

**Agenda for The Grange Association 46th AGM**

**To be held on**

**Tuesday 18 March 2025**

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of the 45th, 19th March 2024, AGM Minute
4. Matters arising from that Minute
5. Reports:
  - a. Chair
  - b. Planning (including Trees)
6. Honorary Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts
7. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
8. Amendments to the constitution
9. Adoption of membership fees for 2024/25
10. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members
11. Question time and AOCB.
12. Conclusion.

**Minutes of the Grange Association Forty-Fifth Annual General Meeting**

**Held at St Catherine's Argyle  
On Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.00pm**

**Present:**

**Committee:** John Elliot (Chair), Mark Batho (Vice Chair), Lucy Richardson (Secretary), Richard Brown (Interim Treasurer), Jenny Dawe, Molly Ludlam, Maggie Anderson, Sue Tritton.

**Members:** approximately 70 present, including Cllr Tim Pogson

**Apologies:** Cllr Pauline Flannery, Cllr Steve Burgess, Daniel Johnston MSP, Ian Murray MP, Maggie Stevenson – West Blacket Association, John Wood, Peter Pitkin and Alison Wood.

**1. Welcome**

The Chair, John Elliot, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

There were 8 apologies, as above.

**3. Adoption of Forty-Fourth, 21 March 2023 AGM minutes**

The minutes were approved by the meeting.

Proposed: Roger Kellett    Seconded: Hilary Watkinson

**4. Matters arising**

There were none.

**5. Reports**

**a) Chair's Report**

John reported on the activities of the Association during the year 2023. He noted the success of the Grange Fair, the financial surplus it made and its distribution to local charities and to Newington Library. He referred to the regular distribution of our newsletter to more than 3,500 households and to the great success of the winter talks programme. The gardens group had had an active year and John also thanked the many volunteers who had cleared the pavements of leaves in the autumn. He noted the work that had been done in Grange cemetery and praised our provision of information and guides during Doors Open Day. John reminded the meeting of our care of trees in the area and greeted the creation of a new Home Energy Group.

In closing John thanked the committee members who had given so much to the Association: the Grange Fair (Lucy Richardson, on 18 May this year) the newsletter (Jenny Dawe) the work in the cemetery (Jenny Dawe and Sue Tritton), evening talks

(Maggie Anderson and Mark Batho), gardens (Lynn Errey), clearing leaves (Sue Tritton), trees (Peter Pitkin) and home energy (Molly Ludlam).

**b) Planning**

Nigel Ayton, having already provided a written report, spoke to the meeting and highlighted that there were 129 planning applications last year of which 13 were refused, though there are still some applications awaiting a decision from 2023.

The Planning Sub-group objected to 24 of these with suggestions to moderate or soften the application. Only 4 of these applications went forward unamended. Comments included applications with over-development, infilling, parking and destruction of original features.

There has been a threat to our area from Short Term Lets (STLs). Legislation has caught up and all STLs must now be licensed.

Three mobile phone masts had planning permission refused. We had objected to the two to be sited on pavements, but not that on the tower of Mayfield Salisbury church.

There is a pending application for the Scottish Law Commission building on Causewayside to be demolished and replaced by student flats.

Nigel appealed for new members of the Planning Sub-group.

**c) Trees**

See the report provided as part of the AGM Members' Pack

**d) Home Energy**

See the report provided as part of the AGM Members' Pack. Molly Ludlam is organising a home energy workshop at St Catherine's Argyle from 6.30-9.30pm on Tuesday 30 April.

**e) Climate Change Competition**

John is liaising with James Gillespie's and St Thomas of Aquin's High Schools to promote a competition to secondary school children in the area on how climate change will affect the Grange.

**6. Honorary Treasurer's report and adoption of accounts**

Membership rose again from 500 to 517 members. This includes 30 new members.

The Interim Treasurer, Richard Brown, presented the accounts for 2023. Richard thanked Ken Robertson and David McCraw for their help in preparing them. He noted the following:

- £7,000 was received as income and donations.
- Gift Aid was not applied for in 2023, but £1,368 has since arrived.
- Friends of Grange Cemetery – the OrthoMetals donation was not received in 2023, but a first tranche of £833 has since arrived.
- The Grange Fair generated £6,300 and the surplus of £2,800 was donated to local charities.
- Proposing to buy a metal bench at £2,004.

