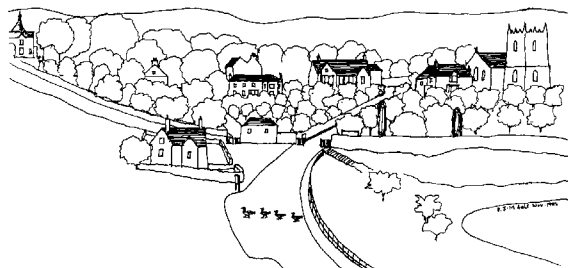


DUDDINGSTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

(Founded 1959 – Charity Number SC 016606)



REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 30 November 2024

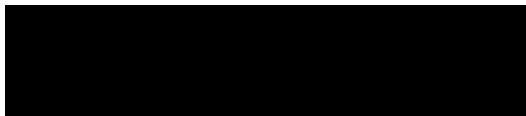
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Annual Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended 30 November 2024

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Reference and Administrative information For the Year Ended 30 November 2024

Registered Address:

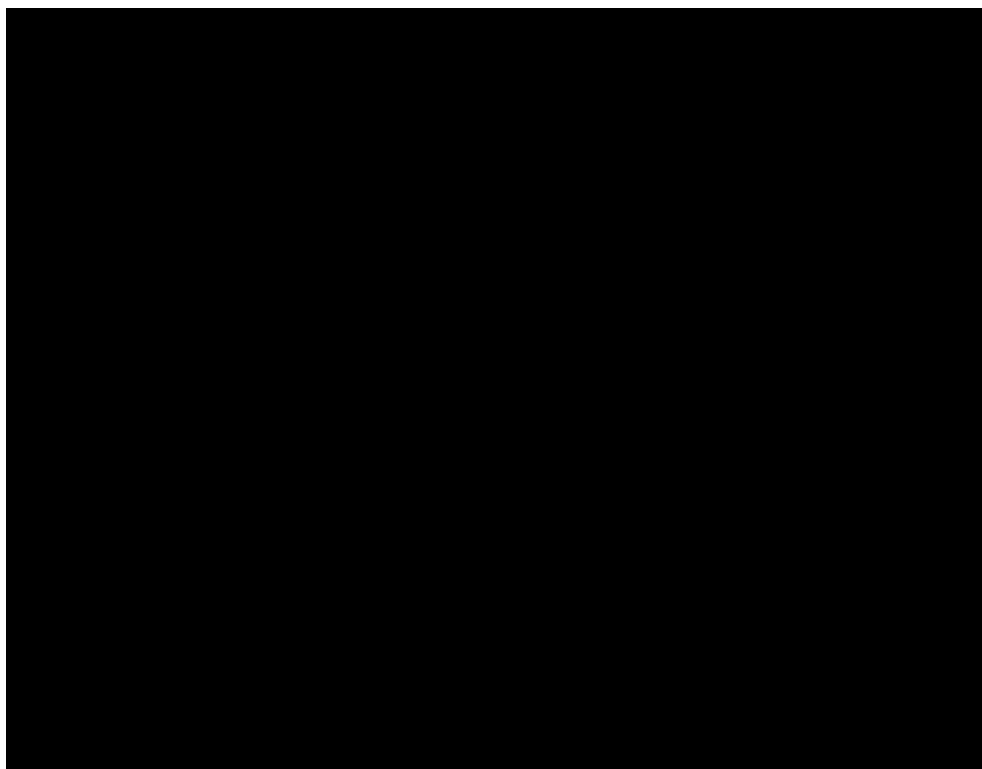


Constitution & charity reference:

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:



Bankers:

The Co-operative Bank
PO Box 250
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT

Virgin Money
Jubilee House
Gosforth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 4PL

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Report of the Board of Trustees For the Year Ended 30 November 2024

The Board of trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024.

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 Community Vegetable Garden involves a core of regular volunteers from across Edinburgh and provides opportunities for land management and the growing of fruit and vegetables - which are then provided to volunteers and residents alike. The bulk of the active volunteers come from outside Duddingston village, though there has been an increase in resident volunteers more recently.

Activities are open to anyone, on a no experience needed, no commitment basis. They bring the community, with a high proportion of older people, together in planned and unexpected ways. These activities combined with a loose, collaborative working structure aims to be inclusive, supportive and welcoming.

Following the success of the Village Fete 2023, a book bank has been established and continues to gain momentum. Associated with this is the 'Word Garden' project which is underway and will create a welcome and tranquil environment as well as a cairn documenting important events in the village.

The Tippereth Group is a supportive organisation for adults with learning difficulties who make a positive contribution on a weekly basis to the maintenance of the land. Other external groups include the 'Dirty Weekenders', a group of student volunteers from Edinburgh University who attend several times across the year.

The land hosts a programme of events across the year, with people from the village and beyond helping and attending. These include:

- A celebratory mid-summer breakfast, served on the old tennis court
- Apple Day, held in October, with a wide selection of heritage apples to sample from the community orchard.
- An annual basket-making course - using willow harvested from the willow plantation
- A Bonfire night event.
- An impromptu 'Lettuce Day' was held in June in the community garden with a view to increasing volunteer participation and enhancing appreciation of the produce.

The e-bikes initiative run from the Byre tack room continues to be used by members.

During the year a marque was purchased from the Sheeps' Heid Inn and erected in the Byre as a temporary roofed structure.

