



**Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust**

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Charity number SC045532 Registered in Scotland

Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust  
East End Park  
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## **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

### **Chairman's Report on behalf of the Trustees**

Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust was established on 18 October 2014, by a Trust Deed, with the aim of preserving for future generations the history of Dunfermline Athletic Football Club and the memories of its players, management and supporters, and making this rich heritage available for public access.

Although we share a common interest in the past, present and future of Dunfermline Athletic FC, the Trust is completely independent of the football club, with its own governance system run by Trustees who are all long-term Pars supporters.

These are the 9th accounts of the Trust and cover the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust is a charity registered in Scotland, No SC045532.

### **Trustees**

The current office-bearers of the Trust are:

Chair: Russell Shepherd  
Vice Chair: Bonar Mercer  
Secretary: Donald Adamson  
Treasurer: Graeme Herd  
Curator: Christine Scott  
Historian: Duncan Simpson

The other Trustees are Craig Brown, Brian Duncan, Kenny McLachlan, Stuart Simpson, Chris Wishart, Adam Shepherd, Gavin Davies.

### **Activities of the Trust**

The Trust's work is broken into a number of work-streams detailed below. The Trust continues with regular meetings which have been held quarterly through a mix of online channels and meetings in person. All activities are carried out by unpaid volunteers.

### **Tangible Heritage**

The Trust intends to improve its display facilities in the football stadium. This includes consideration of bespoke display cabinets and other display facilities. The trust also takes care of various artefacts related to the club's history and aims to display these to the public on an ongoing basis.



**Statistical Heritage** – A lot of work data input has been carried out in the year. A considerable amount of information is now available on the Trust website concerning fixtures, match reports, programmes, league tables and teams. This is available via the ‘Archives’ tab on the website. In some cases this extends as far back as 1912, but is more comprehensive after 1945.

**Photographic Heritage** – The photographic archive is an important and valuable resource. The trust has commenced work on a photographic book based on various historical strips used by DAFC. The photographs of the Trust’s artefacts have been categorised and are now much easier found by ‘type’ under the tab ‘Virtual Museum’ on the Trust website.

**Audio-Visual Heritage** – Interviews with former players, club employees and supporters are extremely popular. The Trust works closely with the Former Players’ association to ensure as comprehensive a recording of memories as is possible. Most match days sees an interview being recorded and then released through the Trust Facebook page.

**Historical Heritage** –The Trust facilitates the annual Remembrance Day commemorations at East End Park and cooperates with McCrae’s Battalion Trust. The Trust is supporting a book on the history of Dunfermline Athletic before 1945.

**IT and Digitisation** – The Trust runs both a website and a Facebook page. The website focusses on matters of more permanent interest, whilst the Facebook page contains articles of current interest, and both are well used.

### **Financial Review**

There were a limited number of items of expenditure during the year. These comprised commemorative wreaths and updating the European display in the foyer of the stadium. Income received was derived from the sale of historical prints by artist Paul Town.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

There must be at least six Trustees and a maximum of fifteen. The initial Trustees were appointed for three years from 18 October 2014. Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at a special meeting of Trustees convened for that purpose, and after the initial Trustee appointments, are appointed, or re-appointed, for a period not exceeding two years. Trustee meetings are held quarterly, and are also attended, in an observer capacity, by the volunteers who are not Trustees.

On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Russell Shepherd, Bonar Mercer, Chris Wishart, Christine Scott, Jim Leishman, Stuart Simpson and Duncan Simpson all retired by rotation. All Trustees were re-elected for a further two years except Jim Leishman who has retired and to whom thanks are extended for his support of the Trust over many years.

**Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Charles Davidson CA has expressed his willingness to act as Honorary Independent Examiner.

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Russell Shepherd  
Chairman

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Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust  
SC045532.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Charles Davidson CA (retired)  
Relevant Professional Body -  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland  
Independent Examiner  
18/2 Boat Green, Edinburgh, EH3 5LW

  
Date

**Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31/3/2024	Year to 31/3/2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations/Fundraising	<u>255</u>	-	<u>255</u>	<u>1,025</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>255</u>	-	<u>255</u>	<u>1,025</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Wreaths	142	-	142	-
Display costs	60	-	60	340
Acquisition of Medal	-	-	-	550
Stationery	-	-	-	<u>52</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>202</u>	-	<u>202</u>	<u>942</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<u>53</u>	-	<u>53</u>	<u>83</u>



**Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust**  
**Statement of Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Cash at Bank	12,024	-	12,024
Surplus for the year	<u>53</u>	-	<u>53</u>
Closing Cash at Bank	<u>12,077</u>	-	<u>12,077</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees

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Graeme Herd  
Treasurer

8/10/24

Date

**Dunfermline Athletic Heritage Trust**  
**Notes to Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**1. Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2. Nature and Purpose of Funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes.

**3. Reimbursed Expenditure**

Two Trustees incurred reimbursed expenditure totalling £142 on behalf of the Trust.