



Annual Report

2020-2021



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Message from the Chair

After last year's AGM which for the first time was held via Zoom, we are pleased to be able to host an AGM in person again. As many of you will know Andrew stood down as Chair of the board last year and I was chosen to take on the role after him. I would firstly like to thank him for undertaking the role and for the time he has dedicated to it these last two years.

This year has also seen the Trust's activities continue to grow despite the constrictions of the pandemic. Not least with the ongoing renovation work at Bayview which will see the building transformed into four flats which will be available to rent in the near future.

We were delighted to reach the finals of the Highland and Islands Renewable Awards 2021 for the 'Best Community Energy Project'. Although we did not win the award being finalists shows work the Trust do is worthy of national recognition.

I would lastly like to thank all of the Trust's employees who have worked tirelessly to ensure that all of our operations continue to run smoothly and have adapted to the ever changing working environment of the last year. Also, I would like to thank the volunteer Directors of the trust for their time and contributions over the last year.

Louis Pottinger

Chairman



Westray Renewable Energy

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Production by the community wind turbine this year, July 2020 to June 2021, was slightly down on the same period last year with 3,174,033kWh total power exported to the national grid, compared to 3,345,001kWh for the previous year. This production gives a total gross income (including weighted average) of £444,000.

All operating profits are transferred to Westray Development Trust as the sole

shareholder. The agreed Gift Aid payment for 2019/2020 was £530,000; due to issues in receiving FITs payments, the actual sum paid to WDT was £465,000. This results in WRE incurring a tax liability of around £12,000 for the year. WRE are in the process of switching to another FIT licensee.

Westray Development Trust signed a contract with SHEPD whereby it now retains a grid connection indefinitely as

opposed to the previous agreement of 25 years. As well as this, OIC have extended planning permission for the site until 2034.

Current Board members are Wullie Bain (Chair), Philip Bews, David Hutchison, Andrew Seatter, Jeemie Stout and Louis Pottinger. Elizabeth Drever is secretary for the company.

Willie Bain, Chairman

Friends of Kalisgarth Update

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Pictured: Activity boxes for residents courtesy of Jo MacDonald

Every year WDT donates the turbine recharging payments it receives for the Kalisgarth turbine to the Friends of Kalisgarth for their use.

The past year has, by necessity, been an unusually quiet one for Friends of Kalisgarth, with the building being under quite a tight lockdown to protect residents for most of that time. Fundraising activities and other projects have therefore been much curtailed. Even now, the building is unable to be fully open in the way that it was pre-Covid.

We were pleased to see the purchase, erection and fitting out of a robust new shed, which is now equipped with shelving and provides a much needed addition to storage options. We were also able to fund a ramped entrance and are hugely grateful to Mike Cooper who generously donated his design and labour costs for that.

With the help of a Supporting

Communities grant administered by the Development Trust we were able to fund and supply activity kits for residents and Day Care users, which were greatly appreciated and were delighted to help Santa to do similar when he wasn't too busy using the new shed as his community grotto.

The group have been pleased to help with items such as magazine subscriptions, garden materials and outdoor items including some wooden decking and are happy to support Day Care activities and staff initiatives whenever we can. Most recently that has included various craft items such as basket weaving, wood carving, sewing and even garden gnomes to decorate!

The Youth Club provided a lovely display of imaginatively potted flowers in the Kalisgarth garden at Regatta weekend with a donation box for FoK. Thanks and well done to all the youngsters who took part.

The Covid threat created a seriously challenging time for all connected with Kalisgarth but residents and staff rose to the challenge of isolation in creative and committed ways and Friends of Kalisgarth were happy to support these initiatives when they could.

