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ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY TRUST



The St Andrews Community Trust, established in 2010 through an agreement between the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council, Fife Council and St Andrews Links Trust, continues to build momentum in its goal to support good causes in and around the town.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS BENEFITING FROM THE TRUST



St Andrews Folk & Traditional Music

The group was supported by the Community Trust through the offer of free tickets for schools to attend.



Smart History

Their latest project digitally reconstructed Holy Trinity Church, where John Knox preached his famous sermon.



Friends of Craigtoun

Strong supporters of the St Andrews Community Trust who to date have made five successful applications.

Since making its first award in 2011, the Community Trust has provided financial support to a huge spectrum of voluntary organisations, including youth groups, schools, sports clubs, support groups, theatre and environmental projects.

Over the years, awards have ranged from £150 to £15,000, with the vast majority of awards between £1,000 and £5,000.

With the focus on Arts and Sport, Community, Education, Environment, Heritage, Well-being and Supporting those in need, the St Andrews Community Trust has funded 269 projects totalling £738,468 for 124 organisations and groups as at October 2019.

The Trust funds projects within St Andrews, Leuchars, Strathkinness, Cameron, Boarhills and Dunino.



FRONT COVER FEATURE IMAGE

ST ANDREWS SAILING CLUB

Formed in 1957, the St Andrews Sailing Club aims to promote and encourage small boat sailing and racing and the social interaction of club members, and to maintain its clubhouse, boatyard and boats for these purposes. Based in the old lifeboat shed on the East Sands, the club provides a full adult and youth training programme together with family sailing and a comprehensive racing programme. The club regularly participates in the national RYA "Push the Boat Out" day designed to encourage wider access and attracts members of the public of all ages.

With assistance from the Community Trust, the club were able to replace a safety boat engine and refurbish their specialised tractor. In order to function effectively as a thriving and growing community water sports club, certain capital equipment is necessary to support the core sailing activities, i.e. two reliable safety boats and a powerful tractor suitable for the unique St Andrews East Sands Beach marine environment.

Paul McCombie said:

'We are a family friendly club and welcome all, be they beginners or competent sailors; juniors from 7 years old to any age. There are even members who started sailing with us at quite a 'mature age'. Our aim is to get you on the water and for you to enjoy it!'



ENABLE

ENABLE St Andrews is an organisation which run a club for people over the age of 16 with learning difficulties. The group meets on a Tuesday night once a month and offers a variety of fun activities from Bingo to Halloween Discos. With over 70 members, the aim is to attract even more and be able to reduce the age limit to 12, however this will only be possible with enough support from volunteers. The Community Trust has supported ENABLE St Andrews' activity programme for 2019.

Shona Middleton said:

'We look forward to meeting new people in the club and would welcome anyone with open arms. The club do need more volunteers and we would love for anyone to come along at least once and then if they decide it is not for them that's fine. I am sure when a volunteer comes they will love the atmosphere in the club.'



FRIENDS OF CRAIGTOUN

CRAIGTOUN COUNTRY PARK IS ONE OF ST ANDREWS MOST LOVED ATTRACTIONS, CHERISHED BY THE COMMUNITY, YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE, WHO USE IT TO RUN, WALK, PICNIC AND PLAY



In 2012 the voluntary group Friends of Craigtoun was set up to work in partnership with Fife Council to secure the future of the park as a community amenity. Since then the group has taken on the task of looking for ways to maintain and improve the park. From bringing back the old with plans to restore the iconic Dutch Village to ringing in the new with progressive developments to play equipment, the group continually raises funds and looks for support from organisations such as the Community Trust.

'We are huge supporters of the St Andrews Community Trust. To date we have made five applications and have had assistance with refurbishing train sheds, CCTV and accessible play equipment.'

'The most recent contribution has allowed us to purchase a new utility vehicle for the park, which will be invaluable in our objective to efficiently run all the facilities at Craigtoun Country Park and continue to restore it as a "Jewel in the Crown" in Fife and the surrounding area.'

