

BIRGHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Scottish Charity No SC037236

Annual Report & Financial Statement

For the Year Ended 31st March, 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statement for the year ended 31st March, 2024.

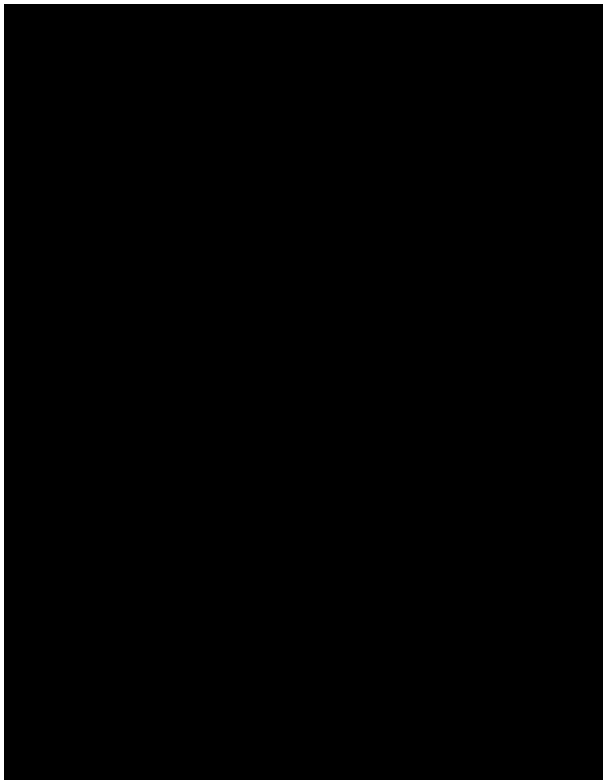
Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name

Birgham Community Development Trust

Charity No

SC037236



Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation administered by OSCR. It is governed by its Constitution which was last amended on 22nd October 2012 as a result of the conversion from a limited charitable company (SC356420, Birgham Community Development Trust).

Appointment of Trustees & Management

The structure of Birgham Community Development Trust consists of:

- (a) the MEMBERS – who have the right to attend the Annual General Meeting (and any Extraordinary General Meeting) and have important

powers; in particular, the members elect people to serve as Trustees and take decisions in relation to any changes.

- (b) The TRUSTEES - who hold monthly meetings during the year between Annual General Meetings, and generally control and supervise the activities of Birgham Community Development Trust; in particular, the Trustees are responsible for monitoring the financial position.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable purposes

The advancement of education of the Community about its environment, culture and heritage. The advancement of citizenship or community development. The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science. The provision of recreational facilities, and/or organising recreational activities.

Activities

The Charity aims to organise recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended. The advancement of environmental protection or improvement. The general improvement of the village streets, footpaths and gardens to provide a better quality of life for residents and visitors.

Events during the year include, King's Coronation Fair held in May. A Craft Fair in October, Scots Night celebration in February. Also returning this year was the Coldstream Ride-out in August which was well supported and proved very successful.

Following the successful Community Lunch last year, it was decided to hold monthly Community Lunches throughout the winter, followed by coffee mornings during the summer months. These have proved very popular as a means of getting people to meet socially, particularly during the dark winter days. An extremely successful Community Christmas Lunch was well attended in December.

Outside of the village hall, volunteers have continued to make Birgham a very attractive place to stay by keeping the verges and grass areas cut and litter free. This year Birgham won the Wee Village award in SBC's Greener Gateway competition. This was entirely due to the efforts of the many volunteers who filled the planters and kept the plants watered and cared for during the summer months. Funding for the planters again came from various social activities including domino nights in the pub.

Achievements & Performance

The village has benefitted enormously by the influx of new residents due to the building of 22 new houses over recent years. They have not only helped to swell the numbers of people using the village hall, but have brought renewed interest in the various activities and have helped to set up new Clubs. They include, Art Club, Wine Club, Photography Club, Sewing group, exercise group, Film, Quiz & Domino Nights. Most of these clubs have monthly meetings.

Outdoor activities have continued with great success, and there has been greater use of the park facilities and various walks throughout the village and beyond.

