DDCA

Dufftown and District Community Association

# Annual Report 2025-2026



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# Report from our Chair

Welcome to the 2025-’26 trustee’s annual report.

Welcoming Aileen to the charity and having a stable trustee volunteers in the year has allowed the charity to develop momentum behind all of the sub-groups that we aspire to have.

We continue to broaden activities into areas that benefit the majority and/or under represented residents. This includes our continued support for the food larder, the growing development of mixed use paths and the enablement of the growing-group.

Large projects have moved forward in the year, with the clock tower achieving planning permission consent for the consulted-on plans.

The DDCA have been coordinating the community forums, with the aim to galvanise the community and encourage support between groups. This vital work is facilitating community development progress.

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

Fraser McGill – Trustee - Chairperson

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# 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 to deliver The Food Larder,** supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and the town's two nurseries, helping to reduce food waste and support the local community.

- **Continued to provide discretionary hardship support,** offering essential assistance through food vouchers, baby fund for nappies, wipes and formula and a hardship cupboard for people experiencing financial difficulties.

- **Secured £7,000 from The Robertson Trust,** enabling us to deliver Warm Spaces lunches, cooking classes and clothing swaps, and establish a Growing Spaces Steering Group.





# Amenity & Outdoor

## Key successes

- **Continued to grow e-bike hires.** Organised led e-bike rides in partnership with the Dorenell Ranger and Cycling UK. Secured funding from HiTrans to provide up to £5,000 worth of free e-bike hire for the community, supporting both short- and long-term hires.

- **Improved cycling facilities and access to bike maintenance** by securing funding for bike lockers, ordering the equipment and arranging for a slabbed area to be installed in front of the bike shed. Also welcomed the Bike Dr to Dufftown, where around 20 bikes were serviced free of charge.

- **Took Stewardship of the Glenrinnes Way** (Golf Course Path) Supported the Dorenell Pathways, developing an iconic footpath routes in our area. Secured funding from the Co-op Foundation to maintain pathway.





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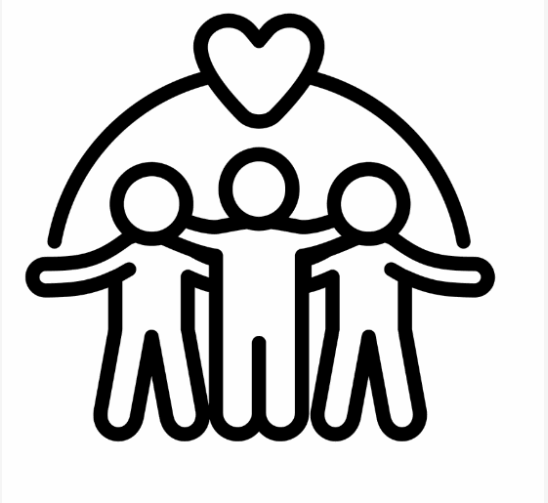
# Partners & Opportunities



## Key successes

- **Continued to promote the Dufftown Community Website**

- **Continued to support community forums**. Reviewed the existing Community Action Plan and began consultation to develop a new plan shaped by local priorities, needs and aspirations.

- **Strengthened partnership working and collaboration** by establishing links with other Community Development Officers across the local area and key organisations, including tsiMoray, Moray Council, Moray Food Plus, Outfit Moray and other strategic partners, helping to identify opportunities, share knowledge and support community development.

