

# Dunnikier Park Community Golf Trustees' Annual Report Year to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025



20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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**Front cover:** A collage of some 'Thank You' cards from Capshard Primary School.

## Chairman's Introduction

2025 was our 4<sup>th</sup> year of operations and proved to be yet another fantastic year for Dunnikier Park Community Golf!

We launched our website [www.parkgolfscotland.org](http://www.parkgolfscotland.org) to provide an information resource to support the growth of park golf across Scotland.

Our park golf community continues to grow, with more groups joining us this year. We strengthened our partnerships with Health & Social Care Professionals, Scottish Golf, Business Gateway, Fife Voluntary Action, Active Fife, Active Schools Fife and Dunnikier Country Park Development Group.

We continue to increase the number of games played across all age groups. The total number of games played exceeded 2,000 – a 300% increase since Year 1.

Over 600 pupils enjoyed our school participation programme. Capshard Primary School won the Inter-School Park Golf competition, for the second year in a row.

Our Community Shield (adult/child) pairs competition was won by Bruce Crosbie and his grandson, Evan Penman. Our inaugural inter-charity competition for the Gus Pritchard Memorial Cup was won by Phoenix Futures.

Dunnikier Park Golf Club won Scottish Golf's Community Inclusion Award of the Year for our work with local communities. On a personal level, I was awarded Sportscotland's Volunteer of the Year award. Together, this is an amazing achievement, which reflects very powerfully on the amazing impact we are having in engaging with the local community, support groups and organisations.

All our community activities are funded from a combination of grants, JustGiving and other donations. We are extremely grateful to be supported by The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, administered by Fife Voluntary action on behalf of Scottish Government.

I'd like to close by thanking Fife Golf Trust, my fellow trustees and committed volunteers for their valuable support in helping us strengthen the health and wellbeing of our local community.

Martin Christie, Chairman

A banner for Dunnikier Park Community Golf. The background is a photograph of a golf course with a rainbow in the sky. The text is overlaid on the image. On the left, it says 'OUR AIMS:' followed by a bulleted list. In the center, it says 'HAME OF PARK GOWF'. On the right, there is a logo for Dunnikier Park Community Golf and some contact information.

**DUNNIKIER PARK COMMUNITY GOLF**

**OUR AIMS:**

- Raising self-esteem and confidence
- Building a successful pathway to golf
- Supporting healthier lifestyles
- Strengthening community engagement

**HAME OF PARK GOWF**

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## Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

The constitution provides for up to 8 Trustees. All Trustee positions are up for election each year at the Annual General Meeting. Our constitution allows Dunnikier Park Golf Club to appoint one member of its Club Council to the Board of Dunnikier Park Community Golf.

Trevor Crombie was appointed to the Board at our AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. However, Trevor retired from the Board on 12th October 2025, due to work and family commitments. Trevor continues to support our work with the disabled community. On 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, there were 7 Trustees.

## Charity Trustees at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

1. **Chair: Martin Christie.** Retired, chartered accountant. Experienced in leading and managing business transformation and performance improvement.
2. **Vice-Chair and Treasurer: Richard Murdoch.** Head of Asset Management at a Registered Social Landlord. Experienced in managing budgets and leading teams to achieve strategic objectives.
3. **Secretary: Raymond Johnston.** Chartered Quantity Surveyor and golf club secretary. Experienced in delivering complex work programmes and all areas of golf club management.
4. **Iain Evans:** Business Manager, Fife Golf Trust. Experienced in advising businesses, and golf clubs, on governance and business planning best practice.
5. **Pauline Randall:** Retired Business Consultant. Experienced in optimising the benefits of information technology.
6. **Pamela Stevenson:** Operational lead for Economic Development, for Fife Council; Chair of the Business Gateway Operational Network and former entrepreneur.
7. **Izzy Scott-Trimmm:** Community Development Team Manager, and Wellbeing Practitioner. Experienced in capacity building of groups and organisations with governance and fundraising, reaching out to vulnerable groups within the community and facilitating activities.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Dunnikier Park Community Golf's constitution sets out its purpose, structure and describes how it will operate. A copy can be found on our website: ([www.dpcomgolf.com](http://www.dpcomgolf.com) ).