The accounts were adopted by the meeting:

Proposed: Jim McGhee      Seconded: Roger Kellett

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Reappointment of Rick Ballard:

Proposed: Nigel Ayton      Seconded: Sue Tritton

## **7. Adoption of membership fees for 2023/4**

Richard's recommendation that the fees should remain the same was agreed:

Proposed: John McCutcheon      Seconded: Hilary Watkinson

## **8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

Before electing the new committee John gave thanks to the outgoing committee members – Lucy Richardson, Sue Tritton, Maggie Anderson and Neil Robb. Particular thanks to Richard Brown for taking over as interim treasurer for a year whilst a replacement was found.

The current Office Bearers and committee members for 23/24 were as follows, with the year of first election shown in brackets: -

### **Office Bearers (serve for up to 4 years)**

*Chair: John Elliot (2023)*

*Vice chair: Mark Batho (2022)*

Hon Secretary: Lucy Richardson (2020) - retiring

Hon Interim Treasurer: Richard Brown - retiring

### **Committee (up to 8) (serve for up to 4 years)**

*Richard Brown (2020)*

*Jenny Dawe (2022)*

*Molly Ludlam (2023)*

*Peter Pitkin (2023)*

Sue Tritton (2020) - retiring

Neil Robb (2020) - retiring

Maggie Anderson (2023) – retiring

In addition to those committee members whose names are in italics, it was proposed that the following join the committee: Lynda Hay Hon Secretary, David McCraw Hon Treasurer and Alison Wood

The meeting approved the election as above.

Proposed: Jim McGhee      Seconded: Jo Doake

## **9. Members' Contributions and Participation**

The committee is keen to encourage more involvement in our work and John pointed people towards a sign-up form at the back of the hall.

## **10. Question Time and AOCB**

None

## **11. Presentation of the Grange Award**

This was presented to Stephen Fox of the Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club. John Elliot cited the combination of the Club's contribution to the visual attractiveness of the Grange as well as the wider amenity that the Club provides. He noted in particular the upgrading of the garden within the club premises, its Summer and Winter Fairs and its engagement in the Grange Fair.

Stephen accepted the award and noted the Bowling Club would be open on 30 June for Scotland's Gardens scheme. The club is also holding a Summer Fair on 25 May and is holding a coffee morning on 13 April to which everyone is invited. New members are welcomed at an annual fee of £50 and non-playing members at £20.

## **12. Conclusion**

The AGM closed at 19.40 It was followed by a talk by Professor Frances Fowle, Senior Curator at the Scottish National Gallery who gave a presentation on Sir John Lavery, 'Glasgow Boy' and his paintings of France and Scotland.

## **GRANGE ASSOCIATION HOME ENERGY**

### **REPORT FOR 2024 AGM**

My appointment to the Grange Association (GA) at the AGM 2023 was to fill a new brief – that of ‘Home Energy’. In fact, the GA has had long been concerned with issues associated with this topic, but my appointment represents an opportunity to focus on them.

The first few months were spent considering how best to involve members of the Association as well as to gather relevant information about what residents in this area would find helpful. In November 2023, a small group of interested residents was convened to plan how to address our common concerns, these being: the retrofit of our draughty old (and even newer!) houses; reducing our individual and collective carbon footprints; and reconciling potentially competing retrofit needs with conservation area requirements.

The group has continued to meet monthly. An item in the January 2024 GA Newsletter described our 2023 progress.

In 2024 the group plans to:

- Hold an open meeting for residents with the aim of offering a brief introduction to the whole topic along with some local examples of what GA residents have done. This could be followed by further events if the need is expressed.
- Respond to GA residents’ enquiries by providing relevant information, where possible.
- Develop a dedicated page on the GA website.
- Participate in the Grange Fair.

