



2020

ANNUAL REPORT

DALGETY COMMUNITY TRUST
FOR OUR FUTURE



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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



When we formally launched the Trust at the end of July 2019, none of us could have foreseen the changes that were coming along just a few short months later. We have all been affected by the COVID 19 Pandemic which has led to wholesale changes in the way we go about our daily lives, we have been touched by the generosity of spirit and kindness it has brought out in people and, with sadness, we have seen the impact it has had on families who have suffered or lost loved ones. It has been a period where most of us will have reflected on what is most important to us in our lives, our family and friends, our health and our community.

It has been a privilege for me to chair the Trust over its first year of operation, it has been a year where we have taken forward discussions with local residents to firm up our plans for investment in our town centre. It's also been a year in which we have grown our membership to 170, launched the Dalgety Heritage Trail and secured our first grant income totalling just over £14,000. We have also agreed with the Community Council that we will take ownership of town centre land and the community woodlands, protecting them for the community and putting in place a major foundation stone for reinvestment in these amenities.

Despite the challenges of this first year, your board remains committed to working towards delivering our three landmark projects; a new civic square, a revitalised pathway from the town centre to the Fife Coastal path and a new community hub for our town.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their ongoing support and my fellow directors of the board for their hard work and determination over the past year. I'd also like to thank our initial grant funders, Fife Council and Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council, without whose support we would not be able to take forward the work of the Trust.

I hope you find this annual report interesting and useful.

As always, myself 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Phil Evans'.

Phil Evans, Chair



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OUR AIM

Our overarching aim is to develop and deliver priority community projects which have a positive social, environmental and ultimately economic impact.

ABOUT DALGETY COMMUNITY TRUST

Dalgety Community Trust was formally launched as a member led, not-for-profit company in July 2019. Prior to this we had been operating as a community group sponsored by Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council. The decision to form a Trust was taken for two main reasons:-

- There is greater scope to attract funding and in kind support due to there being a recognised and robust legal structure in place. Community Trusts form part of a growing number of trusts across Scotland and the UK and are recognised and accepted by funders and regulators
- Community Trusts are universally seen as a vehicle for community led action and empowerment – the Trust is built on membership, with members deciding what the trust should do and who should run it

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020, OUR FIRST OPERATING YEAR

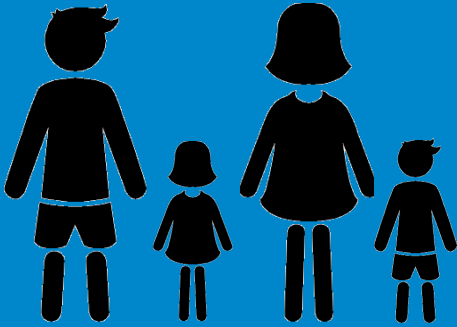
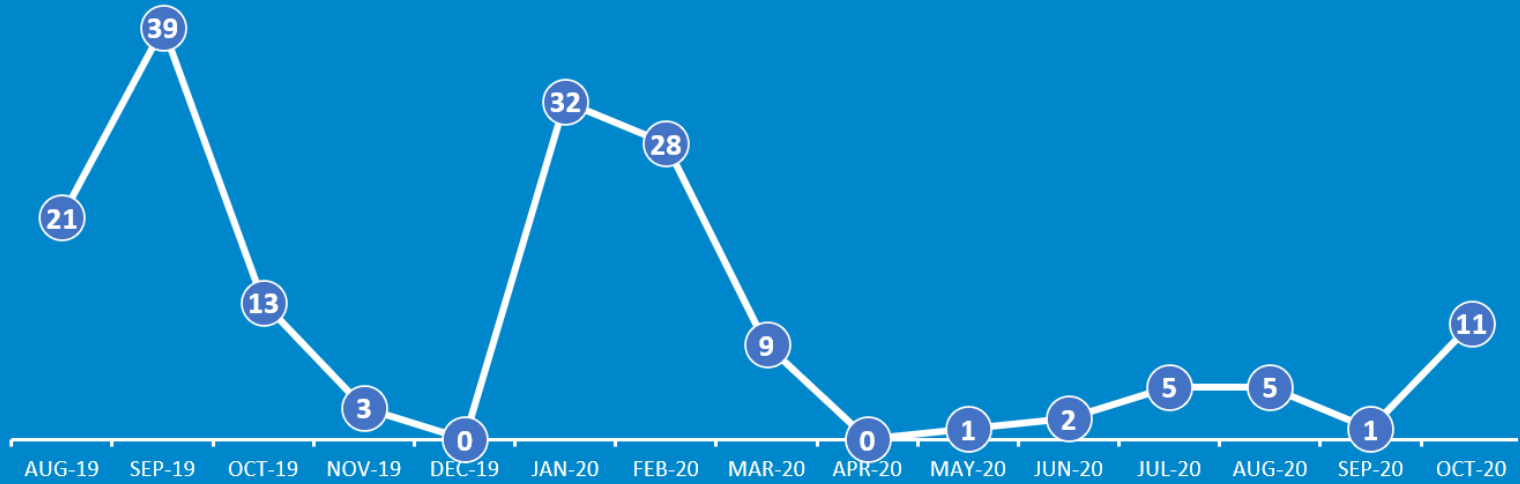
- With the support of the Community Council, successful establishment of the Trust
- Successful grant funding to £14,000 secured to enable commencement of community-led projects
- Positive engagement with local community;
- 170 community members
- Dalgety Bay now features in [Fife South West Plan](#) as a direct result of engagement between Trust and Fife Council
- Agreement with the Community Council to transfer community owned land to the Trust for civic square
- We have successfully launched our Dalgety Heritage Trail on Facebook which has brought to life the richness of our town's history and enabled our members to share their stories and generate great community discussions.



