**

We've got plenty more fundraising ideas and events in motion. **Please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more and have ideas of how to help and spread the word. Together we hope to reach our target by the end of the year.**

[Please click here to see more details and make a donation through Just Giving](#)

Summer Festival 2026

With a bumper number of attendees this year, our summer festival was a wonderful occasion with music, food, stalls, sunshine and a lovely social time with many of you. The whole community enjoyed dancing, singing, serving on the stalls and chatting. We were delighted to see so many well-known and new faces at The Mount. And thank you very much for helping us to raise a fantastic £3,326 towards our new fundraising appeal for the Green Agenda. The raffle stall - which many of our generous families both ran and donated prizes to again this year - was a great success and raised over £800! Thank you!



Our current campaign: The Mount Camphill Community New Build

We are delighted to report that we have this week received planning permission for our new structure in the grounds of The Mount. A log cabin property made by Norwegian Log in sustainably sourced, Norwegian spruce timber will offer sustainable living, including air source heat pump and solar panels. The cabin will be situated in The Mount's grounds and will provide two dedicated therapy rooms and bathroom in peaceful surroundings. This will replace the use of a student bedroom on campus and the library for therapies. The property will provide living accommodation for one senior coworker, freeing up much needed living space for two long-term co-living coworkers in our main college building, and a student room. The student bedrooms are at a premium, particularly as sole occupancy is now often required by students.



The Mount Camphill Community charity has committed £250,000 to make this new build a reality. And we have now launched **The Mount's New Build Fundraising project** to raise the remaining £200,000. We have accepted this fundraising challenge within The Mount Camphill Community – and **now seek support from those who share our vision**. We believe we will meet our challenge with donations from major donors, friends and supporters of The Mount.

All contributions will be recognised and celebrated, and we will also be delighted to offer to plant a tree in our grounds for those donations of £25,000 or more.

Frazer's half marathon challenge

A big shout out to my husband Frazer, who despite having a back injury during his training, ran the Brighton half marathon in April. He completed the race in under two hours and raised over £4,500 in sponsorship towards The Mount's New Build appeal with an additional £250 contribution from Inizio his employer.



If you feel inspired to take part in a challenge for and on behalf of The Mount, please contact fundraising, and we can send you a copy of our fundraising pack and give you advice on how to organise sponsorship.



College 3 Biography Retreat 2026

Six students in their final year of College, and accompanying co-workers, spent five days in June in Suffolk on their residential retreat having reached their fundraising target of £5,000. I hear they had a great time exploring the area and sharing their biographies. They organised fundraising events, including a sponsored walk event at Bedgebury forest, as well as receiving many generous donations. *A big thank you from the College 3 students.*

Wadhurst Warriors support

Huge gratitude to this local charity who organise local community events in Wadhurst to raise much needed funds for local organisations. We were lucky enough to receive two donations recently - £1000 towards the Trim Trail appeal and more recently £1000 towards the College 3 biography retreat appeal. They are an amazing bunch of volunteers who work hard to support local schools and community groups, including us! Here they are donating their cheque to some of our College 3 students.



Updates on recently closed appeals:

Pond House swimming pool refurbishment and recommissioning costs – From this... ..To this



Thank you to all our very generous donors, who have helped us transform the outdoor swimming pool cover and pool house – I think you will agree it looks stunning and will be particularly useful for co-housers in this hot weather. All Lifeguard Training has been completed.

The Trim Trail

We were delighted to raise £35,000 towards equipment for an enticing circuit that can be used by everyone here to help fitness and mobility. Some pieces are already installed – and in action by co-housers and staff ! We will update you when the remaining pieces are installed and on how the Trim Trail is being used within the curriculum and daily routines.



Thank you to the trusts and foundations that supported this appeal – Southover Manor Trust, The Lawson Trust, Hermes Trust, Wadhurst Warriors, as well as many other very generous private individuals.

Become a Friend of The Mount

With the fully automated sign-up facility on our website it is very easy to become a regular Friend of The Mount.

The regular Friends donations are absolutely vital in supporting the work we do. It is from these regular monthly or annual donations that we can offer a richer, fuller life for all our young adults. It is with these regular donations that we are able to save up for much needed equipment in the college and cohousing. Previously we have been able to buy our hall chairs, the garden rotovator, the 24 metres long polytunnel, 2 covered market stalls, the new bakery mixer and more recently the outdoor wooden pergola.

For more information please click through here:
[The Mount Camphill Community - Friends Of The Mount.](#)

We feel very supported to now have 42 Friends who give to us regularly – thank you to each and every one of you – you are making a huge difference to community life. **We would love to double that number to 80.**

As always, if you would like to hear more about any of our fundraising work or would like advice on how to organise your own fundraising event, or just to talk about our work at The Mount Camphill Community and forthcoming plans, please feel free to contact Emma Dolman emma.dolman@mountcamphill.org.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Warmest wishes for a lovely summer,



Vicky Hall
Fundraiser for The Mount

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please email Emma Dolman and we will remove you from our mailing list.

Other simple ways we'd be so grateful for your help

Spread the Word

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us by sharing this newsletter and information contained within with your family, friends and colleagues and help us to spread the word about our fundraising endeavours. As you are aware, we strive to provide the fullest possible life for those who we live and work with. Our main operating costs are met through government funding, but the personalised enriched experience we hope to offer is only possible through the funding we receive from voluntary donations and fundraising.

Shop and Support

Easyfundraising allows you to donate to The Mount when you shop online, at no cost to you.

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk.
2. Choose The Mount Camphill Community to support, then join for free.
3. Put in the retailer's name that you wish to shop with to check it is listed.
4. Start shopping – shop online as normal.
5. The Mount will receive free donations. Donation percentage varies from retailer to retailer. Remember that you will always need to log in via www.easyfundraising.org.uk for this to work each time.

Gift Aid

As you may know, completing a Gift Aid form for donations you have made to The Mount, enables us to boost these by reclaiming 25p of tax on every £1 that we receive, at no cost to you! To be able to do this you need to be a UK taxpayer. Please use the gift aid form on our fundraising pages (*How you can help*) on our website or ask Emma for a form.



Our current fundraising appeal

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/greenagendamobilityinitiative6-26>.

Please keep us in mind, your help is so much appreciated!