

Marcham Community Group

Watch this space!
LOGO competition
next month

Marcham Community Group has now taken the significant step of applying to Companies House to be listed as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. This has been a time-consuming process ensuring that the Memorandum and Articles are able to stand the test of a wide range of situations and will allow the company to endure keeping the community interests in mind long term. The full version of the memorandum and articles will be available at WWW.MARCHAM.ORG shortly.

In order to maintain momentum the key focus of the group is now to produce a robust business plan. Members of the group will be visiting a range of village halls to get information on how the buildings are financed and run in addition to advice on facilities. This is an essential part of understanding the problem ahead of us and ensuring we don't repeat the mistakes of others.

INFORMAL CONSULTATION EVENING

FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 7.30PM – 8.45PM
MARCHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Following the support offered at the last public meeting in October the group would like to invite everyone to a follow up meeting for those who would like to offer any ideas for the hall or for fundraising.

Why not bring a friend?

What is the Marcham Community Group's plan?

Full details of the Marcham Community Group's plans will be found on www.marcham.org

In summary, the Group intends to offer another option for the future of community facilities in Marcham. Following the announcement that the Anson Trust would be seeking to develop part of the sports field to pay for the development of a new community facility, a new group was established to explore another option.

The group aims to

- Retain the field in its entirety and keep it as a recreational facility in the heart of the village;
- Provide a new purpose-built community building - which is developed, planned and built in full consultation.
- Manage the facility once built;
- Develop a sustainable business plan for the facility to maintain it for future generations.

Community consultation

Having now completed all the work to form the company the group is now moving its attention towards consultation. A detailed consultation plan has been drafted and will be published in the new year.

The intention is to allow everyone in the community to express their views and opinions to allow the group to tailor the building to the needs of the community. After the initial round of consultation focus groups and detailed consultation will be conducted to develop ideas and investigate specific needs.

First to £1000

Be the first to raise £1000 for MCG to gain a special mention in next month's bulletin.

How to become involved and help?

Fundraising will remain an essential part of building and maintaining a community facility. Here are some ideas to help:

- Pledge a donation to the Marcham Community Group – we will start collecting funds when we are formally set up and we have opened a bank account for the Group.
- Once we are set up as a formal charitable company, you could pick up a Waitrose 'Community Matters' leaflet and nominate the Group to benefit from up to £1000 each month. More details will follow later.
- Invite some friends around for dinner to discuss the ideas and explore what you want from a community facility and use it as an opportunity to raise some money as well.