

THE CARNEGIE DUNFERMLINE  
& HERO FUND TRUSTEES

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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# Trustee Report for the Year ended December 2024

## Objectives and Activities

Andrew Carnegie established the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust by a handwritten letter in 1903. The purpose of the Trust is to add value to the lives of the people of Dunfermline, the place of his birth.

The Carnegie Trust's objective is to bring 'sweetness and light' into the lives of the people of Dunfermline with a particular focus on 3 main areas:

1. To improve health and wellbeing
2. To alleviate poverty
3. To reduce loneliness

The Trustees seek to fulfil these objectives by:

- Delivering a grant giving programme to local groups, charities and schools.
- Operating and developing the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum to inspire others through sharing the story of his remarkable life and continuing legacy as one of the world's finest philanthropists.
- Entering into partnerships with other organisations who have similar values to drive forward innovative projects that will benefit Dunfermline.

In addition to the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, the Trustees also oversee the work of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust. The Carnegie Hero Fund Trust was established in 1908. The objective of the Trust is to recognise acts of civilian heroism which take place in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands or surrounding territorial waters, where the hero has died or suffered life-changing injuries while attempting to save another human life.

The Trustees seek to fulfil this objective by:

- Recognising the act of heroism and awarding a citation and certificate.
- Recording the heroic act in our beautiful hand-calligraphed Roll of Honour.
- Providing ongoing support and financial assistance (where necessary) to the recognised hero and/or their dependents for as long as required.

## Achievements and Performance

2024 proved to be another busy year for the Carnegie Dunfermline and Hero Fund Trusts as we continued to work hard on upholding the vision, values and legacy of our founder, the Scottish American industrialist and philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie.

The work of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust is wide-reaching and varied. The cornerstone of our work is an annual grant giving programme. During 2024 the Trust's grant giving objectives of improving health and wellbeing, alleviating poverty, and reducing loneliness remained central to Trustee deliberation and decision making. The Grants Awarded section of this annual report highlights the wide variety and range of our grant giving and provides evidence on how small-scale funding can make a big impact to groups, clubs and schools in our community.

Partnership working with likeminded stakeholder organisations to enhance the lives of the people of Dunfermline continues to be core to the values of the Trust.



*Fife College Braveheart Challenge*

2024 marked the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Lauder Technical School in 1899. Andrew Carnegie provided funding for the original building in tribute to his influential uncle and mentor, George Lauder. Over the years, Lauder Technical School has evolved into Fife College becoming a bedrock of vocational learning and innovation in Fife. In January the Trust's Vice Chair and CEO both participated in a Braveheart Challenge hosted at Fife College, this one-day workshop, challenged students to research and plan an event to celebrate the College's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



*Ceremony outside the first Lauder College Building (now Skibo Court)*

Later in the year, Trust Chair, Janet McCauslin represented the Trust at a ceremonial event outside the first Lauder College building. A highlight of the event was the presence of the original ceremonial key, which was presented by Andrew Carnegie during the opening in 1899. The key was recently acquired by the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum and represents a symbol of our shared historical foundations.

Throughout 2024, the Trust in partnership with Fife Council, continued to drive forward an ambitious project to enhance and regenerate Pittencrieff Park and House, Andrew Carnegie's most 'soul satisfying gift.' Progress was made on completing condition surveys and architectural design plans for Pittencrieff House and the Glen Pavilion. In addition, an innovative, hands-on project between the Trust, Fife College students and Fife Council apprentices resulted in the re-slating of an old steading building which is now being used by Dunfermline Men's Shed.

Throughout the year, a wide variety of events and activities were held in the beautiful parkland setting. In Spring, the Trust supported the Playlist for Life charity to host a 'Mastermind' fundraising dinner in Pittencrieff Park. Four Scottish celebrities bravely volunteered to be contenders and sat in the original Mastermind chair to answer questions. The winner was Fife crime writer Val McDermid and over £20,000 was raised to support people affected by dementia.



*Lord Bruce with Gillian Taylor and Andrew Croxford at the Tartan Week celebrations*

In early 2024, it was announced that the prestigious Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy event would be hosted in Scotland in 2025. This event brings the international Carnegie family of institutions together to recognise outstanding modern-day philanthropists who reflect the values of Andrew Carnegie and his philosophy of giving surplus wealth to do "real and permanent good in this world". Previous medal winners include Dolly Parton, Sir Tom Hunter, Michael Bloomberg and Bill Gates. Event planning has been ongoing throughout 2024 and Trust CEO, Gillian Taylor, formed part of the Selection Committee for the 2025 awards.



*Celebrity contestants at 'Mastermind' dinner*

In April, Trust Chairman, Andrew Croxford, and CEO, Gillian Taylor travelled to New York to attend NYC Tartan Week. As part of a weeklong programme of events organised by the American Scottish Foundation, Gillian delivered an illustrated talk in the Carnegie Corporation of New York's building on Andrew Carnegie's early life in Dunfermline and how those formative years in Scotland had shaped his values and philanthropy. The week ended with the Chairman and CEO joining Carnegie colleagues to march down Sixth Avenue in the annual Tartan Day Parade.