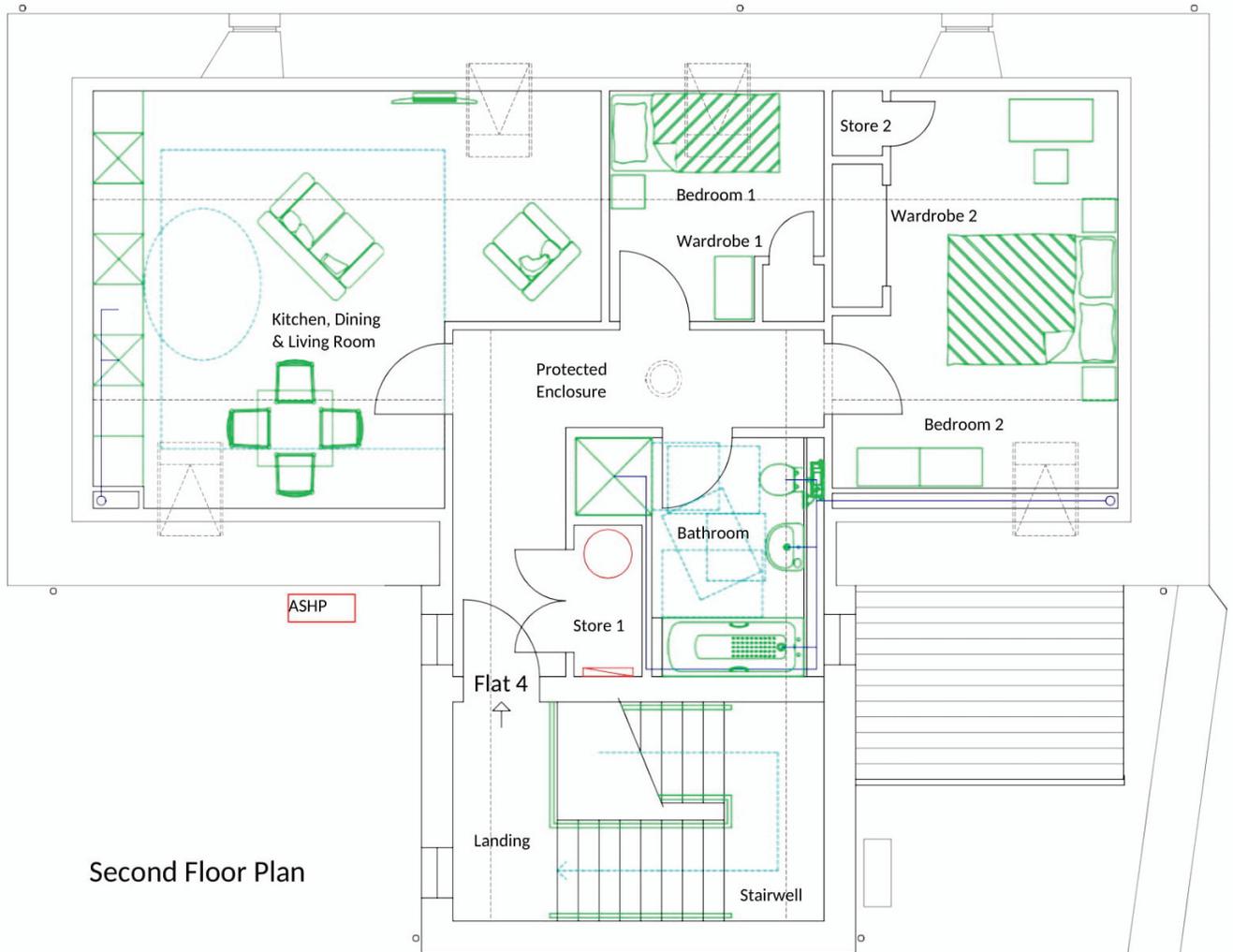
We look forward in hope to a more "normal" year ahead.

**Iain MacDonald
for Friends of Kalisgarth**



Project Progress Report

Pictured: Architects drawings of the second floor 2 bedroom flat being constructed at Bayview courtesy of Shane Scott chartered Architect



Second Floor Plan

BAYVIEW - WESTRAY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Key development themes; Housing, Industry & Business, Youth and Children.

WDT's application to the Scottish Government's Island Housing Fund was successful and the Trust was awarded £380,000 towards the Bayview renovations in September 2020. Local business, Daniel Marcus Construction, had won the tender and so the

renovations began in November 2020.

At the time of this report (30th June 2021) renovations are on schedule for the works to be complete by the end of October 2021.

WDT has also agreed to work with Drever & Heddle who will act as the lettings agents for the Bayview flats.

An allocations policy has been drafted that will prioritise lettings that will support the sustainability of the Westray community.

This will be shared with the community for feedback before being finalised.

This project will see Bayview, the former Harbour Master's house at Gill Pier, converted into 4x 1-2-bedroom flats which will be available for rent. The affordable flats will contribute to increasing and diversifying the housing options available in Westray.

Project Progress Report

WESTRAY COMMUNITY GARDEN - FOOD MILES TO FOOD SMILES

Key development themes; Environment, Health & Care, Education.

