



2022

Annual Report

DALGETY COMMUNITY TRUST
FOR OUR FUTURE



Dalgety Community Trust is a non-profit body set up in 2019 by a group of local volunteers with the aim of developing and delivering priority community projects which have a positive social, environmental and ultimately economic impact.

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Welcome to our Annual report for 2022. This has been a year of consolidation for the Trust following the previous couple of years where we were all living with the impact from Covid-19.

We have had some success in strengthening the financial foundations of the Trust, but it is fair to say that we have not been able to make as much progress in some areas as we had hoped and planned for. A key feature we now face as a society is the concern over the rising cost of living for everyone.

This has meant that all institutions are tightening their belts and there is an even greater need to support the most vulnerable in our communities with the limited resources available. This means that securing funding for our projects has become more challenging and will inevitably take longer to secure. Nevertheless, we are optimistic that we have compelling proposals, and we are making progress with securing funding.

We have recently been awarded £30,000 from Fife Council to enable us to commission an initial feasibility study for the new community hub and adjoining civic space. This is an exciting moment for us and over the summer we will, for the first time, be able to share with the community, plans for what these new town centre developments could look like. We were thrilled recently to be awarded £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund and a conditional offer of just over £33,000 from Fife Environment Trust towards the community pump track project. These awards are a major endorsement of not only the project, but the credibility of the Trust. We now plan to use the national Lottery funding to complete the design work for the pump track and secure planning consent. This is good progress, and we are hopeful that with a successful outcome to other, ongoing funding applications, we will be able to commence the build later this year with a view to opening the facility in early 2024.

In addition to large grant funding, we have also received numerous donations towards the pump track and our other community activities from a wide range of local companies and individuals. We know how difficult it is to make charitable gifts just now for everyone, and we are extremely grateful for this kindness and generosity.

I also want to highlight the Dalgety Heritage Trail which since it was launched in the summer of 2020 has become a very successful and interesting focal point for our local history. We are well on the way to establishing this part of our activity as a highly respected source of local history.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

We continue to receive numerous photographs and testimony from members of the community, many of which are being seen and heard for the first time outside of family groups.

It has been a privilege for me to chair the Trust during 2022, but I can only do this with the support of all the board directors. I would like to thank them for their hard work and determination over the past year and in particular, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Jean Hutchison and Shirley Iveson, both of whom retired from the board in 2022. I would also like to welcome Dave Coleman and Anne-Margaret Graham to the board. Both Dave and Anja are already active volunteers in our community and bring great knowledge and experience to the board, which will prove invaluable as we move ahead with our projects.

We continue to be affected by the longer-term impacts of the COVID 19 Pandemic, but we have redoubled our efforts to make progress in our plans to deliver improvements in our town. Our membership has continued to grow and now stands at 200, we have successfully achieved our aim of being self-sufficient in terms of meeting our day to day running costs through fund raising, we have taken further steps forward in terms of funding for our projects and once again in 2022 we have run several, popular community events culminating in a fantastic Christmas fair which we hosted in partnership with other local groups in December 2022.

We remain committed to working towards delivering positive improvements for our town and achieving our 'big ambitions' to see a new community hub and civic space right in the centre of our town.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their ongoing support and. I'd also like to thank Fife Council and Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council for their continued support and of course our generous funders from the community and more widely.

I hope you find this annual report interesting and useful. As always, I and the other board members would be happy to discuss the work of the Trust further with any of our members.

Contact details are contained in the report or through our website and Facebook pages.



Phil Evans, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS

Phil Evans: Chair



Having spent over 40 years in the energy industry, I retired as a director of EDF Energy in 2018 and was then able to pursue a strongly held personal ambition to put something back into the community that welcomed me and my family over 20 years ago.

As well as being the inaugural chair of Dalgety Community Trust, I am a past member of Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council and a past member of the Scottish Children's Panel. I am a strong advocate for volunteering and community action and through the Trust, I am determined to make a positive and lasting contribution to the community of Dalgety Bay.

Brian Johnston: Vice Chair

I retired in 2018 after 40 years in retail management working for many recognisable brands across the UK. I returned to Scotland with my family to live in the Bay nearly 22 years ago. Like many people, I want to spend time with my family and where I can support our town.

I love volunteering and working with the Dalgety Community Trust and the Dalgety Heritage teams. The Trust has such a wide ranging project portfolio of not only large infrastructure projects but also working in the community whether it's the International Day of Peace or working with other community groups to put on the towns Christmas Fair.



Lesley Sinclair: Secretary



Having worked for 25 years in the public sector, I now run my own business, where I provide support to health and social care organisations to develop coaching, learning & development, and improvement solutions. These solutions are designed to empower them to consistently deliver exceptional care into the future. I hold a deep conviction that by collaborating, we can accomplish remarkable feats and foster resilient communities.

As a former member of the Community Council, I see my involvement with the Trust as an opportunity to give back to the community and to contribute to creating something meaningful.

BOARD MEMBERS

Philip Lund: Treasurer



Having retired in 2017, following 50 years working in Multisite Retail Management and the Charity Sector, I wanted to spend the free time that I now have making a contribution to the place that I and my family have called home since 1988.

I currently serve on the Community Council and have done for the last 4 years, I also have been a Director of the Community Trust since its inception and in this role, I want to help to improve the facilities that bring the community together and make it an even better place to live.

