

Friends of Happy Valley Trustee's Report for year ended 31 March 2019

Scottish Charity Number SC044724

Trustees

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Governing Document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a SCIO constitution.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a board of trustees which meets at least quarterly.

Trustees are appointed at general meetings. An induction is provided in the aims, objectives and procedures of the charity to all new trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Charitable Purposes

The charity's main purposes are:

- To conserve, protect and improve the natural and cultural heritage of the area of land known as Happy Valley, to retain its ethos and uniqueness for public benefit and enjoyment.
- To preserve, sustainably, the natural, man-made and cultural history of this area for the advancement of education of the local and visiting population.
- To promote the care of the trees, plants and wildlife of the area and the responsible and sustainable use of this bio diverse environment, the woodland and other habitats on the land.

Activities and Achievements

The committee began the year with 10 trustees with one stepping down during the year leaving a committee of 9 trustees. The board has met on four occasions since the last AGM.

The committee meetings have included two non-voting member representatives of Orkney Islands Council. The fundraising and maintenance sub-groups have made the most progress, with culture and community falling to the Chair and Secretary to handle pending a willing lead for that group.

General membership has risen to 49 reflecting a welcome increase in members. The number of visitors to Happy Valley continues to grow and the interest in the site is boosted by the committee's social media presence.

Funding applications have been submitted for a new boardwalk and stone benches to create a new circular route and improve access to an area of the site that gets very wet underfoot for most of the year. If the applications are successful, it is hoped that the works will get underway over the summer.

Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration from the charity.

Reserves

As a result of the surplus of £1,970 for the year, the charity held unrestricted funds of £4,680 at the year end. The trustees consider that the funds held will enable the charity to continue to operate through the forthcoming year.

On behalf of the trustees

Treasurer
26 June 2019