Molly Ludlam, 4 March 2024

# 2024 Planning and Trees reports to AGM – March 2025

## Planning applications

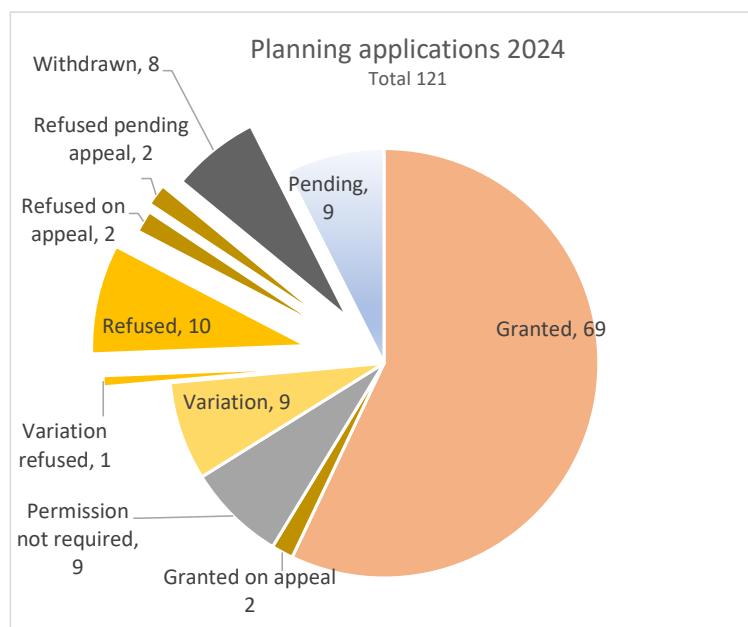
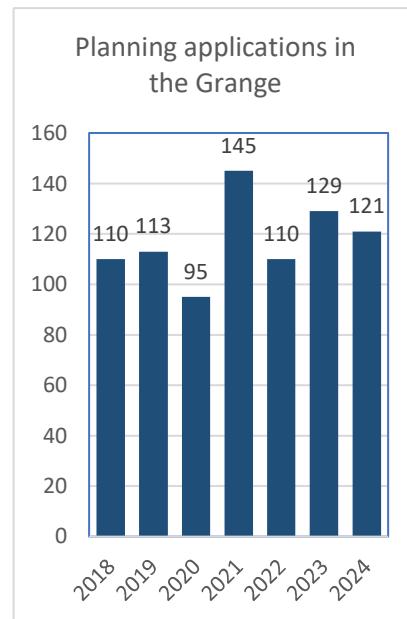
In 2024, there were 121 planning applications in the Grange, a small reduction of 6% compared with 2023. The flow of applications is now fairly stable at that level, after the swings in 2020 and 2021 during the Covid pandemic.

Of the 121 applications, 71 have already been granted, with a further nine pending determination. Nine were notified as not requiring permission and there were also nine variations to previous grants of planning permission. Eight applications were withdrawn and 15 were refused, two of which are pending appeals.

The Grange Association lodged objections on seven of the 121 applications. Only two of the applications to which we objected have been granted unamended. The others were refused or withdrawn.

For residential applications, we continue to press for adherence to the Grange Conservation Area Character Appraisal and to guard against the risks identified in that document:

- Over-development, infilling the spaces between properties that create the open green character of the Grange;
- Paving over front gardens to create off-street parking with the loss of soft landscaping;
- Destruction of original walling or street features, such as gate piers and railings;
- Use of non-traditional materials, such as uPVC and aluminium, for windows, doors and cladding.