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New member applications by month



Full Members

166

Associate Members

4

Junior Members

0

SOCIAL MEDIA



FACEBOOK

TRUST PAGE

Typical monthly reach **2,400**

Quarterly Followers Growth **11%**



FACEBOOK

HERITAGE PAGE

Typical monthly reach **5,300**

Quarterly Followers Growth **27%**

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

"Community Engagement is at the heart of the work of the Trust"

Engagement with our local community has been a key feature of our planning right from the start.

Covering residents of Dalgety Bay, Hillend and Fordell Gardens (total population of around 12,000) we have used a combination of social media, face to face conversations and community group activity to actively seek ideas, views and thoughts from those most important to the success of the project; our communities residents and businesses.

Many of you have taken the opportunity to tell us what you think of our ideas and share with us your own ideas and thoughts on what you would like to see the Trust focus on in terms of investing in our town centre. This dialogue has inspired us to push forward with our plans for the town. You have told us there is a pressing need for:

- Modern, fit for the future facilities that can service the community for years to come
- A multi functional and multi generational community hub providing opportunities for all parts of the community
- Community led action and empowerment, strong support for community ownership
- Improved facilities to meet the growing needs of toddler, youth, family and older people at the centre of our community
- Facilities to address growing concerns about anti social behaviour and growing concerns about the social isolation of older people
- Spaces to allow people to come together and participate in a wide range of community events

We have received strong endorsement of our proposals to build the civic square, develop a revitalised route to join the town centre with the Fife Coastal Path and ultimately to build a new community hub for our town.



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A blue-tinted photograph of a coastal scene. In the background, a large bridge with a complex truss structure spans across the frame. To the right, a lighthouse with a dark, ornate top stands on a rocky outcrop. In the foreground, a paved path leads towards the water, flanked by a low wall and some sparse vegetation. The overall atmosphere is serene and historic.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This is only the start of the journey of engaging with the local community. We will continue to host community events and publish more details of our plans as they emerge to enable the whole community to have a say and influence things as we go along. We are committed to ensuring the widest possible community input to the work of the Trust.

When restrictions allow, we will get back to meeting face to face with local residents, local businesses, community groups, local schools, elected councillors and other local influencers. In the meantime, we will continue to build on our strong social media presence through our two Facebook pages, 'Dalgety Community Trust' and 'Dalgety Heritage Trail' and we will do our best to communicate our progress with our members and the community through regular updates on our website, through our direct newsletters and other outlets like the monthly community Diary.

The Trust would like to thank all of you who have been involved in these discussions so far, your input is vital and we look forward to continuing this conversation with you over the coming months as we take our plans forward.

You can see more about how we use the information you have shared with us on the Engagement section of our website at www.dalgetycommunitytrust.co.uk

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FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS



“Our beautiful town would definitely benefit from a nice space for people to gather and to enhance the environment”

“Activities for different ages to bring them together”

“The civic square should feature an amphitheatre area connecting it to new hub”

“Eco-friendly, re-configurable and sustainable space for the future”

“My age group has nowhere to go, so I think this is important!”