Despite the additional difficulties faced by the garden team brought about by Covid-19, they worked hard to achieve another successful growing season at the Community Garden. Summer of 2020 saw strawberries, rocket, bagged salad, new potatoes, broadbeans, cabbage, squash, courgette, peas, tomatoes and cucumbers hitting the local shops.

An extra row of strawberries was planted as they have been so successful and this year's planting experiment involved growing chilli plants in the small polytunnel in different mediums, one lot in soil and the other in gravel. The plants in soil were fed and watered by hand while the plants in gravel were drip fed a nutrient rich water. Early indications are that the gravel based plants are performing far better than the soil based and the results of this experiment may be used to influence the planting of the large polytunnel next season.



Spring saw some very variable weather in Westray with extreme temperature fluctuations in the large polytunnel, lack of wind and persistent fog caused problems with ventilating the tunnel. The cucumbers especially did not appreciate these conditions!

This past year has also seen us take part in a feasibility study for Highlands and Islands Enterprise into the potential for vertical farming on the Outer North Isles. The results of this study are promising and we look forward to making final conclusions on whether to take this forward next year.



Other plans in the pipeline include a spruce up of the Sand O Gill picnic area and replacing the fencing around the outside beds.

Other work has been continuing behind the scenes among the Garden subgroup to formulate development plans for the garden's future. The Trust remains dedicated to supplying fresh, nutritional produce with minimal food miles and low carbon footprint to our community. We are so grateful to the Westray community who continue to show their support for the project by purchasing our delicious fruit and vegetables.

Pictured: Above Centre: Strawberries ripening outdoors, Above Right: Bee collecting pollen from a courgette flower outside, Below: Outdoor beds with straw mulch.



Project Progress Report

THE BARGAIN BOX - WESTRAY COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING SHOP

Key development themes; Recreation, leisure & voluntary groups, Environment.

The Bargain Box was able to reopen its doors in September 2020 with COVID-19 safety measures in place. Although this meant that visitor numbers to the fundraising shop were reduced the Bargain Box still raised £5,145.19 (no raffles or bake sales this year). This fundraising, in addition to a fantastic £5,000 donation from Westray Community Council was split between 21 Westray community groups. Thank you to everyone in the community who has volunteered their time to keep the shop going during the pandemic.

Plans to extend the current WDT office building continue to progress and at the time of this report the architect is finalising the building warrant application.

COMMUNITY QUARRY

Key development themes; Industry & Business, Housing.

The Westray Community Quarry project was revived in early 2021 and work began again on completing a feasibility study. Before this the project had stalled several times due to staffing changes and then latterly the COVID-19 pandemic. This year the subgroup was finally able to engage the interest of a qualified contractor for both the development and management of the Quarry. Work is ongoing to finalise the financial and operational feasibility investigations.



COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR NETWORK

Key development themes; Health & Care, Education.

The final defibrillator in the WDT public defibrillator network was installed at the Midbea red telephone kiosk in Westray's Westside on the 6th October 2020. This brought the total number of public defibrillators available in Westray to seven, six of which are funded by WDT. The renovation of the red telephone kiosk was kindly funded by the North Isle Landscape Partnership Scheme.

Due to the pandemic further community training in CPR and defib use could not be arranged this year.

Pictured: Top: Defibrillator inside Midbea telephone box, Bottom: The Bargain Box



HOME HELP SERVICE

Key development themes; Housing, Health & Care.

Our Home Help Service has continued to bring benefit to Westray's older folk with the cleaning service offering that extra helping hand at home to those in need. Home Help supported 5 Westray homes in 2020/2021. Initially the service was paused during the start of the pandemic but was able to restart in late 2020 with COVID-19 safety measures and risk assessments in place.

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

WDT has continued to push for equitable support for Westray in the R100 programme. The R100 programme aims to deliver the Scottish Government's commitment to provide access to 100% of Scotland to superfast broadband (30Mbps speeds). Unfortunately, the programme has been plagued with delays, particularly for the Highlands & Islands region, and so news of what will be happening has been difficult to glean.

WDT continues to engage with the Scottish Government, Orkney Island Council as well as other digital/communications projects and groups to push for better digital connectivity for our community

Project Progress Report

HOFN YOUTH CENTRE

Key development themes; Youth & Children, Recreation, leisure & voluntary groups.

The Höfn has remained closed as a youth centre again this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. However, the facility has been able to continue to benefit the community by acting as a pop-up extension to the Bargain Box. Acting as a pop-up shop as well as an additional storage space for processing donations.

DIGITAL MEDIA LIBRARY

A digital media library is currently in development for Westray community groups and businesses to use. This online archive will have free photos and video clips of Westray that will be available for groups/businesses to use to promote Westray and what the island has to offer.

The media can only be used for promotional/community purposes and cannot be sold without

permission.

Currently drone footage and photographs have been taken to help start the media library and WDT is in the process of selecting the best online platform to host the media library.

TRANSPORT

WDT continues to support the principle of affordable and accessible transport in Westray and is open to work with any presenting authorities/organisations to improve current services.

EXTRA LIBRARY VAN VISITS

As part of WDT's Covid-19 recovery response we funded a number of extra mobile library visits. Working in conjunction with Orkney Library & Archive, we enabled the mobile library van to come out to Westray an additional 4 times between June 2021 until December 2021. The visits from the library van are always well

attended by the community and the Trust recognise how valuable the service is, particularly to those residents unable to get to the library on Mainland.

WESTRAY FUEL GRANT

To support Westray's residents and reduce the impact of fuel poverty in our community, WDT have established this temporary fund for all domestic Westray households who meet the eligibility criteria. The Fuel Grant is not a permanent fund. Whether or not the Westray Fuel Grant is repeated in future years will be subject to funding availability as well as WDT Board annual review and approval. In winter of 2020, Fuel Grant payments of £150 were made to 221 Westray households, taking the total funding awarded to £114,400 over 3 fuel grants to date.

Isobel Thompson
Project Officer



Pictured: Left: Progress to Bayview, Right: The Library Van visits Westray

Grants Awarded 2020-2021

THE COMMUNITY TURBINE FUND

A year on from our last Annual Report and we are still feeling the impact of the covid-19 pandemic and this has, once again, been reflected in the number of grants we have awarded this year. The hope is that we can see more groups able to operate normally going forward, which we are confident will translate to more funding applications. Despite this, we awarded £37,692 from the CTF last year. The money available through the CTF is there for the benefit of the Westray Community and we would encourage any groups and individuals to apply for funding to help get community projects off the ground or improve personal development through our Community, Entertainment or Education and Training Grants.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING GRANTS

There were fewer Education and Training Grants applied for this year compared to the year before but 38 people still made use of the grant to pursue their personal development goals. This figure reflects the ongoing difficulties with hosting training in person which are not yet back in full swing. We have had some lovely feedback from this year's applicants:

"I am incredibly proud of my achievements and have used the knowledge gained as part of my teaching at Westray Junior High in both the primary and secondary departments already and plan to do so more in future." Jennifer McKnight

Applicant	Course	Awarded
Davy Hutchison	Piano Lessons	£123
Mia Pottinger	Piano Lessons	£168
Caleb McEwen	Piano Lessons	£168
Ivy McEwen	Piano Lessons	£168
Jennifer McKnight	Robert Burns Course	£160.50
Violet McEwen	Piano Lessons	£165
Jonathan McEwen	Critical Issues in Education	£280
Meghan McEwen	MSC Professional Module	£500
Nemina Dickinson	Piano Lessons	£27
Jake Hutchison	Personal Survival Techniques	£80
Andrew Seatter	Science, Technology and Maths OU	£129
Olivia Kent	Piano Lessons	£60
Amelia Kent	Piano Lessons	£60
Jonathan McEwen	Inclusion Studies	£220
Andy Makin	RYA Yacht Masters Offshore Theory	£115
Jack Summers	Piano Lessons	£60
Arun Summers	Piano Lessons	£60
Robbie Rendall	Piano Lessons	£60
Zak Pottinger	Piano Lessons	£60
Libby Rendall	Piano Lessons	£60
Tam Paterson	Personal Survival Techniques	£80
Tam Paterson	Personal Safety and Social Responsibility	£50
Tam Paterson	First Aid Course	£55
Callum Paterson	Junior Golf Coaching	£5
Issac Wilson	Junior Golf Coaching	£5
Carys Bain	Junior Golf Coaching	£5
Chloe Byers	Junior Golf Coaching	£5
Harry Seatter	Junior Golf Coaching	£5
Jack Seatter	Junior Golf Coaching	£5

"This was Robbie's first taste of piano lessons. It seems he has a natural ability and has progressed well. He has really enjoyed it..." Gina Rendall

"I am really enjoying learning piano...I have enjoyed singing and playing tunes for my family." Mia Pottinger

Grant Awards 2020/21

Pictured: Top: Auk Club trip to Mainland courtesy of Jan Stephenson, Bottom: Santa's Shed courtesy of Val Thomson

