



Dirleton Community Association Membership



Dirleton Community Association (DCA).

The DCA has been formed to promote community participation, encourage preservation and improvement and act as a voice for the residents of the whole community. The DCA is a Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which allows it to engage in projects that include purchase and maintenance of buildings.

The DCA is regulated by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and as such has an appropriate constitution. Membership is important to this constitution.

The remit of the DCA is such that it wishes to take the views of as many residents of the area as possible to ensure the majority view prevails.

According to the constitution only full members may vote during formal motions. These formal motions are binding on the Trustee Board (and sub-committees).

Why should I become a member?

Becoming a member allows you to have a formal vote on motions presented to the community.

Having a significant member base is seen as supportive of the aims of the DCA and especially when the DCA applies for funding on your behalf for projects.

Entrance to the Dirleton Castle is changing and being a member will allow some free and reduced-price entrance fees.

What does the DCA do for me?

- Provision of a community website
- Email lists to keep the community informed
- Notices of events and information on the noticeboards
- Monitor and maintain the Defibrillator units in the village
- Obtain grants for community projects (e.g. Trees, Heritage Lighting, Bowling Clubhouse, Memorial)
- Reviews Planning applications and brings them to the committee as needed
- In conjunction with the other community bodies supports the community events (e.g. Lunch Hub, Fete & Games, Market on the Green, Christmas Lights, Community Party ...)
- Working with the Community Council & North Berwick Community Area Partnership for mutually beneficial activities



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Why should I join right now?

The AGM is coming up in early December - if you want to influence the decision making then you need to be a member to vote at the AGM.

Join in and work with us - projects need people and the more people we can have with us the more we can work in the community.

Conditions for Full membership

A full member of the DCA must:

- be aged 16 or over;
- live within the defined boundary of the Community;
- be eligible to vote at a local government election in the defined boundary;
- support the aims of the DCA.

The Community boundary is defined (under current constitution) as *"...the village of Dirleton along with the settlements of Archerfield, Fenton Barns, and Ferrygate ..."*

Membership Fees

The DCA (under current constitution) does not charge for membership. No membership fees will be charged for the current year (2025-26).

There is to be a motion to be voted upon at the AGM to introduce a charge for membership.

If the motion is passed then the intent will be to start membership fees for the membership year 2026-27.

How do I sign up?

If you would like to sign-up to the DCA then visit the membership form on our website at <https://dirletonvillage.org/dirleton-community-association/dca-membership>

Alternatively use the following QR code to access the membership application forms:

