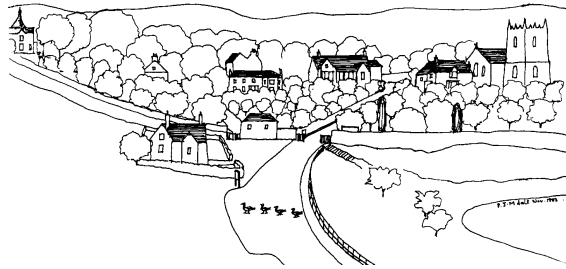


DUDDINGSTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

(Founded 1959 – Charity Number SC 016606)



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 30 November 2025

Duddingston Conservation Society
Annual Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

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Reference and Administrative information For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

Registered Address:

f3/54 the Causeway
Edinburgh
EH15 3PZ

Constitution & charity reference:

The Society is constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) – ref SC 016606.

Board of trustees:

The following served on the Board as trustees of the charity throughout the financial year:

Members at the year-end:

Freda O'Byrne	(Chair)
Iain Cartwright	(Treasurer)
Keir Bloomer	
Panna Chauhan	
Christina Hales	(Appointed 16 January 2025)
Sandy Richardson	(Appointed at AGM 22 May 2025)

Over the year under review:

Alex Howarth	(Secretary; Resigned at AGM 22 May 2025)
Andy Tipping	(Resigned 16 January 2025)

Independent examiner:

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Report of the Board of Trustees For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

The Board of trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Duddingston Conservation Society ("the Society") is constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), which was registered by OSCR on 18 October 2012 and is governed by a constitution effective from that date. The SCIO is the successor to an unincorporated association of the same name originally founded in 1959 and the assets, liabilities and undertakings of that former association were formally transferred to the SCIO at 30 November 2012. The Society was formerly known as Duddingston Village Conservation Society and changed its name to Duddingston Conservation Society with effect from 1 September 2015.

The Society is a membership organisation, with membership open to any individual aged 16 or over who is ordinarily resident in the Duddingston Village Conservation Area. Persons not living in the prescribed area, who subscribe to the aims of the Society, may also be admitted to membership at the discretion of the Board. The affairs of the Society are managed by the Board of trustees, who are elected annually at the AGM. The Board may also, at any time, appoint any member to serve on the Board of trustees. Such appointed members and one third of elected members retire from office at each AGM and are eligible for re-election. Office bearers are also elected at the AGM.

The names of those who served as trustees during the year and other reference and administrative information is shown on page 2.

Charitable Purposes and Activities

The purposes of the Society, as set out in its constitution, are as follows:

- the advancement of the arts, heritage and culture of Duddingston Conservation area;
- the advancement of environmental protection and improvement of Duddingston Conservation area;
- the advancement of community development within the Duddingston Conservation Area.

In furtherance of these Purposes the Society may undertake the following activities:

- stimulating public interest in and care for the beauty, history, character and amenity of Duddingston Conservation Area and its surroundings;
- promoting access to and understanding of the environment, both natural and man-made, of Duddingston Conservation Area and its surroundings;
- encouraging the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest;
- encouraging high standards of architecture and planning in Duddingston Conservation Area, with a view to preserving the architectural attractions, gardens, and residential character of the neighbourhood;
- promoting the 'garden character' of Duddingston Village and fostering the appreciation and development of that environment;
- liaising with relevant local authorities and other bodies who may have an interest in the area and by whom or with whose assistance or interest the objectives of this Society may be furthered;
- and generally acting in all matters affecting the area, impinging on its surroundings and the interests of the residents in the area.

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Report of the Board of Trustees (continued)

Society Activities & Achievements

The charity ran its activities throughout the year on the community land, with regular sessions in the community vegetable garden for volunteers. Activities continue to be open to anyone with an interest, on a 'no experience needed, commitment free' basis. This brings the community, with a high proportion of older people, together in planned and unexpected ways. The volunteers are a combination of villagers and people who come from outside the village, including people with limited access to green space.

A high point of the year was 'Apple Day' held in early October on the tennis court, run in partnership with the Field Group. A wide selection of apples, including many rare heritage varieties were available to sample, for juicing and purchase. This event, has become a staple of the calendar and was attended by an enthusiastic group, over 250 in all, people of all ages including many young families.

The 'Word Garden' project – to create quiet, reflective space in the area between the community garden and the tennis court – began to gather momentum with the purchase of materials for its stone benches and paths.