## Our Objectives and Activities

Dunnikier Park Community Golf (**DPCG**) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) registered by The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

We are a non-profit distributing charity. Our charitable purposes are the advancement of public participation in sport and the advancement of health.

- To advance public participation in sport in Kirkcaldy and the surrounding area through the promotion, alone or in conjunction with others, of participation in golf and other sporting activities and acting as advisors in relation to the development of golf and other sporting activities.
- To advance health in Fife by the promotion, alone or in conjunction with others, of the benefits of physical activity and provision of assistance in relation to sports-related and healthy lifestyle matters.

To further these purposes, Dunnikier Park Community Golf seeks:

- To support citizenship, community development and community learning through the power of participation in Golf through working in partnership with members of and stakeholders in local communities and professional organisations, to empower individuals to improve their lives and their health and wellbeing. All programmes, projects and initiatives delivered by **DPCG** will contribute to four key outcomes and areas of focus:
  - Raising self-esteem and confidence.
  - Building a successful pathway to enjoyable participation in golf.
  - Supporting healthier lifestyles, and
  - Strengthening community engagement.
- To support, where appropriate, disadvantaged or underprivileged children, young people or adults to participate in community sport and community learning opportunities which foster and develop a community spirit.
- To do all such other things which further the objectives of **DPCG** and may be deemed to be charitable.

## Strengthening Physical and Mental Health & Wellbeing

Since our inception, we have been encouraging people from the local community to become more active, as a means of strengthening and improving their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

We concentrate on groups who wouldn't normally play sport, so it was important to find a sport that was easy to play, that didn't need any technical coaching to get started – essentially a 'plug in and play' sport that could be played by people of all ages and abilities.

We identified a simple, fun golf game played by hundreds of thousands of people in Japan – Park Golf – a game that only requires players using one (mallet-style) club and a ball.

We introduced Park Golf to Scotland in March 2022, with Dunnikier Park Community Golf being the first organisation in the UK to be an affiliated member of the Nippon Park Golf Association – the games governing body.

In addition to Scotland, Park Golf is played in Japan, the USA, Korea, Thailand, Brazil, Paraguay, Denmark and Sweden, with a growing number of courses being opened in the USA, and more recently, in South Shields, England.

## The Power of Park Golf for All Ages and Abilities

Our continuing objective is to get people active outdoors, mainly focusing on children, and vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the community – people who, generally, wouldn't play any sport.

All groups enjoy a social chat and a cup of tea as a way of improving peoples' physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Around 20 groups reconnect with us every year with new groups joining us, mainly through word of mouth.

New groups joining us in 2025 included: Gingerbread, The Royal Voluntary Service (shown in picture), L.E.A.D (Linking Employability and Disability), the Heartlands of Fife, Fife Carers, Dysart Young Carers, Meaningful Activity Network, Fife u3a (the Third Age Trust), The Rotary Club of Dunfermline, and Dunfermline Advocacy.



As we all know, park golf is for all ages and abilities, and we continue to get great feedback across all age groups:

- 67% rated us Brilliant!
- 32% rated us Very Good!
- 1% rated us Good!



Benarty Primary School visited us by bus – a first for any school. Auchtertool Primary School later joined us coming by minibus. It's fantastic to see primary school engagement reaching beyond Kirkcaldy.

At the other end of the age spectrum, we were delighted to share in the remarkable Isa's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday celebrations at our May fun Care Home League event.



## Media Coverage

We continue to attract significant media interest. Examples of our media coverage during the past year:

- In December 2024, Sportscotland's article: [Sportfirst - Focus on Golf](#)
- February's edition of The Sunday Post covered the community engagement work that we do and the positive impact it is having on peoples' lives – by improving their lifestyle and mental health.