Mike Gourlay: Director

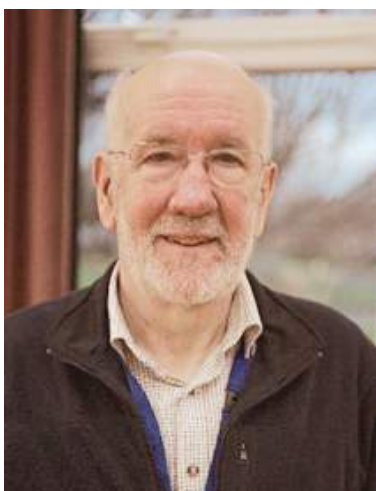
Michael has been a resident of Dalgety Bay for over 40 years and really wishes he had taken more interest in the town and its' history much earlier in life. He realises that being a Director of the Trust is his chance to do this. His background is in IT, firstly with Scottish Gas and latterly with Fife Council with a bit of consultancy work in between. He retired in 2013 and spends a good deal of his time working in the community.

He has been the Chair of Dalgety Bay Horticultural Society (DBHS) for around 30 years and can often be seen at Donibristle

Primary School planting bulbs with the kids or working in the gardens there. He is a member of Rotary Forth Bridges and is a elected member of the Committee of Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group (DBCWG). He has been an Elder at Dalgety Parish Church for many years.



David MacLeod, Director



Originally from Glasgow but educated in England. Following an operational management career in logistics and supply chain management I have spent the last 20+ years advising organisations and coaching individuals on achieving business excellence through effective training, education and learning.

Dalgety Bay has been our home for the past 12 years and we could not have chosen a better place for our retirement. It is a great place to live in and can only get better with the commitment and determination being shown by organisations like the Community Trust.

BOARD MEMBERS

Louise Gunstensen: Director



I am a Chartered Town Planner with 20 years' experience in the public, private and third sectors both in Scotland and abroad. I have worked for the country's largest nature conservation charity and now work in the energy sector, specialising in environmental assessment.

I have been helping the Community Council over the last few years with planning issues and am looking forward to using my experience to help turn the Community Trust's ideas into reality. I feel strongly that everyone should have a chance to play a part in making Dalgety Bay a great place to live and work.

David Coleman, Director

Dave is a former member of Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council and between 2018 and 2022 served as an elected ward councillor representing the Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay Ward. Dave is an active volunteer in our community and likes nothing better than getting involved in supporting Hillend where he lives.

Dave's knowledge and experience from his professional career give him a deep understanding of what it takes to deliver complex projects which are perfectly suited to the work of the Trust. He feels strongly that investment is needed in our town and is committed to making our community a great place to live, work and socialise.



Anja Graham: Co-opted Director



Anja has lived in Dalgety Bay for over 25 years and has brought up her 3 children here. As a result, this has meant being involved with a wide variety of organisations since going along to the community centre toddler group to get to know the locals all those years ago! Anja firmly believes in contributing actively to the local community. She feels that we are fortunate to live in a great part of the world and should not take it for granted.

She is heavily involved in local Guiding as well as being Chair of the Community Council and Secretary for the Horticultural Society. Anja believes her role as a co-opted Director is to ensure strong links between local voluntary organisations to the benefit of our Dalgety Bay, Hillend and Fordell communities. She is a local Primary School Teacher.



OUR WORK; 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

2022 has proved to be an important year of consolidation for the Trust. We have been successful in strengthening our financial foundations and taken the important decision to combine our civic square and community hub projects into a single more coherent and more effective project:

- On the back of the award of £25,000 from the Muir Dean Environmental Trust in 2021, we have recently been awarded £30,000 from Fife Council's Fund. These combined funds have given us the confidence and financial strength to commence the first phase of the community hub project; commissioning a full feasibility study for the new hub.
- Over the past year, we have continued to work closely with the community and Fife Council to bring forward plans for the new hub and are confident we have a strong business case that will prove compelling to potential funders. Work is underway on the feasibility study which includes producing architectural concepts for what a new hub could look like.
- The Heritage Trail has expanded its volunteer base allowing it to continue with its program of research with fortnightly articles and weekly picture releases from the Digital Library. More importantly we continue to be recipients from individual donations of items and images to be displayed in the future Heritage Centre and we are about to embark on building the library onto a dedicated Trust server to protect our content for the town.
- Working closely with a group of local young people, we have continued the work to develop an open access, free to use pump track in Dalgety Bay. Whilst we had hoped to have been further forward at this stage in terms of grant funding for the project, we have made progress. We were recently thrilled to receive grant funding of £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund and a conditional funding offer of just over £33,000 from Fife Environment Trust towards. These awards are a major endorsement of the project and will help us take forward the initial stages of the design and planning for the track as well as providing good evidence of the project's credibility to other potential funders. We have now raised a total of just under £50,000 for the pump track – there is some way still to go, but we are now well on our way.

