



DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC DISABLED SUPPORTERS' CLUB

KDM Group East End Park, Halbeath Road, Dunfermline KY12 7RB

Report & Accounts

1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

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

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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 2022 to 31 March 2023.

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 Charity Trustees who are all long-term Pars supporters.

2 GOVERNANCE

At 1 April 2022, the Charity Trustees and office-bearers were as follows, with the office-bearers elected from among themselves:

Chair: Dave Nugent

Treasurer: Roger Hyde

Secretary: John Simpson

Membership Secretary: Timothy Curle

Trustees: Nicola Campbell, David Laming

In accordance with the DADSC Constitution, an Annual General Meeting was held on 28 November 2022 in the Boardroom of KDM Group East End Park and also using Zoom conferencing to allow members living remotely to participate.

The existing six Trustees had indicated their willingness to serve a further year as Charity Trustees, and were elected unopposed. Although not present at the AGM, Eddie Martin had put his name forward to be a Charity Trustee and was elected unopposed, so these seven individuals therefore formed the Board of DADSC SCIO for the incoming year. The four 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 2022 there were a number of individuals who had joined DADSC but were not fully paid-up with their annual membership subscriptions. During the year, several of these members brought their subscription payments back up to date and at 31 March 2023 there

were 61 fully paid-up members. Additionally, some members have paid in advance so DADSC's revenue from membership subscriptions increased significantly from last year (£310 up to £460).

During the year, DADSC member Dave Allan died after a long illness. Dave was a well-known and popular volunteer around KDM Group East End Park, always willing to help the football club and the various supporter groups.

It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting on 28 November 2022 that the annual membership fee should remain unchanged at £5.

4 ACTIVITIES OF DADSC

4.1 COVID-19 Pandemic

Thankfully, during 2022/23 there were no official restrictions on activity due to the Covid-19 pandemic, allowing DADSC to once again carry out awareness and fundraising activities which had been limited during the previous two years.

4.2 Accessibility

DADSC appreciates that KDM Group East End Park remains one of the best grounds in Scotland for disabled supporters to watch a match, but DADSC also believes strongly that further improvements are both desirable and achievable - the whole of the Main Stand first floor is currently 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, and in 2014 the DAFC Supporters' Council set up a Disability Access Group to consider ways of achieving full accessibility in the Main Stand (in particular to the First Floor Function Suites). The work of this Group formed the foundation for DADSC's subsequent fundraising and recommendations to DAFC.

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 aims to provide all or most of the funding required to achieve the improvements, but would welcome contributions from DAFC or other sources.

DADSC is pleased to report that meetings were held during 2022/23 with the Chairman of DAFC Ltd, who indicated DAFC's willingness to work with DADSC and others to achieve a mutually-acceptable solution, and to seek the assistance of the stadium sponsors (KDM Group) in the design and management of the work.

The original estimate of funding required for lift access to the 1st Floor (and associated work) was £55,000 and this is the figure that DADSC had been working towards. That target was achieved in December 2022 but DADSC and DAFC both recognise that with the passage of time and inflationary pressures, particularly in the construction industry, it will be necessary for new estimates to be prepared professionally. In advance of these estimates and agreement with DAFC on a solution to the access issue, the DADSC Trustees agreed in December 2022 to increase DADSC's fundraising target to £75,000.

4.3 Events and Fundraising

With social restrictions due to Covid-19 having been lifted, it became possible once again for DADSC to hold significant fundraising activities.

There are hundreds of grant-making bodies in the UK, each with its own criteria for making grants to charities and good causes. As a member of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations DADSC receives regular updates on the status of these funds and submits an application for a grant if it is eligible. Many of these applications are unsuccessful (competition is fierce), but in 2022/23 DADSC was fortunate enough to receive substantial grants from the Green Hall Foundation (£4000), the Arnold Clark Foundation (£2000) and the Benefact Group (£1000). Together these grants represented over half of DADSC's annual income and it is unlikely that successes will be as significant in future years.

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 not all donations are identified individually DADSC is hugely appreciative of the generosity shown. Once again during the year Pars fans contributed to DADSC through their personal activities. For example, Ian Morrison contributed £1000 from the advertising revenue on his website, Dave Thomson donated £600, John Simpson raised £430 from a sponsored walk across Morecambe Bay and Alistair Carstairs contributed £72 from a collection can in Coady's. And as in the previous year but again unexpected and unsought, some generous prizewinners in the Golden Goal competition run by the Pars Supporters Trust donated their prizes (totalling £322) to DADSC.

