



# **DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC DISABLED SUPPORTERS' CLUB**

**East End Park, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline KY12 7RB**

## **Report & Accounts 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022**

**Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters' Club  
is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Registration Number SC048550**

# **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

## **1 HISTORY and BACKGROUND**

Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters' Club (DADSC) was set up in 2007 to organise travel to away games and to give disabled supporters of Dunfermline Athletic a voice, and after a few years where activity was limited, the Club was revived in 2016. Since 18 July 2018 DADSC has been a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), Registration No **SC048550**. This Trustees' Report covers the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Although DADSC and Dunfermline Athletic FC Ltd share a common interest in the activities of Dunfermline Athletic FC (DAFC), DADSC is completely independent of the football club, with its own constitution and governance run by Trustees who are all long-term Pars supporters.

## **2 GOVERNANCE**

At 1 April 2021, the Charity Trustees and office-bearers were as follows, with the office-bearers elected from among themselves, and therefore forming

Chair: Dave Nugent

Treasurer: Roger Hyde

Secretary: John Simpson

Membership Secretary: Timothy Curle

Trustees: Tracey MacFarlane, Nicola Campbell

In accordance with the DADSC Constitution, an Annual General Meeting was held on 25 October 2021 using Zoom conferencing due to restrictions on public meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tracey Macfarlane had not indicated her willingness to stand for re-election, but the other five Trustees were elected unopposed. David Laming put his name forward to be a Charity Trustee and was elected unopposed, and these six individuals therefore formed the Board of Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters' Club SCIO for the incoming year. The office-bearers were reappointed with no change to those shown above.

## **3 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of DADSC is not restricted to those with a disability and is open to anyone who sympathises with DADSC's aims. At 1 April 2021, 90 individuals were members, and by 31 March 2022 this had increased only slightly to 92. However, several members who had been in arrears with their annual membership payments brought them up to date during the year, and DADSC's revenue from membership payments increased significantly from last year (£195 up to £310).

Sadly, DADSC member and lifelong Pars fan Rab Sherry died in January 2022, and will be missed by many, particular by the regulars on the viewing platform in the Norrie McCathie stand. Also, DADSC member George Stewart died in October 2021 – George was the husband of Marvyn Stewart, who has done so much to help the Pars.

It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting on 25 October 2021 that the annual membership fee should remain unchanged at £5.

## **4 ACTIVITIES OF DADSC**

### **4.1 COVID-19 Pandemic**

The ongoing restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic continued to make it difficult to organise any significant public activities at the beginning of the financial year, so fundraising was initially limited to individual activities. Although later in 2021/22 things gradually became easier, for some of our more vulnerable members the need to protect themselves from infection still continued.

### **4.2 Accessibility**

As always, DADSC appreciates the work done by DAFC over the years to improve accessibility at East End Park, but DADSC believes strongly that further improvements at East End Park are both desirable and achievable - the whole of the Main Stand first floor is inaccessible to anyone in a wheelchair or with mobility difficulties, and there are similar access problems in other parts of the Main Stand as well as elsewhere in the stadium, notably the North Stand. These limitations affect supporters, staff and members of the public who have mobility difficulties.

DADSC supplied detailed and costed proposals to DAFC in October 2018 (access to First Floor) and in August 2019 (accessible toilet for Purvis Suite and hospitality boxes), and it remains DADSC's objective to get the agreement of DAFC Ltd (and the stadium owners if necessary) to make these improvements. DADSC has undertaken to provide all or most of the funding required to achieve the improvements, but would obviously welcome contributions from DAFC or other sources.

There was very little movement on this topic during the year, not least because much of the attention of DAFC management was focused on new financial and governance arrangements following the investment in the club of DAFC Fußball GmbH, and then with the struggle for survival in the Championship. At a meeting in August 2021 which the new directors of DAFC Ltd held with representatives of several supporter organisations, a commitment was given to meet with the DADSC Trustees before the end of 2021, but unfortunately no meeting took place before the end of the financial year on 31 March 2022. *(Note – in June 2022, DADSC met with the DAFC Chief Executive, David Cook, and it is anticipated that further meetings will be held.)*

An external Accessibility Audit of East End Park had been undertaken in November 2019 as part of DAFC's SPFL licencing, and DADSC met with DAFC in February 2022, where agreement was reached on the priorities being attached to the various recommendations.

### **4.3 Events and Fundraising**

Although social restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic gradually eased during 2021/22, many regular events where DADSC would have had a presence (Open Day, Player of the Year Awards etc) did not take place. Once again therefore, the year was mainly one of consolidation for DADSC, although a few personal initiatives were undertaken.