ENTERTAINMENT GRANTS

Santa's Shed at Kalisgarth –

What better way to celebrate the lifting of the second lockdown than with a Santa's Grotto for the children? Thanks to Valerie Thompson and her team of Christmas Elves the children were able to enjoy a covid safe visit from Santa in December 2020. The team hosting this event felt that this project had a positive impact within the community, **'I feel that it brought the community spirit back out in people where it had been tucked away due to the government restrictions and guidelines. Santa's shed was very well attended. All eligible children attended which is more than we would have hoped for. The feedback from parents was very positive as well as the residents at Kalisgarth enjoying seeing some of the cheery little faces coming and going – and hearing the excitement that goes along with it.'** Valerie Thompson.

Funding Awarded: £700



COMMUNITY GRANTS

We awarded 6 Community Grants last year, although less than we have experienced in previous years we feel this is a good number considering the difficulty community groups have had this past year in being able to function as they normally would. Covid-19 restrictions have meant many groups have been unable to meet at all and it has been a pleasure to have enabled these 6 projects to go ahead, despite the obstacles.

Auk Club – Auk Club Outing and Social Activities

The Auk Club is a much loved and well attended social club on the island whose members were hit particularly hard by covid-19 restrictions. While the club were still unable to meet up in the school, funding from WDT enabled members to attend the Hotel and Groatie Buckies café for lunches and afternoon teas, as well as the Auk Club annual trip to Mainland. The Auk Club provides vital social interaction for its members, particularly for those who live alone, this has been even more important after the two lockdowns we have experienced during the pandemic so far, as Jan Stephenson, Auk Club Treasurer highlighted, **'Our yearly trip to Mainland was the highlight, when people were able to spend the whole day together...it's all about finding ways to enhance lives.'**

Funding Awarded: £2,000

Grant Awards 2020/21

Pictured: Top: Westray Golf Club, Below Centre: Festive lights in Pierowall village

Westray Junior High School - World Book Day

Recognising the importance of the learning experience that the young people of Westray have, WDT donated £1,000 to Westray Junior High School for World Book Day to enable them to purchase books for the school library. Over 100 books have been purchased for the children to enjoy.

Funding Awarded: £1,000

Westray Junior High School – Green Projects

The school applied to WDT for funding towards a few different projects which had a 'green' goal. Several laptops and iPads were needed by the lower Primary children who could no longer practically share equipment with the Upper Primary due to covid-19 restrictions. Rather than buying new, the school proposed to buy refurbished machines which was both cost effective and demonstrated a good way to reuse older but fully functioning digital equipment.

The purchase of a portable digital weather station would provide an interesting and informative education aid for school pupils for scientific lessons and also for projects on climate change.

The installation of a Hot Compost bin in the school's outdoor area would enable food waste to be disposed of in a safe clean way that can be reused in the school garden. As well as being a great way to recycle food waste, this would provide the school pupils with lots of learning opportunities.

Funding Awarded: £2,174.98



Westray Community Council – Festive Lights

After the impact of the pandemic, by the end of 2020 we were all in need of some Christmas cheer and many of you will agree that the new LED festive lights purchased by the Westray Community Council, partly funded by WDT, provided a tasteful and bright highlight for the village during the dark winter months.

Funding Awarded: £1,183.84

Westray Golf Club – Greenkeepers Wages

The Golf Club suffered as other groups did from the lack of funding and income generated during the pandemic and to assist the Club to get it's long term goals for financial sustainability back on track, WDT agreed to fund the wages for the Club's greenkeepers for one year. The Golf Course is a real asset to the island, drawing visitors and locals alike to come and experience one of the most northerly courses in the UK.

Funding Awarded: £12,138.

Community Archaeology Westray (CAW) – Festive Christmas Cards

There are a lot of planning, consultation and legal fees associated with the development of the Links of Noltland site and CAW sought funding from WDT to produce a series of Westray themed Christmas cards to sell in order to raise money to cover these costs. We look forward to seeing them for sale later in the year!

Funding Awarded: £369

Grant Awards 2020/21

DEVELOPMENT/ INVESTMENT GRANTS AND ONGOING GRANTS

These are large grants, some of which span multiple-years of ongoing support. We also provide the option for grants to be awarded on a three year rolling basis for projects that have an annual element that changes little from year to year. This saves groups having to submit the same application year after year.

