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Fundraising News

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

Festive greetings to you and your families, I hope you have a wonderful peaceful Christmas-time.

I have pleasure in sending you our bi-annual newsletter to update you on what is happening in fundraising here at The Mount. There is plenty to tell you about and ways you can help!

On behalf of everyone here, I would like to thank all of you who have so generously supported our fundraising endeavours during the year and to those of you who give on a regular basis having signed up as a Friend of The Mount. It means a lot to us.

I am delighted to let you know that we have just launched our **Minibus Fundraising Appeal** to raise funds to replace our existing twenty year old vehicle, which is on its last legs, with a brand new model. We need to find £65,000 to cover the cost of the minibus and training for staff to be able to drive the 14-seater.

As well as raising money at our Christmas Family



Day, we will be seeking support from many different sources. Our cohousers and students will also be actively helping to fundraise. If you would like to make a donation or find out how you can help to raise funds, please feel free to contact me or use the following link

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/minibusappealthemount>.

The minibus is part of our daily life here and enables all our young people to be transported to offsite activities that they choose to take part in, enriching

their timetable and lives, such as swimming lessons, camping trips, outings at the weekend, sailing lessons, outward bound courses, to name but a few.

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Students and cohousers this term have requested that our Friends' regular donations are put towards replacing the old snooker table, which is accessed by all those in their spare time who enjoy playing, with a **new pool table**. This has been given the go ahead and research has been done to purchase the new item. We will be selling the old one and the money made will also be put towards the new pool table.



Plans for our **Pergola construction** at The Mount which is being bought by Friends of The Mount donations are underway, with a working party appointed who will make the base out of sustainable, recycled materials. The location on the back lawn here has been confirmed and the Pergola kit will be ordered in the new year. This will be a wonderful sheltered hang out space for students, cohousers and coworkers to enjoy the outdoors in all weathers.

The Mount's website has recently undergone a revamp and we think our pages are looking a lot more up to date with more recent photographs and information. Do take a look and see what you think (www.mountcamphill.org). This is the interim stage before we launch the final version next year. We will soon be adding a facility to make online one-off donations or regular payments directly to The Mount, saving on paper, postage and admin! We will keep you informed when this is complete.

With the festive season upon us, can I remind you that when you do your online Christmas shopping to use **Easyfundraising** which is a very easy way to donate to The Mount at no extra cost to you. Please follow the instructions outlined on the sheet overleaf.

As always, if you would like to hear more about anything mentioned in this newsletter do please contact me on **vicky.hall@mountcamphill.org**.

Very best Christmas wishes and a happy New Year to you and your families,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. J. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'V'.

Vicky Hall, fundraising at The Mount

A few other things to let you know about: Simple ways to help

Current fundraising campaign on Just Giving and the link

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/minibusappealthemount>

Become a Friend of The Mount

We feel very supported as we now have over 40 Friends who give to us regularly – thank you to each and every one of you – you are making a huge difference to our life here. You can give regular donations by becoming a Friend and it is with these regular donations we are able to save up for much needed equipment in the college and cohousing. Previously we have been able to buy the bakery oven, our hall chairs, the canteles, garden rotovator, the 24-metres long polytunnel, 2 covered market stalls, the Pergola and now the pool table.

Our leaflet – *Become a Friend of the Mount*, sets out how you can become a regular donor to support the young people at The Mount. Let me know if you would like to receive a copy to complete.

Easyfundraising is an easy way to donate to The Mount when you do your online shopping. Follow these easy steps and support us 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 let us know if you would like to receive a form to complete and we can send this to you.

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