



Scone Remembers



Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2017 Annual General Meeting 5 June 2017

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 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 and former Trustees

Peter Stenbro-Olsen	Chair
Helen Flatley	Secretary
Anne Dykes	Treasurer
Hugh Mackenzie	Retired 2016
Rodger Scott	
Brian Farey	
Janet MacDuff	Appointed 2016
John MacDuff	Appointed 2017

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

1. Introduction

The principle aim of the project is to create a fitting and a sustainable memorial to those individuals who died during World War 1 and are named on Scone War Memorial. Initially, this was to be by creating a series of memorial walks in Scone Woods, in partnership with Scone Estates. This has been continuing throughout 2016, in particular by raising funds for the path and advertising Scone Remembers Activities.

2. Members Activities, Community Development and Research

The advancement of Arts, Heritage and Culture has further been developed by our research team comprising of Dawn Olsen (lead), Elaine Pirie, Lesly Ann Wheeler-Kirk, Denise Psalia (Malta), Graham Watson and John MacDuff. They have now completed the research of all the names on the memorial and in the Scone Roll of Honour. Progress on writing the book is continuing.

It has been decided to expand the use of the QR system which will be used on the information panels, incorporating them into the book. Users will be directed to a specific web page containing an audio file, where they can listen to an abbreviated story recorded by local people. Each story will be read by a different person and, where available, a descendent of the individual. Audio recordings of more than half of the men have now been completed and a local Sound Artist has been retained for editing. We believe this way of communicating history and culture is not only unique but ground-breaking. An application to the Heritage Lottery Fund WW1 for funding for the book has been made and we should know the outcome by late summer.

Members continue to give talks at local events and societies and have been working closely with Perth Culture and Leisure by presenting papers and holding themed exhibitions. Members, at their own expense, have travelled to France with the Kings Own Scottish Borders (KOSB) Association to document and record where the men from Scone fell in the Somme Valley and lay commemorative crosses.

3. Social Events

Social events are seen as important, not only as fund raising opportunities, but as engagement with the community of Scone. By providing information about the sacrifice of these men it is intended to inspire the local residents and make them be proud of their village. The Events Team organized a Strawberry Fayre, with the strawberries donated by Morrisons Supermarket. Tarts, flans trifles etc. were made by Scone Remembers volunteers and prizes were donated by Davidson the Butchers in Scone. Following on with last year's hugely successful film show 'All Quiet on the Western Front', this was repeated with the satirical musical 'Oh What a Lovely War'. The very popular BBQ featuring the Scottish Hydro Singers was held again and, like last year, it rained, but failed to dampen members and guests enjoyment. An exhibition and tombola was held at the vintage tractor show at Scone Estates raising an impressive amount for the project.

4. Progress on path

A feasibility and costing study was carried out by Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust (P&KCT), at a cost of £1500 in 2016 which was reported upon at the 2016 AGM

The £200,000 cost of building the path, clearing trees and tree-stumps, laying new drains etc., initiated a re-think of the path as originally considered. A modified, slightly shorter, route was considered which reduced the likely cost to around £170,000. However, advice from funders was that due to the short length of path 1.7 Km (just over a mile), we would need to find ways to reduce the cost if any bid was to be successful. We therefore submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) of £88,700 to build the initial 3 sections (from Stormont road to the wooded section) terminating with a memorial area.

5. Heritage Lottery Grant Application

Unfortunately, our bid was deemed uncompetitive with other bids and the advice was that any new application would be unlikely to succeed. Extensive research on other sources of funding of that level has not been encouraging.

6. Alternative Plans

The aim of Scone Remembers is, and continues to be, to create a fitting and a sustainable memorial to those named on our War Memorial and Roll of Honour, and remains the Trustees guiding principle. However, with the unlikelihood of securing funding for the path as it stands, the Trustees have been exploring alternatives in line with those principles and the following is proposed for discussion and recommendation:

i. Put on hold the Scone Woods project until such time as finance can be found.

The Trustees have explored most avenues of financing the project and are not confident that the necessary funds can be found by the end of 2018/19.

ii. Abandon the Scone Woods project and consider other avenues.

Better to move forward than to continue to try and raise funds which in all likelihood may not be forthcoming.

iii. Memorial Garden

Memorial Gardens are popular with visitors. The modified path would have ended in a memorial area with information panels for people to view. This could be created within Scone Village and several sites were surveyed including: Scone Park, Scone Old Church field, Quarry Mill, the green space in front of the Robert Douglas Institute and other empty green spaces within Scone. The original plan was for 5 separate information panels, each one dedicated to a battle or campaign situated along the length of the path, however, most of the areas surveyed are relatively small. On taking advice from a local artist on panel design, multiple panels in a small area would look crowded. Visitors confronted with 5 panels with 71 stories (and QR codes), may be too much information to take in.

iv. Memorial Walk take 2

It is possible for the spirit of the project to be retained through a memorial walk within the old Scone Parish, starting and ending at the Robert Douglas Memorial Institute. A plaque has been designed containing the individual's picture, name and regiment, and a QR code to access the narrated story as detailed in the research section of this report. Scone Remembers research team have identified addresses and locations associated with the 71 individuals where these plaques will be placed, inviting interested parties to walk from location to location enjoying the village of Scone and surrounding areas as well as learning about the men on our War Memorial. A map of where the plaques are sited will be produced (hopefully with the aid of pupils from the RDM School), similar to the River Tay Public Art Trail. Meetings with Perth & Kinross Green Spaces Dept, and the Robert Douglas Memorial Foundation have been very encouraging with full support for the idea.

7. Financing the Book and Plaques

Notwithstanding any financial support from HLF, the quoted cost of publishing the book is in the order of £1,200 to £2,600, depending on the numbers of hardback and softback produced and around £3,500 to £4000 for the cost of the plaques. It may be possible to finance both projects from the current account without any grants.

8. Web Site

The Scone Remembers website 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. By registering with HMRC, Scone Remembers are able to claim Gift Aid and a 'MyDonate' button has been placed on the website enabling visitors to donate a cash gift, while we receive another 20% from HMRC. This is hosted by BT and is free to use. It has been very successful, with around £200 having been donated to date.

Conclusion

Where 2016 was a successful year in terms of making progress on the research, which is now complete, preparatory work continues on the book and recording audio files. It was disappointing that, after many hours of hard work by the Trustees in putting forward a practical and financially sound bid to HLF to secure finance for the main project, the request was so comprehensively rejected. However, this can be seen in a positive light. Scone Remembers is financially sound thanks to the work of members fund raising activities and the rejected bid need in no way prevent us from creating a suitable memorial, be it in a different form and within the village of Scone.

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). They have been verified as correct by an independent examiner and submitted to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

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. Restricted Donation of £1500 for path feasibility study was received during the year.

Dr Peter Stenbro-Olsen
Chairman

5th June 2017



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Annual General Meeting
5 June 2017 19:30

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction of Trustees
2. Apologies
3. Appointments and Resignations
4. Minutes of 2016 AGM
5. Matters arising
6. Treasurer's report
7. Matters arising from Treasurer's report
8. Chairman's Report
9. Matters arising from Chairman's report
10. Alternative plans to be considered by the membership
 - i) **Put on hold until finance can be found**
 - ii) **Abandon the Scone woods walk**
 - iii) **Memorial garden**
 - iv) **Memorial walk within the parish of Scone**
 - v) **Any other proposal**
11. Advice to the Trustees on which plan to take forward
12. Open Forum with video presentation
13. Close