



Registered Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021

Trustees

Nick Bengé – chairperson.
Karen Edwards
Simon Gillam
Gill Harris (appointed 3 March 2021)
Michael Roe
Lynn Whitehead

Trustees are usually appointed or reappointed by members at the AGM. Trustees receive no remuneration and claimed no expenses during the period other than routine re-imbursment 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 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 2021

The main activities of Friends of Cammo in 2021 comprised :

- Recruitment initiatives resulted in our membership reaching 214, exceeding 200 for the first time.
- Our cumulative planting of trees and shrubs exceeds 2,700 to date. We purchased 160 trees and shrubs for planting in 2022 as a Jubilee Hedgerow. In addition we drew up plans for 3000 trees to be planted by private contractors in 2022, funded by the ring-fenced proceeds from the sale of Cammo Home Farm.
- The fields were cut and baled and many bales were broken up for mulch around trees.
- Over 500 Christmas trees were brought to Cammo to be recycled to improve habitats and deadwood continued to be distributed.
- Woodchips were spread to cover muddy areas and most unsurfaced woodland paths.
- Volunteers spread aggregate and whin dust to improve paths.
- Committee members and other volunteers continued to work individually or in small groups to improve the park, including litter picking.
- The bees thrived in the Walled garden with four hives now in place, and our second batch of honey was available in the autumn.
- The Committee continued to influence Council priorities for Cammo regeneration work and plans for a wet meadow in South Field received planning permission and funding.
- The Friends contributed substantial funding to the resurfacing by the main entrance.
- The Friends led or assisted in installing information panels, waymark posts and information sheets in display cases.
- Facebook page regularly updated with pictures, reports and events; now with 1900 likes.
- Self-guided walk leaflets were made available as free PDF downloads from the website.

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 2021

Friends of Cammo had general funds of £4,631 at the year-end an increase of £289. Restricted funds were £315 at the year-end – a reduction of £975 as a result of expenditure on information panels and environmental projects. In addition £300 restricted funds was received during the year and spent on plants for the Jubilee hedgerow to be planted in January 2022.

Charitable activities are achieved through the support and time of Trustees and individual members. Grant income will continue to be sought prior to commitment of future projects.

Receipts during the period amounted to £3,667 comprising subscriptions of £1,135, donations of £1,927 (including £300 for restricted purposes and £375 bee related), Gift Aid of £507 and booklet sales of £98.

Payments for the year amounted to £4,353 of which £871 was spent on trees and wildflowers, £195 was bee related expenditure, £1,300 was paid towards resurfacing by the Lodge, £1,082 was spent on information panels and posters, web page fees were £230, insurance costs were £675 and secretarial costs were £0.

Payments exceeded receipts by £686 and Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £4,946.

The charity had unrestricted general funds of £4,631 at 31 December 2021, sufficient to cover running costs for the following twelve months. At 31 December 2021 restricted funds were £315 (£215 for information panels and £100 for wetlands).

The charity owns a small marquee, five barbeques, related equipment and bee keeping outfits.

Friends of Cammo

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Year ending 31 December 2021 £	Year ending 31 December 2020 £
Receipts		
Grants received	0	0
Subscriptions	1135	820
Donations	1927	1255
Gift Aid received	507	336
Receipts from fundraising activities :		
- events	0	0
- booklet sales	98	20
Total Receipts	3667	2431
Payments		
Payments for fundraising activities :		
- events	0	0
Payments for charitable activities :		
- trees and wildflowers	871	0
- bee equipment	195	85
- lodge expenditure	1300	0
- information panels and posters	1082	0
Governance costs :		
- web page	230	0
- insurance	675	498
- secretarial	0	21
Total Payments	4353	604
(Deficit)/Surplus	-686	1827
Statement of Balances		
Bank Balance b/f	5632	3805
Bank Balance c/f	4946	5632
General Funds	4631	4342
Restricted Funds	315	1290
Total funds	4946	5632
There are no other balances.		

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 18th February 2022

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 2021 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. 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: 18th February 2022

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