



Registered Scottish Charity No. SC033394

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts **for the year ending 31 December 2019**

Trustees

Nick Bengé – chairperson.
Shay Dean
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-imburement 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 2019

The principal activities of the Friends of Cammo in 2019 comprised :

- Planted 40 trees and shrubs – bringing the total planted to date to over 2,450.
- Wildflowers planted in prepared areas in the main fields and by new paths.
- Bee hives installed in the Walled garden and bee group formed.
- Put up additional bird boxes.
- Deadwood and woodchip spread in woodland areas to aid biodiversity and mulch trees.
- Regular litter picks were carried out.
- A Funday was organised, instead of a bbq but had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.
- Website developed by Royal High pupils was launched and updated, with Committee member trained to support maintenance of content.
- Facebook page regularly updated with pictures, reports and events; now with 900 likes.
- Produced new edition of Pinetum booklet and third self-guided walk leaflet.
- Influenced the Council priorities for Cammo regeneration work, largely funded by the ring-fenced proceeds from the sale of Cammo Home Farm. First phase in 2019 included improvements to paths, new north car park and boundary repairs.
- Liaised with the Council on plans for fingerposts, waymarkers, information panels etc. Raised funds for the information panels through crowd-funding and other donations.
- Quarterly open meetings were held with illustrated talks.
- The Lodge visitor centre was manned on Sunday afternoons.

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 2019

Friends of Cammo maintained its underlying financial base with general funds of £2,860 at the year end – a decrease of £332. Restricted funds rose by £945 to £945 representing donations (and related Gift Aid) for the production of information panels.

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 £3,401 comprising subscriptions of £820, donations of £1,929 (including donations for information panels), Gift Aid of £526 and booklet sales of £126.

Payments for the year amounted to £2,788 of which the major non-routine components were £804 for trees, wildflowers and bird boxes, £786 for bee enclosures and equipment and £66 Funday printing costs. The Funday made a deficit of £66 as a result of the late cancellation owing to heavy rain. Alternative formats are being reviewed in order to avoid similar deficits in future.

The web page was successfully developed at a cost of £389. Insurance costs were £498 and secretarial costs were £186.

Receipts exceeded payments by £613 and Friends of Cammo ended the period with a credit bank balance of £3,805.

The charity had unrestricted general funds of £2,860 at 31 December 2019, sufficient to cover running costs for the following twelve months. Restricted funds were £945 at 31 December 2019.

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 2019

| | Year ending 31 December 2019 £ | Year ending 31 December 2018 £ |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Receipts | | |
| Grants received : | 0 | 0 |
| Subscriptions | 820 | 785 |
| Donations | 1929 | 794 |
| Gift Aid received | 526 | 272 |
| Receipts from fundraising activities : | | |
| - funday/barbeque | 0 | 0 |
| - booklet sales | 126 | 115 |
| Total Receipts | 3401 | 1966 |
| Payments | | |
| Payments for fundraising activities : | | |
| - funday/barbeque | 66 | 517 |
| Payments for charitable activities : | | |
| - trees, wildflowers and bird boxes | 804 | 962 |
| - bee enclosures and equipment | 786 | 0 |
| - Lodge expenditure & leaflet holders | 59 | 150 |
| Governance costs : | | |
| - web page development | 389 | 0 |
| - Insurance | 498 | 565 |
| - Secretarial | 186 | 329 |
| Total Payments | 2788 | 2523 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 613 | (557) |
| Statement of Balances | | |
| Bank Balance b/f | 3192 | 3749 |
| Bank Balance c/f | 3805 | 3192 |
| General Funds | 2860 | 3192 |
| Restricted Funds | 945 | 0 |
| Total funds | 3805 | 3192 |

There are no other balances.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Lynn Whitehead

Date: 18th February 2020

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 2019 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 2020

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