*"It is humbling to hear stories of how golf has helped"*

Rob Robertson, Sunday Post

- Fife Voluntary Action publicised our involvement in joining Respitality in [Celebrating Carers Week](#). The event also marked Respitality's 10<sup>th</sup> year birthday, providing vital short leisure, tourism and hospitality breaks to carers, in partnership with businesses.
- Jamie Moffat, Active Communities, Sport Development Officer, Fife Council and our Chairman, Martin Christie, were invited to do a podcast for Sportscotland on [Meeting Community Needs. Leadership Conversations: Driving Change at Pace](#) based on their experience of working together to introduce Park Golf to the Fife community.





## Some Fun Moments





## Fun Competitions

We ran three park golf competitions during 2025 – our annual inter-school park golf competition, the Community Shield and, for the first time, the Gus Pritchard Memorial Cup.

### Inter-school Park Golf Competition

Over 600 pupils attended our Friday Park Golf sessions, run from April to June, and August to September.

Five primary schools entered the inter-school competition – Capshard, Dunnikier, Pathhead, Benarty and Auchtertool, with Capshard taking the honours.



### The Community Shield

Around 20 families took part in the adult/child pairs competition. The winners were Evan Penman playing with his granddad, Bruce Crosbie, a member of Dunnikier Park Golf Club.



### The Gus Pritchard Memorial Cup

The "Gus Pritchard Memorial Cup" was introduced as an annual competition, to be played for annually in memory of Gus's valued contribution to the development of park golf at Dunnikier Park.

The first name on the trophy is Phoenix Futures, who fought off tough competition from Capshard Primary School, the Salvation Army, Sporting Memories and Alzheimer Scotland.

Caroline, Gus's widow, is shown presenting the trophy along with her son, Ross, on the right of the picture.



## Park Golf Scotland

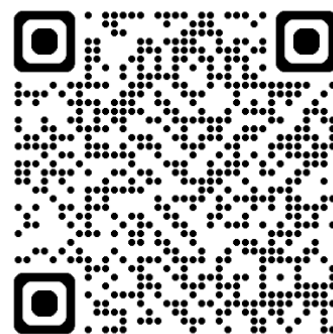
Dunnikier Park Community Golf introduced the game of Park Golf to Scotland and the United Kingdom in 2022, and we've seen first-hand the health and social benefits that the game offers to all ages and abilities.

We're keen to build on that success and grow the game of Park Golf across Fife, and Scotland.

With Craigtoun Park now up and running, and proving to be very popular with families, we recognised that it would be helpful to create an 'information resource' where other organisations could access information on the game, its rules, where to access Park Golf, information on course design, clubs and balls, various game formats etc.

With support from Business Gateway Fife, we were given the opportunity to work with [Flintriver](#) – a marketing agency in Milnathort, Scotland to build [www.parkgolfscotland.org](http://www.parkgolfscotland.org) and we are delighted with the result.

Within a few months of going live, Park Golf Scotland was picked out as one of the 2025 winners of the SME Scottish Enterprise Awards.



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Winner of the Scottish  
Enterprise Awards.

### Park Golf Scotland

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Park Golf Scotland website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: 'About', 'Park Golf: Golf For All', 'Community Engagement', 'Play', 'Set Up Park Golf', and 'DPCG Media Coverage'. A 'Get In Touch' button is on the right. The main header features the title 'Experience the joy of Park Golf' in large white text, followed by a descriptive paragraph and a 'More Information' button. Below this is a green grid of five categories, each with an icon and a 'Find Out More' link: 'What Is Park Golf?', 'What Are The Rules?', 'Where Can I Play?', 'How To Play Park Golf?', and 'Corporate/Party Events'.