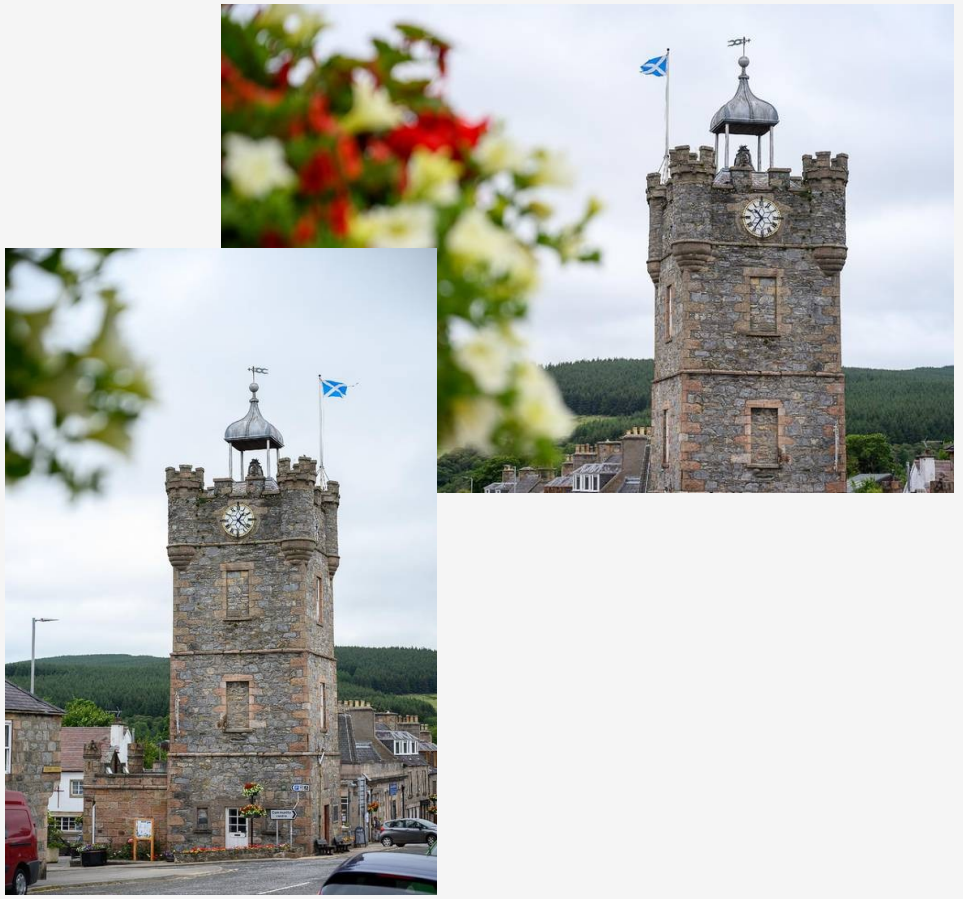


# Protecting Heritage

## Key successes

- **Continued to run the Clock Tower Fundraising Club,** raising vital funds to contribute towards the building's ongoing insurance and operating costs, helping to protect this important heritage asset.

- **Progressed the Clock Tower development** by securing planning permission in May 2025, updating key project documentation and specialist reports, including a Quantity Surveyor's cost assessment. Introduced the project to major funders to support future funding applications and carried out public consultation to gather community views on how the ground-floor community space could be used to best meet local needs.



# Developing Enterprise

## Key successes

- **Continued to develop and promote Bike Dufftown,** implementing a focused marketing approach to raise awareness of the e-bike hire service, expand its audience and increase uptake among both residents and visitors to the area.



- **Continued to work in partnership with Moray Council and other key partners to advance the Hillside Farm Community-Led Affordable Housing Project.** Worked collaboratively to shape a masterplan that reflects the needs and aspirations of Dufftown and District. The draft masterplan was completed in July 2025 and received approval from Moray Council's Planning and Regulatory Services Committee on 5 March 2026, marking a significant milestone in progressing plans for future housing provision in the area.



# Promoting Advocacy

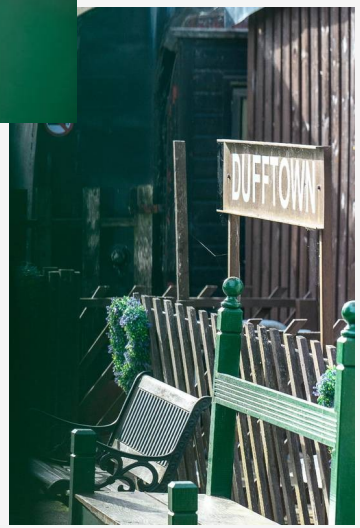
## Key successes

- **Continued to promote and administer the Microgrants programme**, helping local individuals and community groups access funding to support projects and activities that benefit Dufftown and District.

  Groups who have received awards this year include:- Royal British Legion, Mortlach Memorial Hall Dufftown, Keith and Dufftown Railway, Paths Network and Dufftown Football Club.

- **Represented and advocated for community interests** in relation to local wind farm developments, including the Dorenell Extension, Garbet Hill and Craig Watch proposals, ensuring that local priorities and potential community benefits were considered.

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## Annual Accounts for 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

From 01/04/2025
To 31/03/2026

| Income | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total funds |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| Donations | 761.43 | 2,389.72 | 3,151.15 |
| Legacies | - | - | - |
| Grants | - | 65,859.54 | 65,859.54 |
| Receipts from fundraising activities | 1,788.89 | 322.40 | 2,111.29 |
| Gross trading receipts | 1,165.20 | - | 1,165.20 |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings | 570.78 | - | 570.78 |
| Rents from land & buildings | - | - | - |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | - | - | - |
| **Sub-total income** | 4,286.30 | 68,571.66 | 72,857.96 |
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| **Payments** | | | |
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| Expenses for fundraising activities | (289.21) | - | (289.21) |
| Gross trading payments | - | - | - |
| Investment management costs | - | - | - |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | (3,476.13) | (39,808.97) | (43,285.10) |
| Grants and donations | - | (5,169.04) | (5,169.04) |
| **Sub-total payments** | (3,765.34) | (44,978.01) | (48,743.35) |
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| **Surplus/(deficit) for year** | 520.96 | 23,593.65 | 24,114.61 |

# Contact us

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## Names of the charity trustees during the year

Fraser McGill

Ann Davidson

John Roberts

Carey Leslie

Jo Delrée

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

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