



Registered Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2020

Trustees

Nick Bengé – chairperson.
Shay Dean (retired 4 March 2020)
Karen Edwards (appointed 4 March 2020)
Simon Gillam
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 2020

The main activities of Friends of Cammo were restricted by Covid-19 and comprised :

- In January, 36 volunteers came together to plant over 150 trees and hedgerow shrubs. Other planting took the annual total to 300 trees and shrubs planted, over 2,700 to date.
- Wildflowers were planted in the main fields in areas that had been prepared by cutting and baling then scarifying.
- The bees thrived in the Walled garden with three hives now in place, and the first honey was available in the autumn.
- Deadwood and woodchips continued to be spread in woodland areas to aid biodiversity, and latterly woodchips were spread to cover muddy areas at field entrances.
- We decorated a tree for the Cramond Kirk Christmas Tree festival and displayed Christmas banners at the park entrances, increasing visibility of Friends of Cammo.
- Committee members and other volunteers continued to work individually or in small groups to improve the park, including litter picking.
- The maintenance of the website developed by Royal High pupils was taken over by a Committee member and new features were added including wildlife sightings.
- Facebook page regularly updated with pictures, reports and events; now with 1300 likes.
- The Committee influenced the Council priorities for Cammo regeneration work, largely funded by the ring-fenced proceeds from the sale of Cammo Home Farm.
- The Committee worked with the Council to complete and install an information panel about hedgerow flowers and to complete the design for a panel about Cammo House. Seven fingerpost direction signs were installed.
- One open meeting was held prior to the March lockdown.
- The Lodge visitor centre was manned on Sunday afternoons until the March lockdown.

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 2020

Friends of Cammo had general funds of £4,342 at the year end – the increase of £1,482 arose as Covid-19 restrictions prevented most activities, while income was maintained at previous levels. Restricted funds were £1,290 at the year end - an increase of £345 in respect of donations for the wetland project and environmental projects.

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 £2,431 comprising subscriptions of £820, donations of £1,255 (including £345 for restricted purposes and £260 bee related), Gift Aid of £336 and booklet sales of £20.

Payments for the year amounted to £604 of which there were no major non-routine components as activities were severely curtailed as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. Insurance costs were £498, bee related expenditure was £85 and secretarial costs were £21.

Receipts exceeded payments by £1,827 and Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £5,632.

The charity had unrestricted general funds of £4,342 at 31 December 2020, sufficient to cover running costs for the following twelve months. At 31 December 2020 restricted funds were £1,290 (£945 for information panels delayed by Covid -19 restrictions, £245 for environmental projects 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 2020

	Year ending 31 December 2020 £	Year ending 31 December 2019 £
Receipts		
Grants received :	0	0
Subscriptions	820	820
Donations	1255	192
Gift Aid received	336	9
Receipts from fundraising activities :		
- funday/barbeque	0	0
- booklet sales	20	126
Total Receipts	2431	3401
Payments		
Payments for fundraising activities :		
- funday/barbeque	0	66
Payments for charitable activities :		
- trees, wildflowers and bird boxes	0	804
- bee enclosures and equipment	85	786
- Lodge expenditure & leaflet holders	0	59
Governance costs :		
- web page development	0	389
- insurance	498	498
- secretarial	21	186
Total Payments	604	2788
Surplus	1827	613
Statement of Balances		
Bank Balance b/f	3805	3192
Bank Balance c/f	5632	3805
General Funds	4342	2860
Restricted Funds	1290	945
Total funds	5632	3805
There are no other balances.		

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 18th February 2021

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 2020 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 2021

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