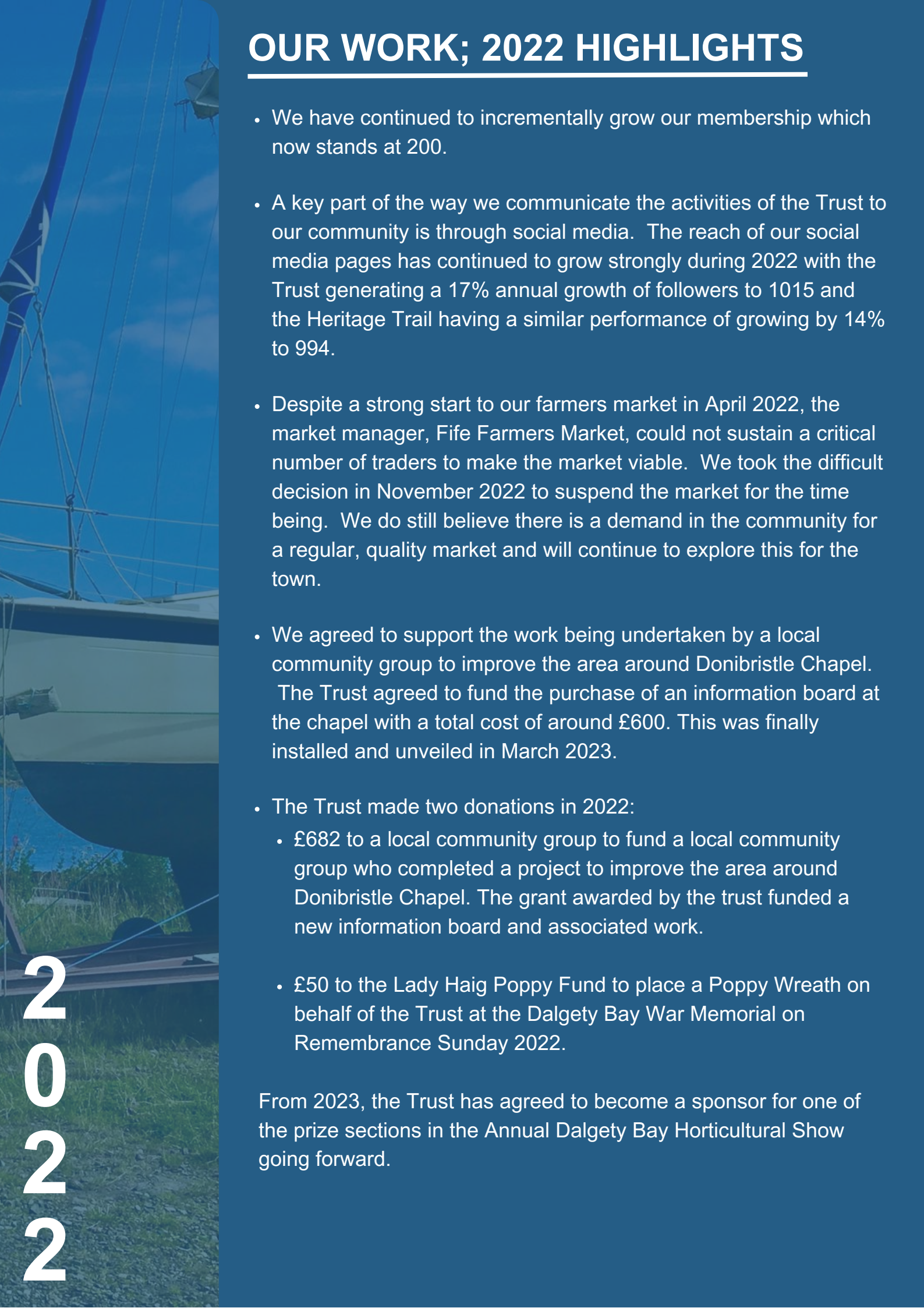
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OUR WORK; 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- We have raised over £1900 from our 2022 day-to-day fund-raising activities, including sale of Calendars, Christmas cards and the Christmas fair. This has allowed us to successfully meet one of our key objectives on financial prudence to ensure that we can meet the day-to-day operating costs of the Trust from fundraising, rather than having to use grant donations for this.
- At the end of 2022, we finally completed the transfer of community-owned land to the Trust. This work which took 24 months to complete is a major achievement and a key enabler in giving us the confidence to press ahead with our plans to develop the town centre site with a new community hub and civic space.
- We are proud to work alongside the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group which continues to work hard to ensure the safe and responsible management of the three community woodlands (Crow Wood, Hopeward Wood and Bathing House Wood) providing a vital community service for us all to enjoy. As part of the agreement to take over the community land from the Community Council, the Trust has agreed to take on the day-to-day financial responsibility for the upkeep of the community woodlands. This will be generously supported going forward by an annual payment of £500 from the Community Council. Beyond the day-to-day funding requirements of the woodlands, the Community Woodlands Group are actively raising funds to carry out projects to improve the woodlands such as the recent construction of steps and information boards to allow greater access to the Downing Point Gun Emplacements. We are confident that the future of the woodlands as a much-valued amenity for our community is secure with the financial strength of the Trust and the expertise and hard work of the Community Woodlands Group.
- Once again in 2022, we have organised and run several successful community activities/events:
 - International Day of Peace project with the two local primary schools culminating in a display of over 1000 origami cranes at the parish church in September.
 - Running a successful photo competition for a 2022 community calendar,
 - In partnership with other community groups, we ran a very successful Christmas fair again in December 2022, enjoyed by hundreds of local people.

A photograph of a sailboat on a trailer, partially covered by a white tarp, set against a blue sky with clouds. The year '2022' is overlaid vertically on the right side of the image.

