

# **Westmuir Community Development Trust Annual Report**

Accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st October 2024.

## **Objectives and Review of Activities**

The Company's objectives, as stated in its memorandum of association, are: -

- to provide, in the interests of social welfare, facilities for recreation and other leisure time activity available to the public at large in Westmuir and surrounding area
- to preserve, restore and improve the environment in the area.
- to advance education and to promote opportunities for learning and raise awareness and interest in the local environment, culture, and heritage.

### **Westmuir Community Woodland**

- Delighted to have won Scotland's Finest Wood in the small Community category the presentation of the plaque & £1k at Holyrood was covered by the Courier and online.
- We have had extra help from people from the Community Payback Team by doing maintenance work in the Woodland.
- We will be looking to apply for grants in next financial year to begin further improvements to signage and seating alongside the paths.
- We continued the re-wilding half of the football pitch area, leaving 1 goal and half of the pitch intact and available for sports.

### **Westmuir [westmuir.org.uk](http://westmuir.org.uk) & "Westmuir Village Life" Facebook page**

- Our thanks go to the 3 local businesses which advertise on the site and to those villagers who have contributed material for the website.
- We will contact local businesses in the hope of finding new advertisers.
- We are looking to re-vamp the website to and will be updating the information displayed, if anyone has anything they would like to add please send to Philip Ross.

### **Village Garden**

- We have completed the majority of the works in the Village centre Garden area, comprising of benches, cycle rack, wildflower area and 3 large planters which have been planted with herbs, vegetables and flowers.

### **Defibrillator**

- Continues to be maintained by the "Community Heartbeat Trust" & the village team to ensure it is always ready for an emergency & clean and tidy.
- We will need to continue fundraising in the next financial year to ensure we have the funds ongoing to pay for the maintenance/insurance.

### **Westmuir Welcome Pack**

- Has been condensed into a flyer to post through the door of a newly purchased property in the village, and a copy uploaded to the website to welcome any newcomers.

### **Christmas Raffle**

- The draw is operated jointly with the Village Hall. We were delighted to have sold 1000 tickets in 2023 and continue to have so many generous donations to the hamper prizes, that we were able to announce 7 winners.

## **Financial Review**

- The Trust's General Fund is in a healthy position in relation to our expenditure.
- We held our annual Christmas Draw jointly with Westmuir Hall Association, this income covers costs of the website, insurance and charity admin costs.
- Any further works or projects will always need to be funded by grants or donations in the future.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

As a private company limited by guarantee, the Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Up to a maximum of eight Member Directors are elected by the membership at an annual general meeting. In addition, the Directors may appoint up to four Appointed Directors. New directors are sought through personal contact with villagers and by invitation prior to the AGM.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

The charity, named Westmuir Community Development Trust, was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in Scotland on 5 October 2004.

**Charity Recognition Number:** - SC 036051

**Company Registration Number:** - 274218

**Registered Office:** - Windrush, 5 Rossiebank Crescent  
Westmuir DD8 5LB

### **The Directors**

The 8 directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were:

Mrs Nicola Jones - Secretary/Treasurer	Lord Colyton (Appointed director)
Mr Phillip Ross	Mrs Lynda Grant (Chair)
Mr Gary Sinclair	Mr Andrew McParland
Ms Ann Warren	Mr Jim Miller

#### **2022-2023**

Jim Miller stepped down as Chair & Director at the AGM 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

We decided to change the Chair every year in alphabetical order. Andrew McParland and Gary Sinclair retired and were re-elected.

#### **2023-2024**

Under the provisions of Article 45(b), Nicola Jones, Lynda Grant & Ann Warren retire at this AGM and being eligible and offer themselves for re-appointment. Under the provisions of Articles 48 and 50, the Directors intend to re-appoint Lord Colyton as a director.

### **External Scrutiny**

Guidance from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) tells us that the Trust is required to have an independent examination by a member of a professional accounting body. Donald Smith of Westmuir has kindly volunteered to give his oversight over our accounts and signed them as verified as per OSCR regulations on the balance sheet.

### **Small Company Legislation**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies.

Andrew Mc Parland  
Chairman July 2025

Nicola Jones  
Treasurer July 2025