

NEWSLETTER



DUFFTOWN & MORTLACH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Welcome to the first newsletter from the team at the Dufftown & Mortlach Development Trust Ltd (DMDT).

Since our incorporation there has been a lot going on behind the scenes, and as we welcome back our chairperson Eleanor Candy, and send out a bucket load of gratitude to Mhairi-ann for having held the fort in her absence, we'd like to take this opportunity to update our members and the wider community.

As this newsletter is our first, we want to take the time to reiterate a few key points of why we are here, what we are aiming for as well as give you an overview of the projects we are working on. To improve on the communication between us moving forward we are working on a new website and social media presence, so that we can keep you up to date on our latest

MISSION STATEMENT

The Dufftown & Mortlach Development Trust Ltd is committed to facilitating the regeneration of Dufftown through delivering targeted projects that will enhance and improve the lives of the community in a progressive, inclusive and sustainable way.



DMDT & Truerlein

The DMDT are not the organisation that have bought the businesses in Dufftown, however we do have a good relationship with the regeneration company who have. Truerlein aim to address the economic decline that has hit the town and have themselves been sharing information on the progress that they have made towards the “New Dawn”. The DMDT benefit from donated volunteer hours and shared expertise, and we are excited by the opportunities that this regeneration will bring to the community. Any enquiries relating to the business regeneration plans should be directed to hello@truerlein.com.



Who are we?

Officially, the DMDT is a company limited by guarantee with charitable objectives, as such we are ruled by a governing document called Articles of Association, which is lodged at Companies House as well as on our website.

Unofficially, we are a very passionate group of people working on activities and projects that aim to enhance many of the things that Dufftown has to offer.

We currently have a board comprising of 6 directors – 5 member directors: Richard Gallicker, Eleanor Candy (chair), Siebette Wester (secretary), Gillian McGarthland and Michelle, and 1 non-member director: Bob MacDonald (treasurer).

Our responsibility as directors is to ensure that the company operates in line with our governing document. As a membership-based organisation the directors carry out the interests of the members and power is delegated to the directors through them.

While our dynamic team has grown in recent months, there is still space for new member directors. If you feel that you would like to have a say and be involved please get in touch.

Another way you can support us is by becoming a member. By sharing your opinions and ideas, or if you have a bit of energy and a few hours a week to volunteer to help us to make an even bigger success of our projects we'd love to hear from you!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Current active projects worth shouting about!

Farmers Markets

In collaboration with The Mortlach Memorial Hall, we'll be hosting a monthly farmers market to offer the opportunity for local producers to market their existing and new products at a local level. #Scotlandloveslocal

Working alongside the Dufftown Glassworks a craft fair will also be running both in their premises as well as inside the Memorial Hall, giving local crafters the opportunity to share their amazing work with the community. We'll also be promoting Dufftown, and visitors will be encouraged to explore and support the local businesses too. The first market will be held on Saturday 10th July.

If you or someone you know is interested in a stall, please ask us for an application form.



Christmas Market

As an extension of the farmers markets and collaborating with Dufftown 2000 and the DDCA the Christmas Market 2021 will be a welcome event to brighten the community's spirits. Stay tuned, as we will be sharing more details in the coming months.

If you are interested in having a stall or helping out at either of these events, then please get in touch!

Also follow us on our Facebook page for regular updates on the stalls that you can expect to see coming to the market.

Outdoor access and community heritage

One of our most active groups is the Outdoor access and community heritage group who have outlined a number of projects they hope to move forward with.

The first of these being the Pictish stone project in collaboration with the Mortlach Kirk committee. The aim of which is to conserve, protect and display both Pictish Stones currently located at the Mortlach Kirk. We'd like to enable residents and visitors' easy access to the stones, and to learn more about the Picts and their connection to the history of Dufftown.

A proposal has been put forward for approval and if agreed upon, plans can be progressed with funding to be sourced and a pre-planning application will be lodged with Moray Council.



The Cabin

This long-standing charity has found itself needing to find alternative premises to allow them to continue providing the invaluable childcare facilities that so many children, as well as its employees, feel is a home from home. Together we are working with an architect to develop a brief that will form the basis for funding applications. In addition to this we are supporting them to write a robust business plan that will enable them to be both funder and investment ready.

More information and how to get in touch:

In line with our sustainability goals our newsletters will be distributed electronically to our members or a hardcopy can be made available on request. Alternatively you can view a copy in the library.

For market application forms, or if you'd like to help out on one of our projects: we'd love to hear from you!

Email to: secretary@dmdt.org.uk

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