



Friends of Cammo

Registered Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022

Trustees

Nick Bengé – chairperson.
Bruce Angus (appointed 8 June 2022)
Karen Edwards
Simon Gillam
Gill Harris
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 2022

The main activities of Friends of Cammo in 2022 comprised :

- Recruitment initiatives resulted in our membership reaching 220.
- Our cumulative planting of trees and shrubs now exceeds 2,900. We planted a Jubilee Hedgerow of 160 trees helped by 50 volunteers. In addition, we helped maintain 2800 trees planted by contractors, funded by the proceeds from the sale of Cammo Home Farm.
- A wetland with boardwalk was created based on our plans and advice. We carried out additional planting in the wetland and stream.
- To improve biodiversity and protect trees, we distributed Christmas trees, logs and brash.
- Woodchips were spread on paths and as mulch around Pinetum trees and Dawn Redwoods.
- Committee members and other volunteers continued to work to improve the park, including litter picking, removing barbed wire and clearing overgrown vegetation.
- We expanded activity at the bee hives, increasing the amount of honey made available.
- Volunteers' weekly observations were submitted to the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme.
- We pruned the fruit trees in the Walled Garden orchard, achieving our best ever crop.
- We installed a rustic bench to add to the 8 new wooden seats installed by the Council after discussion with us.
- We cleaned and painted the Lodge and put up wildlife posters. We staffed the Lodge as a visitor centre on Sunday afternoons throughout the year.
- Facebook page and website regularly updated with pictures, reports and events.
- We published a new expanded edition of A Short History of Cammo. We installed information sheets in new display cases at the Stables and Walled Garden.
- Cammo Management Group was established to improve liaison between the Council, Friends of Cammo and other main park users.

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 2022

Friends of Cammo had general funds of £6,064 at the year-end an increase of £1,433.

Restricted funds were £215 at the year-end – a reduction of £100 as a result of expenditure on the wetlands. In addition, £626 restricted funds were received and spent on a rustic bench.

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 £5,837 comprising subscriptions of £1,115, donations of £3,994 (including £626 for restricted purposes and £710 bee related), Gift Aid of £580 and booklet sales of £148. There were some larger than normal donations, including those from the Cammo Residents' Association and the Lewis Leap charity.

Payments for the year amounted to £4,504 of which £877 was spent on trees and wildflowers, £673 was bee related expenditure, £196 was paid towards the upkeep of the Lodge, £202 was spent on information posters, £990 was spent on the purchase and installation of a rustic bench, £403 was spent on bird boxes, £240 was spent on high visibility jackets, web page fees were £21, insurance costs were £631 and secretarial costs were £271.

Receipts exceeded payments by £1,333 and Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £6,279.

At 31 December 2022 the charity had unrestricted general funds of £6,064 (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, related equipment and bee keeping outfits.

Friends of Cammo

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Year ending 31 December 2022 £	Year ending 31 December 2021 £
Receipts		
Grants received	0	0
Subscriptions	1115	1135
Donations	3994	1927
Gift Aid received	580	507
Receipts from fundraising activities :		
- events	0	0
- booklet sales	148	98
Total Receipts	5837	3667
Payments		
Payments for fundraising activities :		
- events	0	0
Payments for charitable activities :		
- trees and wildflowers	877	871
- bee equipment and supplies	673	195
- lodge expenditure	196	1300
- information panels and posters	202	1082
- rustic bench and installation	990	0
- bird boxes	403	0
- high visibility jackets	240	0
Governance costs :		
- web page	21	230
- insurance	631	675
- secretarial	271	0
Total Payments	4504	4353
Surplus/(Deficit)	1333	-686
 Statement of Balances		
Bank Balance b/f	4946	5632
Bank Balance c/f	6279	4946
 General Funds	6064	4631
Restricted Funds	215	315
Total funds	6279	4946
There are no other balances.		

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 18th February 2023

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 2022 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 2023

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