



## NOVEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Since the Kinross-shire Fund was launched almost 18 months ago, a total of just over £65,000 has been raised through grants and donations from individuals, families, local organisations and companies. Their support in getting the Fund off the ground has been hugely appreciated. Special mention should perhaps go to DF Concerts (organisers of T in the Park) and the Scottish Community Foundation, both of whose very generous donations have enabled the Fund to get underway in a meaningful fashion. But our thanks go to all who have contributed to date.

Money raised from donations is allocated by the Advisory Committee (see separate fact sheet for details) between funds available for immediate grants and funds for the longer term which are held in an Endowment Fund. In round figures, the money raised to date has been allocated as follows:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Funds raised from donations and grants	£65,000	
Interest / Investment Income	£3,500*	
Transferred to the long term Endowment Fund		£30,000*
Grants paid to 7 local groups / projects	<u>£68,500</u>	<u>£30,000</u>
		<b>£60,000</b>
<b>Total currently available for grants</b>		<b>£8,500</b>

\* Each year, the sum equivalent to 5% of the Endowment Fund is transferred into funds available for grant-making.

### FUNDING PRIORITY AREAS

The Advisory Committee have decided to concentrate the grant awards within a number of funding priority areas. These priorities are reviewed annually and are currently as follows (in alphabetical order):

- Community Events
- Community Information
- Community Transport
- Community Welfare (healthcare)
- Physical Amenities
- Recreational Facilities
- Support for the Elderly
- Support for Existing Voluntary Organisations & Charities

## GRANTS AWARDED TO DATE

### **Kinross-shire Community Website [www.kinross.cc]**

If you have not yet had a look at our local community website, it is well worth a visit because it is full of useful information. Funding from the Kinross-shire Fund enabled development of an interactive facility to allow communities and organisations to update their own information. The second part of the project involved setting up a Community Diary of Events and a BulletinBoard to allow anyone who wished to comment on local issues.



### **Kinross Road Runners**

Kinross Road Runners are a social, friendly club who accept people of all abilities with the aim of encouraging more of us to get fit and stay healthy. A grant was awarded to the club to purchase two large banners and bases. These banners will help raise their profile at any running events they organise or attend in an attempt to promote the club and its aims.



### **Portmoak under Fives Group**



The group provides pre school education and play for local children and a grant was awarded to them to purchase folding tables, table holder, 'ride on' toys and a ladybird cushion set. Much of their existing equipment had been old and falling apart and these new items have made a huge difference. The new tables and table holder will also be used by the wider community using the hall for brownies, functions, parties etc.

### **Street Football Arena**

We are confident that this new recreational facility, which has been purchased through the Kinross-shire Partnership for use throughout Kinross-shire, will prove a great hit with the local community. The enclosed arena measures 15m by 10m when erected with goals at each end and can be sited in any open spaces such as car parks, playgrounds, fields and lawns. Simple to erect and dismantle, the arena comes with its own bespoke trailer and can be easily transported to communities throughout the community. [Telephone 01577 863439 to book the arena].



## GRANTS AWARDED TO DATE (continued)

### **Kinross District Art Club**



The Fund made a grant to help with the club's costs in staging their annual exhibition of paintings in Kinross Parish Church. The paintings are all by club members, mostly of retirement age, and the annual exhibition demonstrates what is achievable by individuals participating in weekly club meetings with an artist tutor.

### **Kinross Duke of Edinburgh Award Support Group**

Financial assistance was requested for the Fund to support the expedition element of the D of E Award by providing equipment on loan for pupils of Kinross High School who participate in the award.. In particular, the grant went towards the cost of maps and map cases for future expeditions usually consisting of up to 21 pupils and 6 volunteer leaders. Such expeditions can require up to 13 maps and, without this grant, pupils would have had to make use of old maps or photocopies whilst the volunteer leaders would have had to pay for their own.