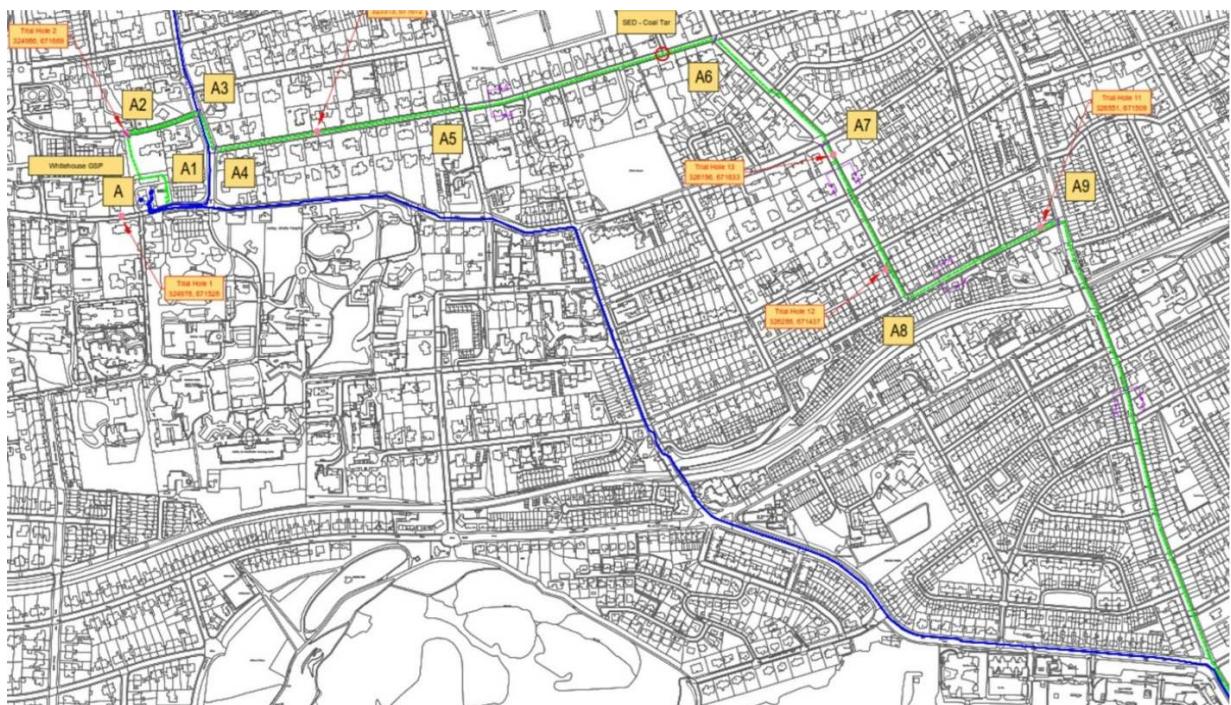
One application that is still hanging over from 2023 is the proposal to demolish the former Scottish Law Commission building at 140 Causewayside and develop the site to accommodate 174 students. The image below shows the developers' view of the finished site. The application was refused by the Council's Development Management Sub-Committee on 12 June 2024, by five votes to four, despite the Planning Officers having recommended approval. The developers appealed to the Scottish Government and that appeal was dismissed on 28 October 2024, for reasons different from the

reasons for which the Councillors initially refused consent. The Government's Reporter cited the new Local Development Plan which requires that new student accommodation should be principally in "clusters", with shared kitchens and living areas, rather than in individual en-suite apartments. This is *"to avoid isolation and to promote healthy student communities where students interact to improve wellbeing"*. The developers are not giving up, however, and have now escalated their appeal to the Court of Session, where a hearing is awaited.



140 Causewayside - *Proposal*

#### Planned road works – Cable laying



Scottish Power Energy Networks is planning to install medium voltage cables (33 kV) from Newbattle Terrace through the Grange to the King's Buildings and beyond. The route will run from the back of the substation in Newbattle Terrace, along Clinton Road, Blackford Road, Dick Place, Lauder Road,

South Lauder Road, Relugas Road, crossing the railway at the Mayfield Road bridge. The route is shown as the green line on the map above. The blue line on the map shows the route of the high voltage (275kV) cables that supply the Newbattle Terrace sub-station. These were installed around 2010. Further information is in [this thread](#) on our web forum.

The work will take about 15 months, from summer 2025 to autumn 2026. There will be inevitable disruption from the works and the Grange Association is setting up meetings with the project managers to ensure we understand what is being done and, where appropriate, to suggest changes to the detailed plans.

### **Participate in our review of applications**

Our committee includes a sub-group which reviews all applications in the Grange area for planning permission or for listed building consent. Where members have agreed we can use their e-mail addresses, we notify them of the applications close to them. For the more significant applications, we invite comments from the wider membership on our web forum. Details of all applications are accessible from the [planning pages](#) on our website.

If you would like to join this sub-group to help with the work reviewing planning applications in the Grange, please complete the “[Participate](#)” form on our web site or contact any Committee member.

