

Thrumster Community Development Association

Trustees' Annual Report

2024 - 2025



Charity contact information

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Charity Trustees

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year

1. Charity Trustee - Alice Miller
2. Charity Trustee - Andrew Atkins
3. Charity Trustee - Raymond Bremner
4. Charity Trustee - Ian Giles
5. Charity Trustee - Gemma Oman

Objectives and activities

The Association's purposes are:

- The advancement of Education to the citizens of, and visitors to the community.
- The advancement of citizenship and community development.
- The advancement of arts, heritage and culture within the community.
- The provision of recreational facilities or organisation of recreational activities for the citizens of the community.
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement within the community.

The Association's focus is to take forward the wishes and aspirations of the Community expressed at the 2021 community consultation event, "Open to Ideas" held in Thrumster Hall.

The ideas expressed were duly collated to form a development plan which identifies the following :

- Improve the village hall amenity
- Improve the central green area ("Half Circle") and the present play park amenities to provide a brighter attraction to encourage community use.
- Enable more community events
- Develop facilities and activities to promote wellbeing

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Association's governing document is a Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All members of the Association are volunteers and whilst the Association do not have regular recruitment events the opportunity to become a member is offered as an open invitation in regular News Updates and on meeting notices.

Achievements and performance.

In the past 12 months the Association's main focus has been progressing the design of the new Community Hub building.

The design process unfortunately suffered some delay due to having to change the design team however local firm NorCAD were appointed to progress the project. This was achieved at no additional design cost and in June 2025 proposal drawings for the Hub were exhibited in the present hall for Community comment. The subsequent feedback was positive and supportive and the design was duly submitted to Highland Council for Planning Approval.



The transfer of the Play Park land from the Highland Council to the Community was eventually concluded in January and importantly satisfies a condition of potential project funders that the land is Community owned.

Enabled by local funding bodies, the Association also progressed a major refurbishment of the all weather tennis court located in the park and also the replacement of the park fence.



Park boundary fence renewal.



Tennis court resurfaced and new boundary fence



Opening ceremony with local pipers and funders.



Opening match

The Half Circle landscaped area is now well established with the plantings providing an attractive feature in addition to which some more trees have been added.

The amenity provides a year round focal point and an excellent location for the Halloween and Christmas displays both of which are popular with families and have attracted many visitors.



Fundraising for the Association's activities continues to prove successful and have received a grant from a local wind farm fund towards providing seasonal activities and to expand on the Christmas and Halloween displays.

Recent changes with the volunteer support organisation Caithness Voluntary Group has meant the Association will require to progress their own funding applications however funding has been made available to enable the Association to engage a Development Officer for a 12 month contract. This will enable progressing of the business plan and funding strategy for the proposed new Hub.

Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Present policy is to maintain sufficient reserves for the Association to function for the next 12-18months.

Reserves are presently used for annual expenses and maintenance of assets.

Details of any deficit

The Association do not have any funding deficit.

Donated facilities and services

None

Future plans

The Association's plans for the coming year are to continue progressing the Hub project and to carry out small developments in the play park including tree planting to provide shelter and creating a natural wildlife area within the present overgrown eastern side. This would be done in partnership with the Countryside Ranger Service.

The demands of the Hub project are considerable for the present Committee and will likely determine recruitment of members to form a dedicated sub committee to produce the Business Plan and to thereafter oversee and manage the Hub.

Additional information

The Association seek to build engagement of the Community in progressing the wish list of ideas put forward at the earlier community consultation event.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

IAN GILES

Designation

CHAIR

Date

15/03/26