Kyffin Roberts, Chairman of the Friends of Craigtoun Park



BYRE YOUTH THEATRE

PROVIDING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH TRANSFERABLE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE



Byre Youth and Community Arts, under the Artistic Direction of Ashley Foster, aims to provide young people with the skills and confidence to perform in a variety of settings, and most importantly, provide them with skills that will be transferable across all aspects of their lives.

As well as providing drama, dance theatre and singing classes for young people, the organisation is also available for CPD sessions, bespoke schools/nursery workshops, training and team building. There is also an adult singing group, which offers a much needed sense of community, well-being and fun for its participants.

The project supported by the Community Trust was called 'StAnd Out from the Crowd' and was designed to deliver a professional development programme for the senior students. This involved staff from all areas of the Byre Theatre team working with their students to teach them different elements of theatre and help them pull together a final performance.

Ashley Foster said:

'New writing for young people can be hard to come by and through this process, we have an original script that can be used by our students (and others!) for many years to come. We cannot provide opportunities like this to our students without the help of funding. The money we received from the Community Trust has been so beneficial!'

HOW FUNDS ARE GENERATED

In 2010 St Andrews Links Trust established a commercial partnership with the St Andrews Community Council. Under the agreement the St Andrews Community Trust was formed to distribute funds generated through the protection and exploitation of trademarks associated with the St Andrews name and the town crest of the Royal Burgh.

The Links Trust guaranteed to fund the Community Trust with a minimum of £50,000 per annum but has actually provided over £80,000 per annum since its inception.

In 2017, The Stevenson Trust, a charity which owns the 'Auchterlonies of St Andrews' brand joined forces with St Andrews Links and pledged a further £25,000 per annum.

The additional income from the The Stevenson Trust is aimed specifically at the arts and sport within St Andrews and surrounding communities. It is intended to fund projects that will improve levels of performance and to enable clubs to increase their membership and to develop new ideas.



Bobby Miller,
General Manager of
Auchterlonies, said:

'We have worked very closely in recent years with St Andrews Links to help protect the

reputation and heritage of St Andrews. We are delighted to see those efforts achieving positive results that can now help to make a real difference, delivering results for so many great causes and initiatives.

Alongside the existing work carried out by the Community Trust, we really wanted this additional funding to focus on good causes in the area aiming to get more people involved in the arts and sport. We look forward to seeing these awards benefiting the local community for years to come.'



St Andrews Links
Chief Executive
Euan Loudon said:

'The Community Trust is a source of great pride for everyone associated with St Andrews

Links and we look forward to seeing it go from strength to strength, helping a diverse range of clubs, groups and projects in the area.'

Through commercial activities and continuing work to protect the St Andrews name throughout the world, St Andrews Links with the support of Auchterlonies, is committed to returning any revenue generated by this back in to the community via the Community Trust to help with all the great work it does.



ST ANDREWS FOLK & TRADITIONAL MUSIC

THROUGH APPRECIATION AND PARTICIPATION, THE ORGANISATION HOPES TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF THIS MUSIC GENRE THROUGHOUT ST ANDREWS

The University of St Andrews Folk and Traditional Music Society is dedicated to promoting folk and traditional music in and around the town. From 22nd February until the 24th February 2019, the group showcased the St Andrews Folk Festival, which was supported by the Community Trust most specifically through the offer of free tickets for schools to attend. The festival weekend included an open mic night, an instrumental workshop, a vocal workshop, a Gaelic singing workshop, concerts and a ceilidh.

Sarah Lamorte said:

'The aim was to provide a weekend full of concerts and workshops to bolster the appreciation and support the education of traditional music in St Andrews. Throughout the year we hoped to reach out to more of the community to get them interested in this type of music and offer a weekend that celebrated the Scottish culture and this historic town.'



FAMILIES FIRST

SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Families First is a small, independent charity based in St Andrews, working alongside families in north east Fife with children aged 5-16 years who have additional support needs. Their core services are One-to-One Befriending (children), Children's Group Work and Family Support (adults). Reducing isolation, developing self-esteem, improving social skills and relationships are the fundamental goals for the team at Families First.

The organisation has been supported by the Community Trust for many years now. This year their project was to upgrade the computer system to make it more efficient to operate. This would enable them to monitor their work, apply for funding and report to beneficiaries on the difference they have made to the children and young people they work with. In June 2016 Families First were honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – an MBE for voluntary sector organisations.

Manager Morag Coleman said:

'We value the contribution of everyone who works with Families First whether directly with service users or indirectly through fundraising, administration and transport. Awards from the St Andrews Community Trust have helped us with a number of projects over the years and the funding they are able to offer is invaluable to our organisation. We really appreciate the local support we receive, last year we realised that 1/3 of all our funding comes from local people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps us make a difference to the children and young people we work with.'

SMART HISTORY

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE HISTORY AND COMPUTER STUDIES DEPARTMENT AT UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

Smart History is a collaboration which draws from images and manuscripts in the University's Special Collections department to create virtual reconstructions of the town's most historic buildings.

Their most recent project was to digitally reconstruct Holy Trinity Church as it was believed to have appeared in the mid-sixteenth century – around the time John Knox preached his famous sermon which convinced the St Andrews' burgh council to publicly adopt Protestantism.

St Andrews Community Trust helped fund the reconstruction which was on show to the public in Holy Trinity during the late summer of 2019 as part of a free exhibition examining the history of religion in St Andrews, with hopes to turn this into a longer term/permanent display. The resulting digital resource can also be distributed online and used in educational contexts.

Dr Bess Rhodes, of the Schools of History and Computer Science, said:

'Holy Trinity is central to Scottish history. Events here in the summer of 1559 transformed the religious future of this country. This project, supported by the Community Trust, has tried to recapture the character of Holy Trinity as it was on the eve of the momentous changes of 1559 and our hope is that it will act as a community resource fostering awareness of a key local heritage site, and its role in shaping the burgh of St Andrews and the history of Scotland as a whole. It will also produce digital resources which could be used in future permanent exhibits, and which can be used for teaching purposes (at both primary and secondary level).'



L-R: Patrick Marks, Dominic Nolan, Irene Morrison, Margaret Lees, Henry Paul, Daphne Biliouri-Grant, Gordon Shepherd

THE TRUSTEES

The board of Trustees comprises of two members from the Royal Burgh of St Andrews Community Council, one member of Fife Council and one nominated by St Andrews Links Trust. Three local resident trustee positions complete the board.

'As Trustees our principal focus has always been to recognise applications that advance local community development and are for the good of the residents of the town and surrounding area. That will continue to be our main objective.'

We really would like to encourage organisations and groups within the qualifying area to consider our objectives and apply. If you have a local project and are looking for funding, come forward so that we can continue to support many more initiatives as we work towards £1million being invested into our communities.'

Margaret Lees, Chairperson

HOW TO APPLY

The Community Trust has three application windows every year and applicants are encouraged to come forward, either for the first time or as a previous applicant with a new project to share.

Projects that fall within the Community Council areas of the Royal Burgh of St Andrews, Leuchars, Strathkinness, Cameron, Boarhills and Dunino will be considered for funding.

If you think that your organisation has a project that might attract funding from the Community Trust please visit www.standrewscommunitytrust.co.uk to access our objectives and application form. The project does not have to meet all of the objectives to qualify for funding and applications can be made at any time.

They will then be considered in detail at one of the three meetings, which are normally held in February, June and October each year. Once you have made an application one of our Trustees will contact you to discuss it further.

Closing dates for applications in 2020:

- 16 January 2020
- 14 May 2020
- 10 September 2020