



Earlston Community Development Trust
Annual Report & Accounts
30th November 2015
SCIO Charity No SC042828

Principal Address:

Brookfield
East End
EARLSTON
TD4 6HW

Names of Charity Trustees:

Mags Powell	Chairperson
Lucy Couper	Treasurer
Jackie Kinmond	Secretary
Wilma Brennan	Trustee
Sarah Petrie	Trustee
Laura Sinclair	Trustee
David Kennedy	Trustee

Charity Trustees left during the year:

John Paton Day

Aims and Objectives:

Earlston Community Development Trust (ECDT) is a legally constituted voluntary organisation and is run by members of the Earlston community. Registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) whose constitution was signed 26th January 2012.

Charitable Purposes:

- The advancement of citizenship or community development.
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the person for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Summary of Main Activities in relation to objectives:

Our aim is to help the village of Earlston develop facilities that can be owned and managed by the people of Earlston for the benefit of the whole community.

Our goals are to provide services and facilities for recreation and other leisure time facilities for the Earlston area following principles of sustainable development and in the interests of social welfare so that local people's conditions of life may be improved; and to provide an example of best practice for similar organisation's both regionally and nationally.

Mission Statement:

"To meet the social, cultural, environmental, educational and other needs of the communities of the Earlston Area (Earlston and surrounding communities) by providing facilities, services and carrying out other relevant activities. The Trust will be run by the people of Earlston area for the people of Earlston area"

Charitable activities to 30th November 2015:

Community Day:

Due to the imminent opening of the new Borders Railway Line, this year's Community Day had a railway theme to it which proved to be very popular and lots of fun. This was kindly supported by a grant from the SBC Borders Railway Celebration Fund.



There was also a wonderful display of photographs of Earlston's old train station and railway in action kindly provided by Auld Earlston.

This year's activities, as always, started with a special Community Day Service at Earlston Church. The Rugby Club was the next stop where events started off with the community bike ride out. Cycle speedway racing was introduced this year where four riders battled it out, side by side, over sprint laps and a number of heats to decide the winner.

Once again, there was a variety of different community groups showcasing their work, providing information about their group, promoting new membership and offering different activities to try.

Due to popular demand and continuing support from Reiver Recruitment, the Smoothie Bike was back and busier than ever. This year we asked for donations for the maintenance costs for Earlston's Defibrillator and we are delighted to say that £30.73 was raised. The majority of these donations came from the young people enjoying their healthy smoothies - well done guys!

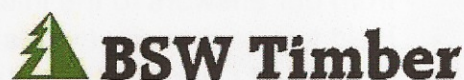
We had fantastic live music this year from the Ukulele Club and local band, General Tailors. The tug-of-war competition saw the Dangerous Divas team become the new champions and were presented with the Cup donated by BSW Timber.

In addition there was a raffle with over 40 fabulous prizes, generously donated by local businesses/individuals, whom every year never cease to amaze us.

A huge thanks must go to: Trevor Bryant, David Kennedy, Rebecca Kennedy, Kev Welsh, Reiver Recruitment, SBC, Councillor David Parker, Edinburgh Bus Tour Company, Keith Robertson Cars, Co-Op, Hardies Bikes, Brookfield Childcare, Black Bull, Top of the Mops, Galedin Vets, Priya Indian, Elliot Electrics, Cutting Shop, Borders Groomers, Turnbull Chemist, Harbro, Cathy Taylor, Donaldson's the Butchers, Aquarius Hairdressers, Earlston Primary School, Earlston Rugby Club, Earlston Civic Week Committee, Auld Earlston, Red Lion Hotel, Evergreen Florists, Leader Body & Beauty, Rhymers Café, Kool Campers, Ann Walker, Border Chainsaw, Alfonso's, Cost Cutters, Pound Bake, White Swan, J P Craw, Border Auto Valet, Thomas & Ethel Tearoom, Stewart Riddell, Bob Austin, Gordon Edgar, and Advanced Signs.

And a special thanks to the community groups who participate, the volunteers and everyone who comes along and joins in the fun, we couldn't do it without you!

Thanks also to:



Orchard Town Project

Over the past year there has been ongoing work weeding and pruning and this year, again, saw some trees bearing fruit.

The next phase of this project is to plant fruit trees in and around the town, which is central urban planting. We have identified green spaces owned by Scottish Borders Housing Association (SBHA) and after consultation with them they are supportive of our plans. We had hoped to have started this but due to the resources needed for the Play Park Project this was put on hold. During the next year we will be carrying out further consultation exercises with the community and applying for grant funding to enable us to take this phase forward.

If you would like further information or are interested in volunteering please contact us at:
donald.mcphillimy4@virignmedia.com

With many thanks again to our volunteers.

Play Park:

As detailed in our last Annual Report, in December 2014 the Big Lottery decided to award a grant of £250,000 on the condition that we:

- 1) Provide written confirmation that the (matched/additional) funding was in place.
- 2) Prior to starting the grant provide confirmation that the project enjoys appropriate community support that enables successful delivery of the project.

To meet the second condition of the grant offer we devised a community engagement plan to ensure everyone was fully informed of the project and confirm community support. To deliver the engagement plan over the year we:

- Produced two information newsletters which were delivered by volunteers to each household
- Responded to a document which had 106 questions, further questions generated from our answers to the initial document and various letters from individuals
- Held two community events
- Contacted Community Groups in the village to see if they would like us to attend one of their meetings to discuss Mill Meadow play park project

In agreement with the BIG Lottery Fund, and to complete the Community Engagement Plan, a formal postal ballot was held during August/September to ask the community to confirm whether they supported a play park at Mill Meadow. Two further ballots were also held at the High School and Primary School to obtain young people's views.

