



Future Hawick

A Regeneration Group for Hawick's
Future

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(Scottish Charity No. SC039141)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for the period 01.04.21 to 31.03.22

Registration: Future Hawick is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered as such with OSCR, effective from 1st April 2015. The registration number is SC039141.

Memberships: Future Hawick has membership of Development Trusts Association Scotland, South of Scotland Destination Alliance, and Scotland's Towns Partnership.

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Trustees: Stuart Beck, Frank Booth, Brian Bouglas, Tina Holley, Cameron Knox (resigned 26/04/21), Ross Oliver, Derick Tait, Colin Telfer, Graeme Webb

Members: Membership of the Group currently stands at 151 individual members and 7 group members.

Governance: Future Hawick is governed by its Constitution, and its policies on Equal Opportunities, Environment, Financial Management, Data Protection, Trustee Recruitment, Trustee Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, Health and Safety, and Volunteering. An effective management Board of Charity Trustees is recruited through local media advertising, and awareness promotion. Unfair discrimination in selection is not employed. Management meetings are held on a monthly basis.

Objectives: Future Hawick is a non-profit making distributing voluntary organisation which aims to improve the well-being, quality of life, and opportunities of the people of Hawick and its environs by bringing together local community and voluntary organisations to work with public agencies to enhance the town's social, cultural, recreational, and educational facilities, environment, and economy. To help achieve these objectives, Future Hawick provides a resource centre for administration, information support, equipment hire, and meetings, and is involved in local regeneration works and projects.

Main Achievements for 2021/22: Project Initiation, Completion, and Achievement were again severely curtailed by the Covid pandemic restrictions which also impacted on the format of trustees monthly meetings etc., but despite restrictions progress was made with regard to the following:-

1. Administration of Council Shop Front Grant Scheme to completion of phase 3 of a 3 year project involving a total of 33 properties.
2. Continued promotion of the "Made in Hawick " initiative, a project involving local manufacturers and retailers in promoting the trademarked quality aspect of goods produced in the region through product labelling, a dedicated website, and social media outlets.
3. Continued administration and operation of the annual Hawick Welcome, a tourist initiative which employs Welcome Hosts over the summer months to meet, greet, and provide relevant information to visitors to the town.
4. Continued work on a project to develop Hawick as "The Town of the Horse" developing the feasibility study and preparing proposals for the use of Common Land in the town for equestrian and recreational purposes.
5. Continued promotion of a Shop Local campaign to boost economy of the town,
6. Continued development of the Hawick Online website and associated social media outlets.
7. Investigate and provide initial proposals for the development of a dedicated town app.
8. Promotion and organisation of a community photography competition on "What Hawick means to me"
9. Promotion and organisation of a festival of cycling which ran in conjunction with a stage visit to the town for "The tour of Britain" cycle race.
10. Introduction of a phased rewilding project for derelict areas of the town.

11. Investigate the establishment of a pavement "Walk of Fame" on the town's main central areas.
12. Representation on town groups:
 - Hawick Flood Group stakeholders
 - CARS central regeneration scheme stakeholders

In addition to its main initiatives, the group continues to meet with local politicians, councillors, community councillors, and officials to discuss local issues, and provides meeting facilities for several community groups.

Group representatives also meet with members of similar organisations in neighbouring towns to discuss projects and items of mutual interest.

This Trustees Report and Annual Accounts were approved at the Annual General Meeting of Future Hawick, held on XX XXXXX XXXX

Chairman