*Andrew Croxford and Gillian Taylor at the Tartan Day parade in New York*

The Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum had a busy and successful 2024 season, welcoming over 14,000 visitors from around the world. The Birthplace Museum is very much a hub of activity within the Dunfermline Heritage Quarter and our team worked hard throughout the year to broaden engagement with new audiences and partners. Alongside our education visits, the museum hosted a wide variety of events ranging from the rebuild of Pittencrieff House in LEGO® to Outwith Festival events and even an Artisan Christmas Craft Fair. As

we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the museum in 2028, a strategic working group was established to lead on the vision and financial strategy for the next chapter of this inspiring building.



*Gillian Taylor gave a talk in the Inspiring Women Leaders lecture series (pictured with Sunil Varu, Fife Council)*

The Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum was also the venue for a series of talks by Inspiring Women Leaders during 2024. Trust CEO, Gillian Taylor was asked to deliver the March lecture to mark International Women's Day.

During 2024 the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust has continued with its charitable objectives of recognising acts of civilian heroism throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland and providing emotional and financial assistance to beneficiaries when necessary. Our Trustees considered information on several heroic acts where a person has been killed or injured attempting to save another human life to determine whether it meets the criteria of the Carnegie Hero Fund. As well as organising presentation events, our Hero Fund Manager, Liane Horder, provided dedicated support to new and existing beneficiaries. The Trust encourages families and descendants of Carnegie Heroes to visit Dunfermline to view the Roll of Honour and share their inspiring stories. During 2024, 15 Hero Fund families visited the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum.



*Queen Margaret and King Malcolm Canmore by Sir Joseph Noel Paton*

An exhibition devoted to the life and work of Sir Joseph Noel Paton took place in the Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries during 2024. Paton was a Dunfermline-born artist, illustrator, poet, painter to Queen Victoria and a friend of Andrew Carnegie. The Trust loaned several artworks to the exhibition including a painting of 'Queen Margaret and King Malcolm Canmore'. This beautiful painting formed the centrepiece of the exhibition which was viewed by over 14,000 people.

Dunfermline was chosen as the host city for the Heritage Trust Network Conference 2024. Over 200 delegates attended from across the UK and Ireland. Trustees provided guided tours of Pittencrieff House and Park and private tours of the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum also proved to be popular.

The year ended with Trustees sprinkling some festive cheer by offering free Alhambra Theatre pantomime tickets to local groups experiencing social isolation and free fairground rides for children at the annual Dunfermline Christmas Light Switch-on Event.



# Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum

## *“DREAM BIG, GIVE BACK”*



### Our Impact in 2024

In 2024, we designed a new vision for the museum’s role in the new city of Dunfermline and beyond. We believe in the power of Carnegie’s story to ignite the spark of possibility and progress in each visitor, helping them see the potential for their own future and society, just as Carnegie did. We want Andrew Carnegie’s spirit of curiosity and ambition and his values of equality and generosity to inspire all who engage with us to become active participants in building a better, brighter world. This vision will underpin everything we do in the museum in the lead up to our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2028.

The number of visitors in 2024 exceeded 14,000, an increase of 16% on 2023, and about 10% of them were visits with deep engagement, meaning the visitor either took a tour, participated in a workshop, or attended an event which resulted in at least 45 minutes of connection.

Entry to the museum remained free, and we delivered workshops to support all levels of education at no cost. We appreciate the generosity of our supporters and extend heartfelt thanks to all our donors for their unwavering support. As a free venue, we encourage donations and in 2024 we saw an increase in funds received. We were happy to have been accepted as part of the VAT refund scheme for Museum and Galleries (VAT Notice 998) that allows us to reclaim VAT on costs incurred providing free access for our visitors.

We are always pleased to receive feedback and remain grateful to those who make time to share it publicly or privately. Reviews on Google and Trip Advisor continue to share the high calibre of experience visitors receive from the team.

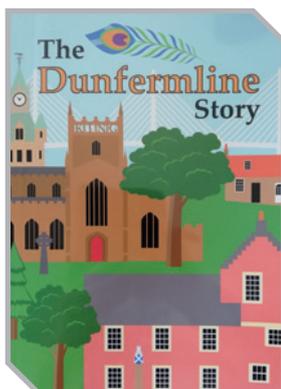


*Minna Kajaste-McCormack repackaging walking sticks in the collection*

## Collections

In Spring, we welcomed Minna Kajaste-McCormack to the team as our first Museum Collections Officer. Minna has brought new energy, experience and perspective to the museum, and her extra pair of hands has meant we can implement new programs of pest management, collections review, research, and exhibitions.

The museum made ten acquisitions to its collection in 2024. These included original artwork for the Dunfermline Story comic, art inspired by Andrew Carnegie's story, and postcards depicting the celebrations for the opening of Kings Lynn Library.



*The Dunfermline Story comic*

Loans are an important part of our partnership working, and we endeavoured to engage with a range of venues to share our collection beyond our walls. We worked with venues to find a way to make the loan possible, while keeping the requirements and costs proportionate. Alongside our normal programme of loan renewals, we loaned to two high profile exhibitions:

- Stirling Library celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2024 with an exhibition. We worked with the librarian to lend our casket and key from its opening and provided content and images for their displays and publicity.
- Later in 2024, we loaned to the blockbuster retrospective exhibition of Joseph Noel Paton's work at Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries (DCL&G). Alongside archival items from the museum collection, we coordinated the loan of two paintings from the CDT art collection. The painting "Malcolm and Margaret" featured prominently in press and publicity, and we licenced its image for use on a range of products.



