



Members Information Brochure

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Dalgety Community Trust is a charity 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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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome and thank you for your interest in Dalgety Community Trust. If you are already a member, then thank you for joining us. If you are not yet a member, then I hope this brochure will help persuade you that it will be very worthwhile joining and being part of this exciting adventure.

Since the Trust was formed in 2019 by a group of local volunteers, we have met hundreds of local residents who all share a passion for our community. If there is one thing that has come through strongest, it is that everyone we have engaged with enjoys living here, but that it is time to invest in Dalgety Bay.

We have been inspired and energised by hearing your views and ideas and these have guided us as we have developed our plans and proposals for making improvements in our community. We will continue to engage with you and the wider community over the coming months and years to keep the conversation going. We can only succeed by working closely with other local groups, our residents and other key stakeholders like Fife Council. **We are absolutely committed to ensuring we include the needs and interests of everyone in the community in the development of plans for our town.**

We're thrilled that our membership has steadily grown to well over 240, but to be successful, we need as many members as possible as well as a strong following on Facebook. So please, if you can, encourage your family, friends and neighbours who live in this great community to think about joining the Trust. Membership is free and open to all the residents of Dalgety Bay, Hillend and Fordell Gardens. Members of the Trust receive regular updates on the progress we are making and special invites to join community events. They also have the right to take part in our Annual General Meeting and vote on the future direction of the Trust, what we focus on, how we use the Trust's resources and who runs the Trust on behalf of its members. Our Facebook pages are very active, and we have established our website where you can find out more about our plans for the community; if you have any thoughts or comments you want to share, we'd love to hear from you, just get in touch using the contact details contained within this information pack or directly through Facebook.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the Trust, we look forward to working together on this exciting journey towards making a future for our town that we can all be proud of.

With warm best wishes

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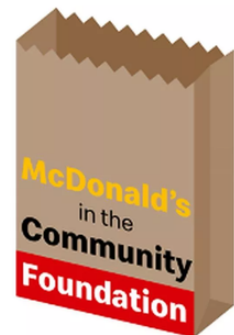
Phil Evans, Chair

OUR FUNDERS

Firsly a shout out to our wonderful and generous donors who have been instrumental in getting us this far in our journey, we are very grateful.



**Muir Dean
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**The Colin Weir
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Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council

ABOUT US

Dalgety Community Trust is charity set up by community volunteers to make positive changes for everyone in our community by carrying out projects for the common good. It is an independent organisation which is part of a growing network of Development Trusts which exist across Scotland and the UK, enabling residents to take direct action in their local community for the benefit of everyone.

Our ambition is to develop and deliver priority community projects which have a positive social, environmental and ultimately economic impact. Our 'big idea' is to deliver a new multi-purpose, multi-generational community hub in Dalgety Bay, owned and managed by the community. Adjacent to this we also plan to build a new civic square in the town centre. Combined, these projects will be a £6.3m investment in our town centre that will provide modern, fit for purpose facilities for generations to come.

We want to be a sustainable presence in the community for years to come and as well as our main projects we will be looking to take on many other community-benefit projects as time goes by. To this end, we are also working with a group of local young people to deliver a free to use, open access pump track on land at Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre. We have already raised over £300k for this project which has strong community support and backing.

Our aim is to ensure the Trust is fully representative of our community, a place where the community's voice can be heard, so we are keen for as many people in the community to join us and be members of the Trust.



BOARD MEMBERS

This is the team that currently runs the Trust on your behalf.

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.



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.

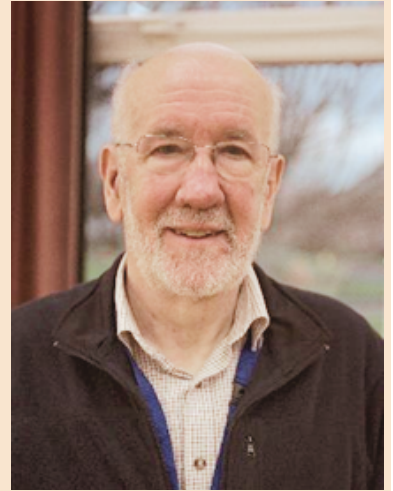
I currently serve on the Community Council and have done for the last 4 years, I also have been a Director of the Community Trust since its inception and in this role, I want to help to improve the facilities that bring the community together and make it an even better place to live.

