

## Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park

### Joint Committee Report

The Friends of Mount Edgcumbe continue to provide strong financial and practical support to the Park, contributing to a variety of projects that enhance both the visitor experience and the long-term preservation of this beautiful public resource.

#### 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

The Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park membership currently stands at a strong 740+ individuals.

#### Recent Contributions

During the current period, the Friends have committed a total of £20,250 towards the following initiatives:

£6,000 – Camellia Trail: Funding for new interpretation boards and associated materials to improve visitor engagement and understanding of this important collection.

£4,000 – Statue Repairs: Supporting essential conservation work to preserve the Park's historic statuary for future generations.

£4,000 – Summer Bedding: Ensuring the gardens continue to provide vibrant, seasonal displays that are enjoyed by all visitors.

£5,000 – Trees and Shrubs for the Gardens: Assisting with the ongoing programme of planting to maintain and enhance the landscape character of the Park.

£1,250 – Archaeology Camp: Supporting educational and community engagement through archaeological activities on site.

#### 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.

#### Car Show Update

Cornwall Hospice Care have now officially confirmed that, due to their own internal restructuring, they will no longer be involved with the Mount Edgcumbe Car Show. While we are grateful for their past partnership and contributions, we firmly believe this development presents an exciting opportunity for the Friends of Mount Edgcumbe to take the lead and host the show ourselves.

Plans are already being developed, and the committee is enthusiastic about the potential to grow and enhance the event, ensuring it remains a highlight in the Mount

Edgcumbe calendar and will go ahead in 2026 — raising valuable funds for the Park and strengthening community engagement.

We will also continue to seek and support grant funding to help deliver projects and events that benefit the Park, its visitors, and the wider community.

Thank you.

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