

DIRLETON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2008

Scottish Charity Number SC017163

Current Committee Members

Bill McNie (Chair- from May 2008)

Nigel Bruce (Chair-to May 2008)

Rebecca Fowler (Treasurer – from November 2007)

Sonia Bruce (from November 2007)

Shona Collins (from November 2007)

Gordon Duncan

Mary McCall (from August 2008)

Jim Oliver

Ex officio

Sandy Steel (Community Councillor)

Other Committee members during the year

John Fergie (Treasurer -resigned November 2007)

Vicki Bruce (resigned March 2008)

John Chaundler (resigned November 2007)

Mary McNie (resigned November 2007)

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Recruitment and appointment of Committee Members

The Society's Committee and Office-bearers are appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in the autumn. The Committee may co-opt Members as necessary during the year.

Governing document

The Society is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and arrangements for administration are set out in its constitution.

Charitable purposes

The objectives of the Association, as set out in the constitution, are:

- to encourage the preservation, and, where possible, the improvement of the character, amenity and beauty of the village and its surroundings and features therein of historic or ecological interest
- to encourage high standards of planning and architecture in the area
- to stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the village
- to co-operate with other bodies having such interests.

Activities and achievements

The Association has held monthly meetings during the year. Talks have been given by Paul Zochowski on 'Conservation Villages', and on 'Wine and Trees' by the Countryside Ranger at Archerfield. We also hosted the annual report from the Neighbourhood watch, with a talk by PC Tracy Parker.

An issue of considerable anxiety during the year was the review of the Post Office Network. We represented the importance of the PO and shop to the village, and were very pleased that Dirleton Post Office was earmarked to continue to provide the existing services in the Consultation Document released in August 2008.

We have also expressed views on: the alcohol bye-laws, which came into force in July 2008; the Core Paths Consultation by ELC; the ELC Coastal Car Parks Consultation; and the interests of the area in the future of the North Berwick Museum.

Concerns were expressed about the damage caused by travellers on two separate occasions at Yellowcraig. The Association also hosted a report on Neighbourhood Watch in Dirleton.

Another topic of continuing concern has been the safety of the eastern approach to the village, particularly in the light of recent accidents. We have represented the need for better signposting, lighting and an additional lane for those turning right into the village.

Funds to assist projects were provided to the Dirleton School and to the Dirleton Playgroup.

A successful visit to Archerfield House took place in May 2008.

The Association took a stall at the Dirleton Fete and Games in July 2008 and ran a quiz.

Financial outcome and reserves

There was a surplus of £9,224.34 in 2008. This surplus was largely due to a generous legacy of £10,000.00 from Mrs Molly Ritchie.

A total of £12,477.34 was held in cash and at the bank at the end of August 2008: these funds are unrestricted.

The Society holds assets and reserves in order to assist or finance projects of benefit to the village and fund any exceptional costs associated with the pursuit of its objectives.

No remuneration or personal expenses were paid to Committee Members during the year.

Approved by the Committee and signed on its behalf

Bill McNie Chair
1 October 2008

Dirleton Village Association

Receipts & Payments Account for the 10 months 1st November 2007 to 31st August 2008:

	2008 £	2007 £
Receipts In:		
Membership subscriptions	£477.00	£472.00
Exhibition receipts (photo print sales)	£23.20	£2,821.00
Bank interest	£251.61	£207.00
Inland Revenue rebate	£0.00	£123.00
Grants & donations received	£10,700.00	£31,850.00
Total receipts:	£11,451.81	£35,473.00
Payments Out:		
Exhibition expenses	£319.00	£1,793.00
General expenses - post, stationery etc	£23.50	£85.00
Historic Scotland	£100.00	£100.00
Dirleton Kirk	£100.00	£100.00
Community Bus	£45.00	£0.00
Presentations & events	£62.10	£293.00
Gifts	£95.87	£0.00
Equipment purchased	£0.00	£387.00
Playpark	£0.00	£34,545.00
Donations to School, Playgroup and Fidra Store	£1,450.00	£0.00
Bank Charges	£32.00	£0.00
Total Payments:	£2,227.47	£37,303.00
Surplus/(deficit) for the period:	£9,224.34	(£1,830.00)

Statement of Balances as at 31st August 2008:

Bank and Cash Inhand:		
Opening balances	£3,253.00	£5,083.00
Surplus/(deficit) for the period:	£9,224.34	(£1,830.00)
Closing balance:	£12,477.34	£3,253.00

Notes to the accounts:

(1) Assets

The Association has adopted the practice of writing off assets in the year of purchase.

(2) Change of financial year end

The society has changed the end of its financial year from end-October to end-August. The 2007 accounts shown are for the full 12 months.

Approved by the Committee and signed on their behalf:

..... Rebecca Fowler, Treasurer

..... Bill McNie, Chairman