*Minna Kajaste-McCormack with the Paton display*

In 2024 we have experimented with temporary bespoke displays for events and tours. This has included a display for the Carnegie Club from the University of St Andrews, and a temporary display of Paton/Carnegie material to complement the exhibition at DCL&G.

Sam Ross continued to volunteer with us, photographing an incredible 222 objects from the collection, meaning almost 25% of the collection is now digitised. His work supported so many different areas of our work including collections management, research, publication, press and enquiries.

## Events

Throughout 2024, we hosted a total of 135 events, for all audiences, including LEGO® fanatics, yoga practitioners, business leaders, chess players, and budding crafters.

Third party hires of the venue leapt to 38, with a mixture of partnerships and straightforward hires. Notably, the Artisan Christmas Craft Fair, surpassed expectations with an outstanding turnout of over 200 people, marking it as the most successful event of the year.

There was an increase in third party bookings and because the museum wishes to engage more with our community, these events often bring visitors who have never visited before or have not visited for many years.

## Engagement

Throughout the year, we hosted 2 uniform groups, 28 group tours and 20 school group visits, welcoming students from diverse education institutions. During these visits, students engaged in a variety of educational programs, including workshops, guided tours and hands-on activities tailored to their curriculum.



*Visitors to the Museum*

Workshops which include stories and content about the Carnegie story are delivered during their visit to the museum or when we visit them. Our formal education visits continue to be free with a modest charge made to uniform groups to cover the cost of opening the museum to them in the evenings.

Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to expanding our educational outreach. Our long-term goal is to have pupils from all of Dunfermline's primary schools visit on a regular basis.



*Pittencrieff House LEGO® build to remember Dunfermline's Great Fire of 1624*

The museum maintained partnerships with peer groups such as Fife Museums Forum, Dunfermline and West Fife Local Tourism Association, and Dunfermline Heritage Partnership. We contribute to local, regional and national organisations with data, feedback and consultations. Two notable examples of this work are:

- To remember Dunfermline's Great Fire of 1624, we partnered with Historic Environment Scotland, ONFife, the Abbey Church and Abbot House to recreate buildings from the 17th century. Families joined us to build a scaled version of Pittencrieff House using 4.5kg of LEGO®.
- The museum contributed to the Dunfermline's Wellbeing Through Heritage project by hosting a group of sewing enthusiasts over six weeks to learn the Japanese boro stitch.
- Our Bobbin Babies and Chess Challenge events continue to show our commitment to community engagement, and we can now build on these to reach wider audiences. This year we took Bobbins out of the museum, visiting Touch Nursery to deliver sessions to the children there.

## Volunteers

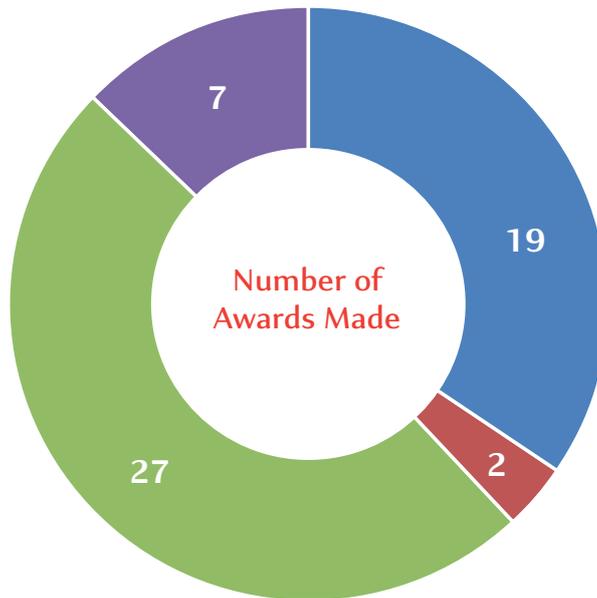
We continue to be very grateful to everyone who supports the museum, and we are particularly indebted to our team of volunteers who, in 2024, contributed over 307 hours to the museum. The museum team is small and appreciates volunteer support in various areas including gardening, seed library, photography, education programming and help making the museum more accessible.

Alongside our volunteers, we participate in a range of internship schemes, providing guidance and mentorship on all facets of museums work. We have welcomed placements from both UK and international universities, schools and colleges, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and others. In 2024, we were joined by Kane Young as part of the Dive In Tae Digital internship scheme. This paid internship was funded by Fife Council and run by Scunnered Digital.

