

Summer 2024

Fundraising News

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

Despite being let down by the British summer, our Plan B kicked in and we held an extremely successful busy indoor Summer Festival! What a lovely occasion it was, and attended by so many families and friends, old and new and from near and far – it was wonderful to see so many of you. We're still counting the proceeds, but approximate takings total over £5,600 from sales of workshop products, the raffle and tombola, enterprise goods, Mexican food stall, refreshments, the BBQ and crafts. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, including our generous raffle prize donors:

- *Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest***
- *Nizels Health Club* Knowle Grange* Bewl Water***
- *Uplands Sports Centre* Faircrouch Garage***
- *Secret Cellar* Lorna K Hair Salon***
- *Weald Smokery* Sankeys Fish Restaurant***
- *Seasons Café* King John's Nursery* Simply Indian***
- *Piccolo Café* Hamblys Natural Health Centre***
- *James Barbers***



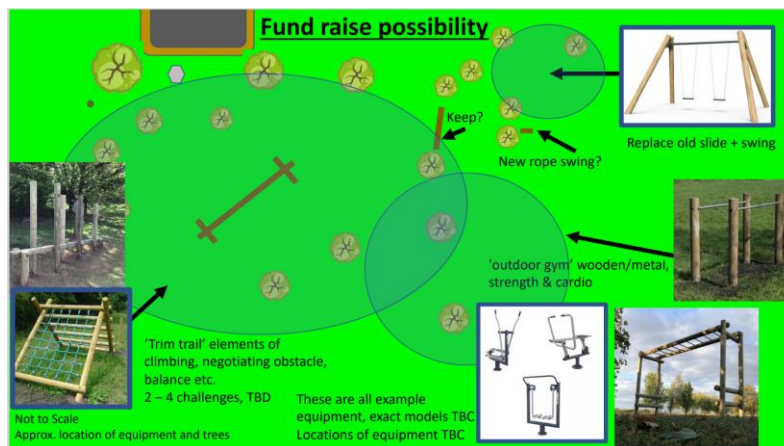
Trim Trail

We launched our new fundraising appeal for outdoor Trim Trail apparatus to have in the grounds at The Mount.

We are aiming to raise £35,000 for a variety of apparatus to create an outdoor fitness area promoting exercise and physical fitness for everyone here, including balancing, climbing, swinging and hanging equipment.

To read more about our movement sessions, keeping fit and the need for this, and to make a donation please click

on the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/outdoortrimtrail>.
 Please do share this information with your family, friends and colleagues.
 These are a couple of examples of the sort of apparatus we are hoping to buy.



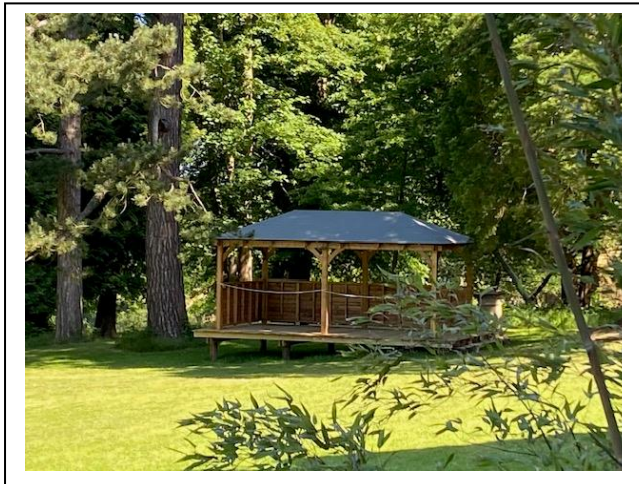
Minibus fundraising appeal –
 A huge thank you - we've reached the grand total of £65,000 to buy our brand-new minibus and train staff to drive the 14-seater. So many of you kindly donated and everyone here at The Mount has been overwhelmed by the generosity towards this appeal. So many innovative and brilliant fundraising initiatives from sponsored runs, walks, digs, family day proceeds, birthday donations, dinners and tuck

shop proceeds. We have also had successful funding applications and received grants from The Albert Hunt Trust, The WO Street Foundation and The National Lottery Community Fund which help endorse the need and the work of The Mount. As you can imagine, there is a lot of excitement at the prospect of getting the new vehicle and we hope that this will be purchased very soon. The old minibus we are replacing, will be donated to a nominated charity in Tanzania, at the Mwanangu special school.

Friends of The Mount

Our main operating costs are met through government funding, but the personalised, enriched experience we hope to offer our students and cohousers is only possible through the monies we receive from voluntary donations and fundraising. We are very lucky to be supported by our Friends who give to us regularly – thank you so much for making this ongoing commitment and enabling us to save up for much needed equipment in the college and cohousing. This year, we have been able to buy our outdoor wooden Pergola which has been built and is now in situ. Many thanks to our own Chris and Henrie van Rooij who

hand crafted the base and assembled this lovely outbuilding. We envisage many years of enjoying this chill-out place.



We would also like to thank our generous neighbours Sasha & Antony, who so kindly donated a pool table to replace the old snooker table on the landing. There are many happy students and cohousers enjoying playing and improving their pool game skills! We are now looking to buy new brighter overhead lighting.



Unfortunately, after many years, the bakery mixer broke down! Thanks to our Friends donations we have been able to replace this critical piece of industrial machinery, used weekly by cohousers in their weekly production of loaves for the community and Enterprise, and the college for their bakery sessions. We are anticipating use of this will increase with the development of our Enterprise initiative getting underway.



If you are inspired, hearing about how our Friends support The Mount, and would like to learn more, you can find out more from our website www.mountcamphill.org and if you would like to sign up to become a regular donor click on this link <https://app.donorfy.com/form/FAVJV0WX00/E67R0>.

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, please feel free to contact me vicky.hall@mountcamphill.org.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Summer ahead.
Warmest wishes,



Vicky Hall
Fundraiser for The Mount

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