BOARD MEMBERS

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.



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.

Jean Hutchison: Director

Jean is a retired Headteacher who has lived in the Bay for over 30 years. A former Vice Chair of the Community Council, current Chair of Donibristle Ladies Probus and Fife Coordinator for Project Linus a group who distribute quilts to children and young people in need of comfort and support.

Jean loves living in Dalgety Bay and is passionate about helping to improve the facilities for everyone who lives here.



BOARD MEMBERS

Geoff Owenson: Director



Geoff works in the Scottish Government's Shareholder Team for the Scottish National Investment Bank, having played a key role in establishing and now working in Scotland's first development bank. With a strong civil service background and experience managing large commercial property estates, he brings valuable expertise.

A Dalgety Bay resident from 1978 to 1988 and again since 2002, Geoff has witnessed the town's growth and is passionate about enhancing local facilities. He fondly recalls the community centre in 1978 and is eager to see modern, practical spaces developed. Loving the town's stunning coastal and countryside setting, he's committed to making it even better!

Derek Anderson: Director

Derek retired in mid 2024 following a career spanning over 40 years working in the banking sector and thereafter with a worldwide organisation providing project management, cost management and advisory services. The last 25 years saw him involved in and undertaking various roles in the PFI / PPP sector.

He moved to Dalgety Bay in 1991 and his children were brought up in the community attending the local schools.

Derek says the Trust provides an opportunity for him as part of the wider team to look to support the local community in developing improved facilities and infrastructure which will allow the community to continue to develop in a positive manner.



BOARD MEMBERS

Alan Brown: Co-Opted Director



Alan is the current chair of the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group.

More to follow.....

OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Our Vision

A town we are proud to live in

Our mission

To reinvest in Dalgety Bay by revitalising the town centre, address concerns raised by residents and create bespoke spaces for the whole community to come together again, promote pride of place, good citizenship and a nurturing and caring spirit.



Our values

- Sharing social and economic opportunities
- Encouraging self-sufficiency and empowerment
- Supporting environmental sustainability
- Providing equal opportunities for all in our community



Our Main Activities

Dalgety Community Trust wants to deliver projects and initiatives which are genuine local priorities. At any given time, we'll be working on two or three projects which will be at various stages of development – anything from fledgling ideas right through to fully funded initiatives.

In our first phase of our work for the community we focused on delivering:

- A new community hub and civic space
- A new free to use, open access pump track
- Bringing to life our rich heritage and history for residents through the Dalgety Heritage Trail
- Leading local initiatives that matter including ownership of community assets, managing community woodlands and the Dalgety Heritage Trail

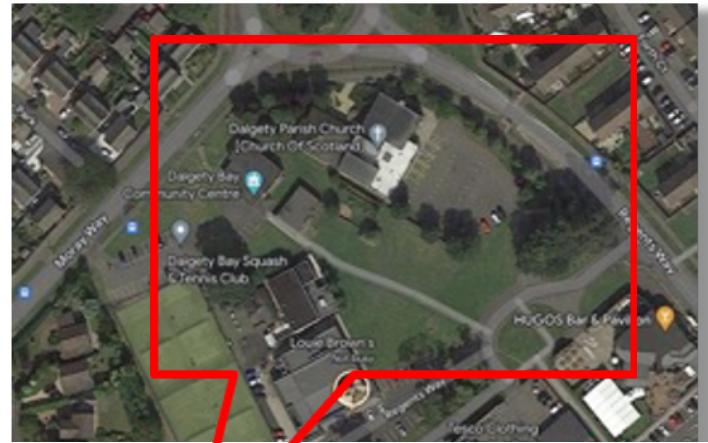
Dalgety Bay Community Hub
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Designers + Architects