Nursery Healthy Snack

We are delighted to continue to support the promotion of good nutrition and healthy eating at such an important stage in the lives of our young folk.

Funding Awarded: £734.16

Inter-Kirk Christmas Card

WDT continues to support the annual Inter-kirk Christmas card, providing season's greetings as well as information about the services over the Christmas period.

Funding Awarded: £250

Westray Golf Club

The 5 year development grant awarded to Westray Golf Club came to an end this year. The Golf Club and course is a valuable asset to the island and the community and we have been privileged to have been in a position to enable the Golf Club to achieve the monumental changes it has made in the past 5 years, as summarised by Stuart Baird of Westray Golf Club, **'The Grant funding from WDT has provided Westray Golf Club with the ability to provide a wonderfully maintained course on Westray which is undoubtedly a benefit to the**

health, recreational and social aspects of the Westray community. Membership has increased significantly this year with great interest in the Junior Section in particular and currently stands at 73 members covering all age groups. This constitutes over 10% of the Westray community. Without the assistance of WDT it would be financially impossible to maintain Westray Golf Course to its current standard or to make improvements for the benefit of its members, its visitors and Westray as a whole without financial support.'

We thank the Golf Club members and the Westray community for supporting the Club and making it one of the highlights that Westray has to offer.

Westray Heritage Trust

The 5 year development grant WDT had in place to support the Westray Heritage Trust also came to an end this year. The Heritage Trust hosts Westray's archives, gift/craft shop and several Westray artifacts including the infamous 'Westray Wife' Neolithic carved figurine. The Heritage Centre is an important tourist stop as well as being an incredible resource for residents, preserving the culture and heritage of the island for posterity. The grant from WDT has played an important role in developing the Heritage Trust over the past 5 years and we look forward to being able to visit this historic repository for many many years to come, **'Westray Heritage Trust (WHT) has over several years been working towards the financial**

resilience of Westray Heritage Centre (WHC) supported by the grant from WDT for the last 5 years.

When the project started the financial position of Westray Heritage Centre (WHC) was unsustainable...An emergency situation was avoided by the financial assistance from the grant and the long-term scenario improved by having the opportunity to have detailed evaluation of current practices leading to practical changes... This included working towards and achieving the prestigious Full Museum Accreditation status, which opened the possibility of access to grants specifically for museums. Achieving standards nationally certified by Museums Galleries Scotland indicates that WHC plays an important role in gathering, caring for and making available items of significance to the heritage of Westray for study both by locals and visitors to the island. In addition, WHC is also recognised as a high quality 4 star tourist attraction venue by Visit Scotland. In both of these areas WHC is an asset to the culture, wellbeing and economy of Westray with in 'normal' years, up to approximately 3000 users being recorded... The production of 'Auk Talk' by volunteers is not only a major means of revenue raising by WHT but, as is evident from a monthly sale of around 200 copies, is an important source of local interest of current happenings...', Alasdair McVicar.

Covid-19 - Community Response

In our 2019-2020 Annual Report we recorded some of the COVID-19 response activities WDT had been part of up until 30th June 2020. In 2020 the Westray community was incredibly quick to respond to the increasing threat of the virus and set about preparing by forming the Westray COVID-19 Action Group. The group comprised of key representatives of key sectors. As a result, the community was able to react quickly with its COVID-19 response when the first lockdown occurred. Thank you to everyone who took part in those planning sessions and for the work everyone did to support our community. Once again Westray displayed the strength of this community by rallying together to share the load and support those most in need.

Now spanning two years COVID-19 has continued to impact our community.

Between 1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021, Westray Development Trust;

- Continued to report any community issues resulting from COVID-19 directly to the Scottish Government's Islands Team and worked with the Westray Community Council who reported directly to Orkney Islands Council to share any updates.
- Opened a second 2020 Fuel Grant in the winter to support Westray households during a time of financial pressure. This second Fuel Grant supported 233 Westray households.
- Continued to support Wireless Westray, the island community podcast. This fortnightly podcast sharing community news and 'lightsome listening' helped keep the community connected, boost

morale and act as a snapshot in time chronicling this unique period in our island's history.