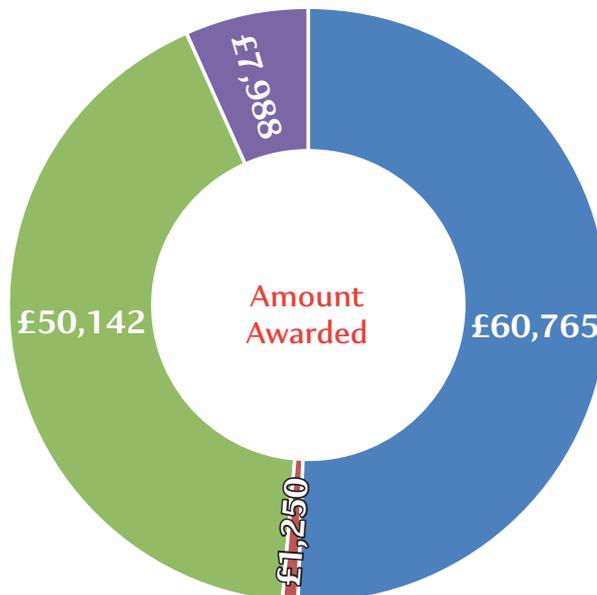
# Carnegie Dunfermline Trust

The Carnegie Dunfermline Trust makes grant awards over four broad categories: Community & General; Creative Arts; Schools and Sports.

## Key Statistics 2024



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## Carnegie Dunfermline Trust Grants Community & General



*The jousting event taking place in Pittencrieff Park*

### Visit Dunfermline – Bruce 750 Festival

The Trust awarded a grant of £7500 towards the jousting elements of the Bruce 750 event which took place in Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline over two days on 1 and 2 June. 2024 was the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert the Bruce. The festival featured staged pitched battles, jousting, storytelling, archery, falconry displays, a re-enactment village as well as music, all linked to the Bruce story. Enjoying good weather, the festival attracted almost 18000 visitors.

### 39<sup>th</sup> Fife Scout Group (Dunfermline)

A grant of £2500 was awarded towards the cost of hoodies, t-shirts and bags for the Scouts, Explorers and leaders who travelled to an international camp in Rotterdam in July. The bright coloured clothing allowed for the group to be easily identified and provided useful items for the varied programme of Scouting activities.



*Raft building at Scout Centre Rotterdam*

## Brucefield Tenant & Residents Association

As part of a project to regenerate St Leonard's Park, Brucefield Tenant & Residents Association was awarded a grant of £3100 towards a mural on the sports changing pavilion which is visible to all from Queensferry Road. Assisted by artist Donna Forester and using designs from Dunfermline High School pupils, Donna with community helpers transformed the graffiti covered building into a work of art.

The finished mural can be seen in the front cover.



*Work in progress on the north facing wall*

## One Thought Health & Wellbeing



*Participants ready to start a mental health first aid training course*

The Trustees awarded a grant of £2000 to this newly constituted group which meets at Trench Boxing's premises in Elgin Industrial Estate on Wednesdays and Saturdays to offer free mental health classes. The grant allowed for a 2-day mental health first aid training course to be delivered to volunteer coaches and other service users.

## Starcatchers

A grant of £1000 was awarded for a Unicorn Dance Party and picnic in Pittencrieff Park for families supported by Fife Gingerbread. Starcatchers is a charity delivering creative arts activities to support babies and young parents living in proximity to the justice system and dealing with domestic violence, poor mental health and isolation. On a sunny and warm day in July, the performers entertained lots of families and gave them a delightful day to remember.



*Unicorn Dance party entertaining in Pittencrieff Park*



*Pupils and staff from Carnegie Primary School pictured with storyteller Kate Walker and Fife College Assistant Principal Iain Hawker*

## Fife College

A grant of £1400 was awarded towards storytelling sessions in local primary schools by Kate Walker of Chatterbox Stories to mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Lauder Technical School in 1899, which was founded and funded by George Lauder and Andrew Carnegie. Kate entertained classes in 6 local primary schools, with puppets telling the stories of George Lauder and Andrew Carnegie and connecting the legacy of Lauder Technical School to the evolution of Fife College.

## Fife Council – Big Light Switch-On

The Trustees awarded a grant of £1200 to allow families to enjoy two free funfair rides at the Dunfermline Big Light Switch On event on Sunday 17 November, which provided a packed day of festive fun in the city centre ahead of the switching on of the Christmas lights. The rides which were located at the entrance of Pittencrieff Park were popular with families and younger children from 1pm until after 6pm.



*Free fun fair rides at the Big Light Switch On*



*Participants at the relaxed writing workshop in the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum*

## Outwith Festival 2024

A grant of £15000 was awarded to the 2024 Outwith Festival which took place between 3 and 8 September. The 6-day event was a celebration of arts, culture, creativity and community. The Trust's grant covered a number of community events – filmhouse, comedy, workshops, art exhibition, young person's showcase, literature event and showcase interview.

### Other grants in this section were:

Name	Awarded	
Garvock Community Group	£3000	Towards the redevelopment of a playpark in Scobie Place
Rosyth Community Projects Ltd (Rosyth EATS)	£1500	Towards the replacement of the cabin within the community garden
Link Church	£1000	Towards the installation of a stair climber to allow wheelchair access to premises in Priory Lane
Touch Trust	£1360	Towards equipment for the Out of School Club
Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters Club	£5000	Towards the installation of a lift and disabled toilet at East End Park
Chief Radio	£500	Towards providing free guitar lessons in the community
Cycling Without Age	£1450	Towards a replacement battery and new wiring for one of the trishaws
Dunfermline Photographic Association	£395	Towards an event to celebrate the centenary in 2026
Dunfermline Regeneration Trust	£4860	Towards the purchase of equipment for the Dunfermline Media City project
Peacocks in Pittencrieff Park	£3000	Towards an extension to the peacock sanctuary in Pittencrieff Park
Pantomime tickets	£5000	For the purchase of tickets to allow community groups to enjoy a trip to a local pantomime at Christmas

## Creative Arts

### Studio 11 Dance Creative

Trustees awarded a grant of £250 towards the travel costs of 5 dancers from Studio 11 Dance Creative attending the Dance World Cup in Prague in July. The Dance World Cup is an annual event held in different cities around the globe and attracts thousands of participants - children and young people - from more than 60 countries to represent their country on the world stage.



