



Mountfield Village Hall

Report for Mountfield Parish Assembly, 2022

Mountfield Village Hall is arguably the most important building in the village and a vital community resource. Thanks to a programme of planning and investment, Mountfield Village Hall is now one of the best equipped village halls in East Sussex offering:

- new easy-to-use, up to the minute, online booking system
- flexible hall, stage and amenities;
- integral state-of-the-art, fully wireless, audio-visual system...
- electronic built-in 10' large screen;
- Blu-Ray;
- high-speed broadband providing up to 150 Mb/s;
- well equipped kitchen and catering facilities;
- modern toilets including disabled and baby-changing facilities;
- extensive parking;
- and the lovely rural village setting among the trees and Wealden views.

Like everything else, the Village Hall is facing an uncertain future with the impacts of inflation generally and energy costs in particular. In October, before those costs hit the headlines, our electricity supplier offered a 100% increase renewal of our 3-year contract! Our treasurer, Neil Whines, finally managed to find renewal at only 77% increase. We expect these factors to affect bookings as well as costs and charges. Fortunately, Government offered support grants during Covid which, in order to support the local community we passed on to users in the form of free booking for all events in year ended March 31st this year. The grants also provided welcome extra financial resilience in these uncertain times.

The Village Hall Committee has traditionally organised a Children's Christmas Party and the Mountfield Family Bonfire and Fireworks. After a one-year gap, the 2021 Family Bonfire was a great success, equalling pre-Covid gate figures. We hope to restore the Children's Christmas Party this year.

Mountfield Village Hall is a Charitable Trust* managed by a hard-working team of volunteer Trustees who would welcome support from anybody who would like to contribute either as a Trustee, a member of the Management Committee or as an occasional volunteer or helper — if only to let a tradesman in or show someone round. Please contact any of the trustees:

**Steve Smith, *Chairman*, Lucy Smith, *Secretary*, Neil Whines, *Treasurer*,
Steve Oakley, Peter Miles, Nick Randall**

*Mountfield Village Hall Charitable Foundation is registered with The Charity Commission, Registered Charity Number 305282. Mountfield Village Hall Charitable Trust was created under the terms of a Deed of donation when the buildings and land were donated to the community by Commander Hugh Sydney Egerton of Mountfield Court in 1965.