



Walk With Scott Foundation



Scottish Charity Number: SCO47893

Trustee Report for Annual Report & Accounts 2019-2020

Overview

This Annual Report covers the 2nd year of operation for Walk with Scott Foundation (WWSF) as a charity from 1st April 2019-31st March 2020.

At the beginning of the report period, WWSF trustees were George Scott Glynn (Chairperson); Karen Kidd (secretary); Colin McGinn, Alan Bell (Treasurer) and Blair Stewart. However it brought the foundation great sadness in January 2020 when our founder and chair George Scott Glynn sadly passed away. Following this, Colin McGinn took the role of vice-chair of the foundation and Gareth Glynn joined the board as a trustee. Towards the end of the report period, restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic started to take effect, limiting the activities of the foundation and our supporters.

WWSF has continuously worked hard over this reporting period to raise funds through events and other activities so that we can continue to distribute grants to help improve the lives of those in need across East Lothian.

One of the key aspects of WWSF continues to be that it is completely run by volunteers. This allows every penny raised to be used to help make a difference in our communities.

Financial update

During the reporting year, WWSF was able to increase its reserves through some very generous donations and successful fundraising events. From a starting balance of £25,836, our reserves increased by around £19,000 over the report period to close at £44,840.

This is a higher balance than we would normally operate with, but will be reduced soon after the reporting period by very significant grant activity prompted by the effects of the pandemic on our local society.

Events

During this reporting year we held our annual fundraising **Walk with Scott**, where 125 'Scotters' took part, walking 30 miles through the towns and countryside of East Lothian to raise funds for our Foundation.

We also had our now annual **Scotter's Ball**, which was attended by more than 100 people and was an overwhelming success. Our **Big Boy's Breakfast** at the start of the reporting period was also a huge fun event with lots of money raised in the process.



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These events form the staple **Walk with Scott Foundation Calendar of Fundraising events**, and will be added to throughout the coming years, despite the challenging conditions we find ourselves in during 2020.

Benefactors

During this period, we proudly helped a range of very grateful causes. Amongst these we highlight the following.

- We Supported Fostering Compassion with a donation to allow them to support vulnerable children through support sessions with animals.
- Through the same organisation, we also funded the purchase of 'Smokey Paws' oxygen masks which will be used across East Lothian by Fire Scotland when they attend fires where pets have been involved.
- We also purchased a specialised para wheel chair to be used by East Lothian Bowling Club to allow less mobile people to take part in the sport again.
- We also purchased some defibrillators to allow them to be used locally if required to help save lives.
- As always we have made several other grants but the recipients have asked us not to publicise these due to the impact it may have on families and individuals to respect their confidentiality.

Next year's plans

With the COVID-19 pandemic taking hold at the end of the reporting period, 2020 will bring its challenges for WWSF. Perhaps our greatest challenge will be the loss of Scott himself and his guidance and energy for the organisation. The WWSF board's aim is to make sure that we continue the foundation in a manner that Scott would be proud of, making a real difference to lives in our local communities.

Major events are being cancelled in 2020 and this will inevitably have an impact on our fundraising. However, our strong starting funding position and the power of our supporters is expected to sustain WWSF through this most challenging of years. Consequently the charity expects to remain an active force for good within our local community.

The Walk with Scott Foundation would like to take the opportunity to thank every 'Scotter' for their fantastic contribution made to the East Lothian Community in their ongoing support of us.



Alan Bell,

Treasurer

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