The 2025 AGM took place at Millar Hall (Duddingston Kirk Garden Room) in May 2025, attended by members, with local councillors also in attendance.

Major news came in July when City of Edinburgh Council confirmed that DCS had been successful in securing £120,000 from the UK Prosperity Fund towards the costs of refurbishing the Byre. DCS were approached as they had a ready project and the means to deliver this. Originally the funder's stipulation was that the money needed to be spent by 31 March 2026, but later, fortunately this was extended to 30 September 2026, a much more achievable target.

The Byre consists of a small, square tack room and hayloft. Behind this is the main space which originally housed stalls for cattle. The byre has been a roofless, ex-agricultural building for several years. However it has long been an aspiration of the charity, local residents and volunteers alike, to create a wind and watertight space and so bring the building back into use.

The new plan is to build a wooden frame within the existing walls, with roof projecting over them, thereby protecting them from the elements and further decay. The new structure will preserve the existing look and feel of the byre. The tack-room/hayloft will be reconnected to the byre space by re-opening the doorway between the two spaces and open up four, bricked up windows.

The intention is not to re-roof the whole run of the byre but rather approximately 70%, some 21 metres in length. A new wall will be created at one end to complete the indoor space, with doors opening out at its eastern extremity, onto a walled, roofless courtyard.

DCS's Treasurer, Iain Cartwright agreed to take on the project management of this scheme on a voluntary basis. WT Architecture kindly agreed to take on the project on a non-profit basis thanks to Senior Associate (and local resident) Tom Fitzgerald.

A planning application was submitted to CEC and received approval in December 2025, with outline Building Warrant approval following some three months later. After approaching several contractors Carpenter Oak were selected to supply the timber frame structure.

This refurbishment will bring the building back into use in a sensitive and modest way, suitable to a small charity. The refurbished building will allow us to house and expand DCS's activities. It will extend the amount of time and seasonal hours volunteers can spend working together and provide new possibilities for horticultural activities, learning and working to take place under shelter.

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Report of the Board of Trustees (continued)

Financial Review

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30 November 2025 set out on pages 7 to 10.

At the year-end total funds of £54,970 were carried forward. This consisted of £29,531 held in the Society's unrestricted general fund and £25,439 was held in the restricted Community Land fund. Overall, there was a net decrease of £3,512 in total funds.

The money raised for the Community Land is held in a separate bank account to the general Society funds, with all income and expenditure on the Land since the date of the purchase being put through the Community Land account.

Total income for the year was £16,527. Income was generated from regular donations (£2,946) from plant and egg sales, e-bike income and bank interest. A grant of £11,506 was received from UKPF to meet the costs of preparatory works for the Byre.

Total expenditure amounted to £20,039. This included the first costs towards refurbishment of the byre (£11,786). These being preparatory costs to replace the storm-damaged wall between the byre and the gardens of numbers 54 and 56 The Causeway with a fence (£1,900); fees for structural engineers (£964) and the purchase of steel wall braces from the local smithie for the eastern gable of the byre (£276). There were also a number of professional fees paid to commence the project: the deposit towards WT Architecture's fee (£6,114); as well as a deposit to Carpenter Oak for production of the timber frame (£1,732) and costs the first of the Arboriculturalist's report (£520).

As for the usual DCS activities: the community garden required materials towards the building of new stairs (£1,195), labour being provided free of cost by volunteers. The balance being spent on the purchase of seeds, plants, tools and a 'leaky pipe' irrigation system.

A further £2,110 was spent for the construction of a composting toilet and to build a new shed to house the mowers, equipment and tools after relocating these from the byre ahead of the building works.

There were a number of DCS administrative expenses, including the costs of printing 'The Paddock' (£678); Insurance (£375); Accountancy fees (£250); AGM refreshments (£195) and a registration fee to information registrar (£47). Some £930 was spent on the hens, towards the purchase of feed; straw and new replacement chickens.

The costs of the Word Garden amounted to £886 in this year but were set against against income received previously two previous grants from the Community Grants Fund and the Scottish Mental Health Festival.