*Dancers from Studio 11 Dance Creative flying the flag for Scotland at the Dance World Cup in Prague*

### Why Not? Musical Theatre Company

A grant of £1000 was awarded towards the cost of costume hire and purchase for this youth theatre company's production of Oliver at the Carnegie Hall in April. The 36 cast members aged between 9 and 18 years staged 4 performances to audiences of over 1140.



*'Fagin and his gang' on stage at the Carnegie Hall*

## Schools

### ASSET Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust



*Pupils at St Leonard's Primary School learning about satellites*

A grant of £7500 was awarded for the delivery of 60-minute workshops and 40-minute planetarium sessions to 10 local primary schools. Aimed at P4-P7 pupils, the sessions allowed pupils to experience hands-on workshops to learn about satellite technology and how satellites monitor earth's eco-systems and environment from space. The workshops also explored the global issue of light pollution and provided tools for pupils to make small changes at home/school to make a positive difference. A planetarium session is pictured on the front cover.

### Queen Anne High School

Pupils from S3 Geography undertook a field trip to Solsgirth Home Farm in April where they took part in various interactive workshops to learn about real-life farming and to understand the challenges of farming as a business and of farmers as environmental stewards. The Trust provided a grant of £800 towards the costs of the trip which was free of charge for pupils.



*Queen Anne High School pupils enjoying a hands-on livestock experience*



*Taking on the challenge of the LEGO® runway*

### Firewalk Scotland

A grant of £2500 was awarded towards LEGO® Walk workshops (child friendly alternative to fire and glass walks) in 14 local primary schools for P7 pupils ahead of their transition to high school. By participating, the pupils were encouraged to overcome challenges and limitations to help them prepare for the move to high school with greater confidence and lessened fear of this significant step.

## Schools

### Special Activity Fund

The Special Activity Fund supports local schools by offering funding towards the costs of residential trips where families are experiencing financial difficulties, and the pupil receives free school meals. Grants totalling £24012 were awarded to schools applying to the Trust enabling 83 pupils to attend trips to Ardroy, Dalguise, Dounans and Fordell Firs outdoor centres with their classmates.



*P7 pupils attempting the high ropes challenge at PGL Dalguise*

### Other grants in this section were:

Name	Amount	
Bellyeoman Primary School	£4000	Towards the redevelopment of the school playground
St Columba's High School	£750	Towards travel costs for pupil winner to attend Sarasota for Young Playwrights Festival
Primary 7 project prizes	£1440	For the purchase of book tokens for schools to award as prizes for P7 leavers
Townhill Primary School	£5000	Towards the installation of a new trim trail as part of the school's 150-year celebrations
Queen Anne High School	£2000	Towards the cost of a trip to China for 10 pupils undertaking a Language and Cultural Immersion Course
Duloch Primary School	£3000	Towards the installation of a multi-sensory comfort room within the school
St Columba's High School	£500	Towards the purchase of new basketball kit for use by the school team during competitions

## Sports

### Disability Sport Fife



*Tennis session at Carnegie Leisure Centre*

Working in partnership with Dunfermline Tennis Club, Badminton Scotland and with support from Fife Sports and Leisure Trust, Disability Sports Fife developed a programme of racquet sports sessions – pickleball, short tennis, table tennis and tennis – for young people and adults in West Fife with physical, learning, and sensory disabilities. The Trust provided a grant of £1500 towards coaching and equipment.

### Waterski and Wakeboard Scotland

Trustees awarded a grant of £840 towards a waterskiing and wakeboarding programme for young adults supported by Fairway Fife, a peer mentoring charity. In addition to learning the skills to take part on the water-based activities, the young people had the opportunity to improve their communication, social and relationship building skills.



*A training session at Townhill Loch*

## Sports

### Fife Artistic Swimming Club

A grant of £1500 was awarded towards the purchase of a replacement music system including underwater speaker. One of only 7 Artistic Swimming Clubs in Scotland, the Fife club meets every week for training sessions in Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy and uses the music system at every session, as moving to music is a core element of this sport.



*Fife artistic swimmers in action in Carnegie Leisure Centre's swimming pool*

### Other grants in this section were:

Name	Amount	
Headwell Bowling Club	£400	Towards the cost of a commemorative plaque for the club's centenary
Fighting Chance	£1500	Towards the purchase of new judo mats
Fife Gymnastics Club	£850	Towards the cost of specialist coaching for the club's young members
West Fife Bowling Association	£1398	Towards the purchase of junior bowls to be used in coaching sessions in local schools

## Project grants previously awarded, completed this year

### Engineering Development Trust

In 2023, the Trustees awarded a grant of £7780 towards 4 EDT Challenger Experience days in Dunfermline high schools. The Experience days provided a taster of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) projects and raised awareness of STEM careers by providing interactive experiences and hands-on workshops.



