

The Cramond Association

*Promoting the amenity of the community of Cramond,
Barnton and Cammo and safeguarding its heritage*



The Cramond Association Annual Report 2018-19

Introduction

The Cramond Association is a thriving community association, with about 600 subscribing households. It is dedicated to the preservation, sound development and improvement of Cramond, Barnton and Cammo and to safeguarding their heritage.

Cramond is a very attractive village on the outskirts of Edinburgh, located at the mouth of the River Almond where it meets the Firth of Forth. The Association encourages residents in Cramond, Barnton and Cammo (the surrounding communities) to take an active interest in the local area so that they have more knowledge, pride and understanding about their very attractive environment. The Association also works to enable visitors to enjoy and appreciate the area's social, industrial and natural heritage.



Its activities include:

- regular meetings with presentations on topics such as local social and natural history
- an active History Section
- an events programme, including, Carols by Candlelight, and conservation projects, e.g. woodlands restoration and commenting on airport and planning activities
- working closely with other local organisations such as Friends of the River Almond Walkway (FRAW), Cramond and Barnton Community Council (CBCC) and Cramond Heritage Trust (CHT).
- As a registered charity we are now able to benefit from the advantages of that status and from the additional revenue brought in by Gift Aid.

- We also said farewell to our President, Margery Naylor and to two of the committee who had all decided it was time to stand aside. They were thanked at the AGM for all their work. Note all committee members have a fixed term and retire in rotation.

The historic village of Cramond



During 2018-19 we worked with other organisations to maintain and enhance the special nature of Cramond by:

- continuing to improve the woodland areas and paths around the Kirk
- opposing inappropriate planning developments as they arose
- Working with others to support management of aircraft noise as part of the Noise Advisory Board and Airport Consultative Committee.
- supporting the Cramond and Barnton Community Council (CBCC) in improving the quality of life for residents in the village, eg around traffic management and planning applications.



Access and enjoyment by all

The Association promoted access and enjoyment of all, including the public, local residents, walkers, cyclists, families, community groups and picnickers as well as day visitors and tourists, walkers, cyclists, families, sightseers and foreign visitors. We did this in 2018-19 through meetings, notice boards and our monthly newsletter by:

- promoting the Cramond Heritage Trail, a waymarked trail around the village, river and shoreline. The Trail showcases and interprets key archaeological, historic and wildlife features, such as Cramond Tower and the Roman site.
- working with the Cramond Heritage Trust and the CBCC over access to and maintenance of the harbour, eg parking and repair of walls
- supporting the improvement of the Cramond Walled Garden, eg by planting apple trees and bulbs.

Orientation and interpretation

The Association, together with other local organisations in the Interpretation Group, has organised a number of ways for people to learn about the area by:

- arranging for the installation of orientation boards and interpretation boards around the village.



- Examining novel ways of publicising Cramond through information technology and other options
- attracting funding, eg from Edinburgh Airport and the local organisations for our activities
- working in partnership with other organisations such as the Edinburgh Shoreline Project and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

Education

The CA continued its active engagement in 2018-19 in promoting education and learning about the area and the wider world through:

- continuing to run its successful programme of monthly talks



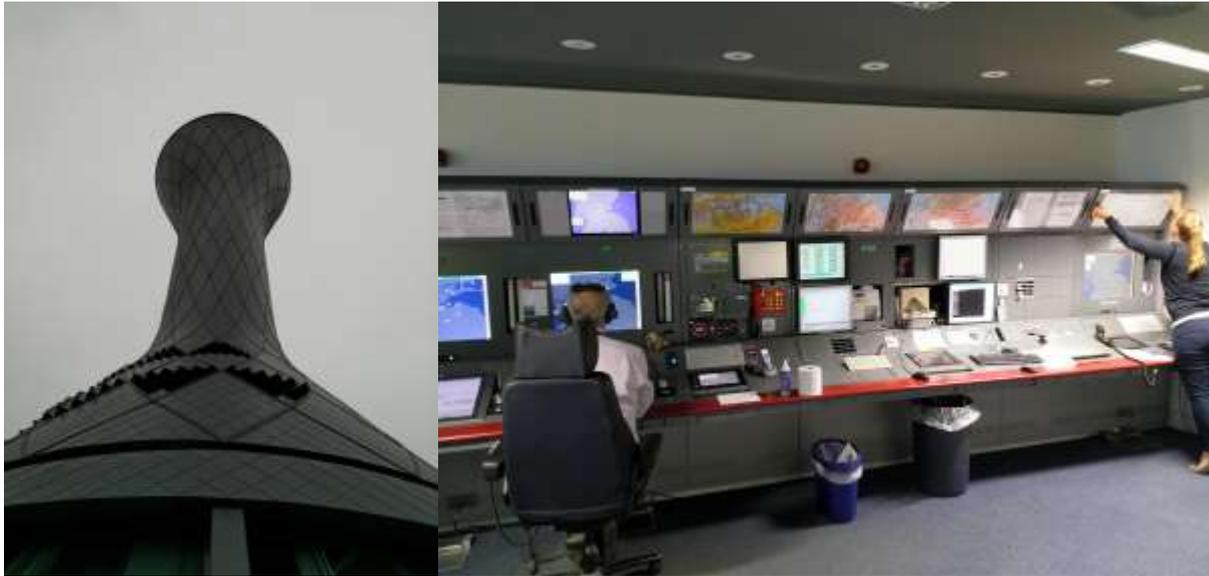
- promoting the History Section which has about 50 members and often many more people attending its monthly talks. It also runs an annual outing.
- Holding a Roman Day to inform families and others of the history and life of Cramond Fort.



Maintaining and improving the quality of the environment

The CA continued in 2018-19 to:

- work hard to improve the paths in the Kirk Woodlands with regular work parties
- represent local residents in response to Edinburgh Airport's consultation on flight path changes and try to reduce the noise level of the planes overflying Cramond.
- Continue to work with other communities and the airport to manage and minimise the impact of noise through the Noise Advisory Board.



- check all planning applications to the Council, focusing on the ones relevant to us, as well as liaising with the CBCC about proposed developments
- oppose inappropriate developments in the Cramond Conservation Area such as proposed care homes in Cramond
- actively supporting the development of the Friends of Cramond Campus, which is campaigning to ensure that sports facilities are provided on the former playing fields of the Campus instead of being covered with housing.

Community Engagement

Through the CA's activities, local people will have more knowledge, pride and understanding of the area's social, industrial and natural heritage and will be able to participate in activities to maintain and enhance the special nature of the area. Involving the community in 2017-18 was done through:

- the coordination of activities with other local through the Cramond Collaborative
- working to broaden the range of activities to encourage all-age involvement
- representation on significant local organisations such as the Cammo Management Committee
- support and links with other organisations
- the Association's e-newsletter (monthly, circulation of 550 households) and regular articles in Cramond Kirk's *Grapevine* (quarterly; 3,500 households)
- the CA's website, the two CA notice boards and the CA Facebook page
- giving financial support to local organisations and events, when agreed by the CA Committee.
- publicising to our members the work of the various groups engaged in working in our community.



Built Features

While the CA does not have direct responsibilities for any built features, it continued in 2018-19 to:

- support FRAW in its work on maintaining and improving the River Almond Walkway and the replacement of the Salvesen Steps
- monitor the RAFTS RiverLife Project to ensure the visual attractions of the mill buildings, ruins and weirs at Dowie's Mill, Cramond Brig, and Fair a Far are maintained and lobbying with others for a proper enhancement to the weirs.
- support the CHT in its work in the Maltings Exhibition Centre.



Long term plans

We aim to broaden our range of activities to support the community in Cramond.

In 2018-19 the Association continued to work with representatives of local organisations to implement the Vision 2030 for Cramond which sets out how the area can be improved in new and inspiring ways and this will continue.

The Association plans to continue working to maintain and improve the special quality of our environment in 2019-20 through supporting the Community Council on planning, and through supporting proper discussion of any new Flight Change Proposals for the airport

The Cramond Association Committee

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