The results of this ballot was as follows:

Number eligible to vote: 1,880

Votes cast: 1,190

Invalid Votes: 9

Votes For: 314

Votes Against: 867

The results of two school ballots were:

Primary School Ballot:

Votes cast - 152

Abstentions - 13

Unclear - 1

Blank - 3

Yes - 101

No - 47

High School Ballot:

Votes cast - 118

Abstentions - 2

Unclear - 0

Blank - 2

Yes - 50

No - 66

As the majority of the community voted against developing a play park at Mill Meadow, the final condition of the grant award could not be met. The play park project is, therefore, now finished and all grants have been terminated. We would like to take this opportunity to

thank our volunteers, supporters, Scottish Borders Council and the Big Lottery for all their support and help throughout the project, it has been very much appreciated.



Membership of ECDT – have your say

ECDT is a community owned development trust. In practice this works by encouraging local residents from the community to become members. Joining ECDT shows your support for creating a sustainable community and allows the opportunity for residents to work together to make a positive difference to their community.

If you have any ideas for projects that you would like to see ECDT running in Earlston, please become a member of ECDT. Anyone can join, it is open to all – youth, individuals, community groups and businesses. Being a member doesn't cost anything and the level of involvement is entirely up to yourself. It can be as simple as receiving minutes of our meetings to keep you updated on our work.

If you would like to become a member or would like to discuss further then please get in touch via our website, Facebook page, or by contacting Mags Powell – Chair at maggi_wimberley@hotmail.com.

It's our community and together we can make it better!

Sincere Thanks:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all contributors for their continual support, generosity and hard work over the last year pulling together for the benefit of the community, as without you it wouldn't have been possible.



Financial Review:

Statement on the Charity's policy on Reserves:

The Trust in this early developmental stages is resultant on grant funding, however fund raising has taken place and in due course the Trust aims to have a years running costs in place.

Details of any Deficit:

None this year.

Donated Facilities & Services:

All the Charity's Trustees donate their time to the running of the Trust.

**The Trustees Declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above;
Signed on Behalf of the Charity's Trustees**

Signature: Mags Powell

Full Name: MARGARET POWELL

Positon: CHAIR

Date: 20/5/16

Lucy Couper

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Treasurer

Earlston Community Development Trust
Receipts & Payments Accounts
For the year ended 30th November 2015

		Un-Restricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
RECEIPTS					
Grants					
Big Lottery Fund	Adventrue Play Park		2550.00	2550.00	6999
Scottish Borders Council			550.00	550.00	558.2
Fund Raising					
Tombola/Treasure Hunt/Raffle	Community Day / Christmas Fair	608.26		608.26	578.87
Other Income					
Donations		310.00		310.00	459.45
Bank Interest		0.87		0.87	0.69
		<u>919.13</u>	<u>3100.00</u>	<u>4019.13</u>	<u>8596.21</u>
PAYMENTS					
Grant Expenditure					
Materials & Sundry Tools	Orchard Town Project		0.00	0.00	30.78
Community Engagement	Play Park		754.92	754.92	6998.58
Activities	Community Day		513.43	513.43	0
Fundraising Costs					
Community Day		177.91		177.91	293.08
Running Costs					
Lawnmower Maintenance	Orchard Town	30.00		30.00	
Website Costs		0.00		0.00	42.00
Advertisements		0.00		0.00	10.00
Insurance		298.42		298.42	233.5
Inspection of Accounts		100.00		100.00	100
Trustee Expenses		0.00		0.00	31.88
Capital Costs					
Marquee		0.00		0.00	600
		<u>606.33</u>	<u>1268.35</u>	<u>1874.68</u>	<u>7739.82</u>
Net Receipts/(Payments)		<u>312.80</u>	<u>1831.65</u>	<u>2144.45</u>	<u>856.39</u>

Notes

1

Restricted funds for the Development Trust are for the Play Park and Community Day Projects.

2

Funds brought forward for the various projects were Orchard Town £434.86 Community Day £575.97 and General £463.02 this being the opening bank balance of £1473.85

3

Closing funds year end 2015 are as follows Orchard Town £305.26 Community Day £825.42 Play Park £1795.08 and General Funds £692.44 this being the closing bank balance of £3618.30

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Statement of Balances
For the year ended 30th November 2015

	Royal Bank of Scotland		2015	2014
	Un-Restricted	Restricted		
Net Receipts/(Payments)	312.80	1831.65	2144.45	256.39
Transfer Between Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Opening Balances	1370.55	103.30	1473.85	1217.46
Funds Balance	<u>1683.35</u>	<u>1934.95</u>	<u>3618.30</u>	<u>1473.85</u>

Assets

	2014	Additions	2015
Juicer/Pasteuriser	217.99	0.00	217.99
Drier & Thermometer	315.95	0.00	315.95
Grass Cutter	679.00	0.00	679.00
Marquee	<u>600.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
	<u>1812.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1812.94</u>

Liabilities

None

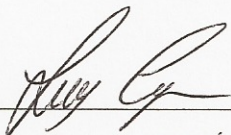
Nature & Purpose of Funds

All funds for the Earlston Community Development Trust are held at the Royal Bank of Scotland, Earlston branch.
The funds are divided between restricted grant funds and un-restricted as above.

Signed on behalf to the Trustees

Treasurer

Date:


20/05/16

Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts						
	Earlston Community Development Trust						
	SC042828						
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1 st	Dec	2014	to	30 th	Nov	2015	
1 to 9							

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) I 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 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 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.

Signed:



Date:

20-3-16

Name:

Sue Bennett

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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