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OUR WORK; 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- We have continued to incrementally grow our membership which now stands at 200.
- A key part of the way we communicate the activities of the Trust to our community is through social media. The reach of our social media pages has continued to grow strongly during 2022 with the Trust generating a 17% annual growth of followers to 1015 and the Heritage Trail having a similar performance of growing by 14% to 994.
- Despite a strong start to our farmers market in April 2022, the market manager, Fife Farmers Market, could not sustain a critical number of traders to make the market viable. We took the difficult decision in November 2022 to suspend the market for the time being. We do still believe there is a demand in the community for a regular, quality market and will continue to explore this for the town.
- We agreed to support the work being undertaken by a local community group to improve the area around Donibristle Chapel. The Trust agreed to fund the purchase of an information board at the chapel with a total cost of around £600. This was finally installed and unveiled in March 2023.
- The Trust made two donations in 2022:
 - £682 to a local community group to fund a local community group who completed a project to improve the area around Donibristle Chapel. The grant awarded by the trust funded a new information board and associated work.
 - £50 to the Lady Haig Poppy Fund to place a Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Trust at the Dalgety Bay War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday 2022.

From 2023, the Trust has agreed to become a sponsor for one of the prize sections in the Annual Dalgety Bay Horticultural Show going forward.

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OUR PROJECTS

We are committed to delivering on our overarching aim to develop and deliver priority community projects. It is important that we do this in a way that means we can be a sustainable presence in the community for years to come. In practice, this means as we go forward, we need to continuously listen to our local community and be prepared to adapt to take on new or different projects that add value, but importantly matter to our community and are conceived and built on strong economic and sustainable foundations.

Over the past 12 months, we have continued to engage with and listen to our community and this has reinforced our strong sense that much needed investment is required in our community and we are on the right path with the projects we are prioritising:

- Developing a new Community Hub and civic space in the centre of our town replacing the existing community centre and regenerating the community owned land between Louie Brown's and the Parish Church
- Developing an open access free to use community pump track at the Sports and Leisure Centre
- Building the Dalgety Heritage Trail

In addition to our main projects, we have been actively involved in supporting and driving local initiatives, always with the aim of building/enhancing a sense of community and trying to find ways to bring the community together.

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COMMUNITY HUB & CIVIC SPACE PROJECT

Whilst Dalgety Bay is a relatively new town, it is served by a community centre that was constructed over 40 years ago when the population of our town was only around 2,000. Investment is long overdue. We have developed a plan to build a new multi-use community hub. This proposed new facility will be built, owned and operated on behalf of the community by Dalgety Community Trust and will replace the existing, ageing Fife Council owned community centre in Dalgety Bay.

Our vision is to go beyond what might be seen as a traditional community centre and deliver a new 1000 Sqm facility arranged over two floors (Ground Floor Approximately 800 Sqm with a partial upper floor of approximately 200 Sqm). The total estimated costs for the development is £4.8m for a facility that truly meets the needs of the community, is welcoming and inclusive and provides a wide range of intergenerational facilities and services.

Our ambition is to deliver a building comprising 'four hubs in one':

- A Social hub – to connect people and allow them to use the spaces for enjoyment. A community café will be the heart of this.
- An Interest hub – bringing people together around specific, shared issues, hobbies or interests.
- A Services hub - where people can connect with and access a range of local services.
- An enterprise hub – where people can access working, meeting or trading spaces.

Built around the idea of 'one door many spaces':

- Multi-use rooms of different sizes for meeting spaces.
- A community café
- Offices/working type spaces and facilities.
- IT support facilities
- Multi-use hall for large gatherings and performing arts.
- The potential to host activities spanning generations, from babies to older members of our community.
- Dalgety Bay Heritage Centre
- Outdoor spaces that can be used and enjoyed by the community



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COMMUNITY HUB & CIVIC SPACE PROJECT CONTINUED

The civic space will be integrated with the hub and provide outdoor space that complements facilities offered in the hub, for example, outdoor seating for the hub café. It will be designed to work in harmony with the other adjacent structures and uses, principally the Church, the Tennis Club, Louie Brown's and to the far southern edge of the space, the remnants of the original estate walled garden, now the boundary of the town centre shopping area.

This is a fantastic space right in the centre of our community and we intend to make the most of it. We believe this currently under-utilised space has great potential to be a well-used and enjoyed asset for our town, promoting community activities and more socialisation. It will be a space where people can stop or pause for breath and enjoy the space or meet others. It will be welcoming and accessible to all ages and physical abilities.

We are really excited by the opportunity to develop the new hub and civic space. At the end of 2022 we successfully completed the transfer of the town centre land from the Community Council to the Trust. This has now cleared the way for us to commence the process of investment.

Over the past year, we have been successful in bidding for further funding from Fife Council who recently awarded us £30,000 from their Community Recovery Fund. We now have sufficient reserved funds to enable us to commission a feasibility study for the new hub and civic space. In early 2023 we retained Lee Boyd Architects of Edinburgh to work alongside us to develop initial architectural concepts for the new hub and conduct a full feasibility study which, amongst other things, will help validate our business plan. As we go through 2023, we will be sharing the evolving work of the architects with the community so that residents can input to the design before it is finalised in the Autumn. It will be really exciting for us to be able to see, for the first time, design images of what the possibilities are for our town centre.

