

APPENDIX 1

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	10	2022		30	09	2023

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by

Darnick Village Development Trust

Registered charity number

SC038740

Charity's principal address

Darnick Tower

Tower Road

Darnick

Melrose

Postcode TD6 9AX

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chair		
2	Treasurer		
3	Secretary		
4			
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20			

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Darnick Village Development Trust is a registered SCIO, acting in accordance with its Constitution and governed by OSCR, the Scottish Charities Regulator.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are appointed by members of the Trust, normally at its Annual General Meeting. The Trustees also have authority to co-opt new Trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Trust was established to benefit the residents of Darnick, through education, the advancement of citizenship and community development. The Trust also encourages the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and science and seeks to promote recreational facilities for the benefit of the health of residents.
The Trust seeks to advance environmental protection within the village.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Developing social awareness of assets available to village residents.
Providing funding for community organisations.
Supporting the Melrose Festival Tour of Ceremonies at Darnick Tower.
Promotion of social, musical and theatrical entertainment for villagers.
Supporting the village community garden.
Raising funds for the above activities and other charitable causes.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Delivered a programme of talks in the village hall.
Supporting the Home Harvesters group.
Provision of the Christmas Tree and lighting over the festive season.
Maintaining social media channels and website.
Distribution of "welcome packs" giving information on Darnick village to new residents.
Supporting the Resilient Community group to assist vulnerable residents.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Maintain sufficient funds to meet annual outgoings and to raise funds to sustain this policy.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Other optional information**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chair

TREASURER

Date

16/1/25

16-1-25

Darnick Village Development Trust



Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from				to		
	01	10	2022		30	09 2023

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	620	282			902
Legacies					-
Grants					-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-
Gross trading receipts					-
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-
Rents from land & buildings					-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	1,366				1,366
A1 Sub total	1,986	282	-	-	2,268
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-
Proceeds from sale of investments					-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,986	282	-	-	2,268
A3 Payments					
Expenses for fundraising activities					-
Gross trading payments					-
Investment management costs					-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	1,943	1,585			3,528
Grants and donations	150				150
Governance costs:					-
Audit / independent examination					-
Preparation of annual accounts					-
Legal costs					-
Other					-
A3 Sub total	2,093	1,585	-	-	3,678
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements					
Purchases of fixed assets					-
Purchase of investments					-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,093	1,585	-	-	3,678
Net receipts / (payments)	(107)	(1,303)	-	-	(1,410)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(107)	(1,303)	-	-	(1,410)

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Total funds last
period

to nearest £

620
1,627
2,247

-
2,247

620
620

-
620
1,627
1,627



Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	1,590	1,902			3,492	3,480
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account					-	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	1,590	1,902	-	-	3,492	3,480
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees



Date of approval

22/01/24



Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds

(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Restricted funds brought forward for Jubilee celebrations (£1,627) and defibrillator maintenance (£263)

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

DVDT facilitated a collection for a villager. Funds were received and issued directly.



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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Darnick Village Hall 100 Club	620				620	620
Defibrillator donations		282			282	
Scottish Borders Council					-	1,627
Collection for villager		1,295			1,295	
Total	620	1,577	-	-	2,197	2,247
	-	reference	-	-	reference	reference

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	reference

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Refund from EDF	71				71	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	71	-	-	-	71	-
	reference error	-	-	-	reference error	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Electricity for Christmas lights and Christmas Tree	169				169	183
Insurance	167				167	159
AGM costs	28				28	33
Website and printing costs	110				110	125
Defibrillator costs		275			275	
Donation to defibrillator fund	150				150	
Resilient Communities costs	25				25	
Darnick Home Harvesters compost	40				40	
Jubilee Bench and gazebos etc		1,310			1,310	
Collection for postman		1,295			1,295	
Couthie Neighbours costs	110				110	120
Total	799	2,880	-	-	3,679	620
	reference error	reference error	-	-	reference error	-



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Additional analysis (2)**5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds**

DVDT

Total unrestricted funds

Total unrestricted funds last period

Receipts

Donations	620				620	620
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	71				71	
Sub total	691	-	-	-	691	620

cross ref error

Receipts from asset & investment sales

Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	691	-	-	-	691	620

cross ref error

Payments

Expenses for fundraising activities					-	620
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	798				798	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	798	-	-	-	798	620

cross ref error

Payments relating to asset and investment movements

Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	798	-	-	-	798	620

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Net receipts / (payments)