Nigel Ayton  
Planning  
5 March 2025

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### **Trees report 2024**

110 proposals were notified to the council for work on trees in the conservation area, twelve more than in 2023. 54 involved the felling of one or more trees (including one or two dead ones and few mere shrubs); this compares with 40 in 2023.

Ten proposals sought permission for work on trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPO). Six of these concerned the Astley Ainslie TPO, one of which, an application to fell a sycamore in the grounds of 137 Grange Loan, was refused. For one other TPO case, Homeross House, the council made a ‘mixed decision’ which refused permission for the felling of a substantial lime tree, on amenity grounds.

The council made two new TPOs, one in response to a proposal to cut back severely several trees in the grounds of 59 Fountainhall Road, the other to prevent the felling of a copper beech to the rear of 18 Mortonhall Road. In both cases the council’s decision cited the amenity value of the trees. In the Fountainhall Road case, a subsequent application for a more restrained operation was granted.

Of the remaining 98 non-TPO cases, three were withdrawn, at least two of them in response to pressure from the council. In two of the three cases, both involving significant copper beeches, the work proposed was inadequately specified, in effect applying no constraints. The third case was a proposal to fell a sweet/Spanish chestnut in front of the flats at the far W end of S Oswald Road.

In at least two other cases proposals were amended at the council's request, reducing the severity of the operations proposed. The most notable of these resulted in a substantial lime at the N end of Seton Place being spared the axe – instead it will be pollarded.

So all-in-all the council's decisions saved several notable trees. Most of the tree-work in the conservation area can be considered either necessary or judicious management. Most of the trees removed are, of themselves, of little or no amenity value, although they may contribute to the leafy character of the area, reducing noise and pollution.

Among the trees lost were several mature birch trees. Birches are often self-sown and therefore in inconvenient places. They are also short-lived; few survive far beyond a hundred years. Over the past ten years or so we have seen Himalayan birches (*Betula utilis* subsp. *Jaquemontii*) planted in many gardens in the Grange. It remains to be seen how long-lived these are.

The felling of three ash trees affected by ash dieback was approved. The most conspicuous of these is behind the houses on the S side of Dick Place, beside the Carlton Cricket Club ground. Most of the weeping ashes that were a feature of the gardens of many of the older houses have now been lost to the disease.

Cool wet weather through the spring and into the summer appeared, unsurprisingly, to favour various other fungal diseases. Fireblight continues to take its toll on rowan and ornamental cherries. Holly trees, particularly variegated varieties, and silver birches were affected by leaf-spot – the spotted leaves of birches being copiously shed in mid-summer.

So we paid a price for the abundant flowering of camellias and magnolias in the early part of the year.

I have responded to 20 requests for advice or information from members. I have corresponded with the council commenting on eleven notified proposals.

Peter Pitkin

15. 02. 2025

# **The Grange Association**

**SC025491**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements for  
the Year Ended 31 December 2024**



**The Grange Association is a volunteer supported charity based in the Grange, an area in the south of Edinburgh, supporting and protecting community interests, the environment and local history.**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

### **For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## **Reference and Administrative Information**

### **Charity Name**

The Grange Association

### **Charity Number**

SC025491

### **Address**

C/o John Elliot, 1 Lauder Loan, Edinburgh, EH9 2RB

### **Current Trustees**

John Elliot	Chair
Mark Batho	Vice Chair
Lynda Hay	Honorary Secretary - elected 19 March 2024
David McCraw	Honorary Treasurer - elected 19 March 2024

### **Other Trustees who served during the year**

Lucy Richardson	Retired - 19 March 2024
Richard Brown	Retired - 19 March 2024

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Constitution**

The charity is an unincorporated association. It was founded in 1974 and is governed by its constitution which was adopted in 1996 and last amended on 3 March 2020. The Association was granted charitable status by OSCR on 13 November 1996.

### **Appointment of Trustees, Officers and Committee**

The trustees of the Association are the Chair, Vice Chair, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer who are the officers of the Association. No officer shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for at least one year after having served in that office for four consecutive years.

The Committee members shall consist of the officers of the Association *ex officio* and not more than eight further ordinary members. No ordinary member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election to the Committee as an ordinary member for at least one year after having served as an ordinary member for four consecutive years.