COMMUNITY HUB & CIVIC SPACE PROJECT CONTINUED

Funding will remain the key challenge for the development of a new community hub for our town. We are not kidding ourselves that it will be easy or can be achieved quickly, but we strongly believe we are taking the right steps to build a compelling case and plan for these exciting new developments.

We are fortunate to have the backing and support of our local councillors and Fife Council on this and believe it is key that we work closely with them to build a robust case for the new hub including working together to identify funding opportunities both inside Fife and beyond. The support of our local authority is a major part of our ambition to develop a new Community Hub for Dalgety Bay.

An aerial photograph of Dalgety Bay, Scotland, showing the coastline, roads, and surrounding land. A yellow star is placed on the map, indicating a specific location, likely the site for the Community Hub and Civic Space project.

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COMMUNITY PUMP TRACK PROJECT

We are delighted to be working alongside a group of local young people to develop an open-access free-to-use community pump track in Dalgety Bay. A pump track is a looped sequence of rollers and berms (swoopy banked turns) and features designed to be ridden by riders 'pumping' – generating momentum by up and down body movements and with minimal pedalling or pushing. Pump tracks can be used by everyone, all ages and abilities, children and young people can learn to handle their bikes, scooters and skateboards in a safe, accessible area.

Our aim is to build a track similar to the one in Stoke on Trent, pictured below. Our objective is to build a track to competition standards, which as well as giving us a fantastic local facility, will also attract long-term interest from users and potential sponsors helping give us a sustainable, long-term business model.



In 2022, our focus has been on building further support for the track, securing the land for the development, obtaining tenders for the design and construction of the facility and pursuing funding: -

- We have strong positive support from our local community for the track and also the location. We continue to build support through social media and recently appointed a team of young ambassadors to help build further support.

COMMUNITY PUMP TRACK PROJECT CONTINUED

- We have agreement from Fife Council to locate the track on part of the existing grassed area of the playing fields at Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure centre. We have agreed the terms for a 25year lease of the land.
- We have secured bids to design and build the track and have retained one of the UK's leading pump track constructors as a lead contractor.
- We had hoped to have made more progress on funding for the track. However, post the COVID 19 Pandemic, the funding environment remains uncertain and challenging. Nevertheless, we were thrilled in April 2023 to receive an award of £10,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund and at the end of May to receive a conditional offer of funding from Fife Environment Trust of just over £33,000. These awards represent a major achievement and a sign of real confidence in our project and our team from two leading grant funders. We will use the money received from the National Lottery to finalise the design of our track and secure planning consent; key steps in taking forward our project.
- In addition, these awards will really help us build our credibility with other potential funders.
- We currently await decisions from another major funder. We hope to receive a positive outcome to this before the end of the summer.
- We are very grateful for continuing community support for the project. Over the past 12 months we have received donations and other funding commitments from several local organisations:
 - £800 from group fund raising activity.
 - £724 from the Asda Foundation.
 - £500 from the Asda Community Green Token Scheme
 - £1,225 from Fife Council towards hosting community engagement activity.
 - Up to £5,000 from Fife Council for the first 5 years of land lease costs.
 - £700 from Dyce Haulage
 - £250 from Colliers Haulage
 - £250 from Muir Group

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COMMUNITY PUMP TRACK PROJECT CONTINUED

- We are very grateful to Morgan's Solicitors in Dunfermline who have offered pro bono legal support to the Trust since our inception in 2019 and continue to provide much valued legal advice on the pump track project.
- We are also very grateful to Gray Planning of Dalgety Bay who are supporting us on a pro bono basis with the necessary work to achieve planning consent for the track.
- Now that we have built sufficient financial reserves, we are able to firmly commit to phase 1 of the project to complete the design of the track, including conducting further community engagement and to formally apply for planning consent.

Going forward in 2023, our focus will be on completing phase 1 work on the full design and planning consents for the track and taking forward our work to secure funding to enable the full construction contract to be placed by the end of 2023. Subject to funding, we are confident that the track can be completed, ready to open by the spring of 2024.



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HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT

The Dalgety Heritage Trail project has continued to research our parish roots and has established itself to be a point of reference to a wide audience across southwest Fife through its fortnightly features on its Facebook page. It regularly receives enquiries from afar including America, Canada and across the UK, through 'Messenger', from individuals looking for assistance with their own family history research.

Currently, Facebook is the main interface to communicate with the Heritage Team and it has generated a following of 994 people, however, its articles are regularly shared and reach an audience of circa 15,000 with an average engagement score of over 20%.

The Team of volunteers is conscious that not everyone uses Facebook and are looking at how it can reach out to the community more and are working on an improved website as well as meeting individuals who have lived in the area from the 1950's to widen our knowledge of local lived history. Meeting people face to face and talking about their family life here is so enjoyable and enriches our understanding of life around the parish through their memories and photos.

Our current workstreams for this coming year are as follows:

- Helping with the design and implementation of the new Trust website which will have a dedicated section to the Heritage Trail activity.
- Working in partnership with the South-West Fife Area team and Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council on a project around new signage for Dalgety Bay which will include local heritage information boards.
- Building the IT infrastructure required for the Dalgety Heritage Trail Library to be housed in the future Heritage Centre.

