



Friends of Cammo

Registered Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts **for the year ending 31 December 2025**

Trustees

Michael Roe - chairperson
Karen Edwards (retired 5 March 2025)
Simon Gillam
Lynn Whitehead
Barbara Braham
Thornton White

Trustees are usually appointed or reappointed by members at the AGM. Trustees receive no remuneration and claim no expenses other than the re-imbusement of secretarial expenses.

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Charitable Purposes

Friends of Cammo's charitable purposes concern the advancement of environmental protection and improvement, education, health, community development, and heritage.

Background

Friends of Cammo is governed according to its Constitution which outlines the Friends objectives as follows -

- a) to preserve and enhance the amenity of Cammo Estate local nature reserve for the benefit of the public and;
- b) to advance the education of the public in the scenic, historical, architectural, landscape and ecological qualities of the said Estate.

In furtherance thereof, but not otherwise, the Friends shall :

1. liaise with the Land Manager, for the time being the City of Edinburgh Council and
2. seek to provide all relevant facilities.

Review of Activities 2025

The main activities of Friends of Cammo in 2025 comprised :

- Committee members, corporate volunteers and other volunteers continued to work to improve the park, including developing signage, litter picking, woodchip moving, wildflower cutting, mulching, tree maintenance and clearing overgrown vegetation.
 - Most of our efforts in 2025 were in the Walled Garden following work by stonemasons in autumn 2024 that rebuilt and repaired the walls but left a lot of bare patches and rubble :
 - we cleared and dug over an area where we planted 38 soft fruit bushes.
 - we cleared a 1m strip inside the walls and sowed and watered wildflower seed.
 - we provided a new gate for, and planted a prickly hedge around, the bee enclosure.
 - we started ground preparation for a Victorian garden on the site of the former glasshouse.
 - we purchased a pump and hoses to use the old well that had been re-opened.
 - we pruned all the apple and pear trees in the Scottish fruit orchard and labelled most.
 - we maintained the bee gardens established in 2023 and cut the grass in the orchard.
 - we cleared a large amount of the rubble to piles outside the walled garden.
 - We maintained the wetland and stream including removing invasive pondweed.
 - We checked and cleaned all bird boxes.
 - We cleared around the exotic conifers in the Pinetum and along the Canal.
 - We weeded around hedgerows as part of a plan to cover 2800m of hedges planted in 2022.
 - We upgraded the flower bed by the Lodge and staffed the visitor centre on Sundays.
 - Where found we removed invasive species of few flowered leek and Himalayan balsam.
 - The Facebook page and website were regularly updated with pictures, reports and events.
 - We actively participated in Cammo Management Group, established to improve liaison between the Council, Friends of Cammo and other main park users, and Cammo Estate Advisory Committee, established to provide strategic oversight to NTS and Councillors.
 - We now have around 250 members and around 3200 followers of our Facebook page.
- The Trustees would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with the above activities - without them the above achievements would not have been possible.

Financial Review 2025

Friends of Cammo had General Funds of £6,901 at the year-end, an increase of £773. Apart from a grant received and spent (see * below), Restricted Funds did not move and were £215 at the year-end. Where appropriate, grants will be sought for future projects. Charitable activities are achieved through the support and time of Trustees and individual members.

Receipts during the year amounted to £4,791 comprising a grant £1,145, subscriptions £1,245, donations £1,870, gift aid £498 and booklet sales £33. * The grant of £1,145 was received from Edinburgh Council's Community Grants Fund for our Walled Garden Project – the total project cost was £1,606 with the balance of £461 coming out of General Funds. As in the previous year, there was one larger than normal donation this year.

Payments for the year amounted to £4,018 of which £671 was spent on trees, plants and wildflowers, £759 was bee related expenditure, £50 was spent on the Lodge, £1,257 was spent on garden/planting tools and equipment, website upgrade and fees were £424, insurance costs were £706 and secretarial costs were £151.

Receipts exceeded payments by £773 and Friends of Cammo ended the year with a credit bank balance of £7,116.

At 31 December 2025 the charity had General Funds of £6,901 (sufficient to cover running costs for the following year) and Restricted Funds were £215 for information panels.

The charity owns a small marquee, five barbeques, gardening tools and bee keeping outfits.

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Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Year ending 31 December 2025 £	Year ending 31 December 2024 £
Receipts		
Grants received	1145	0
Subscriptions	1245	1365
Donations	1870	1922
Gift Aid received	498	550
Receipts from fundraising activities :		
- events	0	0
- booklet sales	33	77
Total Receipts	4791	3914
Payments		
Payments for fundraising activities :		
- events	0	0
Payments for charitable activities :		
- trees, plants and wildflowers	671	189
- bee equipment and supplies	759	156
- lodge expenditure net of refunds	50	30
- information panels and QR codes	0	162
- volunteer expenses	0	80
- bird boxes	0	150
- garden/planting tools and equipment	1257	830
Governance costs :		
- website upgrade and fees	424	801
- insurance	706	687
- secretarial	151	82
Total Payments	4018	3167
Surplus/(Deficit)	773	747
Statement of Balances		
Bank Balance b/f	6343	5596
Bank Balance c/f	7116	6343
General Funds	6901	6128
Restricted Funds	215	215
Total funds	7116	6343
There are no other balances.		

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 26th January 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Cammo

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on page 3.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26th January 2026

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