



# Dunblane Development Trust

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## Trust News February 2006.

Dear Members,

Since I took over as Chairman in September 2005 we have been planning a number of projects and have increased the management board to 13 members covering all aspects of life in Dunblane.

By having a stronger board we are able to influence decisions especially in Stirling Council, as they now see the DDT as a force in Dunblane, capable of running projects of considerable size and cost in conjunction with other partners.

We can count ourselves extremely fortunate to have such a talented collection of people who give of their time freely and at zero cost to the Trust.

We of course need more of you to come forward and join the various Directors on their committees, to implement the future plans we have to improve the environment and economy of Dunblane, if you can volunteer just a couple of hours per week we can use your expertise.

Please contact any of the Directors on the contact page at the end this report to offer your services in any way you see fit.

### Braeport Community Centre.

The DDT took over the user management group of the Braeport in 2005, we now have a Braeport Director (Bill Stewart) who has already improved the look of the building by placing half barrels of flowers around the building, the railings have been painted, the car park has been repaired and tidied up, the gable ends of the building have been pointed, the ceilings and lighting in rooms one and two have been replaced, we have plans to replace the windows and doors and decorate the interior.

We are trying to increase the numbers of users, especially at the weekends, and to this end, we hope to hold events both inside and out, to increase the numbers of lets in premises, e.g.; farmers market, car boot sales, antique fairs and art exhibitions or if you wish to hold a function we can cater for that to, as it is ideal for small weddings etc:

### Dunblane in Bloom.

The Director of DiB is Sandy MacKay, who has been very busy over the winter with his hard working band of members clearing the B8033 bankings, the Haining Bank and working on the Cala Roundabout at the QV school.

In 2004/2005 we have been in the finals of Scotland in Bloom and 2006 will be no exception, as we have an even bigger and better display planned.

Sandy hopes to create new flower beds around the town, place even more half barrels taking our total to 100, and have new tower displays and hanging baskets.

We will also have a "Dunblane in Bloom" competition involving the local traders with best shop front displays, the primary schools and prizes for best front garden entry.

Sandy badly needs more volunteers for a Sunday morning, and our mid week group, if you can manage a couple of hours and like gardening, please contact Sandy.

### **Membership.**

The membership for the DDT is now 422 and rising every month, anyone who lives or works in Dunblane can join at the small cost of £3.00 per annum, if you know of any friends or neighbours who would be interested in joining, you can access a form on our website, in the community view or contact our membership secretary Margaret Stewart on the contact page.

### **The Environment.**

The Environment Director is Alan Booth, who is doing a land audit of Dunblane on behalf of the Trust, he will then formulate a plan for the future land management of Dunblane to protect our open spaces.

Alan will also advise on any environmental issues which affect the future development of Dunblane.

### **Fundraising.**

The fund raising Director is David Chisholm and he is formulating plans to raise funds for the Trust including accessing grants for regeneration projects.

The Trust will be organising a fundraising dinner on Friday 13th October 2006 in conjunction with the Dunblane Hydro, the dinner will take the form of a speakers night with various forms of fundraising on the evening, more details will be forth coming shortly.

David will also be working with the Braeport Centre to coordinate fund raising there.

### **Holmehill.**

The DDT has been liaising with the Holmehill Group who have challenged the Scottish Office in Stirling Sheriff Court on their decision to refuse a community land buyout.

The court case has now finished and we await the courts decision in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

The Holmehill group have been well supported by the Dunblane community and we ask you to continue to support them financially to protect this valuable piece of history.

### **Anti Social Behaviour.**

The Trust have been involved in discussions with the Police, Stirling Council, the High School and other local groups to curb anti social behaviour and hopefully come up with a solution.

We have been successful in accessing grants of £19,800 for ASB projects in Dunblane.

The Skatepark project is one target we hope to get off the ground this year, and £10,000 has been allocated from the funds for that project, the balance will be split between community partnership projects and involving the primary schools in Dunblane in Bloom to teach appreciation of our environment.

Ultimately it is the parents of children who must be responsible for their behaviour, especially at night when most of the under age drinking and vandalism seems to happen.

The Police have been very supportive in deploying a large number of officers on Friday and Saturday nights to deter those who would damage our community.

The new youth centre has also played a great part in starting new weekend clubs especially for the High School pupils with Saturday night discos and band nights, the High school have also started basket ball nights on the all weather pitches.

If you see any anti social behaviour, please contact the police on 822222, they will respond and it can be in confidence.

A debt of gratitude is owed to all the volunteers who take part in this project.

### **Website.**

You can access our website on [www.dunblaneweb.co.uk](http://www.dunblaneweb.co.uk) and if you wish to advertise your business or club, a listing is free, and we have very competitive rates for web links and advertising on a wider scale.

Kind regards, Bryan Grieve, Chairman.