### **Kinross Cricket Club**

Under new direction, Kinross Cricket Club has been revitalised over the last 3 years. A Junior section was established in 2005 and, because of extraordinary demand, had to be capped at 120 this last season. Increasing the coaching staff to 19 this winter should permit the Junior section to increase to 150 next year. On the field, they have been equally successful, winning the Under 13s Scottish Cup in 2006 and 2007 and the Under 15s Scottish Cup in 2007. The Club also now has several of its juniors playing international games for Scotland. At senior level, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI were only denied promotion at only their second attempt by adverse weather in their final game.

2007 has been a momentous year for Kinross Cricket Club off the field as well. They moved from inadequate facilities at The Myre to their new ground in front of Kinross House. Money raised from grants and fund-raising activities have enabled the Club to lay down a new grass pitches and an all-weather strip as well as fund the erection of a cricket pavilion. Sight screens, grass machinery and a heavy roller, as well as practice and playing equipment, have also been procured. The purpose of the grant from the Kinross-shire Fund was to purchase 3 wicket covers to protect the grass wickets from inclement weather before matches. The poor weather this last summer often left the grass pitches unplayable and led to matches having to switch to the artificial pitch. The cricket covers will make a huge difference to the Club when they are rolled out next season.



Scottish Under 13 Cup winners



Scottish Under 15 Cup winners



Presentation of the cheque from the Fund

## **OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS**

### **KINROSS-SHIRE FUND WEBSITE [[www.kinross-shirefund.org](http://www.kinross-shirefund.org)]**

The Fund now has its own spanking new website designed by local Kinross girl, Laura Cuthbert. The website contains yet more information about the Kinross-shire Fund, its structure, who currently sits on the Advisory Committee which determines which projects to support – and much more. It will also shortly contain a link to the Scottish Community Foundation website which will enable donors to give money online.

### **SUPPORT NEEDED**

Although the Kinross-shire Fund has made an admirable start, it has deliberately kept a low profile up until now in order to ensure that its innovative structure worked as well as we hoped and to allow time to make some early grants to local projects. Everything is working well and now is the time to crank up our efforts to make a real difference within the local community. To achieve that, we need the local communities in Kinross-shire to rally round and support this initiative, whether it is on an individual level, groups or local companies. Donations can be in various forms:

#### **Individuals & Families** (see enclosed Kinross-shire Fund brochure)

- **Make a donation** to the Kinross-shire Fund by giving a set amount monthly, quarterly or annually either **by standing order or payroll giving**.
- **Send us a cheque or CAF voucher** made out to Kinross-shire Fund
- Invest your shares in your local community. **Giving shares and securities** attracts very generous tax incentives. **What's more, there is no capital gains tax to pay!**
- **Leave a gift** to Kinross-shire in your will. The donation will be tax free and you can leave as much or as little as you want, after you have provided for family and friends
- You could **give through your company (Payroll Giving)**. Supporting your local community through its local fund is a great way to give something back.

#### **Groups**

**Organise a fund-raising event** on behalf of the Kinross-shire Fund or **raise money through sponsorship** for some activity you are taking part in. For example, the local Rotary Club has organized a charity golf day at Kinross for the last 2 years and very generously donated half the proceeds of the events to the Kinross-shire Fund.

#### **Local Companies**

To date, local companies have been one of the main contributors to the Kinross-shire Fund and it is to be hoped that not only will past supporters continue to provide financial assistance to the Fund but also that many more local companies can be persuaded to put something back into their local community. A page on the website [[www.kinross-shirefund.org](http://www.kinross-shirefund.org)] is devoted to showing the logos of those companies that provide support by way of acknowledgement and our appreciation.

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

With the sad departure of Camilla Beasley to pastures new down south, I could definitely do with some support on the Fund Development Committee. If there is anyone out there who would like to become involved with the Kinross-shire Fund, do please let me know by email ([jm@kinrosshouse.com](mailto:jm@kinrosshouse.com)) or telephone 07799 064 731. The Fund Development Committee has operated until now on a fairly informal basis and has not proved overly onerous in terms of time. However, more hands (and minds) would definitely be welcomed.