

June 2021

## Fundraising News

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

We hope you are well and life and work are starting to return to some sort of normality. It seems a while since we were last in touch at Christmas, and we have lots of positive news to tell you!

### Pond House

It is a tremendous pleasure to now let you know that we have reached 89% of our journey towards our fundraising appeal for the refurbishment, extension and renovation of our lovely house, raising £545,000. With recent donations from the Oliver Ford Foundation, The Albert Hunt Trust, Edward Gostling Foundation and the WO Street Trust, we are now supported by 15 trusts & foundations, as well as many generous altruistic donations and continuing support from our own internal fundraising campaigns. We are lining things up in preparation and hoping and expecting that the building work will start in July.



### Crowdfunding Appeal

We are just about to launch our first ever crowdfunding appeal – **Close the Gap** – on UK Virgin Money Giving - our aim is to raise £20,000 towards the refurbishment, fixtures and fittings for Pond House. Two of The Mount's cohousers have worked tirelessly on a video clip to tell you why fundraising for Pond House is so important to them and what it will mean to them to live in the village of Wadhurst. Please use this link to find out more and make your

donation <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity/web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=pondhouseclosehegap>.

### College 3 fundraising

We are also thrilled to share with you that a recent College 3 fundraising initiative has raised over £1000 for

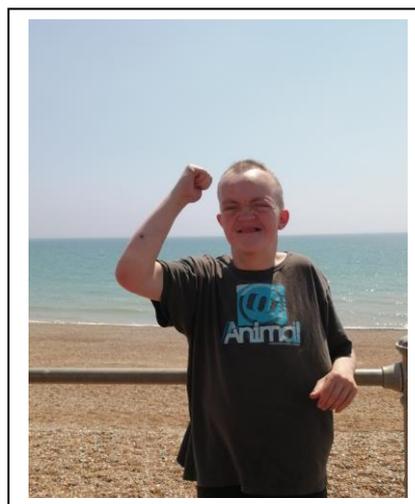


their biography retreat.



Two of our students, successfully completed sponsored activities during their half term holiday. Not only is this a fantastic amount to raise but demonstrates their amazing strength,

determination and courage. They have nominated the remaining funds left over from their college celebration event, to go towards other Mount fundraising appeals.



### Thank you to our Friends Community

Thank you so very much for your faithful and ongoing support which has been so helpful. It is through your example that we have been able to reach out to others through our recent mailing of the new Friends leaflet. We have been hugely encouraged by the response and a wonderful 17 new committed donors have joined us! Welcome on board to all of you and thank you so very much for becoming a Friend. It is through our Friends vital and ongoing support that our college and cohousing community can thrive in a special way and so much benefit has been possible. We are now in a position to purchase the much needed 22 metres long polytunnel for our biodynamic garden. This will be installed and ready for use during our autumn holiday, enabling our gardening students and cohousers to grow the fantastic produce throughout the year that the community enjoys so much!

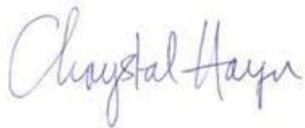
### Alumni contact

As you will be aware, due to the pandemic last summer, The Mount wasn't able to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the way we had planned – we are therefore delighted to have been able to make contact with so many of you and so much enjoyed reconnecting to dear friends and families who have had a relationship with The Mount over the years and hearing snippets of news from many of you.

We are touched by your generosity and responses from our mailing. You helped to raise over £6000 towards our Pond House appeal! It is heart-warming to feel supported by old and new contacts. A huge thank you to all of you!

If you would like any more information regarding any of the above or have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are attaching a sheet of other ways you may wish to support us at The Mount.

Very best wishes,



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

**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](http://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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) for this to work each time.

### AmazonSmile 😊

AmazonSmile is another way for you to support and give donations to The Mount, at no cost to you, every time you shop with Amazon. Shopping with [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) is exactly the same as Amazon, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to The Mount!

Signing up is easy!

1. Go to [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and login with your existing Amazon account or create a new one using your preferred email address.
  2. Once logged in, scroll down and type "The Mount Camphill Community" in the box as the charitable organisation to support and click 'search'.
  3. Click 'select' to choose The Mount to receive the donations.
  4. Check the box acknowledging that you must visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) each time you shop in order to support The Mount and click 'Start shopping'. Continue from there as normal.
- Remember that you will always need to log in via [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) for this to work each time.

### Become a Friend of The Mount & A Lasting Legacy of Support leaflets

Our recently published leaflets – Become a Friend of the Mount, which sets out how you can become a regular donor, and A lasting legacy of support, which explains how you can leave a gift in your will to support the young people at The Mount, are both available to you. Please email [fundraising@mountcamphill.org](mailto:fundraising@mountcamphill.org) if you would like to receive copies.



### 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 out to you.