DADSC's co-operation with the Inverkeithing and District Darts League continued to bear fruit, with a donation of £350 being made to DADSC as well as the opportunity for DADSC to attend the Finals Day, where a further £80 was collected. Similarly, the DAFC.net Prediction League generated £100 from entrance fees donated to DADSC.

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 £448.18 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 £267.80 being paid to DADSC.

DADSC's "Cash in the Attic" scheme (whereby unwanted goods from people's garages, attics etc are donated to DADSC and then sold online) was much less successful than in previous years, raising only £92.50 compared with £752 in the previous year. This was entirely due to the lack of items donated.

Similarly, the lack of opportunities for sales of dedicated DADSC merchandise sales was disappointing, with sales declining from £235 to £170. However, there were a number of online auctions of donated football shirts and other items which generated further income during the year.

Bucket/can collections were held in Asda St Leonards (£192), at EEP before the FC Edinburgh match (£520), at Inverkeithing Darts League Finals Day (£80) and in Coady's Pub (£72). DADSC recognises that fewer people carry cash but might be willing to donate by card, so a card reader would be made available at future collection opportunities. The DADSC annual membership subscription of £5 brought in £460, as Member Subscriptions started to catch up after delays during Covid and some members paid for future years in advance.

A "Donate by Text" scheme was introduced, but with limited success. There is a significant delay in payments reaching DADSC, and there was no income during 2022/23 (although some has been received subsequently and will be reported on in next year's Trustees' Report and Accounts.) The Trustees will review the merits of retaining this channel.

Monies from HMRC via the Gift Aid scheme were not received during 2022/23, but have been received subsequently and will be reported on in next year's Trustees' Report and Accounts.

Recognising the effect of inflation on DADSC's funds, towards the end of 2022/23 the Trustees agreed to transfer most of DADSC's funds into fixed rate interest-bearing accounts with the Bank of Scotland, thus providing some additional income while maintaining the security of the funds. These accounts would become operational in April 2023 and will be reported on in next year's Trustees' Report and Accounts.

4.4 Awareness

As with fundraising, the lifting of social restrictions due to Covid-19 allowed the resumption of DADSC's activities to raise awareness of disability issues, a key objective in DADSC's charitable status.

The DADSC Facebook page continued to be well-received by over 1100 followers, with a reach for some individual posts of up to 10,000. Each day at 1pm a new meme or post was published, either giving news about DADSC or aiming to increase public awareness of issues around disability and accessibility.

The DADSC Monthly Bulletins issued to all members and supporters aim to keep people aware of and involved with what DADSC is doing, and to demonstrate transparency in DADSC's affairs.

DADSC continues to work with DAFC to provide the much-appreciated Match Buddy service to home and away supporters. The retirement of some of the existing Match Buddies resulted in difficulty at some matches in meeting demand, and a lot of work was put in by DAFC's Disability Access Officer Graham Ross to recruit new members, including adverts in the Fife Voluntary Action newsletter.

DADSC and DAFC participated in the 2023 Week of Action run throughout Europe by CAFE (Centre for Access to Football in Europe). At the 18 March match with FC Edinburgh 10-year old wheelchair user Calvin Early led out the Pars and a 7-a-side match took place at half-time between the Scottish National Cerebral Palsy Team and a Pars Legends team, shown in entirety on ParsTV, who also had interviews with Greig Taylor (Manager of the Scotland National CP Team) and Graham Ross (DAFC's Disability Access Officer), who had co-ordinated the day's events. Special t-shirts funded by CAFE were worn by Sammy the Tammy and the participants and DADSC had a stall in the Norrie McCathie Stand concourse, where £120 of merchandise was sold.

DAFC and The Pars Foundation organized a scheme to deliver Christmas presents to local disadvantaged children, and sought donations from supporter groups. with the promise to match the funds donated by supporter groups. DADSC donated £250 to the scheme via DAFC.

Along with several other groups in the Pars family, in February DADSC attended the "Play Your Part" event at KDM Group East End Park, celebrating the work of volunteers and seeking to gain new ones. DADSC had a display banner and table, distributed flyers to those who attended, and recruited two new members.

DADSC has also attended several of the regular (but informal) meetings held with various supporter groups by the DADC Chairman and management team.