Reserves Policy

Our current strategy is to maintain £20,000 on deposit as a contingency reserve for unforeseen expenditure (such as legal fees in the event of a dispute or for an unforeseen emergency). This leaves approximately £9,500 of working capital in the general fund, which is considered a sensible amount to hold in the current account for normal running costs.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Chair

Duddingston Conservation Society

Date: 21 August 2026

Report of the Independent Examiner

To the Board of Trustees of Duddingston Conservation Society

I report on the accounts of the Duddingston Conservation Society for the year ended 30 November 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Board of trustees and Examiner

The charity's Board of Trustees is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the Regulations). The Board of Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the Board of Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 24 August 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 November 2025

	Note	Restricted Community Land £	Restricted Other Funds £	Unrestricted General Fund £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Receipts:						
Grants	3	-	11,506	-	11,506	590
Donations		2,210	-	736	2,946	1,591
E-Bike income		-	-	520	520	362
Income from events		-	-	-	-	358
Sales of produce		144	-	885	1,029	558
Bank interest		-	-	526	526	177
Total Receipts in year		<u>2,354</u>	<u>11,506</u>	<u>2,667</u>	<u>16,527</u>	<u>3,636</u>
Payments:						
Community Land expenditure		930	-	-	930	876
Byre Project		-	11,506	280	11,786	-
Toilet		2,110	-	-	2,110	-
Word Garden		62	590	234	886	-
Community Garden		2,782	-	-	2,782	-
Other maintenance		-	-	-	-	1,850
Insurance		375	-	-	375	367
Dues and subscriptions		-	-	47	47	35
AGM		-	-	195	195	-
Other event costs		-	-	-	-	444
Paddock Newsletter costs		-	-	678	678	-
Independent examiner's fee		-	-	250	250	-
Total Payments in year		<u>6,259</u>	<u>12,096</u>	<u>1,684</u>	<u>20,039</u>	<u>3,572</u>
Net (payments) / income in year		<u>(3,905)</u>	<u>(590)</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>(3,512)</u>	<u>64</u>

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Statement of Balances at 30 November 2025

	Restricted Community Land £	Restricted Other Funds £	Unrestricted General Fund £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Funds Reconciliation:					
Funds brought forward at 1 Dec 2024	18,428	590	39,464	58,482	58,418
Net payments) / receipts in year	(3,905)	(590)	983	(3,512)	64
Transfer after year end	10,916	-	(10,916)	-	-
Funds carried forward at 30 Nov 2025	25,439	-	29,531	54,970	58,482

Bank & Cash Balances:	£	£	£	£	£
Bank deposit account	-	-	22,500	22,500	21,974
Bank current accounts	25,430	-	6,878	32,308	36,245
Cash in hand	9	-	153	162	263
Bank & cash balances at 30 Nov 2025	25,439	-	29,531	54,970	58,482

Other Assets:					
Community Land at cost (Note 5)	50,000	-	-	50,000	50,000
Gazelle Bloom E Bike (estimated value)	-	928	-	928	1,237
Croozzer Cargo Trailer (estimated value)	-	124	-	124	166

Further assets are listed in note 6.

Liabilities:

Independent examiner's fee	-	-	500	500	250
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The accounts on pages 7 to 10 were approved by the Trustees on 21 August 2026 and are signed on their behalf by:



Chair

Date: 21 August 2026



Treasurer

Date: 21 August 2026

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Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 30 November 2025

1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in furtherance of any of the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. An unrestricted 'general' fund is maintained for the day to day operations of the Society.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The *Community Land* restricted fund was originally set up for the purchase of the Community Land in 2014 and is continuing to be used for further development and maintenance of the Community Land. Donations and other income generated from the Land are added to the fund and expenditure on the Land is charged to the fund.

3. Grants received

	Community Land £	Other Restricted £	General Fund £	Funds 2025 £	Funds 2024 £
City of Edinburgh Council for work on the Byre	-	11,506	-	11,506	-
Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival. for the Word Garden	-	-	-	-	590
	-	11,506	-	11,506	590

Both grants were fully expended in the current year.

4. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year and no expenses were reimbursed to them.

5. Community Land

The Community Land, 56a The Causeway, Duddingston Village, which was formerly leased from The National Trust for Scotland, was purchased by the Society in 2014 at an agreed price of £50,000.

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6. Other Assets

In addition to the funds shown on the Statement of Balances and the Community Land, the Society owns the following assets:

Bronze painted cast of Prince Charles Edward Stuart's plaster death mask, which is on indefinite loan to the Scottish Portrait Gallery;

Collection of books on Duddingston Village for reference;

A collection of paintings of Duddingston Village and its surroundings collected by former President April Johnson Marshall and donated to the Society, according to her wish, by the Johnson Marshall family.