Financial Review

In contrast to last financial year our expenses have considerably exceeded income due to grants received the previous year & expenses carried out in this financial year. Resulting in a reduction of £13,000 in our reserves §

Our total income at the financial year end was £9,270.89 which included £5,595 Lottery receipts, and total expenditure for the year was £26941.06. Bank balance, lottery account and cash totalling £6681.89 was taken forward to 2024/25.

Income from Donations, Events and Grants received along with expenditure through Donations, Events, Lottery Prizes and building refurbishment are included in the Statement of Income and Expenditure.

Plans for Future Periods

The Coldstream Ride-out will also take place again this year on Tuesday 6th August. Arrangements for the afternoon have yet to be decided.

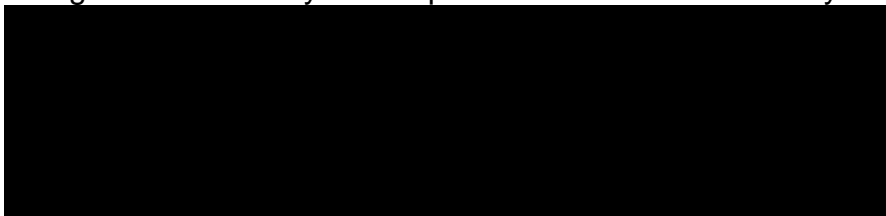
A village summer BBQ & music festival was being considered as an alternative to the annual fair which had become stale.

It's being considered to reinstate the Village Flower Show.

The Art Club & the Photography club are hoping to hold exhibitions in the village hall following on the success of the previous year.

Financial Audit

The accounts (including individual transactions and Bank statements) for Birgham Community Development Trust were collated by our Treasurer,



This is to certify that the accounts have been checked and the summary of Income and Expenditure (attached) form an accurate statement for the financial year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. See separate Statement of Income and Expenditure for 2023/24 duly signed by:



Report approved by the trustees on 10th June 2024 and signed on their behalf



BIRGHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

BALANCE SHEET – 2023-2024

INCOME	2023-2024	2022-2023		EXPENDITURE	2023-2024	2022-2023
To Balance Brought Forward						
Bank Account @ 31.03.23	21,579.36	17,411.12				
Lottery Account @ 31.03.23	2,409.08	3,403.04				
Cash in Hand @ 31.03.23	157.62	100.13				
	£24,146.06	£20,914.29				
Hall Rent	868.00	446.00		Refurbishment Costs (Hall)	4,122.66	15,106.54
Lottery Income	5,595.00	5,300.00		Miscellaneous (Hall)	1,195.66	0.00
Coronation Fair/ Event Income	481.65	1,167.39		Pavilion	5,305.40	0.00
Scots' Night	170.00	352.80		Cairn	1,800.00	0.00
Coffee Mornings	265.00	390.00		Licensing (Lottery & Film Licence)	179.00	169.00
Christmas Lunch	300.00	245.00		Lottery Prizes	2,920.00	2,540.00
Film, Quiz & Domino Nights	487.50	0.00		Event Expenditure (Jubilee)	0.00	925.00
Grant	200.00	15,000.00		Donations	718.00	210.00
Miscellaneous	842.42	253.50		Utilities	1,541.64	558.58
Bank Interest	12.89	19.15		Plants (Planters)	300.33	1,335.77
Bank Interest (Lottery)	48.43	6.04		Bank Charges	0.00	0.00
Bequest	0.00	2,000.00		Equipment	0.00	0.00
Berwickshire Warm Hub	0.00	100.00		Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,059.67	403.25
				Miscellaneous Cash Transactions	453.20	256.01
	£9,270.89	£25,279.88		Insurance	665.71	643.96
				Park Equipment	6,679.79	0.00
Total	£33,416.95	£46,194.17		Total	£26,941.06	£22,148.11
Outstanding Cheque No. 001072	206.00			Bank Account @ 31.03.24	4,944.96	21,579.36
Outstanding Cheque No. 986		100.00		Lottery Account @ 31.03.24	1,632.51	2,409.08
				Cash in Hand @ 31.03.24	104.42	157.62
					£6,681.89	£24,146.06
Overall Total	£33,622.95	£46,294.17		Overall Total	£33,622.95	£46,294.17

Accounts prepared by: [REDACTED] Treasurer BCDT

Accounts checked and verified by: [REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 30.04-24

Date: 10/06/24