



DDCA
Dufftown and District
Community Association

Annual Report 2022-2023

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Report from our Chair

Another year of community-focused delivery has passed while we also continue the two biggest community-led projects in Moray. In this report, you will read of many activities that we completed with volunteers in the charity and the community.

The DDCA has continued to deliver for Dufftown on a range of projects tailored to the needs of the local residents and led by the community. The charity continues to develop long term sustainability plans, designed to secure profitable income streams to support the charities ongoing obligations.

During the year, there has been some flux within trustee membership, my thanks go to everyone who has taken the time to contribute to the DDCA.

I look forward to our next successes and hopefully a permitted development in the Clock Tower in the spring of 2024.

- Fraser McGill (Chairperson)

Purposes of the Charity

- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
- The prevention or relief of poverty in the community of Dufftown and District.

Structure and Governance

The DDCA is made up of trustees and members. Trustees control the activities of the Association and monitor and control the financial position. The members may attend members meetings including the Annual Members Meeting. Members have the power to appoint trustees and change the constitution.

Management and governance is an ongoing process with the chair monitoring communications to the Association and via monthly meetings of the trustees to plan and progress the various projects and take decisions on what new projects should be taken on.

Trustees are recruited from members and community volunteers and appointed at the next possible meeting following recruitment.

Our 6 pillars

We have six pillars that structure and guide our work. In 2022/23, we delivered exciting projects under all of these headings. The following pages highlight some of the key successes we are particularly proud of.



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Improving Prosperity

Key successes

- Operated our community food larder on a daily basis, saving food from going to landfill.
- Organised kids clothing exchanges.
- Secured £5000 from the Corra Foundation towards our food voucher scheme.
- Delivered Dufftown wellbeing programme with 13 activities and 243 participants.



Amenity & Outdoor

Key successes

- Delivered community eBike events in partnership with Outfit Moray, Cycling UK, Tyred n Cranky, and Dorenell Ranger Service.
- Continued maintenance of the Dufftown Defibrillator.
- Installed 3 vehicle-activated speed signs to improve road safety.



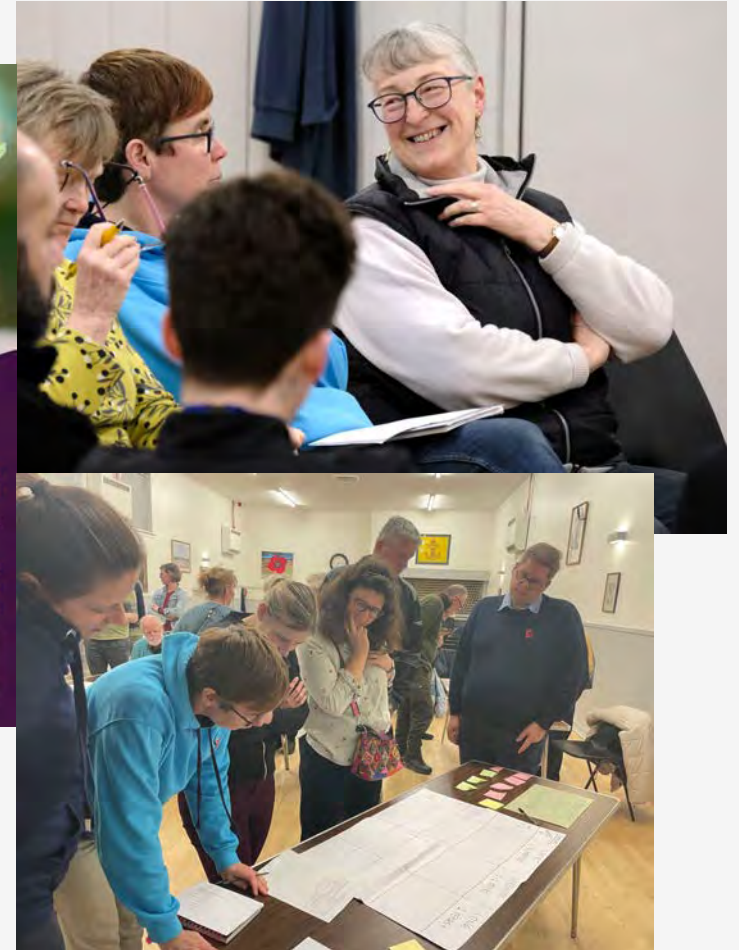
energy
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Partners & Opportunities

