

# Trustees Annual Report 2017

## The last 12 months have seen a good deal of change within Dornoch Heritage SCIO.

2016 started without a Museum Curator in place and ended with two new Trustees, a new Chair and four new Committee members. In the interim, the Museum went through a successful re-accreditation process from Museums & Galleries Scotland, retained our VisitScotland 5\* Museum status, fought battles with Ofgem (ultimately successful) and Scottish Water (sadly, not so successful!), recruited a new Curator and even found time to welcome 3,500 visitors to the Museum in between!

Sadly, John Barnes stepped down as Chair of the charity and the Museum sub-committee early in 2017 and it is my great pleasure to acknowledge and thank him for 13 years of dedicated work as a committee member and leading both the Charity and the Museum sub-committee. I am delighted to report that John has agreed to stay on to oversee our important archiving work at the Museum, and his support and advice have been invaluable to me in taking on his roles as Chair.

Coinciding with John's decision to step down, Tony Rundle also intimated that he wished to step down as Treasurer of the Museum committee, again after many years of devoted service which has seen the financial side of the charity being run in an exemplary manner. Once again it is my great pleasure to acknowledge the considerable impact Tony has had on the Charity, thank him for all his work and again I am delighted he has agreed to remain involved in his other capacities, not least as one of our Trustees.

Amidst all the changes Peter Wild continued to lead the Heritage Society committee, ably supported by Fiona Macdonald as Membership Secretary. Sadly, Jean Birkett passed away in March 2017 and her input to the Heritage Society as Minutes Secretary and her cheery disposition are greatly missed. The Heritage Society continues to support the Museum financially via its fund raising activities and also helps fulfil the Charity's remit to education through its popular winter talks program.

In February John Barnes completed a project to upgrade our website, which is now more 'mobile friendly', but as with all things digital nothing stands still and we will continue to develop our web site, increase our e-commerce income and hopefully expand our on-line community of friends throughout the world.

The annual accounts are delivered separately and whilst the charity remains financially sound, the 50% reduction in the Highland Council revenue grant (delivered via Highlife Highland) from £12,000 to £6,000 leaves a hole in our finances from 2017 which will have to be filled. To this end the Trustees are working on a plan to deliver, over a 5 year period, financial sustainability free of any revenue grants.

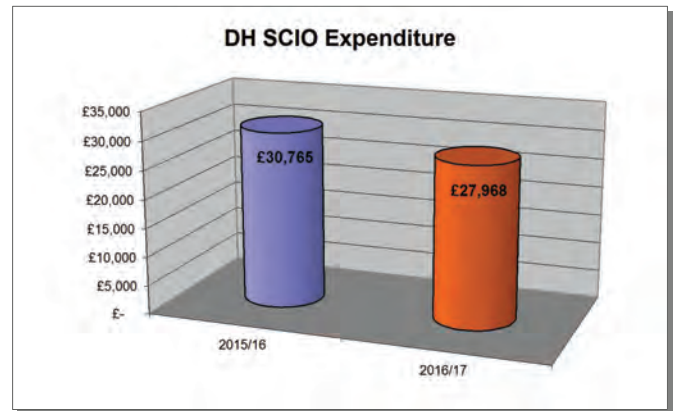
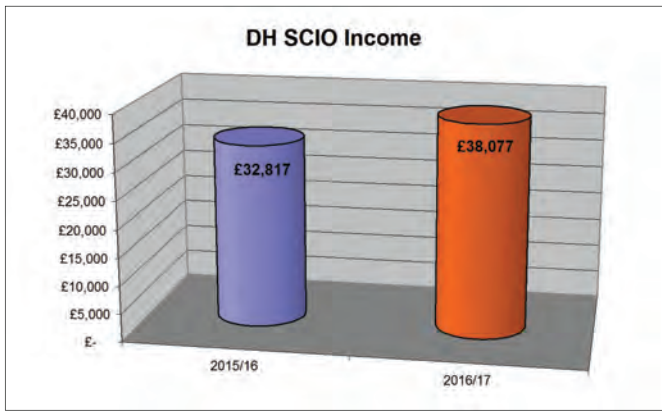
In addition to supporting the Highland Museums Forum 'Collective Futures' project, in March 2017 we undertook a business review thanks to support from the Scottish Government 'Just Enterprise' scheme - a process which involved all our committee members and our Curator. The positive outcomes were agreement on a new Vision statement for the charity - ***Keeping the Dornoch Story Alive*** - and also a new Mission statement - ***To preserve Dornoch's heritage, and to make its history accessible and enjoyable for all.***

These statements have helped us develop a clearer understanding of what we do and why we do it, and will help us check we are meeting the aims and ambitions of the charity and its members in the future.