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Fordell Castle Square To
George Hastie Collection
Dalgety Heritage Trail
Digital Library

Heritage Trail Project continued

We would like to thank everyone who has donated items, photos, maps, and stories but we need more to help us build the content for our future Heritage Centre at the new planned Dalgety Community Hub. We also need volunteers to help with our research, cataloguing content for the Digital Library and storytelling, if you would like help, please contact us.

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LEADING LOCAL INITIATIVES THAT MATTER

In addition to our main projects, the Trust has been actively involved in supporting and driving several local community initiatives in 2022. Our aim with these activities is always to look for positive ways to build a sense of community for our town.

- Building on the success of 2021, in 2022 we again worked with the local primary schools to help them learn about the meaning behind International Day of Peace. The Trust provided learning and craft materials to the Primary 7s at both schools. The activity culminated in a ceremony at the Parish Church on International Day of Peace in September where the children displayed over 1000 origami paper cranes they had made. Several hundred paper cranes were subsequently sent to the UK peace centres and also to Japan to be displayed in the Hiroshima Peace Garden.
- At Christmas, in partnership with The Gala Team and The Parish Church, the Trust hosted a Christmas fair. This fantastic event is quickly becoming a real fixture in the social calendar of our town and was again attended by hundreds of local people who came out to enjoy themselves and soak up a little Christmas cheer. The event also helped to raise much needed funds for the community Groups taking part. The Trust raised around £1000 from the event.
- Over the summer 2022, the Trust invited members of the community to take part in a photographic competition based on our 'place on the River Forth'. The winning photos from the competition have been used to make a 2023 community calendar, the sales of which has raised around £900 for the Trust.
- The trust has supported a local community group who worked towards improving the area around Donibristle Chapel for the community, including siting a new information board at the chapel and clearing and improving the surrounding pathways and accessibility to the Coastal Path. The Trust funded the new information board with a grant of approximately £600.



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LEADING LOCAL INITIATIVES THAT MATTER

- The Trust has agreed to sponsor a section in the annual Dalgety Bay Horticultural Show going forward. This long-standing community event is an important occasion in the calendar of our town and we believe is well worth supporting. We are happy to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the event.

Going forward in 2023 and beyond, the ability of the Trust to lead and participate in local initiatives will be determined largely by the resources we have and the work to deliver our priority projects.

Nevertheless, we are committed to working alongside the community on important local initiatives and we are always open to discuss ideas with other groups or residents and will help where we can.

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OUR OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

Our overarching aim is to develop and deliver priority community projects which have a positive social, environmental and ultimately economic impact. We will continue to work towards achieving our aims in 2023 with a particular focus on:

New Community Hub and Civic Space

- Now that we have secured grant funding of £55,000 for our town centre project, we will complete the feasibility study for the new community hub and civic space, including bringing forward architectural concepts and a robust business case for the new facilities by the end of 2023. We will continue to work tirelessly for our community to deliver a new hub.
- Once we have completed the feasibility study, we will then take a decision before the end of 2023 on whether to apply for planning and other consents for the new community hub and civic square.
- We will consult with the community over the summer of 2023 on the architectural concepts for the new community hub and civic space providing opportunities for residents to positively engage with this and input into this work such that the final preferred option includes the views and input of the community. We are aiming for a truly shared vision of what the community needs.
- We will continue to work alongside our local ward councillors and Fife Council to support the development of a new community hub in Dalgety Bay, including working to build a robust business plan and collaborating on identifying and pursuing funding opportunities for the new hub both within Fife and beyond.
- Now we have completed the legal transfer of the Community Council-owned land to the Trust, we will seek ways to enable the land assets to make a positive financial contribution to the work of the Trust and our community. In doing so we will never put the community land at risk. It will always be preserved for the benefit of the community and any income generated from the land will be used for the benefit of our community.

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OUR OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

- As responsible landowners, we will continue to work closely with the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group to manage the community woodlands to ensure that they are maintained and enhanced for the benefit of everyone, including ensuring that priority funding is given to their proper care and maintenance.

Community Pump Track

- We will continue to work alongside the Dalgety Bay Pump Track Community Group to develop a track in Dalgety Bay. We are the sponsoring legal entity for this project and are excited to be working with the group. In 2023 we will complete the Phase 1 design and planning work, continue to work with funders and Fife Council to secure the money we need to build the track and work closely with our preferred tenderer for the construction to ensure once we have all the resources in place we can proceed and build the top-quality track our community is aiming for. The overall aim is to complete the track ready for opening in the Spring of 2024.

Dalgety Heritage Trail

- We will continue to build the Dalgety Heritage Trail, growing our information and knowledge and sharing this information through expanded communication channels. We are aiming to move from solely digital materials, to develop a physical archive for materials that we have been trusted with. We will also continue to expand and strengthen our group of local enthusiasts, researchers and archivists. We will achieve this through:
 - Building a dedicated section for Heritage Trail activity on the Trust website
 - Working in partnership with South-West Fife Area team and Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council on a project around new signage for the Dalgety Bay which will include local heritage information boards.
 - Building the IT infrastructure required for the Dalgety Heritage Trail Library to be housed in the future

OUR OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

Community Events

- We will continue to host or participate in selected community initiatives/events during the year. Discussions have already commenced on organising a Christmas fair in 2023.