The position of each committee member shall be subject to election or re-election at each Annual General Meeting for the period of one year until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members who will act in an advisory and non-voting capacity.

### **Management**

The Committee is responsible for running the affairs of the Association and taking decisions on its behalf, subject always to the over-riding authority of members expressed by a majority at a General Meeting.

### **Membership**

Membership shall be open to all persons or bodies who are interested in the objectives of the Association and on payment of the appropriate subscription.

### **Amendments to the Constitution**

The Committee reviewed the constitution of the Association and decided to place certain changes before the 2025 AGM. These include a clarification of who are the charity trustees and the length of office that officers and committee members might serve.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Charitable purposes**

The objectives of the Association are to encourage and promote, by charitable means but not otherwise, the following: to stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the Grange and its neighbourhood in the City of Edinburgh; to encourage the preservation, protection, development and improvement of historical, architectural or public interest in the area of benefit; to encourage high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit; and to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit.

### **Activities**

Our activities are about: the advancement of citizenship or community development; the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science; the advancement of environmental protection or improvement; and any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **The Grange Fair**

Another beautiful day in May greeted an enthusiastic gathering of Grange residents. Children's games proved to be very popular (the tarmac of a closed section of Fountainhall Road was covered in chalk drawings) as was the flower stall, which was sold out almost within the hour. The many and varied entertainments and the product and sales stalls all combined to produce a surplus of £3,000 and gifts and donations were made to a variety of local charities as well as the Newington Library, the Edinburgh Schools Pipe Band and the Sciennes School choir.

## **Talks**

We concluded our 23/24 winter programme in March and started the current series in October. Covering a wide range of topics, these events are very popular, regularly drawing as many as one hundred people.

## **Home Energy**

Our Home Energy group arranged two events. In April, an initial Open Meeting attracted an excellent attendance and this was followed by a meeting in October devoted to energy conservation in the home.

## **Newsletter and website**

We produced three newsletters during the year, which are distributed free of charge to all households with the Grange. The cost of this was £3,500, paid for in part by advertising. In addition, regular emails were sent to members and our website, providing a range of useful resources, had 40,000 hits in the year.

## **Climate change competition**

We promoted a competition for secondary-school children asking them to state how they thought climate change would affect the area. There were 23 entries and cash prizes, the first being £100, of £375 were awarded.

## **Grange Cemetery**

Five headstones beside the west gate were restored at a cost of £4,500, supported by grants of £2,000 from Orthometals, whilst our volunteer group continued its work of maintenance and improvement of the cemetery grounds.

## **Newington Library**

We continued to supply two newspapers for library users to enjoy. The cost was £1,400.

## **Planning applications**

Our planning group receives notification of all applications within the Grange area. These are considered and, occasionally, objections are raised with the planning department of City of Edinburgh Council. Local members are often consulted and our objections are firmly based on the relevant planning regulations. In addition, helpful guidance has been given on some proposed works prior to applications being made, thus saving time and expense. We also reviewed all applications in relation to tree work in the Grange, of which there is much. Where we had concerns, we communicated these to the Council. We provide guidance to residents on requests about proposed work.

## **Gardens group**

The group organised the plant stall at the May Fair and, in June, ran a successful outing to Teasses Estate and Glassmount House in Fife. During the year, members tackled the overgrown side borders to the northern part of Lovers' Loan, clearing weeds and planting cover vegetation.

## **Leaf clearance**

The annual leaf drop was met with the usual enthusiastic response from members who collected hundreds of bags of, thankfully, largely dry leaves for collection by the Council.

## **The Grange Association is 50 years old**

The inaugural public meeting of the East Grange Association was held in June 1974 and it was renamed The Grange Association in 1979 following the enlargement of the area of interest. The first newsletter was produced in 1974 and 50 years later Issue No.140 was produced in September 2024.

## **Financial Review**

### **Membership Subscriptions**

There were 520 members at the end of 2024 compared to 514 in 2023. As in any other year, the net increase in numbers does not tell the whole story – people move, cease to subscribe, and nature takes its course, but it is encouraging that we attracted 36 new members in 2024.

344 members (2023 – 358 members) paid by Standing Order – there has been a further increase in the number of members paying by internet banking rather than Standing Orders.