Among the more pleasing aspects of the year was the willingness of individuals to contribute to DADSC through their personal activities. For example, Frank Swift walked the West Highland Way and raised £340 (+ Gift Aid). Also, Douglas Young contributed £500 (+ Gift Aid) in honour of his late father, Pars fan Davie Young. And while DADSC Secretary was in hospital he was sponsored for a pre-operation body shave which raised £220 (+ Gift Aid)!

The DADSC easyfundraising scheme, which provides an income to DADSC from online purchases at no cost to the purchaser, continued to be very successful with £710.98 coming to DADSC at no cost to the individual online purchasers – over 100 people are now using this method to support DADSC. A similar scheme for purchases from Amazon (Smile) also proved worthwhile, with £272.56 being paid to DADSC.

DADSC also received £545 by way of donations from the owners of dafc.net and Squeal-a-Deal, and from players in the DAFC.NET Prediction League.

DADSC's "Cash in the Attic" scheme (whereby unwanted goods from people's garages, attics etc are donated to DADSC and then sold online) proved very successful, raising £1752, of which £1000 came from the donation and sale of a motor boat and trailer!

The lack of opportunities for merchandise sales was slightly disappointing, but online auctions of some Paul Town prints along with donated shirts and other items generated £719.50. One Pars fan bought all DADSC's remaining stock of keyrings to act as favours at his wedding!

An unexpected source of income during the year was that some winners of the DAFC 50:50 half-time draw, Golden Goal and Centenary Club Lifeline competitions donated some or all of their winnings to DADSC, once again showing the generosity of Pars fans.

Individual donations to DADSC are an essential part of DADSC's ethos that those in need should be helped by those who can afford to do so, and a number of individual donations were made during the year, for which DADSC is very grateful - see Note 1 to the Financial Statement, although some donations are included in the "Easyfundraising" figure if that portal was used for payment. Whether shown individually or not, DADSC is hugely appreciative of the generosity shown. The Government recognises the value of charitable

giving through the HMRC Gift Aid scheme which increases the value of most donations by 25% (subject to UK income tax declarations) and through this scheme DADSC received £476.38 from HMRC in respect of donations in previous financial years.

#### **4.4 Awareness**

At the beginning of the year the social restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic affected DADSC's ability to increase awareness of disability issues among football supporters and in the community at large, eg there was no DAFC Open Day or Player of the Year event. However, the DADSC Facebook page continued to be well-received, with over 1000 followers, and each day a new meme was published, aimed at increasing public awareness of issues around disability and accessibility.

DADSC also supported the activities of DAFC by sponsoring a first team player shirt – initially for Kai Kennedy, and subsequently for Steven Lawless.

DADSC continues to work with DAFC to provide the much-appreciated Match Buddy service to home and away supporters.

Through the generosity of DADSC member Dave Thomson, DADSC became a sponsor of Inverkeithing & District Darts League for 2021/22, a partnership which is mutually beneficial.

DADSC's Membership Secretary Timothy Curle was appointed to the Board of Pars United CIC, which gives DADSC a voice at one of the top tables in the football club (although Timothy's primary responsibility is to PUCIC).

DADSC participated in the 2022 Week of Action run throughout Europe by CAFE (Centre for Access to Football in Europe). At the 18 March match with Greenock Morton there was a trackside appearance and parade of Paralympian Gold Medallist Owen Miller and other disabled athletes, wearing CAFE/DADSC t-shirts and with a CAFE banner, and a special DAFC shirt showing "GOLDEN 1" was presented to Owen by Jim Leishman. Meanwhile the ParsTV half-time show had interviews with Owen Miller, Graham Ross (DAFC Disability Access Officer) and Pamela Robson (Disability Sport Fife). This was all well received by the supporters in attendance, and DADSC appreciates the involvement of all those who took part.

#### **4.5 Co-operation**

DADSC is delighted that DADSC member Eddie Martin is continuing to develop his role as DAFC's Mental Health Ambassador, and this is publicised by DADSC through social media. In particular, along with The Pars Foundation Eddie has established a very successful "Walking and Talking" initiative to aid mental health through gentle exercise, and a "Keep on Kicking On" programme providing evening football for youngsters. He has also set up links with a number of local organisations such as The Samaritans, Andy's Man's Club and others to pursue common goals.

Similarly, Graham Ross (DAFC's Disability Access Officer) has been a good friend of DADSC, playing a big part in the CAFE Week of Action mentioned above and also developing links with local organisations and the DAOs of other clubs, as well as providing a go-to point for matchday enquiries from home and travelling supporters. He also ran Deafness Awareness sessions for DAFC staff.

