

The Friends of Mt. Edgcumbe Country Park
Registered Charity No. 295261
Report to the Joint Committee, August 2025

As the Chair of the Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park, I am pleased to submit this report, which provides an overview of the FOMECP vision and Executive Committee structure and an update on membership, finances, events and future plans for the 'Friends'.

As you know,

Our vision is to work in partnership with the Park Management by funding, jointly, or independently mutually agreed projects within the park.

Supporting the Park, as set out in our Constitution 'to preserve, or assist in the preservation and enhancement of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park for the benefit of the public, as a place of historical, botanical, horticultural, architectural and natural beauty'

FOMECP Committee

Officer Posts:

- Chair - Ben Church
- Vice Chair - Harry Vosper
- Treasurer - Carol Drummond
- Secretary - Janet Vosper
- Membership Secretary - Shane Perry

Committee Posts:

- Rozanne Griffiths-Woodcock
- Simon Hughes

Our online Membership platform introduced this year has been successful, simplifying the joining process for everyone and aiding us with easier Membership access for requesting volunteers and information on friends and park news.

Membership currently stands at 730

Financial Update

The FOMECP financial year runs from 1st January to 31st December each year. The 'Friends' have supported many projects with healthy financial commitments.

Projects - So far in 2025:

- English Garden House - £20,000
- Garden Planting - £4000

Committed Projects for 2025:

- Ships Project - Barn Pool - £1250

- Statues - £4000
- Shrubs and Trees - £5000
- Camelia Trail - Interpretation Boards - £6000

The FOMECP Committee continues to liaise with the Park Management in prioritising project funding within the Park.

Events

A very successful Easter Egg Trail event was held over the Easter period when approximately 400 children together with their parents had a very good walk through the formal gardens looking for clues and claiming their egg at the end.

Sadly, the annual Classic Car Show and Summer Fayre has been cancelled due to operational issues on the Cornwall Hospice side and at no fault of the FOMECP. This will understandably leave a big hole in the fundraising for 2025 and having a knock-on effect on park donations in 2026.

The Friends Committee is working on events to be held in 2026, including the return of the carshow, Easter egg hunt, and others yet to be confirmed.

Friends Lodge

The Friends Lodge, which is run and managed by volunteers and acts as an information point and bookshop, continues to be very popular. For many visitors to the Park, particularly those using the Cremyll Ferry, it is their first port of call and the only place in this area of the park where they can seek advice about where to go, what to do and to obtain literature to guide them on their journey through the park. In addition, the bookshop element of the lodge provides a very important income stream for the Friends and a good source of encouraging new membership.

Actions

1. Continuing to support the Park and working in collaboration with the park manager and staff on mutually agreed projects for the benefit of the Park and its visitors.
2. Continuing to promote and support traders within the Park.
3. Endeavouring to encourage FOMECP members and others to take a more proactive role in supporting and volunteering for events and other activities held within the Park.

Thank you

Ben Church

Chair - Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park