4.5 Co-operation

DADSC is delighted that DADSC Trustee Eddie Martin continues to develop his role as DAFC's Mental Health Ambassador, in particular the work he does with The Pars Foundation as well as other initiatives.

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.

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 2024 Week of Action once the date is announced.

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 2022/23 which forms part of this Trustees' Report and Accounts.

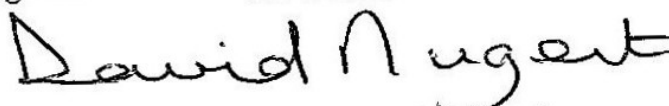
6 SUMMARY

At the end of 2022/23 there still remained uncertainty about if, how or when the 1st floor function suites in the main stand at KDM Group East End Park would become fully accessible to those with mobility difficulties, as directed by the DAFC Supporters' Council. However, the change in DAFC ownership combined with the positive and open approach evidenced by the DAFC Chairman lead the DADSC Trustees to be optimistic about future developments. DADSC will continue to work with DAFC to achieve a solution which is acceptable to all parties.

DADSC showed a surplus for the year of £12,795.57, a 91.5% increase on the previous year. The money in the bank account at 31 March 2022 was £57,487.87, a 27.4% increase on the previous year. DADSC remains in a strong position financially to support improvements to accessibility at KDM Group East End Park, and having achieved its initial target of £55,000 is now on track to achieve the new target of £75,000 during 2024/25.

DADSC is deeply grateful for the enormous financial, practical and emotional support given over the years by fans of the Pars and other clubs, by members of the general public and by various grant-making bodies. 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



Dave Nugent (Chair)
October 2023

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Charity Registration No 048550 (Scotland)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC DISABLED SUPPORTERS CLUB

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

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 to 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	
	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<u>Receipts</u>			
Donations	1	12165-57	5659-9
Membership Subscriptions	2	460-00	310-00
Merchandise Sales	3	170-00	235-00
HMRC		-	476-38
Total Income		12795-57	6681-36
<u>Payments</u>			
Charitable Activities	4	415.83	471-00
Surplus (profit) for the year		12379-74	6210-36

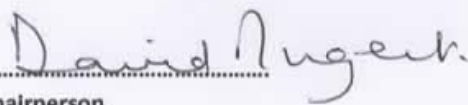
Financial Statements
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC DISABLED SUPPORTERS CLUB

Statement of Balances

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bank and deposit balances		
Bank Balance brought forward	45108-13	38897-77
Payments in year	12379-74	6210-36
Bank and deposit balances carried forward	57487-87	45108-13

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



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Chairperson
(David Nugent)

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1.	Donations	2023	2022
		£	£
	DAFC Centenary Club	-	200-00
	John Simpson	200-00	188-00
	Keith Brown	-	6-00
	DAFC.net	100-00	545-00
	Easy Fundraising	448.18	710-98
	Amazon UK	267-80	272-56
	Centre for Access	207-66	162-00
	D. Thomson	600-00	200-00
	R. Barkway	-	30-00
	F. Davidson	-	1000-00
	C. Bell	-	5-00
	Cash in Attic	92-50	752-00
	J. Dowds	-	100-00
	A. Robertson	-	50-00
	D. Gray	-	50.00
	Crowdfunder Ltd	-	813-44
	PARS Supporters Trust	322-00	90-00
	P. Town	-	484-50
	Green Hall Fund Trust	4000-00	
	Arnold Clark (Motors)	2000-00	
	Charities Trust	1000-00	
	Ian Morrison	1000-00	
	Miscellaneous Donations (Cash, Shirts, Books, Bucket collections)	1927-43	
2.	Membership Subscriptions	2023	2022
		£	£
	Membership Subscriptions	460-00	310-00

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AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

3.	Merchandise Sales	2023	2022
		£	£
	Merchandise Sales	170-00	235-00
4.	Charitable Activities	2023	2022
		£	£
	Refund B. Duncan (.net Prediction)	-	130-00
	Shirt Sponsorship	-	200-00
	Away Top	-	20-00
	CAFÉ T Shirts	-	121-00
	Stationery	27-83	
	T-Shirt Printing	138-00	
	Christmas donation to DAFC	250-00	
5.	Bank Balance	2023	2022
		£	£
	Bank Treasurer's Account	57487-87	45108-13

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AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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 2023 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.



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