Running the Trust

- A key continuing aim of the Trust is to ensure that we can meet our day-to-day operating costs from our ongoing fund-raising activity. This way, we aim to ensure that as much as possible of the grant monies we receive are put towards delivering community projects. Now that the Community Council have transferred the town centre land and the community woodlands to the Trust our annual running costs will rise to be in the range of £2,000 - £3,000 per year. Our aim is to achieve an annual income of £5,000 per year from our day-to-day revenue-raising activities which we believe should be achievable from 2023. Any surplus funds from our day-to-day activity will be put towards community projects.
- Our key challenge in delivering our projects will continue to be raising the necessary funds. We will continue with our major fundraising activity in 2023. We have two principal aims.
 - Increasing the funding reserve we currently have for the town centre project from the current £55,000 to £120,000 to enable a planning application to be made by end of 2023, if this is deemed in the interests of the community.
 - The achievement of £250,000 of funding for the pump track to complete the project ready for opening in Spring 2024.
- Like many voluntary community organisations, Dalgety Community Trust periodically reviews whether its legal status and structure continues to serve the interests of the community and whether it is fit for the work the Trust is undertaking and the projects we are aiming to complete. We have recently carried out just such a review with advice from the Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) and have concluded that there would be distinct and tangible advantages in the Trust achieving charitable status. Amongst several advantages to be gained are the ability to secure VAT relief on the construction of community facilities meaning that building the new community hub could effectively be 'VAT free' saving considerable amounts for our community.

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OUR OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

In consideration of this, the Trust will be applying to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to become a registered charity. This work, which we hope to complete in 2023, will take some time and we are committed to communicating the outcome of this to our members and the wider community in due course.

- We want to ensure that the work of the Trust is accessible to the widest possible audience and that the information we share is easy to understand, well presented and up to date. We are conscious that our website needs a refresh to meet these aims. Like many organisations, we periodically review this and in 2023 we will be launching a new website that we believe will vastly improve our approach. We will still use our current website address www.dalgetycommunitytrust.co.uk, but the new website will have a completely updated and more engaging look and feel with much more up-to-date content and direct links to our social media pages. We are excited by this development and hope all our members, stakeholders and the wider community find it interesting and useful.
- The Trust can only succeed if we have enough active volunteers. Work is starting to build up on our projects, and we need more volunteers to join our team. We currently have several vacancies on the board of the Trust, and we will be running a campaign over the remainder of 2023 inviting more people from our local community to join us. We will also undertake succession planning for the board so that we have identified replacements for the current office bearers of the Trust.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding for our Projects

During 2022, the Trust board continued to work hard to grow our funding reserves to allow us to deliver our projects. By its very nature achieving funding for our projects will be incremental. This means that we will need to take a step-by-step approach to commissioning work. We will always do this with the best of intention and having taken due account of the risks involved and in ways that seek to achieve the best value for money.

- As part of our ongoing dialogue with Fife Council on our plans for a new community hub, we have been awarded £30,000 from the Council's Community Recovery fund. Added to the funds we were previously awarded by the Muir Dean Environmental Trust this takes our total reserved funds for the project to £55,000. This funding has allowed us to commission architects and other specialist firms to conduct a feasibility study for a new community hub and civic space in our town centre.
- At the beginning of May 2023 we were awarded £10,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund for the pump track project.
- In addition, at the end of May 2023, we received an award of £33,228 from Fife Environment Trust for the pump track project. This award is conditional on us meeting certain criteria including successfully securing planning consent for the project and having full match funding in place.
- These awards represent a significant achievement and a positive endorsement of our project and our team. We have another major funding application currently awaiting decision from and whilst we haven't made the progress with funding that we had hoped for in 2022 for the pump track, we are confident that the project can be delivered ready for opening by Spring 2024.
- We have continued to receive strong community support for the pump track with over £4,000 donated by local organisations and individuals in 2022 towards the pump track.

Including conditional offers of funding, total funding for our projects now stands at just over £100,000



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FINANCIAL REVIEW CONTINUED

We recognise that funding for our projects is our key challenge. We are under no illusion that we will need to work very hard to achieve our ambitions. The pump track will cost approximately £250,000 and the Hub and Civic Space around £5,000,000. This is the size of the challenge, but also a measure of our ambition for our community. We are very encouraged by backing we receive from our community and the support we are receiving from Fife Council and funders. The Board will continue to apply a considerable proportion of its time to securing funding.

Day-to-day funding of the Trust

One of our key objectives for prudent management of the Trust is to ensure that we are self-sufficient in terms of being able to meet our day-to-day cash running costs from self-generated fundraising, rather than using grant funding. Once again in 2022, the Trust successfully achieved this aim, generating a small surplus to put back into our community projects. In addition to major grant funding, the Trust raised £1,900 from its own fund-raising activity in 2022. This came largely from the Christmas Fair and sales of calendars and cards.

Prior to taking ownership of the community land, the Trust's day-to-day operating costs were around £600 per year. The majority of this is made up of essential insurance and paying for our Trust email and web services. The remainder covers donations and other small ad-hoc costs. In addition to this, in 2022, we made payments to cover the costs for printing calendars and hosting community initiatives at a total cost of £630.