- Continued to support the Orkney Scrubs Group and acted as a collection/donation point in Westray for materials and completed scrub sets made by Westray creators. Any scrub sets donated were passed onto the Kalisgarth Care Centre or Westray Surgery.
- Distributed a second Supporting Communities Grant of £4,041.64 to support community COVID-19 response activities. This funding from the Scottish Government, facilitated by Highlands & Islands Enterprise (HIE) funded newsletter printing costs for Westray Parish Kirk's 'Kirk Link'. It also funded wellbeing takeaway meals for Auk Club members and wellbeing activity boxes, Friends of Kalisgarth activity boxes for the residents and granted funding for the Church of Scotland Youth Club to create activity boxes to support our young people during this difficult time. These activities all sought to support wellbeing and relieve loneliness and isolation among the senior and youngest members of our community. The activity boxes included items such as craft projects, jigsaws, yarn, books and art supplies. £834.34 was also donated to the Westray branch of the Orkney Foodbank.
- In addition to the funding received from the HIE Supporting Communities Fund WDT also donated an extra £500 to the Westray branch of the Orkney Foodbank which is based at the Westray Parish Kirk. This funding has allowed the Foodbank to supply those in need with fresh food supplies in addition to

donated items.

- Supplied PPE for community buildings. WDT donated PPE supplies to community-led facilities for example the local kirks as well as the Heritage Centre and Westray Golf Course. This included items such as hand sanitiser, disposable aprons, cleaning supplies, disposable gloves, and disposable face masks. WDT also stocked the two ferry terminal waiting rooms in Westray with free disposable face masks.
- Supported student hand hygiene by donating individual hand sanitiser bottles to Westray Junior High School students as well as 'gentle on skin' hand wash and hand sanitiser to help ease the risk of dry sore skin associated with frequent handwashing and use of strong sanitising gel.
- Funded school laptops. Due to COVID-19 restrictions students could no longer share equipment. Therefore, WDT awarded £5,800 towards the purchase of new equipment and replacing older devices. This also allowed students to take a computer home with them to help with home-schooling.
- Westray Media Archive. An online photograph and video clip archive is currently under development that will contain a range of free Westray photos and video clips that will be available for community groups and Westray businesses to use for free to promote Westray and what the island and local groups/businesses have to offer. The aim of this project is to assist with island economic recovery.

Isobel Thompson

Operations Report - Looking to the future

As usual it has been another very busy year at Westray Development Trust! The pandemic of course has had a significant impact on our operations. Some active projects were paused, some were ramped up, and some were able to trundle along with some alterations, and there was also new work needed to support our community during this difficult time.

We were very fortunate that the majority of our existing projects and routine work was able to continue in some form with only the Höfn needing to be closed. Even then, though the building temporarily closed as a youth centre, the facility was still able to benefit the Westray community by becoming a temporary extension of the Bargain Box. This allowed volunteers to use the Hofn as a pop-up shop as well as a storage space to process donations. While it was fantastic that our projects and operations could generally continue in some form this meant that our workload increased in order for us to also help support our community through the pandemic. This was with the added difficulties of home-working, increased funding competition, the uncertainty around future restrictions as well as delays and difficulties working with partners out with Westray and Orkney who had their own backlogs, delays, and communication issues. It is only thanks to the hard work of our staff, volunteers (trustees) and the support of our community that we have been able to achieve what we have recorded in these pages. Thank you. As of 30th June 2021, the

Development Trust office remains closed to the public and it's use by staff continues to be restricted in line with Scottish Government regulations. We look forward to the day we will be able to open our doors again, but in the meantime, we are thankful that we have still been able to keep in touch with you all through our online and print platforms. One key change on this front has been the redevelopment of the Westray Development Trust website

www.westraydevelopmenttrust.co.uk. The new site boasts new easy to use online grant application forms, a survey section, and a news section to better keep in touch with us and access WDT support. If you have not explored the new site yet, I encourage you to do so. Community engagement is essential for the work we do because it is community which forms our central purpose, the reason we are here doing what we do. In 2022 we will be hosting the rescheduled second Westray Conference to once again bring us all together to discuss a shared vision for the future of Westray and our community. The result of this conference will be a shared development plan that

will outline the community's priorities for the future. Something we can strive for together. We hope that you will all take part in the 2022 Conference and will add your voice to discussions. After all, your silence on the things that matter to you will achieve nothing. It has been over 20 years since the first Westray Conference and what amazing progress this community has made in that time. Showing once again that there is no greater power for change than a community discovering what is important, and the change we can bring when we come together. You only need to look around the island to see it in action, there is our increased population, thriving school numbers, growing businesses, and community assets such as Kalisgarth and the Hofn. In the meantime, you can keep in touch with Westray Development Trust through phone, email, or post. Let us know which projects have really helped you, what issues you are experiencing in Westray. We may not always be able to help straightaway ourselves but we may know another group who can.