“An interpretation board with some history/former use of land”

“I think it is a good opportunity to make a place for teens to go in the evenings”

“Some planting of flower beds for benefit of wildlife (pollenators)”

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PROGRESS ON LANDMARK PROJECTS

CIVIC SQUARE PROJECT

A new civic square will be a central focal point for the town, a place residents' can be proud of, well thought out and sustainably built to last a generation or more with a balance of hard and soft landscaping, seating and cultivated areas. The square will be accessible to all and provide lighting and other utilities to support community use. The space will also be used to display public art celebrating the heritage of our local area, whilst at the same time ensuring the area remains sympathetic to the environment and successfully uses the existing topography.

A new civic square in the town will provide:-

- A fantastic new facility to host community events and gatherings in the heart of the town
- A day to day meeting point for residents or simply a space for quiet contemplation
- A square which will greatly improve under-utilised land already owned by the community
- A space that sits well in the landscape, that is well integrated within its surroundings, particularly with the new community hub and existing town centre facilities
- A square which would act as the starting point, eventually, for a new pedestrian/cycle way to the coast

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PROGRESS ON LANDMARK PROJECTS

Based on feedback and support you have given us so far, the Trust is focussed on delivering three landmark projects for our community:

- A new civic square in the town centre providing a fantastic facility to host community events and gatherings right in the heart of the town as well as a day to day meeting space for residents or simply a space for quiet contemplation
- A revitalised and improved routeway that connects the new civic square directly with the Fife Coastal Path approximately 1.5km away. The new route would be suitable for pedestrian and cycle use and fully accessible
- A new Community Hub to replace the existing community centre and situated just to the north of the new civic square

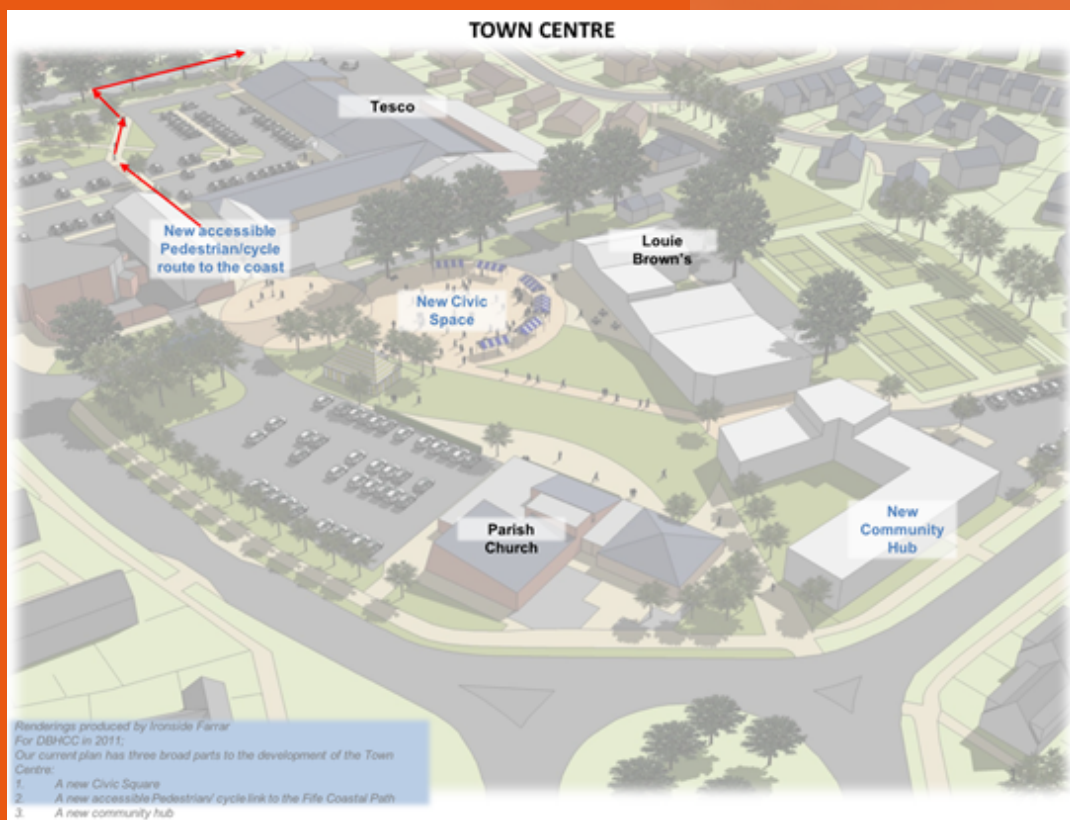
To date, the main focus for the work of the Trust has been on commencing the work to develop the civic square, where we have:

- Engaged landscape architects and other professional firms to provide quotations for the necessary work to prepare for a full planning consent application by the end of March 2021
- Agreed with the community council the outline terms for transferring the land for the civic square to the Trust
- Been building local connections to ensure that everyone within our community feels part of the changes we are taking place
- Worked alongside Fife Council enabling us to place the civic square and community hub projects as a key objective within the SW Fife Area Plan

In addition, over the summer of 2020, we launched the 'Dalgety Heritage trail', the aim of which is to bring to life the hidden history in and around our community. This is a key aim of the Trust and launching the trail through a dedicated Facebook page is the first step towards this. We hope you have been enjoying the features we have been posting, our area has a fascinating history going back thousands of years. Our aspiration is to build a digital archive into a new community hub so that future generations can see and understand the 'story' of our area.



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To date:-

- Through our engagement activity so far, we have received positive endorsement to our proposals for a new civic square from the local community
- Secured initial grant funding of £14,000 which we will use to
- Held discussions with landscape architects and other professionals to support the next stage of the civic square, to prepare detailed designs and a full planning consent application to be submitted by end of March 2021



HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT

The Trust launched the Dalgety Heritage Trail Project on social media in July.

The 'Dalgety Heritage Trail' aims to re-discover our rich history. From the new stone age finds at Barns Farm to the early settlements in Dalgety parish to St Bridget's Kirk in the 12th century and then follow our story from the Earl of Moray to Donibristle Airfield. We will also discover our coal and railway story from Fordell to St David's. We will look at Hillend and our connections to the world wars.

Some of our early highlights:

- We have established that there is indeed keen interest in our local 'hidden' history. Since launching the Dalgety Heritage Trail Facebook page in July 2020, our weekly shared posts, have an average viewing of 1.6k.
- We are recruiting a pool of local contributors as part of our 'Friends of the Trust' scheme which we would like to expand further to increase our research and posting of articles. There is fantastic knowledge out there and we want to bring this together and share it with everyone.
- We have started to collect donated historical items and photographs which we will look after and curate as part of a much larger Dalgety Trust digital project in the future.

Our eventual aim is to build a dedicated space within our new community hub where we can permanently display and provide access to our community history story. This 'Dalgety Parish Archive Room' will hold a catalogue of items, historical articles written by residents and as many photographs as possible. Our initial thoughts are that these will be displayed through a digital touch screen wall and project table for all residents to access.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Trust has had a positive start to its journey towards raising the necessary funds to progress our landmark projects. Total funding secured in the first year was just over £14,000. This included grant funding from Fife Council of just over £12,000 from the local communities planning budget and a grant of £1,000 from Dalgety Bay & Hillend Community Council. This shows the confidence that both Fife Council and our local community council have in the Trust and its work and will help us to take forward our work towards making a planning application for the civic square in the near future.

The main expenditures in the past year have been related to setting up the Trust, running our web presence and the costs associated with hosting community engagement events. The trust made a single donation during the year to purchase a poppy wreath on behalf of its members for the Remembrance Day service in November 2020.

At the present time, the Trust has just under £14,000 in its bank account. A full copy of our annual accounts is available on our website.

We have estimated that to complete the civic square to the standard that we have outlined in our discussion with the community will cost approximately £300,000. Securing funding for our projects is therefore a key focus area for the Trust going forward. The Board has and will continue to apply a considerable proportion of its time to securing funding. At the time of this report, we are awaiting decisions from grant funders for a total of over £100,000 of funding, with more funding applications in the pipeline.



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BALANCE SHEET

DALGETY COMMUNITY TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 JULY 2020

	Note	2020 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		14,009
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Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(607)</u>
Net current assets		<u>13,402</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>13,402</u>
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year		-
Provisions for liabilities	5	<u>(13,402)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>-</u></u>
Capital and reserves		
Called up shared capital	6	-
Profit and loss account		<u>-</u>
		<u><u>-</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Board on 2nd October 2020
and signed on its behalf by:

Philip Evans
Director

Shirley Iveson
Director

Company No. 637544 (Scotland)

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CONTACT US

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