

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For

The DAVA WAY Association



**Year Ending
30 April 2017**



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	May	2016	To	30	April	2017

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Dava Way Association						
Other names charity is known by	DWA						
Registered charity number	SC030496						
Charity's principal address	20 Tolbooth Street						
	Forres						
	Moray						
	Postcode IV36 1PH						

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
1	Neil Sinclair	Chairman		The Membership at the AMM The Board of Trustees
2	Peter Mitchell	Secretary		
3	Paul Barron	Treasurer		
4	Norman Thomson			
5	Trevor Thornley			
6	Malcolm Campbell			
7	Clive Roberts	Vice Chairman		
8	Doug Hartley			
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Nil	

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	<p>The Dava Way Association, a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by a Constitution</p> <p>This SCIO was incorporated on 09/04/2014 as a result of the conversion of a charitable company (Company Number: SC248592 Company Name: THE DAVA WAY ASSOCIATION)</p>
Trustee recruitment and appointment	<p>All Trustees stand down at the Annual Members Meeting (AMM) but can stand for reselection.</p> <p>Appointment to trusteeship is open to members of the DWA who wish to become a trustee. (subject to scrutiny)</p> <p>Trustees are appointed at the AMM by those members present at the meeting or subsequently by the board of trustees in accordance with the Constitution.</p>

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to advance community development by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging volunteering in improving, maintaining and promoting the Dava Way as a long distance route and strategic link between Strathspey and the Moray Firth. • encouraging public participation by organising and supporting a variety of events along the route • seeking opportunities, through its path maintenance and improvement activities, to maintain or enhance the environment alongside the route. 2 to provide outdoor recreation facilities for the benefit of the Moray community and its visitors through outdoor recreation, in particular walking and cycling. 3 to advance the education of the public concerning the environment along the route and the historical influences of the Highland Railway line on the communities along the route.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular monthly work parties are arranged throughout the year, supplemented by summer evening work parties for groups of volunteers to become involved in ad hoc work as required, to improve and maintain the path. • Scouts in both Forres and Grantown on Spey are now undertaking litter picking and minor vegetation control work at both ends of the Dava Way. • Boys Brigade in Forres are now undertaking litter picking and minor vegetation maintenance on the outskirts of Forres on the Dava Way. • Supporting the Moray Walking Festival including the Moray Way 5 day challenge that utilises the entire length of the Dava Way. • As part of the Moray Walking Festival the Association commenced planning for the 2017 overnight Ghost Train Walk along the Dava Way. • A successful grant from SUSTRANS (a sustainable transport charity) was received to complete construction works for the Lynmore improvement works partially re-routing a section of the Dava Way onto a new alignment with improved bridges over two watercourses. • Co-operation with and from Moray Council to advance the core path network including a joint project with the Council to fund drainage outfall improvements on the Dava Way at Auchearn. • Support from the Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust who have commenced work on a feasibility study for future path improvements along the entire length of the Dava Way. • Support to the Dava Project model railway group promoting their layout of Dava Station and other layouts at displays and in return they promote the Dava Way around the UK. • The Dava Way was publicised in local media newspapers several times this year including the Forres Gazette, and Northern Scot.

Achievements and performance

SUSTRANS	Further funding of £85000 was obtained from SUSTRANS this financial year to complete construction works on improvements to the Dava Way at Lynmore and commence survey work with a view to undertaking a future feasibility study on potential improvements of the path to an off road cycle route standard.
COAT	<u>Cairngorm Outdoor Access Trust</u> a charity and training organisation has been commissioned by the Dava Way Association to supervise improvements at Lynmore and commence survey work for a future feasibility study on potential improvements.
Moray Walking Festival	For the <u>Moray Walking Festival</u> a 5 day, 95 mile Moray Way Circular walk along with other walks and events were organised and led by the Dava Way Association.
Berryburn Community Fund	The Dava Way Association was successful in obtaining grant funding from the Berryburn Community Fund for the purchase of a plate compactor. The purchase cost of this additional equipment will be reimbursed under a restricted grant in 2017/18.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>The Trustees are fully aware of the lack of any substantial reserve funding and any future plans or projects can only be undertaken as and when funds allow. This is not seen as problematic as the charity has limited liabilities.</p> <p>The charity holds reserves to cover both known annual liabilities such as public liability insurance and to have money set aside to cover any unforeseen events or situations. The charity trustees have adopted a figure of £1000 as the minimum level of reserves to be held by the charity, below which all work activities incurring expenditure would be suspended.</p> <p>Unrestricted funds represent income earned but not yet utilised in supporting the activities of the charity. At 30th April 2017 the charity held £4013 at the bank as unrestricted funds and the trustees consider that this amount is appropriate to allow them to continue to support the charitable activities of the DWA in the foreseeable future.</p>
Details of any deficit	
Donated facilities and services (if any)	A local benefactor donated a new trailer to the Dava Way Association for the transportation of tools and equipment on work parties.
Tools Web Site Accounts Publishing	<p>Storage, maintenance and servicing of the Dava Way Association tipping trailer, trailer, powered tools and hand tools.</p> <p>Maintaining and updating of the Dava Way Website</p> <p>Maintaining the Dava Way Accounts</p> <p>All administrative work involved with running the charity and associated projects, including preparation of published material.</p>


