

Ayton Heritage SCIO - Charity number SC049592

Trustees' Annual Report November 2024 (for period September 1st 2023 to 31st Aug 2024)

2024 has been a year of progress in some areas and setbacks in other areas which have resulted in a re-think of the project. These are detailed below.

Trustees

██ resigned at the last AGM but ██████████
██ joined. They along with existing trustees ██████████
██ have met monthly during the year to work on the St Dionysius project. Thanks go to all those who have put in a lot of work through the year.

Storage building

The old storage building was in poor condition with the roof collapsing due to rotting timbers. Permission was granted from SBC to carry out repairs provided like for like materials were used. Similar roof tiles were obtained from a farm at Oldhamstocks to replace any missing or damaged ones. The joinery work was carried out by ██████████ and the masonry and tile work by ██████████
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Information Boards

After gaining advertising consent from SBC boards were ordered from Fantasy Prints. A small one was erected at the cemetery gates and a larger one down at the church. These give historical information about the church and recognise the improvement work which has been carried out using the various funding organisations.

Equipment bought

In our Lottery Heritage award, we said we would buy equipment for the long-term maintenance of the area. Strimmers, loppers, wheel barrow, rakes and some other hand tools were purchased.

Grants

No new grant applications were made during the year but the focus was on spending the awards we had already received. Special thanks go to ██████████ and ██████████ for picking up where other people had left off. This is not an easy thing to do.

Some of the grants are based on matched funding and in the case of Fallago we were able to claim the hours spent by volunteers as such. To date the total hours given by volunteers (mainly ivy clearance) is 475 hours which saved us over £13,000.

We still have some funding in hand which will be used once we have our forward plan in place.

Unsafe areas/ Fencing

After the removal of the thick ivy canopy, we got our conservation architect back to update his survey now that much more of the stonework could be seen. Unfortunately, he discovered that some stonework was loose at high levels. As this was potentially dangerous, we informed SBC as they are responsible for public safety in the whole of the cemetery. We faintly hoped that they would carry out emergency repairs but sadly their only solution was to barrier off the whole of the church.

Our focus was then to find a stonemason who would work with us to do enough repairs to make the area safe and get the fence removed. WE found ██████████ was happy to work with us but after

several months of communication, and in view of the various services required from professionals cited in Will Napier's updated report, there was some concern expressed by trustees that we didn't have the necessary expertise to run the project.

Forward plan

We then got back in touch with [REDACTED] who put us in touch with [REDACTED] Conservation. We have a video conference with [REDACTED] when we discussed the project and the stage we had reached. After listening to what she could do for us we decided to pay for her expertise in preparing a realistic project plan and in helping us with future fund applications, an area in which she has much knowledge and expertise [REDACTED] has been to Ayton to see the site and meet the trustees in person and we are now currently in the early stages of project planning.

Newsletter

Newsletters have been sent to all members by email in the past but for the latest one we decided to have it printed and distributed to all households in the village plus other locations such as the Community Hall and Coldingham Priory. It was also sent by email to all members as many live outwith the village.

[REDACTED]
Chairman

Approved 19th November 2024 & Signed on behalf of the trustees

[REDACTED]

Treasurer

Structure, governance and management

Status:

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Purpose

The organisation's purpose is to preserve the cultural heritage (both tangible and intangible) of Ayton and district through the following means.

- 1 Conservation of any building, structures or item which provides a link to the past.
- 2 Researching and promoting the history of any heritage related items.
- 3 Recording findings in a manner which makes them accessible in the future.
- 4 Making knowledge gained accessible for educational purposes.
- 5 Providing the opportunity of training for volunteers in techniques required to carry out the above.

Organisational structure

Trustees are elected from the membership at the AGM.

Governance

The charity is governed in accordance with the constitution (version 2 approved on 27/2/20) which can be viewed at www.aytonhistory.com

Policy on reserves

It is Ayton Heritage policy to retain adequate funds to cover foreseeable commitments.

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	September	2023		31	August	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	155				155	
Legacies					-	
Grants	7,747				7,747	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	7,902	-	-	-	7,902	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,902	-	-	-	7,902	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	74				74	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	11,410				11,410	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other	212				212	
					-	
A3 Sub total	11,696	-	-	-	11,696	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,696	-	-	-	11,696	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,794)	-	-	-	(3,794)	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3,794)	-	-	-	(3,794)	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	16,061				16,061	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(3,794)				(3,794)	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	12,267	-	-	-	12,267	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

18th March 2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

As part of the only project being pursued by Ayton Heritage, namely the preservation of the ruins of St Dionysius Church in Ayton, Berwickshire, the funds were required to carry out an ecological survey and structural condition survey of the ivy clad ruins. This is a precautionary step in the plans for the removal and preservation of the ruin.

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Ivy removal and preservation of church	Pilgrim Trust Donation	1	£ 5,038.00
Ivy removal and preservation of church	Tweed Forum Donation	1	£ 2,709.08
Total			7,747

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	x
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C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Membership Fees	55				55	
Donations	100				100	
Total	155	-	-	-	155	-

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Pilgrim Trust Donation	5,038		5,038	
Tweed Forum Donation	2,709		2,709	
			-	
			-	
Total	7,747	-	7,747	-

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Canmore Photo Consent	120				120	
Church Shed Repair	6,312				6,312	
Gardening Tools	901				901	
Information Boards	1,209				1,209	
Ivy Removal	1,134				1,134	
Planning Application	300				300	
Safety Equipment	42				42	
Skip Hire	210				210	
Adams Napier Report	1,182				1,182	
					-	
					-	
Total	11,410	-	-	-	11,410	-

Opening Balance**£ 16,061.32 (at 1st September 2023)****Income**

Donation	£ 100.00
Membership Fees	£ 55.00
Pilgrim Trust Donation	£ 5,038.00
Tweed Forum Donation	£ 2,709.08

Expenditure

	£ 1,182.00
Archaeology Scotland Membership	£ 55.00
Canmore Photo Consent	£ 120.00
Church Shed Repair	£ 6,312.00
Gardening Tools	£ 901.28
Hall Hire	£ 74.00
Information Boards	£ 1,209.16
Ivy Removal	£ 1,134.00
Planning Application	£ 300.00
Public Liability Insurance	£ 157.00
Safety Equipment	£ 42.00
Skip Hire	£ 210.00

Total Income**£ 7,902.08****Total Expenditure****£ 11,696.44****Closing Balance****£ 12,266.96 (at 31st August 2024)**