Isobel Thompson



Financial report

WESTRAY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Each year we report on the financial position of Westray Development Trust and it's subsidiary, Westray Renewable Energy Limited. We also report on the surplus generated by each company and we advise the directors of Westray Renewable Energy Limited on the maximum amount of profit that they can donate to the Trust to reduce the Corporation Tax liability of WRE to nil, if possible. They then decide how much to donate taking into account what cash they have available.

This year was a milestone for both companies.

1. When the Gallowhill turbine was erected. It was partly funded by grants that the Trust was able to source, which it then lent to WRE. The loan has now been repaid but this also means that the Trust no longer earns interest on the outstanding balance.
2. The balance of the funding for the Gallowhill turbine came from Triodos Bank and this has also been repaid. This means that WRE will not be making loan repayments or paying interest to Triodos.

The result is that WRE will have higher profits, which could potentially result in a higher Corporation Tax liability.

However, as the company does not need to make loan repayments, it will have more cash and so can make higher donations to the Trust.

Westray Development Trust

The Statement of Financial Activities (basically the Profit &L

Loss) shows the following:

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Income	837	538
Less: Overheads	253	340
Surplus	584	198

On top of this is the increase in the valuation of investments held by the Trust, which rose in value by £170K or 16.4% compared to the value just one year previously. Ignoring this increase in the value of investments, the Trust's surplus in 2021 was significantly higher than in previous years and this arose from 3 main factors.

1. Grant income was higher which financed the building development at Bayview. This grant has already been spent and so is not reflected in the bank.
2. The donation from WRE was higher. The donation is paid once the profit of WRE is known each year. The payment in the accounts of both the Trust and WRE is therefore primarily from the profits of WRE for 2020 and for tax purposes is deducted from the taxable profits of WRE for that year.
- 3 Reduced overheads, principally wages, grants paid out and operational costs such as training and hospitality.

The balance sheet of the Trust shows total net assets of £4,245K (2020 £3,490K). This is broken down into:

	£000
Fixed Assests-Property & Equipment	933
Investments-CCLA	1,204
Debtors incl loans to local businesses	388
Bank Balances	1,797
Less: Creditors	(77)
	£4,245

Fixed assets have increased due to the expenditure on Bayview, which is largely grant funded. Investments have increased in value compared to the previous year. These are primarily Accumulation Units in a CCLA fund and have been performing very well. Debtors overall have fallen slightly as loans from WRE and local businesses are being repaid.

Interest is charged by the Trust on these loans and this is tax free income of the Trust. The income is a little less in these accounts because the borrowers were given a repayment holiday for 3 months last summer due to Covid.

The balances at bank have once again shown a significant rise, reflecting the cash surplus generated in the year, largely as a result of the monies from WRE.

Westray Renewable Energy Limited (the subsidiary)

WRE is a wholly owned subsidiary of WDT. It only has one asset and that is the turbine which is the main ongoing revenue source for WRE and the Trust. The accounts of WRE show a small deficit on trading but this is after making payments to the Trust of £565K in the year, without which there would have been a significant surplus.

Alan Long

**The Long Partnership
Kirkwall.**

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WDT Staff & Project Team

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- Margo Makin (WDT AFO & Youth Support)
- Janice Kirkness (WRE AFO)
- Clare Walker (Admin Assistant & Youth Support)
- Mark Dickinson (Lead Gardener)
- Benny Norquoy (Assistant Gardener)
- Edith Costie (Youth Support)
- Lena Pottinger (Youth Support)
- Angela Muir (Home Help)

Thank you to everyone in the community for your support.

Many thanks to all the volunteer Trustees who have worked with us in 2020/21 who were elected to represent the Westray Community in WDT's work.

- Andrew Seatter
- Douglas Leslie
- Louis Pottinger
- Anne Burgher
- Gill McEwen
- Helen Bain
- David Stephenson
- Coilla Drake
- Steven Drever

If you are interested in joining our Board please contact a current Trustee.

Agenda for the AGM Thursday 4th November 2021

- 1 Welcome and Apologies - Louis Pottinger (WDT Chair)**
- 2 Minutes of AGM on 8th December 2020**
- 3 Minutes of EGM on 27th May 2021**
- 3 Accounts Presentation and Adoption**
- 5 Appointment of Auditors**
- 6 Election of Directors**
- 7 A Year in Review - Project Team**
- 8 Questions**
- 9 AOCB**

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