Key successes

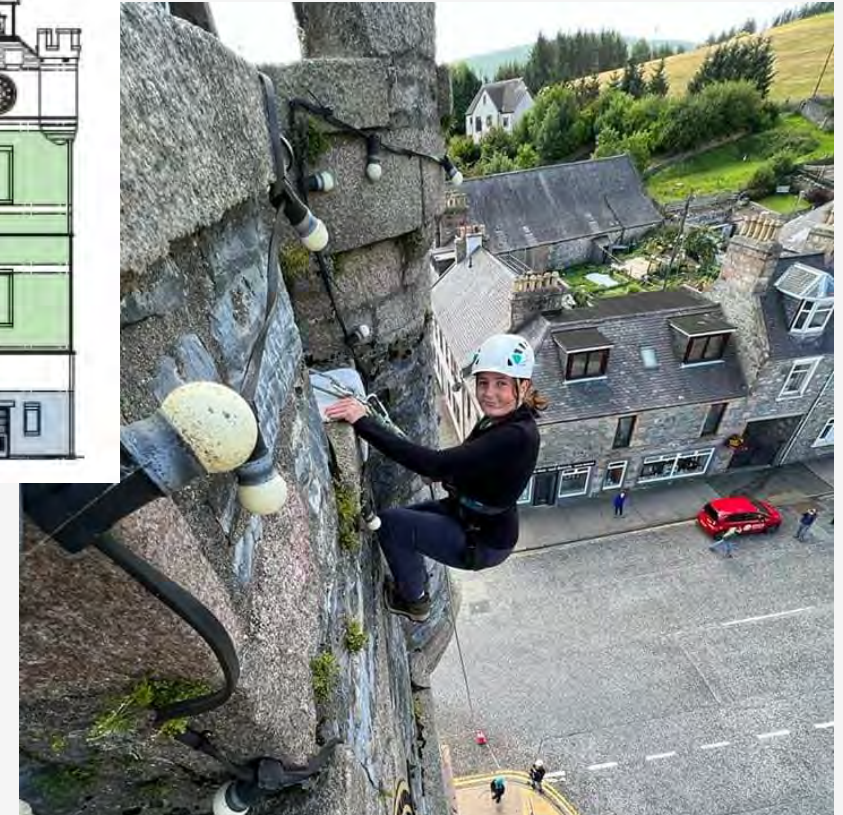
- Organised quarterly Dufftown & District Community Forums to facilitate information sharing and collaboration.
- Organised a 'Meet the Funders' event, bringing funders and community initiatives together.
- Worked with Speyside Youth young volunteers to create reports, articles and videos about Dufftown community-led development.



Protecting Heritage

Key successes

- Organised a clock tower abseil fundraiser with 35 brave participants and £3,788 raised between Outfit Moray and ourselves.
- Carried out a feasibility study and developed a business plan of future use for the clock tower restoration.
- Appointed architect Angela Dow to develop the clock tower restoration. Kindly financially supported by the Architectural Heritage Fund and William Grant foundation.



AHF Transforming
Heritage


WILLIAM GRANT
FOUNDATION



Developing Enterprise

Key successes

- Commissioned Community Housing Trust to develop a business plan for community-led affordable housing.
- Formed a partnership with Moray Council to plan for and deliver affordable housing on the Hillside Farm development site.
- Secured £30,000 from the Dorenell Windfarm Community Benefit Fund towards developing a masterplan.



Communities Housing Trust
Creating Sustainable Futures

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Dufftown Housing Survey

We want to hear from you!

The Communities Housing Trust (CHT) is carrying out a survey on behalf of Dufftown & District Community Association that will inform housing provision in Dufftown.

This survey is for people who live in Dufftown and the surrounding area, those considering relocating or returning to the area, and local businesses. Feel free to share with people you know.

Please complete the survey before **Friday 13 August** using the link or QR code:
www.chtrust.co.uk/surveys

The Communities Housing Trust (CHT) is a registered charity and social enterprise focused on building sustainable rural communities across central and northern Scotland. Since 1998 we have worked on well over 100 community-led projects, often in remote, rural areas, to provide more than 1,000 crucial affordable homes and other amenities.

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Promoting Advocacy

Key successes

- Liaised with the 4 Dorenell communities, developed collaboration projects and engaged with the Dorenell path project.
- Distributed £3,800 to 4 community initiatives through the Microgrant stream of the Dorenell Windfarm Community Benefit Fund
- Reviewed the Dufftown and District Community Action Plan 2021-2026 to ensure it remains fit for purpose.



FREE FOOTBALL CAMP!

CAMP IS RUNNING NEXT WEEK

- MON 8TH-FRI 12TH AUGUST 2022
- AVAILABLE IN 3 AGE BANDS
 - AGES 7-10, 10-13, 13-16
- 60-90 MINS PER GROUP
- UEFA B LICENCE COACH
- LIMITED PLACES
- EMAIL TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
STEVENRATTRAY@HOTMAIL.COM
- MORTLACH SCHOOL PARK, HILL STREET,
DUFFTOWN, AB55 4AW
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Report from the Treasurer

Key activities 2022/23

- Online banking and updated financial analysis system
- Top spending activities:
 - Staff costs
 - Development work clocktower / affordable housing
 - Vehicle-activated speed signs
 - Tininver Park play equipment
- Electricity costs £375 - will increase 30% in the coming year.

EDF Dorenell Windfarm Community Benefit Fund

Microgrants awarded to:

- Royal British Legion £1000
- Royal British Legion £800
- Dufftown Football Club £1000
- Highland Dancing Trophies £1000

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Balance at the start of the year (01-04-2022)	£35 109	£104 762	£139 871
Balance at the end of the year (31-03-2023)	£36 022	£51 809	£87 831

Dufftown clock tower

Vision

A flexible facility that both serves the local community and is a destination for visitors – for information and for unique accommodation.

Ground floor:

- A multi-functional space for community groups, pop-up events and activities, with Wi-Fi

Floors 2-4: 1-bed holiday accommodation:

- Providing an income as a separate facility with independent access

Key activities

Spring 2020: Purchase of the building

March 2021: Fabric condition survey

July - November 2022: Business planning

May 2023: Conservation architect Angela Dow and design team appointed

June - present 2023: Development work towards planning permission

	Cost	Funds raised	Source
Professional fees	£64 549	£38 150	William Grant Foundation Architectural Heritage Foundation The Pilgrim Trust
Restoration	£444 000		Historic Environment Scotland Community Ownership Fund
Alteration	£341 861		Regeneration Capital Grant Fund National Lottery Heritage Fund

Community-led affordable housing

There is limited availability of quality affordable housing for:

- families looking to grow
- families looking to move back to the area
- older households looking to downsize
- businesses looking for staff
- businesses looking to start up

Vision

Dufftown and surrounding area is a vibrant, sustainable and attractive community for economically and socially active families.

Mission:

Provide up to 20 new affordable homes in a variety of sizes and tenures.

Key activities

July 2021: Appoint Communities Housing Trust

September 2021: Needs and demand analysis

October - November 2021: Feasibility and options appraisal

Jan - March 2022: Business planning

November 2022: Partnership formed with Moray Council

March 2023: Design team appointed for masterplan work

August 2023: Public consultation

November 2023: Public consultation



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Names of the charity trustees during the year

June Donald

Fraser McGill

Ann Davidson

George Tulloch

John Roberts

Michael Lord

Names of the charity trustees at the date the annual report was approved

June Donald

Fraser McGill

Ann Davidson

John Roberts

Jackie Pitts