## Some Notable Visitors

- We welcomed Kevan Whitson, a PGA Master Professional and recently retired Head golf professional and Director of Golf at Royal County Down golf club in Northern Ireland. Kevan is keen to explore introducing park golf in Newcastle, Northern Ireland, and came to see our facilities first-hand, and get some advice.
- Following on from last year, we welcomed another group of students on Ingolstadt's Fachorera and Berufsschule Programme, organised by Robert Main, Kirkcaldy Ingolstadt Association.
- We provided hospitality to a 50-strong group from DJK Ingolstadt Jugend's under 12 football squad. They took time off their busy schedule to play park golf while on their football tour to Kirkcaldy.
- We were delighted to welcome [The Golf Trust](#) on their 18 course, charity fundraising journey from London to St Andrews, across England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

*"At Dunniker Park we felt the real power of the community – and trying park golf for the first time was an unforgettable experience. Thank you to Trevor and members of Dunniker Park for welcoming us, feeding us, and showing that golf is for everyone."*

Cae Menai-Davis, Director/Founder at The Golf Trust

- We welcomed Cllr Cara Hilton, Dunfermline South, along with members of the Community Use Dunfermline Southwest team. They came along to view the Care Home League playing and chat about plans in the pipeline to bring Park Golf to the Dunfermline Learning Campus.

*"Park Golf is about making golf fun and accessible to all and it was great to see the enjoyment it brought to care home residents participating in the league."*

*Huge scope too to use to build on excellent inter-generational work between our local schools and care homes."*

Cllr Cara Hilton

- We welcomed Sassi and her partner along with Flourish with Nature for a game of park golf. We are proud to recognise and promote the work of [BRAVEHOUND](#) – a registered Scottish charity, which aims to heal the invisible wounds of military veterans with their specially trained assistance dogs.





## TWO National Awards during 2025!

The number of park golf games played at Dunnikier Park, Kirkcaldy has now grown to over 2,000 games a year since being introduced in 2022.

This increase has been achieved through strong engagement with local schools, care homes and community groups who support their service users with their daily life challenges.

This success was recognised by Dunnikier Park Golf Club's charitable arm - Dunnikier Park Community Golf - winning [Scottish Golf's Golf for All Community Award](#) for its drive to promote golf to disadvantaged and underprivileged groups through Park Golf.



Our Chairperson, Martin Christie, was awarded **Sportscotland's Volunteer of the Year award 2025**, recognising his 20 years of volunteering, but more specifically for creating the UK's first Park Golf course, hosting thousands of inclusive games, and bringing joy to players of all ages.



## Our FIRST Hole in One!

It took three years, so we were absolutely thrilled when Stuart Beveridge recorded our first hole in one at our 67-yard, 4<sup>th</sup> hole, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.

Well done, Stuart, you aced it!



## Financial Review

The Trustees are grateful to the Scottish Government, through Fife Council and Fife Voluntary Action for the project grants received through the Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund, to Fairways (GM) Ltd for its generous £3,000 donation, and to participants for their much-valued donations.

The important work we do to support physical and mental health and wellbeing in the Fife Community would not be possible without such financial assistance as all our activities, including the important cups of tea/coffee biscuits for the post-match banter, are provided free of charge.

## Abstract of Accounts

Payments	£	Receipts	£
Opening Bank Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2024			<u>11,569</u>
COMMUNITY ROLL-OUT EXPANSION (Phase 3)			
Costs (Note 1)	<u>2,301</u>		
COMMUNITY ROLL-OUT CONSOLIDATION			
Costs (Note 2)	<u>9,428</u>	CMH &WB Grant	<u>11,000</u>
		Fairways (GM) Ltd Donation	3,000
		Other Grants and Donations	3.356
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>11,729</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>17,356</u>
Closing Bank Balance, 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 (Note 3)			<u>17,196</u>
Note 1: Park Golf Costs		Note 3: Restricted Funds	
Volunteers’ expenses	638	The closing balance includes:	
Website, Marketing, etc	1,663	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>£2,525 of unspent grant from the Community Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing Fund, to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.</li><li>£500 from the Kirkcaldy &amp; Central Sports Council to be spent in 2026.</li></ul>	
TOTAL	<u>2,301</u>		
Note 2: Park Golf Costs			
Volunteer travel expenses	731	Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund: Purchase of clubs	2,525
Park Golf hospitality	2,260		
Equipment	3,285	Kirkcaldy & Central Sports Council: Disability Golf Event	500
Insurances	1,094		
Website, marketing etc	2,058	TOTAL	<u>3,025</u>
TOTAL	<u>9,428</u>		

## Our Policy on Reserves

The charity's accumulated reserves at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were £17,196. This balance includes restricted funds totalling £3,025.

