

CRAMOND HERITAGE TRUST

Established in 1978 by the Cramond Association to preserve and interpret the heritage of Cramond
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Cramond Heritage Trust Annual Report for the year ending 31 December 2016-

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year to 31 December 2016. This report is prepared in accordance with their Deed of Trust.

Constitution and Objectives

The Trust, which is a registered Charity in Scotland, is operated under the rules of a Deed of Trust, dated 2nd October 1978. The management of the Trust is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the trust deed. The trustees are the Provost of the City of Edinburgh, the Minister of Cramond Kirk and the President of Cramond Association. The running of the Trust is the responsibility of the Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee, elected at the AGM held on 30 March 2016, are Isobel Barclay, Ann Cole, Kathleen Dods, Margery McDowell, Ian Rodger, Marjorie Vennelle and Fay Wilson, Bert Scott (representing Cramond Association) and Doris Duncanson (representing Cramond Kirk).

The principal object of the trust is to encourage the preservation and improvement of features of natural and historic interest within the greater Cramond area and to promote a wider understanding of the area's importance by means of exhibitions, lectures, workshops and educational tours for both adults and children.

Review of Activities

The new lighting system was installed over the winter of 2015-2016. One of the requirements was that it should no longer restrict where exhibits were mounted. This has been achieved.

The Maltings exhibition has had a facelift, with all displays being completely renewed and updated. The display layout has been changed and the various subject boards have been updated with new information about the Cramond area. The "Dark Goings on in Cramond" exhibition is now included. This had been presented in the Museum of Edinburgh by the City of Edinburgh Council and was then transferred to the Maltings. Unfortunately space limitations prevented the installation of the skeleton in its large display case. This exhibit shows the results of the forensic analysis carried out on the skeletal remains recovered from the Roman Bathhouse in 1976.

Those of you who have recently walked along Cramond Riverside will have noticed that the wall in front of the Maltings has been repaired at last. Pressure by Cramond Heritage Trust, on the owner, over at least the last 20 years has at last borne fruit.

Our fund raising activities have include guided walks and talks to various schools throughout the city, the Roman occupation of the area fitting neatly into the school curriculum. There has also been the provision of talks about various aspects of Cramond's history. These have been given to a number of City of Edinburgh Council members and community organisations throughout the city; they have been well supported as is evident from receiving repeat bookings and requests to organise specific guided walks on their behalf.

Trust status

Cramond Heritage Trust needed to update its 1978 constitution to comply with current charity legislation. At the same time the committee and the Trustees agreed to apply to change the status of the charity to the new Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This request is in the final stage of this detailed process and will allow the Trust to continue to pursue the same purpose and aims it has successfully maintained for the last 28 years.

Under section 13 of the CHT constitution, the Committee of Cramond Heritage Trust hereby ask for agreement from the members for permission.

1. To wind up Cramond Heritage Trust
2. Transfer all assets to the newly formed Cramond Heritage Trust 2017

Kathleen Dods – Convener

Archaeology

CAMMO PROJECT

To celebrate 2017 as the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, the Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society is aiming to investigate in depth the history and archaeology of Cammo Estate to increase current knowledge. EAFS will be collaborating with the Friends of Cammo on the project.

Objectives of the EAFS Cammo Project

- To scope the various archives of material pertaining to the Cammo Estate; to review that material to develop a fuller history of the estate; and to use the information gained to direct the archaeological investigations.
- To investigate, through the various archaeological techniques available to the EAFS, to gain more information about the archaeology of the Cammo Estate.
- To hold events at the Estate to involve the community in the archaeological investigations through working with Friends of Cammo, Edinburgh Young Archaeologists Club and other interested groups.
- To enhance the communities' understanding of the history and archaeology of the estate by involving them in talks, open days and community archaeological digs.
- To devise information boards to inform the visiting public about the archaeology of the estate

Val Dean

Treasurer's Report

Visitor numbers have dropped again despite a similar opening period. We have ended the year with our finances in a fairly low situation owing in part to the number of one off expenses we incurred as well as the drop in income at the Maltings. We have re-launched our Friends of Cramond programme, to encourage donations.

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of visitors	3892	3546	3751	3373	2256	3013	2303
Number of school visits	5	7	8	4	5	5	4