	(107)	-	-	-	(107)	-
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Transfers to / (from) funds

					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(107)	-	-	-	(107)	-

Nature and purpose of funds

£620 from Darnick Village 100 Club for DVDT COSTS

Refund from EDF £71



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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Defibrillator	Jubilee	Collection for villager		Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	282		1,295		1,577	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	1,627
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	282	-	1,295	-	1,577	1,627
					cross ref error	
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	282	-	1,295	-	1,577	1,627
					cross ref error	
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	275	1,310	1,295		2,880	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	275	1,310	1,295	-	2,880	-
					cross ref error	
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	275	1,310	1,295	-	2,880	-
					cross ref error	
Net receipts / (payments)	7	(1,310)	-	-	(1,303)	1,627
Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	7	(1,310)	-	-	(1,303)	1,627

Nature and purpose of funds

Defibrillator fund opened with £263.05 and received donations from community and from DVD. £275 expenditure.
Collection for villager. £1295 collected and issued direct.
Jubilee fund expenditure from grant received last financial year. £1310 expenditure



APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the
trustees/members of

DARNICK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Registered charity
number

SC038740

On the accounts of the
charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
01	10	2022		30	09	2023

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page
numbers of additional sheets)

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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

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

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:



*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.



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Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose



Darnick Village Development Trust (DVDT)

Report for financial year September 2022-23

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DVDT's role

DVDT is here to support the community through activities and projects providing for the **social, sustainable and secure** future of Darnick:

- **Social** - as a focus for villagers to meet, relax and enjoy themselves
- **Sustainable** – looking at environmental concerns and projects which would benefit the village
- **Secure** - covering the integrity of the village, e.g. as distinct from Melrose, developments, preventing cold callers, the work of the Resilient Community Volunteers

Officials:

The DVDT office bearers for 2022 -23 were:

- [REDACTED] – Chair
- [REDACTED] – Treasurer
- [REDACTED] – Secretary

Contact details for DVDT are on the village website: <http://darnickvillage.org.uk/>

Following is a summary of DVDT activities during 2022 – 23 financial year, covering the areas outlined in the Vision.

Social

Couthie Neighbours evenings, started in January 2022, have continued to be popular. Thanks to all the speakers who entertained and informed us:

- [REDACTED] – Water Aid - Oct 22
- [REDACTED] – Poetry readings - Nov 22
- [REDACTED] – Bird life in Darnick - Jan 23
- [REDACTED] – Darnick's Home Harvesters - Feb 23
- [REDACTED] – Trimontium Trust - March 23

Having started out as an opportunity for residents to share their achievements and interests it has now broadened out to cover topics of interest from the wider community. If there's a topic you'd like to hear about, or you know someone in the village who's got an interesting story to tell, then please let us know. Keep an eye on noticeboards and Facebook for upcoming talks.



Hallowe'en in Darnick: The children's guising event at Darnick Tower has now become a popular fixture in the Darnick calendar. Many thanks to those who welcomed guisers to their homes and to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who hosted the event.

Queen's Jubilee: the commemorative bench for the Queen's Jubilee finally arrived and was positioned in the play park in Abbotsford Terrace, alongside the commemorative outdoor library cabinet, which is registered with Little Free Library, an international organisation promoting access to books. The official 'opening' took place in April 2023, with children's author Bruna de Luca and poet Bridget Khursheed, both Darnick residents, being the first to populate the library cabinet with their work. The cabinet has separate shelves for children's books and adult books, so all the family can enjoy reading while at the park.



Other social activities: included a village wide collection for retiring postman John Tuddenham, and the purchase and erection of the village Christmas tree.

Communications: We let people know about our activities via several communication channels, which we'd be happy for more help with if anyone has an interest:

- Darnick website (<http://darnickvillage.org.uk/>): useful info about the village, including history, contacts and regular what's on activities.
- Facebook: we try to regularly post news and events, but it is recognized this channel could be improved if we had the resources.
- Noticeboards: DVDT looks after the two glass-doored noticeboards in Tower Road and Abbotsford Terrace.
- Welcome packs for new residents: any new residents we know about receive an information pack, letting them know about activities in the village and who to contact. If anyone has a new neighbour and would like a pack for them, please contact DVDT.

