



# Scone Remembers



## Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2016 Annual General Meeting 24 May 2016

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report Reference and Administrative Information

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Constitution

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 11 of April 2014. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are members of the charity. The management committee are the charity's trustees. Membership of the management committee is open to all.

Charity name	Scone Remembers
Charity No	SC044799
Address	53 Hutchison Drive Scone Ph2 6GB

#### Current Trustees

Peter Stenbro-Olsen	Chair	
Helen Flatley	Secretary	
Anne Dykes	Treasurer	Appointed 2015
Hugh Mackenzie		
Rodger Scott		
Brian Feary		

**The Charitable Purpose of Scone Remembers is the advancement of citizenship, community development and advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.**

#### Introduction

The principle aim of project is to create a fitting and a sustainable memorial to those named on our War memorial by creating (in Partnership with Scone Estates), a series of memorial walks in Scone Woods. After nearly two years of negotiations, an agreement was reached with Stormont Trading (scone Estates) on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The agreement is for an initial 25 years period with an annual rent of £1. The way is now open to plan and fund the project.

#### Members Activities, Community Development and research

Local public support and membership of Scone Remembers continues to grow and to date stands at over 100. As well as organizing fund raising events, BBQs, quizzes, members are researching and publishing in Destiny and on the website the stories of the men and their families. Members have accepted invitations to speak on the project to WW1 interested groups and have held a number of exhibitions of the work carried out by our research team comprising of Dawn Olsen (lead), Elaine Pirie, Lesly Ann Wheeler-Kirk, Denise Psalia (Malta) and Graham Watson. These include exhibitions in Perth and Scone Library, Scone Palace and the Scone 7 District Historical Society. The research team has to date researched 61 of the 71 names on the memorial and Scone Roll of honour which will eventually form a published book. Scone Remembers has also been given permission to use the Scottish Government's official WW1 commemorative logo; WW1Scotland.

2016 marks the centenary of Somme and members are planning to travel (at their own expense) to France with the Kings Own Scottish Borders (KOSB) Association to document and record where the men from Scone fell and lay commemorative crosses.

### **Social Events**

Social events are seen as important not only as fund raising opportunities to create a long lasting legacy to those from Scone who gave their all, but as engagement with the community of Scone to be inspired by their sacrifice and be proud of their village. The Events team had organized Souper Saturday, where the community came together over a bowl of soup, a film show featuring the 1929 Academy winning anti-war film 'All Quiet on the Western Front' and the very popular BBQ featuring the Scottish Hydro Singers. Even the rain storm failed to dampen members and guests enjoyment.

### **Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust (P&KCT)**

Acting on professional advice, the Trustees decided it would be prudent to employ professional project managers to design and oversee the construction of the paths.

After a competitive tendering process, Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust was appointed at a cost of £8,400 to be completed in two stages (stage 1 design, stage 2 construction). The cost was aided by a successful application to The Community Challenge Fund (which had the support of all of areas Councillors), with a matched amount of £4200; P&KCT has completed the first stage (design). After extensive surveys of the underlying ground condition along the paths proposed direction P&KCT have estimated that the likely cost of the work would in the excess of £200,000, which initiated a re-think of the paths direction as originally considered. A modified slightly shorter route was decided which reduced the likely cost to around £170,000. At this stage the costs are only estimates and we will not be asking for tenders until such time as the funds have been secured.

### **Heritage Lottery Grant Application**

As the revised estimates (originally £40,000 to £60,000), was still over £100,000, it would require a new application in the form of a Lottery Grant. This is a two stage process which may take two years to complete. However, the response to the initial application to HLF setting out the revised plan was not encouraging, HLF regarded the cost of the path as not good value and as the Lottery Grant is heavily oversubscribed, the bid would not be regarded competitive. Advice from HLF would be to re-evaluate the total costs of the project, the heritage focus and its activities, and to submit a new project enquiry at the **Heritage level (below £100,000)**, and by bringing in other funders to the project.

### **Web Site**

The Scone Remembers website [www.sconeremembers.org.uk](http://www.sconeremembers.org.uk) continues to attract visitors from across the globe in particular Canada, Australia and New Zealand. This is an excellent medium for publicising the work of the charity to an audience far beyond the boundaries of Scone, raising not only Scone Remembers profile but also that of Scone. With registering with HMRC Scone Remembers are able to claim Gift Aid and a 'MyDonate button' has been paced on the website enabling visitors to donate. This is hosted by BT and is free to use.

### **Conclusion**

Where 2014 was a successful year in terms of setting up and putting in place an organisation structure, 2015 has built on this especially with the signing of an agreement with Stormont Trading and the more detail planning of the path. There will be a need to re-evaluate the scope and cost of the Path in line with advice from HLF. Scone Remembers is financially sound thanks to the work of members fund raising activities. The research continuous to inspire families to tell their stories and engagement with the community of Scone and elsewhere continues to grow. We will build on these successes in 2015.

### **Notes on accounts accompanying this report**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the charities constitution. The formal reporting in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), was submitted and accepted as correct by the Regulator (OSCR) April 2016.

### **The nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. No restricted Donation was received during the year.

Dr Peter Stenbro-Olsen  
Chairman  
24 May 2016