

CRAMOND ASSOCIATION – TREASURER’S REPORT – 2020

Having taken over as Treasurer from Gena during 2020, I can report that Cramond Association has continued to thrive in terms of membership despite the unusual and difficult circumstances due to the pandemic. Our bank balance as at 31 December 2020 was £12,763.45. In addition, we have a Building Society balance of £5,110.24.

We have over 400 members and have received over £4,000 in subscriptions. We were also fortunate in receiving donations of over £1,600 paid by members along with their subscriptions. Next year I will give a breakdown of subscriptions, whether single or family.

The bank balance includes £120 donated to the Walled Garden fund by Friends of Cramond. In addition, Austin, who has taken over responsibility for the Walled Garden, successfully applied for a grant via Baillie Gifford of £1,000.

In order to support our community during this difficult year, Cramond Association has also made donations, giving £2,500 each to The Rock Trust, a charity for young homeless people, and to the Edinburgh Food Project, which provides much needed food and other household items. More information about the work of the Rock Trust can be found on their website. After our December online talk by Prof Ian Bradley on the History of Carols, we received £125 in donations in response to an appeal. We have doubled this amount and donated £125 to the Rock Trust and £125 to Fresh Start. Both organisations sent very appreciative messages thanking us. Two of our speakers also donated their fees to our Association.

It has been an interesting experience recording all the finance coming in. There have been instances of members paying twice, making their cheques payable to me, not signing their cheques. Many members have paid electronically, about which we are very pleased. Unfortunately some members who paid online did not send their subscription form to me, and some did not use their address as a reference. So – some detective work required to work out the details to enter in the members’ database.

We have had to open a new bank account, since our old one had the wrong legal status. This was discovered when we tried to change signatories, which

all had to be done online – quite an adventure submitting digital signatures, which was a novel experience for me. Thanks to Richard, the website has been updated and includes an amended Subscription Form and the new bank account details.

We have now signed up for digital banking, which means we can check the bank statement at any time rather than wait for the bank statement to arrive each month. At the peak of our season, 15 pages of bank statements could arrive each month. So, it is now easier to check our financial position.

Thanks are due to Danny (Noonan), who has agreed to be Assistant Treasurer, as well as take responsibility for the Woodlands.

As new members join or existing members change their email addresses, I have been emailing Margaret at Links Design, who handle our web services, in order for her to update the mailing list so that nobody misses out on receiving, for example, the Cramond Association Newsletter, which is available thanks to Lesley Cumming.

Lastly, subscriptions continue to arrive every week, and your Committee hopes that members feel they are receiving value for money from our online programme.

Janette McLeod
Treasurer

(The accounts will be made available in time for the AGM.)