422 members (2023 – 416 members) have signed Gift Aid declarations.

Income from subscriptions and donations was £9,257 (2023 - £6,853). We also received a generous legacy from the estate of the late Robert Wilson.

### **Receipts and Payments**

Receipts of £23,355 (2023: £18,575) were higher than in the previous year due, in the main, to Gift Aid claims covering 2023 and 2024 and donations from Orthometals for both 2023 and 2024. Payments of £18,371 (2023: £20,255) were lower mainly due to a smaller spend on the restoration of headstones in Grange Cemetery. A surplus of £4,984 was recorded in 2024 compared to a deficit of £1,680 in 2023. The total cash balances as at 31 December 2024 were £36,555 (2023: £31,571)

Membership subscriptions of £10 (individual) and £15 (household) are unchanged since 2012. It will be proposed at the 2025 AGM that there is no change to the level of subscriptions for 2026.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees' policy is to set subscription levels to approximately cover the net cost of the newsletters and the costs of talks provided for members along with the administration costs of the Association, whilst using accumulated funds, including unrestricted legacies, for donations and on projects which meet the objectives of the Association.

Approved by the trustees on 4th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**John Elliot**  
**Chair**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments - for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Subscriptions		6,595	6,646
Donations	4	2,662	207
Gift Aid Tax Reclaims	5	3,034	0
Legacy		1,000	500
Newsletter Advertising		2,460	2,290
Grange Fair Event	11	6,327	6,364
Bank Interest		1,227	1,046
Other	6	50	1,522
<b>Total</b>		<b>23,355</b>	<b>18,575</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
<b>Spend on Charitable Activities:</b>			
Newsletter	7	3,530	3,513
Events for members	8	1,846	2,182
Gifts and Donations	9	3,692	2,805
Grange Cemetery Project		4,454	5,907
Grange Fair Event	11	3,270	2,985
Other	10	650	1,810
<b>Administration:</b>			
Website Costs		805	788
Other		124	265
<b>Total</b>		<b>18,371</b>	<b>20,255</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>4,984</b>	<b>(1,680)</b>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form an integral part of these accounts

**Statement of Balances – as at 31 December 2024**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	Note	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Cash at bank – 31 December 2023		31,571	33,251
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		4,984	(1,680)
Cash at bank – 31 December 2024		36,555	31,571
<b>Bank Balances</b>			
Bank of Scotland Treasurer's account	12	3,275	5,517
Cambridge & Counties Bank - 31-day notice account	12	33,280	26,054
		36,555	31,571
<b>Other Assets</b>			
Gift Aid to be reclaimed		438	1,358

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Approved by the Trustees on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**John Elliot**  
Chair

**David McCraw**  
Honorary Treasurer

## Notes to the accounts – for the year ended 31 December 2024

### 1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

### 2. Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a specific purpose. The Association had no restricted funds at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023 – no restricted funds).

### 3. Trustee remuneration, expenses and related party transactions

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year (2023: nil). No expenses were paid to the trustees during the year (2023: nil) and there were no related party transactions during the year (2023: nil).

### 4. Donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Orthometals	2,053	0
Talks	409	207
Other	200	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,662</b>	<b>207</b>

### 5. Gift Aid Tax Reclaims

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid on Subscriptions	2,689	0
Small Donations Scheme	345	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,034</b>	<b>0</b>

### 6. Other Receipts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Garden Outing Event	0	1,491
Other	50	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,522</b>

## 7. Newsletter

	2024	2023
	£	£
Printing	3,375	3,375
Distribution expenses	155	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,530</b>	<b>3,513</b>

## 8. Events for members (includes AGM)

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Talks</b>		
Venue hire	1,188	713
Speaker thank you gifts	360	120
Printing, postage, stationery	30	110
Catering	172	35
Public liability insurance	96	96
	<b>1,846</b>	<b>1,074</b>
<b>Thank you evening for members and volunteers</b>		
Venue hire	0	130
Gifts for retiring committee members and volunteers	0	150
Catering	0	767
Printing, postage, stationery	0	61
	<b>0</b>	<b>1,108</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>2,182</b>

## 9. Gifts and Donations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Newington Library	1,403	443
Grange Fair donations	2,289	2,362
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>2,805</b>