Sustainable

Home Harvesters: Following a small trial in 2022, the Darnick Home Harvesters group was launched in February 2023. A group of 12 came together to help each other out, especially the people new to gardening, with ideas, seeds, seedlings and general chat. Although it is not a formal DVDT group, the Trust supported the venture with the delivery of free compost, in partnership with Scottish Borders Council and Greener Melrose's 'Gardens for the Future' project. It is hoped the Home Harvesters will continue in 2024 and residents are encouraged to join.

Gardens for the Future



Darnick Home Harvesters

Energy: In November 2022 DVDT hosted an online information session with Home Energy Scotland, "Improving Energy Efficiency: Future Proofing Your Rural Borders Home". Residents were able to hear advice about the various options available to improve home energy, although it is recognised that the old traditional stone houses have unique challenges to face.



Security

Local Area Development Plan: like many residents and organisations DVDT raised concerns about proposed developments in the village which were in the Proposed Local Area Development Plan. This included houses being built at Darnlee and the potential for the community woodland to be included in future plans. As a result of the objections received the Government Recorder reviewed the council's proposals and determined that the Community Woodland should be officially designated green space and rejected the proposed housing at Darnlee.

Neighbourhood Watch: we no longer have a representative for Neighbourhood Watch and would welcome a volunteer from the community to look after this scheme.

THE FUTURE

Social:

Events: DVDT wants to build on the regular social activities underway and develop new activities for children, adults and families, working with others in the village to make things happen.

There are Couthie Neighbour talks planned until March, a new quiz night series and an exciting evening on the books in April, on Thursday 25th, when there will be a screening of an old silent movie 'Piccadilly' accompanied by live musicians. Keep an eye on Facebook and noticeboards for all the information.

Sustainable:

Gardens: It is hoped the Darnick Home Harvesters will continue to grow (no pun intended) in size and success, with support from DVDT if needed, so residents can be encouraged to cultivate their own produce. There will be seeds available this Spring for those who want to have a go at growing their own harvest.

Energy: Following the presentation by Home Energy Scotland, DVDT is still exploring solutions for improving energy efficiency in the traditional stone houses, which do not lend themselves to the readily available solutions. It is hoped there will be some new opportunities to explore in the coming year.

Payphone kiosk: the DVDT has applied to adopt the payphone kiosk when the phone is decommissioned. There are ideas on how to utilise the box, but suggestions from residents would be welcome and people will be asked for their views before the final decision is made.



Security:

Community Action Plan: the big item coming up for Darnick in the coming year is the development of a Community Action Plan. Objections to Scottish Borders Council's Proposed Local Development Plan showed how strongly villagers felt about development proposals. DVDT decided to use that energy to draw up a Community Action Plan to present to the council, highlighting the residents' own priorities for the village and encourage the council to adopt its recommendations when considering future development ideas.

DVDT started the ball rolling in October 2023 with a village meeting to capture initial ideas. The report from this meeting will be given to Scottish Borders Council, for advice and guidance on the next step and also circulated to residents.

For the Community Action Plan to succeed it is important that it is a shared venture between residents, not just DVDT, and a small working group needs to be set up. Look out for invitations to get involved if you are interested.



THANK YOU

There's a fair amount of activity taking place in the village that DVDT is not responsible for but would like to thank residents for the work they do for the benefit of their neighbours. We don't always know who the wonderful people are out there doing valuable and appreciated work, but we do know they include:

- [REDACTED], for looking after the flower bed in the middle of the village.
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for the Rolling Hills Folk Club and the ongoing live sessions in the village hall.
- [REDACTED] for the monthly Tea & Chat, which is especially important during the winter when people find it harder to get out.
- [REDACTED] and the volunteers who continue to manage the wonderful asset which is the Community Woodland. Also, thanks to [REDACTED] and her team for her continued work in the Community garden.
- [REDACTED] and the hall trustees who are great custodians of the village hall, an asset to the community. And to [REDACTED] who produces the village enewsletter; [REDACTED], who organises the 100 club which raises funds for the hall and DVDT; and [REDACTED], hall caretaker.
- [REDACTED] who represents Darnick's interests on the community council.
- Darnick Resilient Community Volunteers, a small band of people who step in when there's a need for help, and especially [REDACTED], co-ordinator. Compared to previous years (remember lockdown?) the group have had a quiet time, but it's reassuring to know they are there when needed.
- [REDACTED], who has stepped down as Coordinator for Neighbourhood Watch after many years of service.

Angela Stormont

Chair, Darnick Village Development Trust

January 2022 4