Other optional information

Within the Summary of the Main Activities, volunteers spent 1150 person hours on work parties to maintain and improve the Dava Way. Other efforts by individuals not recorded by the DWA to keep vegetation growth in check are also recognised and appreciated by the Trustees.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	NEIL S. NEWELL	
Position (e.g. Chair)	CHAIR	
Date	6 Nov 2017	

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	05	2016		30	04	2017

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	3,943				3,943	3,110
Legacies					-	
Grants		85,000			85,000	40,000
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,217				1,217	2,947
Gross trading receipts	507				507	442
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	5,667	85,000	-	-	90,667	46,499
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,667	85,000	-	-	90,667	46,499
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	621				621	1,656
Gross trading payments					-	175
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,827	83,409			85,236	49,440
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	120
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
AMM Costs	92				92	101
					-	
A3 Sub total	2,540	83,409	-	-	85,949	51,492
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	3,372				3,372	-
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	3,372	-	-	-	3,372	-
Total payments	5,912	83,409	-	-	89,321	51,492
Net receipts / (payments)	(245)	1,591	-	-	1,346	(4,993)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(245)	1,591	-	-	1,346	(4,993)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	4,258	79			4,337	9,330
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(245)	1,591			1,346	(4,993)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	4,013	1,670	-	-	5,683	4,337
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

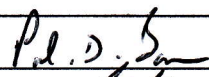
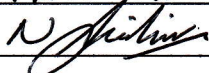
B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total		

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	Fixed Assets	General		4,680	4,300
	Badge Stock			140	150
	Insurance Prepaid				300
	Berryburn Grant approved			800	
		Total		5,620	4,750

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
	Accounts	General	120	120
	SUSTRANS Lynmore Const Work	Restricted	1,670	
	Lynmore Prep Work (Mileage Exps)	Restricted		79
		Total	1,790	199

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total		

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PAUL D SARON	6/11/17
	NEIL SINCOW	6/14/17

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds
(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

General fund for general charitable work
 Big Lottery Grant small carry over into 16/17 for design work and planning application for improvements at Lynmore
 Sustrans Grant (2nd & 3rd installment) for construction and supervision work at Lynmore, with carry over into 17/18
 Berryburn Grant for purchase of plate compactor, DWA has to incur up front cost with reimbursement in 17/18

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

X

Authority under which paid

£

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

Number of trustees

£

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Travel and Mileage Costs	1	620

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
	General					
Receipts						
Donations	3,943				3,943	3,110
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,217				1,217	2,947
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Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	5,667	-	-	-	5,667	6,499
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,667	-	-	-	5,667	6,499
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	621				621	1,656
Gross trading payments					-	175
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,827				1,827	3,439
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	-				-	120
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
AMM	92				92	101
Sub total	2,540	-	-	-	2,540	5,491
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	3,372				3,372	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	3,372	-	-	-	3,372	-
Total payments	5,912	-	-	-	5,912	5,491
Net receipts / (payments)	(245)	-	-	-	(245)	1,008
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(245)	-	-	-	(245)	1,008

Nature and purpose of funds

The Dava Way Association

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

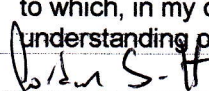
	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Big Lottery (Lynmore)	SUSTRANS (Lynmore)				
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants		85,000			85,000	40,000
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	85,000	-	-	85,000	40,000
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	85,000	-	-	85,000	40,000
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	79	83,330			83,409	46,001
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	79	83,330	-	-	83,409	46,001
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	79	83,330	-	-	83,409	46,001
Net receipts / (payments)	(79)	1,670	-	-	1,591	(6,001)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(79)	1,670	-	-	1,591	(6,001)

Nature and purpose of funds						

APPENDIX 3

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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts								v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	The Dava Way Association								
Registered charity number		SC030496								
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date					Period end date				
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year			
	01	05	2016	to	30	04	2017			
Set out on pages	5 to 10							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
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) (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 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]									
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 									
Signed:					Date:	6-11-17				
Name:	Gordon Scott									
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CA (ICAS)									
Address:	34 Ferryhill Forres IV36 2GY									

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose