



ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year ended 31 December 2017

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Did you know:

- We are run by volunteers from the local community.
- We support people with mental health issues.
- We offer training, support and a listening ear.
- We always need more volunteers!

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Constitution

The Charity is an unincorporated association and was granted charitable status by OSCR on 4th December 2015.

Appointment of Trustees

The Charity's Trustees and Committee members form its Management Committee which normally meets on a monthly basis. Membership of the Management Committee is open to all Putting Green Volunteers.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting held in March. There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight.

Objectives & Activities

Charitable Purposes

- ♦ To provide an affordable and fun recreational activity for locals and visitors alike and promote wellbeing and good mental health.
- ♦ To provide volunteering opportunities for everyone but in particular for people with long term and enduring mental health problems.
- ♦ Helping to advance education and training by developing individuals' capabilities and skills.
- ♦ To promote equality for all and help reduce the stigma around mental health.



Some of the team!



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The Headlines!

Our season commenced on 1st April 2017 at the start of the Spring Holidays. Over a magnificent 3 week holiday period, we received approximately 641 visitors providing us with income from putting and snacks of **£1203!**

On Sunday 16th April for the second year, we held an Easter Egg Hunt. Over 30 local and visiting children took part in the hunt for approximately 120 Easter Eggs. We raised **£100** in donations.

On Friday 28th July, for the first time since we took over running the Putting Green, we held a Family Fun Day. Again we were fortunate to be well supported with in the region of 95 visitors. We made a wonderful **£320**. We were

all delighted with the success of this Fun Day and intend to have another event in the summer of 2018.

At the end of our season we held our final event on Saturday 14th October—an Open Day Cllr Campbell joined us to present our team with a Volunteer Friendly Award given by the Perth & Kinross Volunteer Hub in recognition of the good practice, support and mentoring given to our volunteers. We were also delighted to receive the Move2Improve "Best Kept Commercial Property" award for our Putting Green & Gardens!

After the end of the season, we finished the year with a fund raising Pub Quiz at the local Fountain Bar and raised **£163**.



Some of the team!



More of the Team, Cllr Campbell & our Awards!

Season Opening & Egg Hunt

Prior to opening at the end of March/beginning of April we tidy the putting green and gardens, spruce up the kiosk, order a new stock of snacks and drinks, put up the signs and hope for another successful season with lots of happy visitors.

This year was no exception and we had a tremendous start with favorable good weather and around 641 visitors, in a 3 week period, from all over the country and abroad. Our Easter Egg Hunt once again proved successful and a wonderful time was had by all.



Summer Family Fun Day



For the first time since we took over running the Putting Green our group decided to try and run a slightly larger event than normal to attract more visitors and locals, and to raise our profile. Aberfeldy is lucky to receive a large number of tourists through out the year, but especially in the summer.

We planned a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Raffle & Tombola, Bake Sale, Tattoos and Fun Putting. All our volunteers worked extremely hard to make everything possible and we were fortunate to have a beautiful day weather wise.

Flyers, banners and posters were put up and distributed, an advert in the Quair magazine at the start of July, and word of mouth ensured we received a good turn out.

The event was held on Saturday 28th July and we had approx. 95 visitors. Many enjoyed putting however the Bouncy Castle and stalls were also very popular. John and Willie ensured the burgers were popular!

Overall the event was a great success. We raised £320 and felt we provided a fun and entertaining day for lots of people., at a reasonable price, with many people staying and picnicking for the afternoon.

We will certainly aim to hold a similar event in 2018.

Season Finale



Our 3rd and final event of the season was an Open Day on Saturday 14th October when we invited visitors, locals, and all our supporters to putt FREE and had a Tombola and Home Baking Stall. Cllr Ian Campbell attended and presented us with our Volunteer Friendly Award, given by the Perth & Kinross Volunteer Hub in recognition of the good practice, support and mentoring given to our volunteers.

We were also delighted to receive the Move2Improve "Best Kept Commercial Property" award for our Putting Green and gardens.

By the close of season at the end of October we had received 3285 visitors, an increase of approximately 285 (9.5%) on the previous 2016 season. Well done everyone! To celebrate and thank our volunteers, we held an end of season dinner at The Waterfront Restaurant in Kenmore.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

In 2017 our volunteer numbers rose by 3 bringing our total to 12. With our help and support some of our volunteers have gone on to participate in further volunteering opportunities, completing additional training courses and starting college courses. As well as continuing to attend and benefit from existing weekly well-being support sessions.

Volunteer William Swinton has joined the Northwest Community Mental Health Team which offers a weekly Dementia Group at Pitlochry. William helps with art & craft, giving encouragement and assistance to clients and aiding staff. William finds this challenging, enjoyable and he feels he is contributing to the community by giving something back. William is also a Volunteer Coach with Community Cook It an initiative to help vulnerable groups and people with mental health issues; learn more about nutrition and preparing reasonably priced and health food. He has completed The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland 'Food Health & Nutrition' and Food Hygiene' courses.

Another volunteer, Jackie Shanley, commenced a course at Perth College— PDA Mental Health Peer Support. This will enable Jackie to further support people with mental health problems in groups and one-to-one sessions.

We encourage all our volunteers to take up new and interesting challenges and will continue in 2018 to further our training programme and refresh ourselves with regard to Health & Safety and First Aid where appropriate.

Fundraising and Donations

Our three events at the Putting Green plus a the Pub Quiz in December raised a total of **£732**. In addition, we received two individual donations; the first being **£100** from Mr Cunningham (Cunningham Carpets) toward repairing the putting green after some vandalism. And a very generous donation of **£25** from two visitors from Kirkcaldy. In total we have been fortunate to receive **£857** in donations in 2017.



Our Target for 2018

- ◆ Hold 3 events including Egg Hunt and Family Fun Day
- ◆ Maintain our prices at 2016 rates
- ◆ Recruit more volunteers
- ◆ Continue to train, support and encourage our volunteers
- ◆ Produce regular articles for the Quair to inform locals of our events and ongoing business
- ◆ Update our social media regularly
- ◆ Register with Highland Perthshire organisations supporting wellbeing and mental health support



Contacting Us

We are always very happy to hear from you. We have an information pamphlet that gives more details about what we do and how you can help. You can contact us in a number of ways:

- ⇒ Drop by the kiosk and talk to any volunteer
- ⇒ Email us at aberfeldyputtinggreen@gmail.com
- ⇒ Telephone 07983 115157 or 01887 822724
- ⇒ By post to Dallavon, Taybridge Road, Aberfeldy, PH15 2BH