*A Challenger Experience Day at Queen Anne High School*

### Lightlab

A grant of £2600 was awarded for the delivery of practical light science workshops in local primary schools. Run by Light Lab Project, the workshops introduced the young people to the basics of light science through a series of guided experiments. The touring workshop programme delivered 15 one-hour workshops to over 270 pupils.



*Pupils making periscopes to understand the science of light refraction*

# Carnegie Hero Fund UK

## Heroism

During 2024, the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust UK recognised 2 people as Heroes and there were a further 7 cases of heroism under investigation.

## Presentations

A presentation to the family of David Fell took place in Wigan in October 2024. The presentation was made by Carnegie Dunfermline & Hero Fund Trust's Chair, Janet McCauslin and attended by David's wife Fiona, their 4 children and over 90 family and friends. David's heroism was recognised in April 2023.



*CEO, Gillian Taylor and Chair, Janet McCauslin with Fiona Fell*



## Visitors to Dunfermline

It was a pleasure to welcome more Hero Fund friends to Dunfermline in 2024 to see the Roll of Honour at the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum. We were able to arrange 18 different visits.

Peter and Linda Woods visited the Museum in April to view George Howe's (Peter's grandfather) entry in the Roll of Honour. George rescued a woman from drowning in the River Thames on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1920.



Linda Allery, Caroline Tressman and Stevin Allery travelled to Scotland from Australia in May. They visited Dunfermline to see David Forrester's (Great Grandfather) entry in the Roll of Honour. David lost his life on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1916 while attempting to rescue a man from drowning in the Firth of Clyde at Stevenston, Ayrshire.

Alexander Ross and his wife visited the Museum in June to see Alexander West's (Alexander's grandfather) entry in the Roll of Honour. Alexander assisted in the rescue of a boy who was in danger of drowning at the Scorgie Rock, Kinnaird Head, Fraserburgh on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1924.



Julie Dowlman visited the Museum in July to see George Gray's (her grandfather) entry in the Roll of Honour. George assisted a man who was being fatally attacked by a bull on 14<sup>th</sup> January 1946 in Northamptonshire.



Stuart McIntyre, accompanied by his sister Dorothy Stobie and cousins Kathie Dixon and John Shield visited the Museum in August to commemorate the 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bravery of their grandfather, James McIntyre. James rescued two women from drowning in Loch Earn on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1910.

Ann Stewart and her daughter Pauline visited the Museum in September to view William McGraa's (Ann's grandfather) entry in the Roll of Honour. William, along with two other Carnegie Heroes, lost their lives attempting to rescue fellow workmen who had been overcome by poisonous fumes in the hold of a vessel in Ardrrossan Harbour on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1916.



Jessica Raha and her family visited the museum in August to view the Roll of Honour. Jessica's uncle, James Shaw was the calligrapher of the Roll of Honour entries between 1959 – 1984 (he is pictured working on the Roll of Honour on the inside cover). They enjoyed seeing some of his artwork and learning about Andrew Carnegie.



James Shaw was naturally right-handed but following an accident, at the age of 11, his right arm was paralysed. He had to learn to write and draw with his left hand and became an accomplished artist.

## Old Case Enquiries

We received 79 requests in 2024, for information about cases from past years and 17 replacement certificate orders.

## Enquiries

To make enquiries about a case from the past, please contact the Trust with the following information:

- name of person whose heroism was recognised by the Hero Fund
- your relationship to them
- date, place & nature of the incident which took place and any further details known to you
- state if you have a copy of the certificate, if not, state how you found out about the award

The Trustees will endeavour to provide as much assistance as they can in answering queries but reserve the right to only release such information as is available or appropriate to the enquiry. The Roll of Honour is kept in the Birthplace Museum, where the first volume is on constant display.

Individual requests regarding viewing of specific entries are subject to the same procedure as above.

## Entry in the Roll of Honour of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust, Dunfermline



DAVID FELL (55), Postman,  
Wigan, who lost his life on 22 July  
2021 while attempting to rescue his  
children from drowning in the sea  
at Reighton Gap Beach, Filey, Yorkshire.

### Citation

In July 2021 David Fell, his wife and two teenage children were holidaying in Yorkshire. On the 22 July they were spending the day with relatives who were staying at Reighton Sands Holiday Park, Filey. As it was very warm and sunny they decided to go to the beach next to the holiday park, despite having no swimwear with them.

David's two children and their cousin (27) were paddling in the sea and jumping the waves when suddenly they were knocked off their feet and dragged into the sea by a riptide. Their cousin managed to get back to shore and raise the alarm. David, seeing his children in distress, immediately ran into the sea to help them. Unfortunately, he was also caught in the riptide and dragged even further out to sea.

The two children were rescued by other beachgoers. David's body was retrieved from the sea by the RNLI and despite CPR efforts he was pronounced dead at the scene.

The heroism of David Fell has been recognised as falling within the scope of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust. His name will be inscribed in the Roll of Honour and his family will receive a (posthumous) certificate. The Trustees will maintain a continuing interest in their welfare.

## Entry in the Roll of Honour of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust, Dunfermline

**L**LAWRENCE  
GERALD CASEY (86),  
retired Engineer, Callington,  
Cornwall who lost his life on 1  
September 2021 at Bude Canal, Cornwall when  
he entered the canal in an attempt to rescue his  
disabled daughter who had fallen into the water as  
a result of her mobility scooter going out of control.