To support the delivery of improvements for our community, we have taken over responsibility for the community land previously owned by the Community Council. This land in the town Centre, between Louie Brown's and the Parish Church and the three community woodlands of Crow Wood, Bathing House Wood and Hopeward Wood are now in the safe ownership of the Trust, where they can be protected for the benefit of the community over the long term and where appropriate and beneficial to the community, investment can be brought forward. We work closely with the Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group who manage the community woodlands.

A NEW COMMUNITY HUB

Hub by name hub by nature – localised central access point for multiple services

- Replace existing community buildings with a new modern, fit for the future facility to serve the community for years to come.
- Total investment around £6.3m
- Fife Council have committed £2m in capital funding to the project.
- At the heart of our community; meeting local needs.
- A multi-functional and multi-generational community hub promoting opportunities and well-being for all.
- A facility which is community built, owned and managed.
- A place for people to gather and enjoy a wide range of community events.
- A new Civic Space, a fantastic facility to host community events and gatherings right in the heart of the town.
- An outdoor day to day meeting point or simply a space for quiet contemplation.



A New Community Hub, one door many possibilities



- Delivering better and more effective local facilities and services
- Right in the heart of our community
- Multiple spaces:
- Community café
- Large hall/performing arts space.
- Other Multi – use rooms.
- Dalgety Heritage Centre
- Health and wellbeing services
- Community outreach facilities
- Enterprise/working spaces.
- Civic space an integral part of the hub

A FREE TO USE PUMP TRACK FOR OUR COMMUNITY



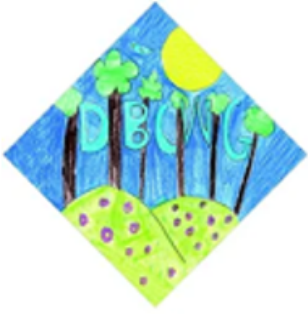
- The Trust is developing a 280m asphalt track built to competition standard.
- A £370k investment.
- Promoted by a group of local young people, for young people.
- Owned by the Trust, free to use and accessible to all.
- A major improvement to existing sports facilities in the town.
- Located at Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre.



- Open all year round
- Floodlit for longer opening hours and improved safety
- Strong Community backing and support
- £305k already raised (July 2025)



PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY WOODLANDS

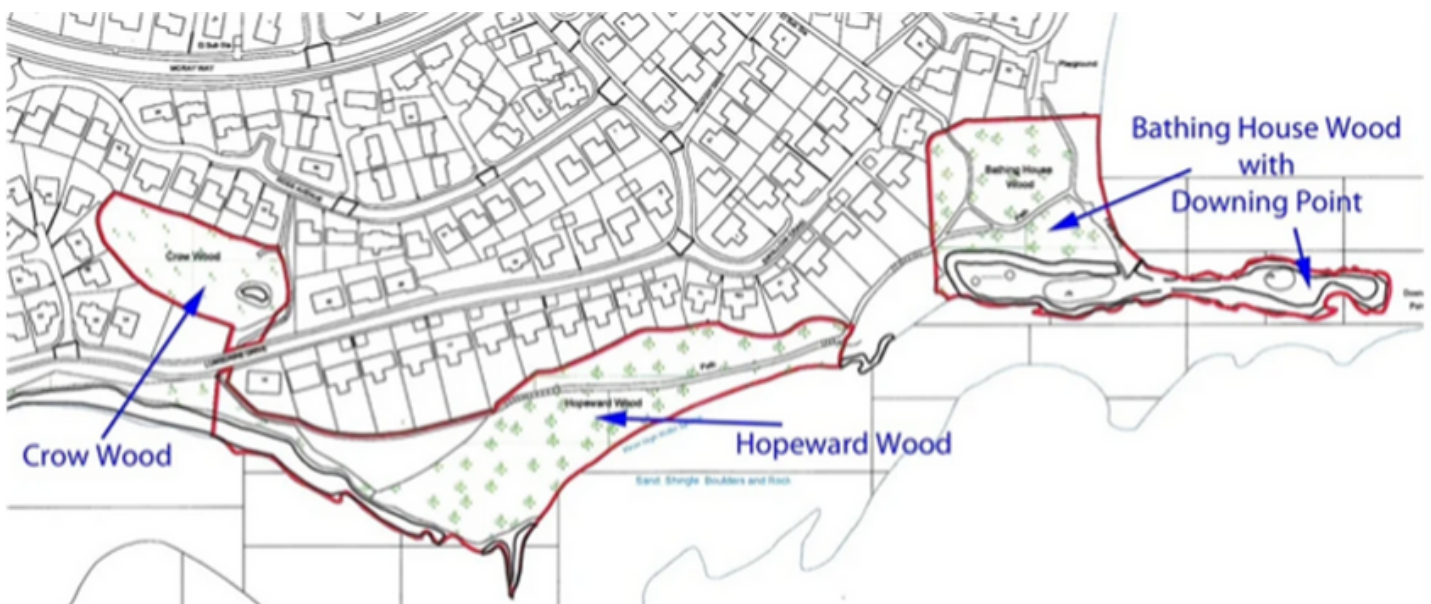


Since the Trust took on the ownership responsibility for the three community woodlands, (Crow Wood, Hopeward Wood and Bathing House Wood), we have worked hard with Dalgety Bay Community Woodlands Group to agree new management arrangements with them for their work in the woodlands on behalf of all of us.

This new agreement means that the Trust has taken over the day-to-day financial responsibility for funding work in the community woodlands. This is a major step forward by the Trust ensuring the continuity of the Woodlands Group and their work. 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 proud to work alongside the Community Woodlands Group whose members and volunteers continue to work hard to ensure the safe and responsible management of our community woodlands, providing a vital community service for us all to enjoy. 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



DALGETY HERITAGE TRAIL



To bring to life our rich local heritage and history through the Dalgety heritage Trail

Our team has already established a substantial following through our Heritage Trail social media pages which since 2020 has brought to life many 'hidden' aspects of our local history through research and 'story telling'. Our FaceBook page regularly receives views in excess of 60,000 per month.

In future, the Heritage Team is planning to build a digital, touch-screen, interactive experience as part of a heritage visitors centre for the new Hub using thousands of donated images, documents, and physical items that cover the centuries of habitation in our old Dalgety Parish.

We aim to become the point of reference for Donibristle Airfield and other local military sites from both world wars. Other key historical areas includes the Fordell Waggonway, the second oldest in Scotland, and St David's village and harbour, which thrived during the Industrial Revolution. We will also highlight the many estates that preceded the modern town we see today, including those of the Earl of Moray and the Hendersons of Fordell.

We are currently curating several private collections many of which have not been seen outside of family settings before and exploring various options to incorporate them into the planned visitor centre in the new hub.

We are experimenting with What3Words to create informed tours around our area via the app, which will serve as a precursor to a future physical interpretation board-led trail starting along our coastal fringe.



OUR APPROACH

Success through collaboration and partnerships

The Trust can only succeed by working closely with other groups, our community, and our key stakeholders: -

- We work closely with a range of Funders to champion investment in our projects and our community.
- We work closely and collaborate with other local third sector groups such as the Gala Committee, Scouts, and Guides.
- We have reserved board seats for our closest local partners, the Community Council, and the Community Woodlands Group
- We share knowledge and experience through our network including membership of Development Trust Association Scotland
- We work closely with our local elected councilors who have given us great advice and support since the start. These positive links help us ensure that the voice of our community is heard, and we can influence thinking at local government level. We have received significant financial support from Fife Council since the Trust was formed, demonstrating their confidence and belief in the work of the Trust and our community.
- We work closely with our local Community Council and Fife Council; their continued support is key to the achieving our aims.
- We have worked hard to build the trust of our members, our local community, our funders our elected councilors and Fife Council



Through our collaborative work, we have built a strong voice for our community: For the first time, Dalgety Bay now features in Fife Council South West Area action plan as a direct result of engagement between the Trust and the Council.

