

About the Trust

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust was set up in 1999 to take forward and support projects that for the social, recreational, environmental and economic benefit of the area.

Membership is free to all adults over 18 residing in the area. New members are always welcome. Membership forms are available from the secretary.



Creating willow sculptures in Kirkhill Community Park

The Trust is governed by a board of volunteer Directors elected at an annual AGM.

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust is a Company Limited By Guarantee and a registered char-

Summary of Financial Activity Year to September 2005

For detailed accounts contact the secretary.

Income

Kirkhill Community Park	£967
Woodland Fair	£650
Donations	£56
Fundraising	£257
Firewood Sales	£618
Misc.	£17
Total Income	£2565

Expenditure

Aird Community Links	£90
Woodland Fair	£740
Website	£74
Operational costs	£441
Depreciation	£308
Total Expenditure	£1579

Net Assets

Restricted Funds	£1539
Unrestricted Funds	£1541

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Annual Report 2005



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Trust Activities

Chairperson's Report

Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust continues to grow in both numbers and confidence as we develop new areas of interest and expertise, and by doing so enhance both the local community infrastructure and the lives of those living in the area. The group reports speak for themselves, but no one should under-estimate the amount of time, effort and dedication that lies behind these brief summaries.

The bigger challenge for the Trust is now to find ways of involving more local people in our activities – and to encourage local people to use the Trust to achieve **their** goals. The Trust exists to support local aspirations and we must continue to encourage local people to join, to be active in existing groups and to suggest other areas we could become involved in. Finally, I would like to thank all those who have been involved in the Trust's activities, whether as a Board member, a member of a local group or just as a participant in one of our many activities. The local community is stronger for your involvement, energy and enthusiasm. Thank you!

Donald Shiach



Storyteller at Woodland Fair

Woodland Group

The group has been working with agreement of Forest Enterprise (FE) in Upper Reelig Wood. The group are working to improve the wood for access, recreation and wildlife and to encourage woodland skills. Thinning of the beech has continued to open up the wood and the thinnings sold for firewood.

A very successful Woodland Fair was held in Upper Reelig Wood in May supported by the Partnership for Rural Inverness and Nairn. Around 200 people attended.

Environment Group

The group organised litter picks and continued to investigate the formation of a wildflower meadow in the field next to the new Wardlaw Graveyard. The group continues to support the Eco-schools project at Kirkhill Primary School.

Kirkhill Community Park

The group continued to take forward a project to improve and refurbish the park in Kirkhill. Following negotiations with The Highland Council and the landowners, agreement to a 10 year lease was established. The legal process continues.

Equipment has been selected to be fully inclusive to ensure the park is well used and to create a sense of pride and real community spirit. This includes the creation of a natural play area and wild garden that includes willow sculptures and fruit trees.

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The community website was set up to hold information on community events, clubs, businesses and local information.

Aird Community Links and Transport Group

The Aird Community Links project has now been open for 3 years. It is a network of signed minor roads and paths with an associated leaflet. Activity this year has involved monitoring and maintaining the Inchmore/ Moniack roadside path. Increasing use is made of the path particularly by walkers. The average number of journeys per week was 77 by foot and 30 by cycle for the period October to September 2005.

Negotiations between KBCT and the Highland Council TEC Services for a feasibility study for a roadside route between Beauly and Inverness are ongoing.

Directors serving in year to September 2005

Donald Shiach	Chair
Erik Lundberg	Secretary
Sandra Hogg	Treasurer

Alan Humphries	Les Bates
Ged Church	Lindsey Stout
David Rogerson	Ali McNeil
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