



DDCA

Dufftown and District
Community Association

Annual Report 2024-2025

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Report from our Chair

Welcome to the summary of 2024- 2025 activities of the DDCA. We closed the year with the news that Viktoria would be leaving us after an amazing two years of growth.

This left the charity with a hiatus while we clarified our funding situation and implemented a solution with funders.

Through the year, we advanced the Clock Tower project plan, tendered design works and appointed a design team, while securing development finance.

The charities costs remained in control despite challenges from the cost of electricity and insurance. Activities were gratefully support by some generous donations of time and money from community members.

We gained traction in the community with our community development leader supporting other organisations to grow and other communities sought advice from the DDCA on how best to approach relevant situations.

The trustees are thankful of the support from members, volunteers and stakeholders.

Fraser McGill – Trustee - 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 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 monthly meetings of the trustees action plans 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.

Improving Prosperity

Key successes

- Continued The Food Larder, supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and the town's two nurseries. Reducing food waste in the community.
- Continued a discretionary Hardship Fund, providing essential support to the community through food vouchers, mobile phone top-ups, and haircuts. Improving wellbeing for individuals and families.



Amenity & Outdoor

Key successes

- Continued to grow e-bike hires via website, advertising and word of mouth
- Continued regular maintenance of the defibrillator outside the Dufftown library.
- Supported the Dorenell Pathways, developing an iconic footpath routes in our area



Partners & Opportunities

Key successes

- Successfully navigated funding gap between HIE, SG and Dorenell, retaining Community Development officer employment.
- Continued to promote the Dufftown Community Website for business and community group listings.
- Continued community forums, providing a dedicated space for networking, collaboration and information sharing



Protecting Heritage

Key Successes

- Continue running the Clock Tower Fundraising Club to support the ongoing maintenance and operation of the building, ensuring it remains a well-managed and safe.
- Secured funding to develop planning permission, along with project team to deliver planning permission



Developing Enterprise

Key successes

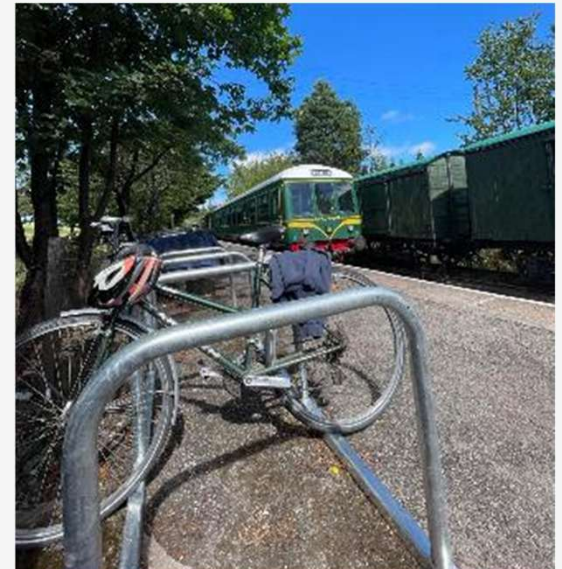
- Continued operating the e-bike hire service through Bike Dufftown, with an enhanced marketing focus on both tourists and the local community.
- Continued to collaborate with The Moray Council to advance the Community Led affordable Housing Project. Shaping the development to suit Dufftown and Districts needs.



Promoting Advocacy

Key successes

- Continued to promote and administer the Microgrants programme.
- Advocating for Dufftown and District with local wind farm developments
- Supported local consultations and sought to maximise Dufftown's influence



Contact us

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Names of the charity trustees during the year

Fraser McGill

Ann Davidson

June Donald

John Roberts

Carey Leslie

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

Fraser McGill

Ann Davidson

John Roberts

Carey Leslie

Jo Delr  e

From 1/4/2024
To 31/3/2025

Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds
Donations	£3,099.80	£2,400.00	£5,499.80
Legacies			£0.00
Grants	£0.00	£27,085.69	£27,085.69
Receipts from fundraising activities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gross trading receipts	£6,591.53	£0.00	£6,591.53
Income from investments other than land and buildings	£186.81	£0.00	£186.81
Rents from land & buildings			£0.00
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	£555.77	£0.00	£555.77
Sub-total income	£10,433.91	£29,485.69	£39,919.60
Payments			
Expenses for fundraising activities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Gross trading payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Investment management costs			£0.00
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-£7,861.11	-£11,593.14	-£19,454.25
Grants and donations	£0.00	-£1,000.00	-£1,000.00
			£0.00
Sub-total payments	-£7,861.11	-£12,593.14	-£20,454.25
Surplus/(deficit) for year	£2,572.80	£16,892.55	£19,465.35