### Citation

Late in the afternoon on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 Lawrence Casey and his disabled daughter (27) were taking their usual stroll along the footpath beside Bude Canal. His daughter was using a mobility scooter. While crossing a footbridge which descends towards the canal, his daughter lost control of her mobility scooter and plunged into the canal. She quickly became submerged under the water trapped on her mobility scooter by the safety belt.

Lawrence immediately jumped into the water, fully clothed, in an attempt to rescue his daughter. He managed to release the safety belt, freeing her to float to the surface. Two members of the public, who had observed the incident from a distance, ran to the scene, jumped into the water and helped her onto the bank. They then turned their attention to helping Lawrence who was by now unconscious. Once they managed to get him onto the bank, they started CPR and continued until the emergency services arrived. Unfortunately, he could not be saved and died at the scene.

Lawrence displayed the great love he had had for his daughter throughout her life by his willingness to lay down his life to save hers.

The heroism of Lawrence Casey has been recognised as falling within the scope of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust. His name will be inscribed in the Roll of Honour and his family will receive a posthumous certificate. The Trustees will maintain a continuing interest in their welfare.

## Entry in the Roll of Honour of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust, Dunfermline



### Citation

On the morning of 25 June 2023 Joanna Wiśniowska watched her 11 year old son take part in a rowing regatta at Whitegate, with her 7 year old daughter and her friend. As it was such a sunny day, after the regatta, they decided to go to the beach. The children quickly ran into the water to play while Joanna stayed on the beach reading her book. She had warned the children to go no further than waist deep, due to the high tide and the sea being choppy. They had adhered to this warning. After a while the children noticed the current had become stronger and was pulling them out towards the open sea. They immediately tried to get back to shore, her daughter and friend managing to scramble out, but her son was dragged further from the shore. Her daughter alerted Joanna, who immediately ran into the sea to help her son. She quickly reached him and was able to calm him down despite the current driving them further out to sea. A man and a woman, who were also on the beach, entered the water in an attempt to help them but after getting into difficulty themselves returned to the shore assisted by other onlookers. By this time Joanna and her son had drifted along the coast where the current was not as strong. Joanna took the opportunity to try to swim back to the shore.

Suddenly, a large wave engulfed them, and they were pulled under the water and separated. On resurfacing, her son became aware that his mother was unconscious, and seeing he was near some rocks he swam over and clung to them until he was rescued by a helicopter and safely returned to the beach. Joanna was rescued by a RNLI boat, then taken by helicopter to hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The heroism of Joanna Wiśniowska has been recognised as falling within the scope of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust. Her name will be inscribed in the Roll of Honour and her family will receive a posthumous certificate. The Trustees will maintain a continuing interest in their welfare.

# The Trust's Work

## Our Criteria

The purpose of the Carnegie Hero Fund UK is to recognise acts of civilian heroism and provide support and financial assistance, if required, to injured heroes or the dependants of the heroes who have lost their lives while attempting to save another human life.

1. We only recognise adults over 18 years of age.
2. The act of heroism must have occurred in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands, or in the surrounding territorial waters.
3. We only recognise heroic acts that save, or attempt to save, human life in peaceful pursuits.
4. The heroic act must have been voluntary and have involved risk to the rescuer's life. We will only recognise cases where the hero has died or has suffered life changing injuries.
5. In some occupations (e.g. the emergency services), the ordinary discharge of duty involves risks, and such risks cannot in general be regarded as voluntary and would fall out with our scope. However, the Trustees are prepared to consider cases in which the nature of the rescue effort exceeds any reasonable requirement of occupational responsibility.
6. An investigation will be carried out on all potential cases for consideration by the Trustees. This includes obtaining a report/statement from a member of the emergency services, coroner or procurator fiscal confirming that the rescue/attempted rescue involved risk to the rescuer's life.
7. Recognition of a case is at the sole discretion of the Trustees.

## Notes

Each reported case of heroism is judged on its individual merit in accordance with the above criteria. On recognising a case, the Trustees will agree a financial provision and we will prepare a citation and certificate to be awarded at a presentation ceremony for the hero's friends and family. The name of the hero will be hand inscribed in the Hero Trust's Roll of Honour.

We will maintain a continuing interest in the welfare of the recognised hero and/or their family. If required, we will provide ongoing support to:

- Heroes who have been injured.
- The dependants of heroes who have died.
- This support can be emotional and/or financial.