*Jerry Bishop*

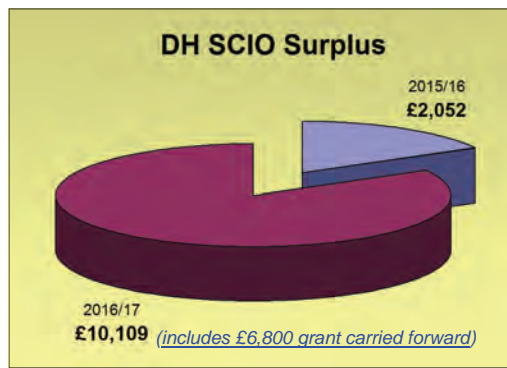
Chair - Dornoch Heritage SCIO

# Our Performance



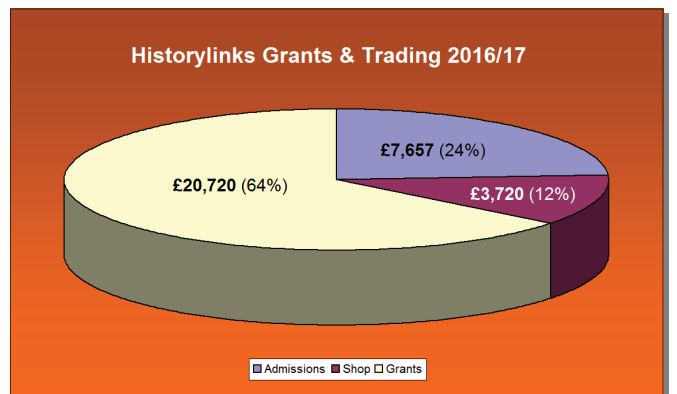
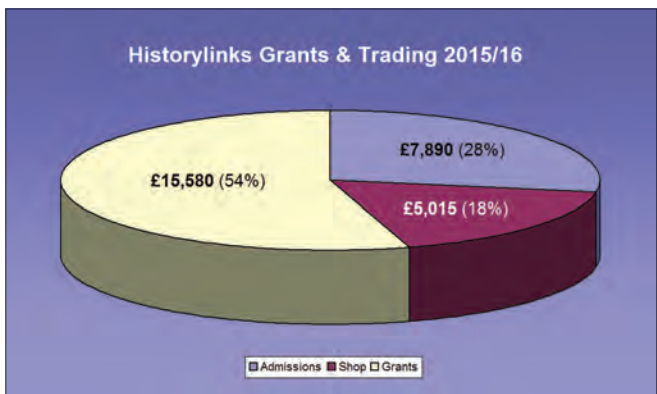
**DH SCIO INCOME 2016/17**

Donations	£1,897
Grants	£20,720
Fundraising	£1,034
Trading	£11,377
Other	£3,050
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38,077</b>



**DH SCIO EXPENSES 2016/17**

Fundraising	£631
Trading	£1,229
Charitable Activities	£25,559
Governance	£50
Purchases	£499
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£27,968</b>



**HISTORYLINKS** 2016/17

- 1 Curator
- 5\* Museum
- 15+ Volunteers
- 3,500 Visitors
- 11,367 Catalogued items
- 12,793 Images in Library
- 134,374 Internet page views

**DORNOCH HERITAGE SOCIETY** 2016/17

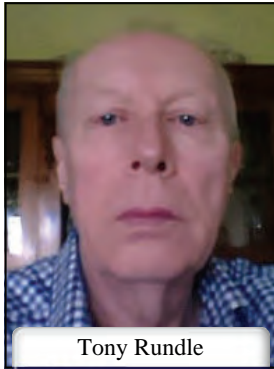
- 1 Burns Supper
- 1 Film & Fun evening
- 2 Coffee Mornings
- 4 Newsletters
- 6 Talks
- 177 Members
- £4,639 Raised for the Museum

# Our People



Peter Wild

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Tony Rundle

HISTORYLINKS Trustee



Dr Elizabeth Ritchie

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Elizabeth Oakes

HISTORYLINKS Trustee



Brian Munro

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Graeme Muckart

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Jane Mason

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



You?

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Lynne Mahoney

HISTORYLINKS Curator



David Mahoney

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Fiona Macdonald

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Annie Macdonald

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Alison Davies OBE

HISTORYLINKS Trustee



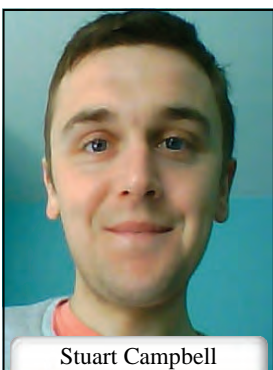
Elsa Cunningham

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Anne Coombs

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Stuart Campbell

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Joan Bishop

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer



Jerry Bishop

HISTORYLINKS Trustee



John Barnes OBE

HISTORYLINKS Trustee



Anthea Bannatyne

HISTORYLINKS Volunteer

## Our Funders

To whom we extend our grateful thanks



# Dornoch Heritage SCIO Organisation Chart

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair	<b>Jerry Bishop</b>	<i>(co-opted 20/2/17)</i>
Treasurer	<b>Tony Rundle</b>	
	<b>John Barnes O.B.E.</b>	
	<b>Alison Davies O.B.E.</b>	<i>(co-opted 20/2/17)</i>
	<b>Elizabeth Oakes</b>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	

## Historylinks Museum sub-committee

Chair	<b>Jerry Bishop</b>
Secretary/Treasurer	<b>Tony Rundle</b>
	<b>John Barnes O.B.E.</b>
	<b>Alison Davies O.B.E.</b>
	<b>Heather Martin</b>
	<b>Jane Mason</b>
	<b>Graeme Muckart</b>
	<b>Dr. Elizabeth Ritchie</b>
	<b>Peter Wild</b>
	<b>Brian Munro</b> <i>(co-opted 17/3/17)</i>
HC Representative	<b>Cllr Jim McGillivray</b>

## Heritage Society sub-committee

Chair	<b>Peter Wild</b>
Minutes Secretary	<b>Elizabeth Oakes</b>
Membership Secretary	<b>Fiona Macdonald</b>
	<b>Anthea Bannatyne</b>
	<b>Shirley Fagg</b>
	<b>Brian Munro</b>
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Curator	<b>Lynne Mahoney</b>
Curatorial Advisor	<b>Estelle Quick</b>

Bankers	<b>Bank of Scotland</b>
Independent Examiners	<b>Voluntary Groups - East Sutherland</b>
Solicitors	<b>Arthur &amp; Carmichael</b>

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