

Mendlesham Community Charity Annual Parish Meeting Report

19 April 2022 Main Hall 7.30pm

How good to be standing here after 2 years of not being able to meet!

We have used our time well – regrouped, changed our name from a Council to a Charity, updated our constitution and had our first major event in March – a Live Band (which was a great success!).

Last year we conducted a survey about how people saw the MCC in the future and the ways in which we could improve. We hope we have met all those expectations.

We have a new group of trustees to oversee the work of the charity and **different ways of working**.

To fund raise we are looking for volunteers to run events for us and with us. We will share our expertise and experience, help with risk assessment and planning and ensure that you are fully insured. Already these events are being publicised in our Newsletter.

To receive financial support from us that will benefit the community, just ask. Tells us why you need it, how it will help the community and we will be all ears.

To make an application, just go on to our webpage (soon to be our own website) and complete the Event Planner/Support form and it will be discussed at the next monthly **trustee meeting**.

Our ongoing support for the 50:50 Charity Shop and Tote Tickets continues and we'd like to thank the teams who run these as they were our main income during the pandemic.

The groups who have received this year include The Writers Group, The URC Craft Fair planned for 2 May and the street parties to be held in Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

We now hold **General Meetings** during the year to be sure that we hear from you and you hear from us. The last one was held in March. Look out for the next one in September.

We hope that, in conjunction with volunteers, there will be a **Street Fair in 2023** as this is a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy and all organisations within the village to get together and raise funds for various charities within the community and national organisations. We are looking for someone to take up this challenge.

We would like to do more so please let us have your ideas and support.

We look forward to the Mendlesham Community Centre Trust inviting us to contribute towards the development of plans for a new community centre, given that the MCC started from fundraising activities to build the first one so long ago.

Let us know what you think.

Contact any of the Trustees – we are listed in the Newsletter. Sally Lovatt is our Treasurer, we are looking for a new Secretary and soon I will be standing down as Lead Trustee and there will be new Chairperson. So if you would like to join the Board of Trustees, please do not hesitate to contact us. There is an application form which you can print off on our Webpage on the Parish Council Website.

Wishing us all a good 2022 and even better 2023.

Judith Howard-Rees Lead Trustee