Now we have taken over the community land, we expect our annual running costs to increase to between £2,000 and £3,000 per year. The increase is mainly due to the additional costs of insurance associated with land ownership and necessary, ongoing essential costs for maintaining the land and in particular the regular inspections and essential maintenance of the community woodlands. The Trust is confident that with revenue from community events and other revenues related to the land ownership, we will be able to continue to achieve our financial prudence objective of meeting our day-to-day running costs from fundraising activity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Accounting and Governance

In 2022 we took the decision to adjust our Financial Year End from 31st July until 31st December. This decision was taken to give greater alignment to the Annual Report which is calendar year based. We have registered this change formally with Companies House, and in future, all our annual accounts will be prepared on this basis. This means that the latest set of annual accounts run from 1st August 2021 until 31st December 2022.

A full copy of our most recent accounts for the period 1st August 2021 until 31st December 2022 is available on our website. A summary of the balance sheet and the profit and loss account follows. It should be noted that these are for the Financial Year ended December 2022 for the Trust and pre-date the award of the grant from Fife Council and the National Lottery.

Application for Charitable Status

As mentioned elsewhere in this report. The board has taken the decision to apply to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to become a registered charity. This work, which we hope to complete in 2023, will take some time and we are committed to communicating the outcome of this to our members and the wider community in due course.

The board believes it is in the best interests of the Trust to move to charitable status. There are distinct and tangible advantages to be gained from this which will have a positive impact on the finances of the Trust and our ability to deliver our projects. Amongst several advantages to be gained are the ability to secure VAT relief on the construction of community facilities meaning that building the new community hub could effectively be 'VAT free' saving considerable amounts for our community.



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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current assets	40,765	13,422
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	(31,101)	(1,107)
Net current assets	9,664	12,315
Total assets less current liabilities	9,664	12,315
Provisions for liabilities	(9,664)	(12,315)
Net assets	-	-
Capital and reserves	-	-

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and FRS 105 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Company information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland.

Its registered office is - 3 St Davids Business Park
Dalgety Bay
Fife

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the company.

Employees

	2022	2021
The average number of employees employed by the company was	-	-

The company was entitled to exemption under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting recording and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts were approved by the Board on 17 April 2023
and signed on its behalf by:



Philip Evans
Director

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	7,980	50
Other income	2,651	1,087
Other charges	(10,631)	(1,137)
Profit before taxes	-	-
Tax	-	-
Profit	-	-

OUR SUPPORTERS

Dalgety Community Trust would like to acknowledge and thank the following groups and organisations for their generous support during 2022:

- Fife Council
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council
- Our Ward Councillors; Sarah Neal, David Barratt, Dave Dempsey and Patrick Brown
- Morgan's Solicitors
- Robson Forth Accountants
- Gray Planning
- The Development Trust Association Scotland
- The Dalgety Bay and Hillend Gala Team
- The Dalgety Bay Community Woodland Group
- Dalgety Parish Church
- Dalgety Bay Primary School
- Donibristle Primary School
- Dalgety Bay Community Pump Track Team
- The Trust Board members

The Heritage Trail Team

- Jonathan Ellington
- Jamie McPhail
- Roy and Kathryn Green
- Mike Brown
- Joel Martin
- Bernie McIntosh
- George Hastie
- Corrie McPhail and family
- Steve Newsome
- Jess Allan
- Bruce Marshall
- John Anderson
- Lorraine Paterson
- Eric Simpson
- Robin Arnott
- David Maxwell
- Kim Blasco
- Helen Hampson and the Meiklejohn family

...and of course, our members for their ongoing support

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We would also like to thank everyone who has supported us with our local initiatives

ABC Cakes
Aberdour Golf Club
Adventure Golf Island
Alba vet
Aldi
Ale & Pate
Asda Dalgety Bay
Asian Express
Bay Beauty
Bay Kutz
Belle Beauty
Dalgety Bay Bowling Club
Chez Vous Health & Beauty
Citrus Beauty Room
Cluny Clays
Co-Op
Coastal Reflections
Daft For Crafts
Dalgety Bay Chiropractic Clinic
Dave's Bike Shed
Deep Sea World
Domino's Pizza
Donibristle Skip Hire
Dunfermline Athletic
Evoo café and Fish Market
Dobbies Dunfermline
Exxonmobil Chemical Ltd
Fairy Tea Rooms
Forth Boat Tours
Firth Gin

Geilda's School of Dance
Greggs Bakery
Horse Riding Crossgates
HQ Garage
Hugos Cafe Bar
Indian Restaurant (Bay of Bengal)
Inner Bay (Brewery)
Kingdom Insurance
Kirkcaldy Ice Rink
Knockhill Racing Circuit
L'art du Vin
Lime Salon
Lorna Simpson
Lorna's Flowers
Louie Browns
Mo's Hair Salon
Peony Inn Chinese Restaurant
Pizza Via
RE/Max
Reflect Carwash
Regent Estates & Mortgages
Robson Forth
Rowlands Pharmacy
Ryan's Bike Surgery
Sailing Club
Shell UK Ltd
Sole to Soul
Spice of India Takeaway
Stag Laser Craft
Studio 10 (Hairdressers)

Tesco Dalgety Bay
The Blondie Baker
The Compass
The Beauty Room Aberdour
The Hillend Tavern
The Plant Market / Growforth
Jewellery by Lesley
Ann and Phil Evans
Ann Evans
Heather Barratt

CONTACT US

If you would like to get involved or hear more about the work we are doing at the Trust check out our website at www.dalgetycommunitytrust.co.uk

or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dalgetycommunitytrust

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