## 10. Other expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Climate Change Competition	441	0
Garden Group projects	69	0
Other	140	123
Garden Outing Event	0	1,491
Cemetery Open Day	0	196
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,810</b>

**11. Grange Fair Event**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Receipts from events	6,327	6,364
Expenses of fair and events	(3,270)	(2,985)
Surplus	3,057	3,379
Donations	(2,289)	(2,362)
<b>Undistributed surplus</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1,017</b>

The Association made donations to Newington Library, The Eric Liddell Community, Bridgend Farmhouse, Marchmont St Giles Café, Enable Scotland, The Edinburgh Schools Pipe Band and Sciennes School Choir.

**12. Bank Balances**

The net sum of £6,000 was transferred from the Bank of Scotland account to the Cambridge & Counties Bank account during the year. In 2023, the sum of £6,000 was transferred from the Cambridge & Counties Bank account to the Bank of Scotland account.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Grange Association for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

### **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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular 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 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**

In connection with 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 Regulations, and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.

H F Ballard CA

Edinburgh

24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## **Proposed amendments to the Constitution of The Grange Association (2020)**

## 4 Membership

Membership shall be open to all persons or bodies who are interested in the objects of the Association. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid for more than six months after notification that it is due. In all questions regarding membership, the decision of the Committee shall be final.

The categories of membership shall be:

Ordinary members aged 18 years and over

Household members all occupants aged 18 years and over

~~Concessionary members~~ senior citizens; full time students aged 18 years and over;  
~~unemployed adults aged 18 years and over~~

~~Junior members aged 14 to 18 years, who will have no entitlement to vote at meetings~~

## Honorary President

## Honorary Life members

Election to honorary categories of membership shall take place at a General Meeting.

## Proposed amendments to the Constitution of The Grange Association (2020)

### Clause 7 - as it is with proposed changes underlined

#### 7. Trustees, Office-bearers and Committee

The trustees of the Association are the elected office-bearers and the elected committee members. Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. The minimum number of trustees is four and the maximum is twelve.

The office-bearers of the Association are the shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. No officer shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for at least one year after having served in that office for four consecutive years. The office-bearers may serve for up to four consecutive years, if re-elected as below, and will not be eligible for re-election to the same office for at least one year after leaving office. A retiring office-bearer may however be elected to either another office or to the Committee upon retiring.

The eCommittee members shall consist of the officers of the Association *ex officio* and not more than an additional eight elected further ordinary members. No ordinary member of the committee shall be eligible for re-election to the committee as an ordinary member for at least one year after having served as an ordinary member for four consecutive years. The elected committee members may serve for up to four consecutive years, if re-elected as below, and will not be eligible for re-election for at least one year after retiring from the Committee.

The office-bearers and elected committee members may serve for a maximum of eight years in aggregate.

The position of each office-bearer and committee member shall be subject to election or re-election at each Annual General Meeting for the period of one year until the next Annual General Meeting.

Subject to these provisions, all officers and other committee members shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The eCommittee shall have the power to co-opt further members who will act in an advisory and non-voting capacity.

A quorum of the eCommittee shall consist of not fewer than five elected members in attendance attending in person and entitled to vote.

The eCommittee shall be responsible for running the affairs of the Association and taking decisions on its behalf, subject always to the over-riding authority of members expressed by a majority at a General Meeting.

## **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

### **Office Bearers:-**

Chair: John Elliot (2023)

Vice Chair: Alison Wood\* (2025)

Treasurer: David McCraw (2024)

Secretary: Lynda Hay (2024)

\*Vice Chair Mark Batho stands down and we propose Alison Wood as new Vice Chair

### **Ordinary Members:-**

Jenny Dawe (Newsletter and Grange Cemetery) (2022)

Molly Ludlam (Home Energy) (2023)

Peter Pitkin (Trees) (2023)

Maggie Collard\*\*\* (Grange Fair) (2025)

Brian Hosie\*\* (Membership) (2025)

Lynn Errey\*\*\* (Garden Group) (2025)

\*\*Richard Brown Membership stands down and we propose Brian Hosie in his place.

\*\*\*We also propose Maggie Collard and Lynn Errey to become Ordinary Members.