The year saw the impact of forceful storms which brought down a section of the byre walling abutting the gardens of 52-56 The Causeway. Work is underway to replace the barrier between the Byre and neighbouring properties.

An application was made to the 'Place Based Investment Programme for Edinburgh' for funds towards providing a permanent water-tight, roofed structure for the Byre. This application is currently in abeyance until the city council confirm receipt of funds from the Scottish Government. It will be subject to a competitive bidding process.

*The AGM took place at Millar Hall (Duddingston Kirk Garden room) on **Wednesday 20th November 2024**. It was attended by 22 members and two local councillors. A new chair and Treasurer were appointed at the AGM. Member and residents were kept up to date by regular circulation emails.*

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Report of the Board of Trustees (continued)

Financial Review

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30 November 2024 set out on pages 7 to 10.

At the year-end total funds of £58,482 were carried forward. This consisted of £39,464 held in the Society's unrestricted general fund, £18,428 was held in the restricted Community Land fund and £590 in other restricted funds. The latter represents a restricted grant from the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival for the Word Garden and was fully expended in the following financial year. Overall, there was a net increase of £64 in total funds.

The e-bike project has continued successfully, raising subscription income and donations.

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. Over the year there continued to be much activity in the Land Fund, with regular donations being received, and monies raised through produce sales for vegetables, plants and flowers.

General income for the Society continues to be generated from bank interest and donations from members and others.

Administrative costs continue to be minimal since office bearers work on a voluntary basis.

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 £19,464 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: 13 May 2025

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 2024, 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

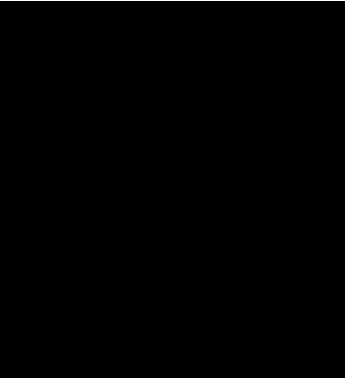
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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.



Date: 13 May 2025

Duddingston Conservation Society

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 November 2024

	Note	Restricted Community Land £	Restricted Other Funds £	Unrestricted General Fund £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts:						
Grants	3	-	590	-	590	-
Donations		540	-	1,051	1,591	8,520
E-Bike income		-	362	-	362	855
Income from events		-	-	358	358	233
Sales of produce		558	-	-	558	1,146
Bank interest		-	-	177	177	-
Total Receipts in year		<u>1,098</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>1,586</u>	<u>3,636</u>	<u>10,754</u>
Payments:						
Community Land expenditure		192	-	684	876	1,992
Bike shelter		-	-	-	-	-
E-Bike costs		-	-	-	-	189
Insurance		367	-	-	367	391
Other maintenance		-	-	1,850	1,850	-
Dues and subscriptions		-	-	35	35	35
Other admin costs		-	-	-	-	3
Donation to local refugee support group		-	-	-	-	-
AGM		-	-	-	-	-
Other event costs		-	-	444	444	18
Paddock Newsletter costs		-	-	-	-	100
Independent examiner's fee		-	-	-	-	250
Total Payments in year		<u>559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,013</u>	<u>3,572</u>	<u>2,978</u>
Net receipts / (payments) in year		<u>539</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>(1,427)</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>7,776</u>

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Statement of Balances at 30 November 2024

	Restricted Community Land £	Restricted Other Funds £	Unrestricted General Fund £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Funds Reconciliation:					
Funds brought forward at 1 Dec 2023	17,889	-	40,529	58,418	50,642
Net receipts / (payments) in year	539	952	(1,427)	64	7,776
Transfer	-	(362)	362	-	-
Funds carried forward at 30 Nov 2024	18,428	590	39,464	58,482	58,418

Bank & Cash Balances:	£	£	£	£	£
Bank deposit account	-	-	21,974	21,974	21,797
Bank current accounts	18,419	590	17,236	36,245	36,358
Cash in hand	9	-	254	263	263
Bank & cash balances at 30 Nov 2024	18,428	590	39,464	58,482	58,418

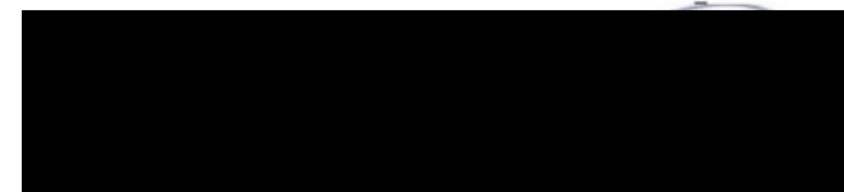
Other Assets:					
Community Land at cost (Note 5)	50,000	-	-	50,000	50,000
Gazelle Bloom E Bike (estimated value)	-	1,237	-	1,237	1,649
Croozar Cargo Trailer (estimated value)	-	166	-	166	221
Nihola E Cargo Trike (estimated value)	-	-	-	-	2,745

Further assets are listed in note 6.

Liabilities:

Independent examiner's fee	-	-	250	250	250
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The accounts on pages 7 to 10 were approved by the Trustees on 13 May 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Chair

Treasurer

Date: 13 May 2025

Date: 13 May 2025

Duddingston Conservation Society

Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 30 November 2024

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 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival. for the Word Garden	-	590	-	590	-
	-	590	-	590	-

The grant was fully expended in the following 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 [REDACTED] and donated to the Society, according to her wish, by the [REDACTED] family.