The Board increased its minimum reserve to £9,000 to ensure at least two years of basic core operational costs and any unforeseen contingencies can be met.

## Donated Facilities and Services

Dunnikier Park Community Golf is extremely grateful to Fife Golf Trust for courtesy use of its 2019 course and, when required, free buggy hire to assist disabled park golfers who otherwise could not take part.

## Future Plans

We now have a solid platform to grow Park Golf, across Fife and more widely across Scotland. Over 20 groups now play at Fife Golf Trust's 2019 course, and Craigtoun Park continues to attract families and support groups to play park golf.

During 2026, examples of ways we are looking to support improvements in physical and mental health and wellbeing, and strengthen the pathway to traditional golf, include:

- Organising a disability golf event, in consultation with Scottish Golf, and Disability Sports Scotland. This follows £500 funding from Kirkcaldy and Central Sports Council.
- Supporting other venues to establish more park golf courses in Fife.
- Partnering Scottish Golf and Active Schools Fife in embedding park golf into Scottish Golf's 'Unleash Your Drive Initiative'.
- Organising an Unpaid Carers' Park Golf Programme, along with a weekend Carers' Event, in partnership with Dunnikier Country Park Development Group – subject to a successful funding bid to the Carers Community Chest.
- Expanding our community engagement.

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



**Martin Christie, Chairperson, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dunnikier Park Community Golf

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025, which are set out on page 12.

## 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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

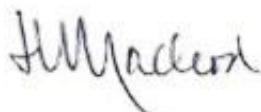
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave 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: Helen MacLeod

Professional Qualification: The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: 28 Stocks Street, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6ND

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Our Just Giving Page

We have a Just Giving page where people can donate to our running costs of providing Park Golf free to local support groups. If you would like to donate, please use the link below. All donations are very gratefully appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/dpcomgolf>



## We are looking for more Volunteers!

**Have you got what it takes to make a real difference to the lives of others?**

Dunnikier Park Community Golf is growing fast, and we need more volunteers.

Registered as a charity since 6th August 2021, our passion is to encourage members of the community, of all ages and abilities, to have fun playing golf.

All our activities have four key outcomes:

- Raising self-esteem and confidence.
- Building a successful pathway to enjoyable participation in golf.
- Supporting healthier lifestyles, and
- Strengthening community engagement.

Our lead activity is Park Golf – a simple one club/one ball sport – which originated in Japan in 1983. Having brought the game to Scotland, we proactively engage with people who face life challenges – people who would not normally play sport – to boost their confidence and sense of health and wellbeing by playing and socialising with others. Participants include clients from over 20 local support groups, including: Alzheimer Scotland, Phoenix Futures, Sporting Memories, Step by Step, the Nourish Support Centre, Breathe Easy Fife, Scottish Autism, Fairway Fife etc.

We're based at Fife Golf Trust's 2019 course at Dunnikier Park in Kirkcaldy.

We're on an ambitious expansion programme focussing growth on local schools and support groups, and we are looking for volunteers mainly to host these activities.

No previous golf experience is required, as training will be given. We work with vulnerable groups and children, so all volunteers require to undertake PVG checks, complete 2 on-line modules on Safeguarding in Golf, and complete an Emergency First Aid course. **Your commitment as a volunteer is only 2 hours a week, on average.**

We run sessions from 10.30 - 12.30, Monday to Thursday, and 12.30 - 2.30 on a Friday.

Further information is available from our website: <https://www.dpcomgolf.com>

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please get in touch. We will be happy to meet to explain the role of a volunteer and discuss the work of the charity in more detail. Please email your interest to [dpcomgolf@gmail.com](mailto:dpcomgolf@gmail.com)