We will strive to ensure we continue to have the confidence, trust, support, and respect of our local community.

Community commitment and buy-in through engagement

The Trust has strived to ensure that we include the needs and interests of all our community in the development of the plans for our town:

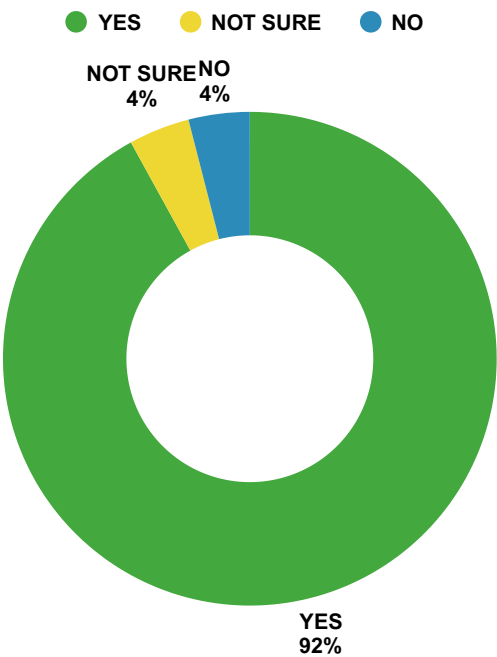
- We want to promote sustainable, robust solutions.
- We want the local community to truly share the vision for new facilities.
- We want to tap into the pool of local knowledge to improve the outcomes for our projects.
- We want to give everyone the opportunity to shape and create inclusive, effective solutions.
- We have worked hard to build formal and informal engagement processes in our community.



A great example of commitment and buy-in through engagement is the work we carried out in 2023 for the new community hub

Over the summer of 2023, we conducted a comprehensive community-wide survey, receiving responses reflecting the views of 689 residents. Respondents we asked a wide ranging set of questions related to what they wanted from new community facilities and how they might use them. This survey followed on from other work carried out with the community at numerous events and through numerous publications since 2020.

The results of this engagement work make a compelling case with strong community support for development of a new hub, with **92% expressing favourable views.**



GETTING INVOLVED

The Trust can only succeed through the hard work and dedication of its volunteers

We want as many people as possible to have the opportunity to get involved in the work to improve our community for all of us.

It is early days of course but we are delighted with the progress being made by our small group of volunteers to deliver our projects so far. There is a huge amount of work to do going forward and we will need a huge community effort to deliver the positive changes for our town that we aspire to.

There are several ways for you to get involved in the work we do. If you are interested in working with us, in whatever capacity, big or small, to help us take forward some of the key projects we have outlined, please get in touch – we would love to have you on board!

Likewise, if you would like to volunteer in some of our local community engagement events, project activities or partner discussions again please give us a shout – there is much to do and the more people involved, the more we will succeed to achieve the goals set by the local community.



MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of the Trust?

There are three levels of membership as follows:

- Full Membership (voting). Lives in the communities of Dalgety Bay, Hillend or Fordell and is 16 or over, eligible to vote in local elections in a polling district including all or part of community and supports Trust aims.
- Associate Membership (non-voting). Is 16 or over who are not ordinarily resident in the Community and to individuals nominated by organisations (wherever they have their principal office or place of business or main area of operation)
- Junior Membership. Aged between 12 and 15 years (whether or not they are ordinarily resident in the community) who support the activities and aims of the Trust

Membership is free to all so why not join and become involved in the work we do! For more information and to complete a short online application [Click here to join the Trust.](#)



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