# Carnegie Dunfermline Trust

## Summary Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>		
<i>Grants and donations</i>	6,266	38,928
<i>Other trading activities</i>	15,149	17,971
<i>Investments</i>	393,960	410,201
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>415,375</b>	<b>467,100</b>
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<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
<i>Raising funds</i>	51,501	48,797
<i>Charitable activities</i>	520,266	502,976
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>571,767</b>	<b>551,773</b>
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<b>Net expenditure before net gain on investments</b>	<b>(156,392)</b>	<b>(84,673)</b>
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<i>Net gain on investments</i>	966,919	852,104
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<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>	<b>810,527</b>	<b>767,431</b>
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<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
Balances brought forward	17,098,718	16,331,287
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<b>Balances carried forward</b>	<b>17,909,245</b>	<b>17,098,718</b>
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# Carnegie Dunfermline Trust

## Balance Sheet

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Total	Total	Funds 2024 £	Funds 2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>			
Tangible assets		1,178,564	1,203,031
Heritage assets		1,172,130	1,172,130
Investments		14,201,630	13,211,343
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>16,552,324</b>	<b>15,586,504</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Stock		9,166	10,104
Debtors		60,241	52,367
Cash at bank and in hand		1,403,673	1,553,988
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,473,080</b>	<b>1,616,459</b>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		116,159	104,245
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>1,356,921</b>	<b>1,512,214</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>17,909,245</b>	<b>17,098,718</b>
<b>The Funds of the Charity:</b>			
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>			
General		606,733	606,218
Designated		126,937	126,937
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<b>733,670</b>	<b>733,155</b>
<i>Restricted funds:</i>			
<i>Endowment funds:</i>			
Expendable endowment		17,159,988	16,311,821
		<b>17,909,245</b>	<b>17,098,718</b>

The summary accounts were approved by the Trustees on 26th April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Janet McCauslin - *Chair*

David Walker - *Finance Convener*

The summary accounts are taken from the audited 2024 full accounts of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust. The auditor's opinion on those accounts was unqualified. The summary accounts may not contain enough information for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Trust. Copies of the full accounts may be obtained free of charge on request from the Chief Executive, Andrew Carnegie House, Pittencrieff Street, Dunfermline.

# Carnegie Hero Fund Trust

## Summary Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>		
<i>Donations</i>	549	2,280
<i>Investments</i>	216,487	220,397
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>217,036</b>	<b>222,677</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
<i>Raising funds</i>	26,990	25,939
<i>Charitable activities</i>	220,586	219,431
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>247,576</b>	<b>245,370</b>
<b>Net expenditure before net gain on investments</b>	<b>(30,540)</b>	<b>(22,693)</b>
<i>Net gain on investments</i>	218,388	232,695
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>	<b>187,848</b>	<b>210,002</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>		
Balances brought forward	6,458,528	6,248,526
<b>Balances carried forward</b>	<b>6,646,376</b>	<b>6,458,528</b>

# Carnegie Hero Fund Trust

## Balance Sheet

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>		
Tangible assets	133,804	136,256
Investments	5,961,930	5,739,607
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>6,095,734</b>	<b>5,875,863</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Debtors	5,365	6,322
Cash at bank and in hand	576,570	610,724
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>581,935</b>	<b>617,046</b>
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	31,293	34,381
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>550,642</b>	<b>582,665</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>6,646,376</b>	<b>6,458,528</b>
<b>The Funds of the Charity:</b>		
<i>Unrestricted income funds</i>		
General	351,443	354,488
Designated	46,782	60,782
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>398,225</b>	<b>415,270</b>
<i>Endowment funds:</i>		
Expendable endowment	6,248,151	6,043,258
	<b>6,646,376</b>	<b>6,458,528</b>

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## Trustees and Staff



*Janet McCauslin & Andrew Croxford at the AGM*

At this year's AGM we saw a change of Chair, with Andrew Croxford stepping down and Janet McCauslin starting her 2-year term as Chair.

2024 also saw the retirement of our longstanding Trustee and previous Chair (2020-2022), Fiona Robertson. Fiona led the Trust with a clear head and practical skills during the difficult Covid pandemic years and provided outstanding advice and support to new CEO, Gillian Taylor. Fiona served as a Trustee for almost 20 years, appointed onto the Board in April 2004. She was a friend and mentor to many and was very generous with her time and energy. Particular thanks must go to Fiona for her dedication to the Hero Fund over the years. Her empathy and broad outlook have been a comfort to many beneficiaries and their families.



*Fiona Robertson's last Hero Fund Subcommittee meeting*



*Christine Stevenson & Ross Hunter*

The Hero Fund welcomed volunteers Christine Stevenson and Ross Hunter in 2024. They have both been helping us with the new database which we hope will go live in 2025 and their contribution has been essential to us being fully prepared. In addition, Christine has been busy researching for our historic Hero Fund enquiries and Ross contributing with the development of the database software. Their hard work is much appreciated and we enjoy working with them in Andrew Carnegie House.



*Minna Kajaste-McCormack*



*Jaia Kemp*

2024 saw many changes in Museum staffing. Minna Kajaste-McCormack joined as a Collection Officer and Jaia Kemp, Sorcha Williams and Amber Campbell-Ross joined our front of house team. Linsay Proctor, Natalia Lumsden and Jonathan Cairney all left the museum during 2024 to pursue new opportunities.



*Sorcha Williams*



*Amber Campbell-Ross*

# Board of Trustees

## Trustees

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*Dunfermline born singer-songwriter Barbara Dickson shares cultural highlights of her life in conversation with Nicola Meighan from the BBC*



*Carnegie-inspired artwork by Marie Henderson an art student at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design (DJCAD for short), part of the University of Dundee. While researching capitalism she learned more about Andrew Carnegie and did a few pieces inspired by him, including the abstract mixed media print titled "To the Good of Mankind". The title words at the centre of the print are rubbed on paper from the Carnegie statue at one of the entrances to Pittencrieff Park.*



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