DADSC is also a member of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (No 5197).

Further afield, DADSC continues to have an excellent relationship with CAFE (Centre for Access to Football in Europe) and the expectation is that DADSC and DAFC will participate in the 2023 Week of Action.

## **5 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

DADSC is pleased that Alan Hogarth MCIBS has again been willing to act as honorary Independent Examiner for DADSC, and he has signed off the Financial Statement for 2021/22 which forms part of this Trustees' Report and Accounts.

## **6 SUMMARY**


In many ways, our summary for this financial year is similar to that for last year. The restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic affected DADSC (particularly at the start of the year) but this was only a small part of the effects on society at large and on many individuals personally.

At the end of 2021/22 there still remained uncertainty about if, how or when the 1<sup>st</sup> floor function suites in the main stand at East End Park would become fully accessible to those with mobility difficulties, as directed by the Supporters' Council in 2014. Although the subsequent relegation of DAFC to League One will not help DAFC's ability to take on significant extra commitments, the changes in DAFC ownership and governance lead the DADSC Trustees to be more optimistic about future developments. DADSC will continue trying to reach agreement with DAFC on a solution which is acceptable to all parties.

Despite all the difficulties in fundraising, DADSC showed a surplus for the year of £6210.36, a 27.6% increase on the previous year. The money in the bank account at 31 March 2022 was £45,108.13, so DADSC remains in a strong position financially to support improvements to accessibility at East End Park, and is on track to achieve its initial target of £55,000 within the next two years – although realistically inflation and the passage of time may well require more money to be raised to fully fund the work needed.

Meanwhile, DADSC will continue to work with all parties to improve the matchday experience of all supporters with a disability, and to improve awareness of disability issues among football supporters and in the community.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Nugent." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Dave Nugent (Chair)

18 November 2022

Charity Registration No 048550 (Scotland)

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East End Park, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline KY12 7RB

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022**



**DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC DISABLED SUPPORTERS CLUB**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2021 to 31 MARCH 2022**

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	
		2022 £	2021 £
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Donations	1	5659-98	4419-76
Membership Subscriptions	2	310-00	195-00
Merchandise Sales	3	235-00	-
HMRC		476-38	307-84
Total Income		6681-36	4922-60
<b><u>Payments</u></b>			
Charitable Activities	4	471-00	56-57
Surplus (profit) for the year		6210-36	4866-03

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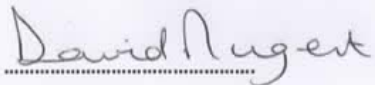
Statement of Balances

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

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	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Bank and deposit balances</b>		
Bank Balance brought forward	38897-77	34031-74
Payments in year	6210-36	4922-60
Bank and deposit balances carried forward	45108-13	38897-77

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by: -



Chairperson  
(David Nugent)

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**Statement of Balances**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

<b>1. Donations</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
DAFC Centenary Club	200-00	-
John Simpson	188-00	269-00
Keith Brown	6-00	75-84
A. Wilshere	-	5-00
I. Kirk	-	250-00
DAFC.net	545-00	125-00
Easy Fundraising	710-98	519-50
Co-operative Society	-	2685-93
Amazon UK	272-56	38-99
Centre for Access	162-00	65-50
Ms. C. Morahan	-	150-00
Ms. I. Russell	-	153-00
M. Clark	-	50-00
D. Thomson	200-00	20-00
A. Watson	-	12-00
R. Barkway	30-00	-
F. Davidson	1000-00	-
C. Bell	5-00	-
Cash in Attic	752-00	-
J. Dowds	100-00	-
A. Robertson	50-00	-
D. Gray	50-00	-
Crowdfunder Ltd	813-44	-
PARS Supporters Trust	90-00	-
P. Town	484-50	-
<b>2. Membership Subscriptions</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership Subscriptions	310-00	195-00

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<b>3. Merchandise Sales</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Merchandise Sales	235-00	Nil
<b>4. Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Refund B. Duncan (.net Prediction)	130-00	-
Facebook Subscriptions	-	27-27
CAFÉ Banners	-	29-30
Shirt Sponsorship	200-00	-
Away Top	20-00	-
CAFÉ T Shirts	121-00	-
<b>5. Bank Balance</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Treasurer's Account	45108-13	38897-77

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**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

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**Examiner's report to the Trustees of Dunfermline Athletic Disabled Supporters' Club.**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are noted above.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether any matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent examiner's statement.**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement.**

During my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.
  - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Alan Hogarth  
Relevant Professional Qualification/Professional Body: MCIBS  
Address: 10 Hatchbank Lane, Kinross, KY13 9LA  
Date: 11th November, 2022

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