

WHO IS BEHIND THE CENTRE?

The Village Information Centre in Herstmonceux is run by an independent Charitable Trust The Rural Community Support Society

(Registered Charity No. 1109446).

Run by local volunteers and managed by local trustees:

If you have ideas or suggestions for any ways in which we could serve the community better, the trustees will be pleased to hear from you.

What can you find in the Information Centre

Information Leaflets Available

- Local Travel
- Benefits
- Local Tourism etc.

Greeting Cards are for sale

Photocopying

Free Lending Library

Jigsaw Lending

Computer Use (small charge)

Internet Access (small charge)

Printing (small charge)

Wireless Internet Access (small charge)

Lamination of documents (small charge)

Public Information Point

- Internet access
- Print out your photographs

IT'S ABOUT PARTNERSHIP

The Village Information Centre has always been a model of partnership.

It began its life as a partnership between the local Free Church and aspects of the local community.

Early on it played a key partnership role with what was then known as Sussex Rural Community Council, carrying out a major survey to discover needs in Herstmonceux, Windmill Hill, Magham Down and Cowbeech. Various initiatives, such as the Luncheon Club, came out of that partnership.

Today we work in partnership with the Wealden Federation of Voluntary Organisations, Herstmonceux Parish Council and the local authorities, whose support and encouragement means a great deal to us.

Historically the Forge we now occupy was crucial for keeping things moving in the village. Here the horses were shod and wheels repaired. Here tools were made that were used in homes and rural industry.

Through the work of the Village Information Centre we still keep things moving in the community. Now we forge links of friendship and partnership across the community. It has always been and will always be about partnership.

The Village Information Centre

Forging links in the community

2/3, The Old Forge,
Gardner Street,
Herstmonceux,
East Sussex.
BN27 4LG



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SERVING THE COMMUNITY

We stock a wide range of information on all kinds of topics of value to local residents and visitors. Here are just a few of the items available.

Support organisations - There are times when we could all do with extra help and there are organisations that can help with housing needs, care in the community, employment advice, etc

Pension and Work leaflets etc - We stock all kinds of Government leaflets on benefits, health and welfare issues.

Local Authority information - Our staff are up-to-date on those issues affecting village life.

Local activities - Want to know about local dubs and organisations? You can make contact at the Centre. Planning an activity and want to avoid clashing? Check the diary here. Also, we have a large display of posters and leaflets for forthcoming events.

Where to stay - All the local B&B facilities are in one handy brochure.

Transport - Need a bus or train timetable? We can help you.

And much more!

We provide a contact point or "shop window" for anything of interest to people in this community or that might improve health and well-being.

We're here to help !

WHO WE ARE

The Village Information Centre is an independent charitable organisation operating under a local Trust, the Rural Community Support Society.

It began life as a community service initiative by members of Herstmonceux Free Church in 1998.

The church members put up the money to rent, redecorate and equip the premises, and provided management and most of the team who staffed the Centre every morning six days a week.

In 2003 the present Trust was set up, and today the Centre stands on its own two feet, still serving the community, responding to needs, and forging links between service providers and people in the local rural community

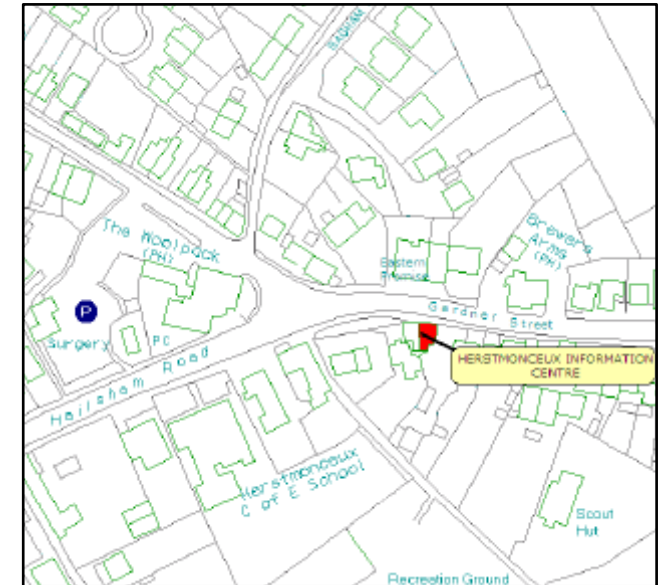
Over 1600 visits are made to the Village Information Centre each year.

The Centre is dependent upon grants from other charities and donations from concerned individuals in order to keep it running.



Information Centre (circled) c.1905

Location in Herstmonceux



Contact Details

Telephone: (01323) 833961

Website: <http://www.herstmonceuxvic.org.uk>

Opening Times

Mornings

Mon-Fri, 09.30 - 12.30

Sat, 10.00 - 12.00

Afternoons

Mon, 14.00 - 1600,

Thurs, 14.00 - 1600

