

DYSART TRUST

Chair's Report for AGM, February 25th, 2025

In 2024, Dysart Trust celebrated its diamond anniversary. Thanks to the hard work of Trust members and supporters, the Trust's summer Exhibition continued to attract visitors from far and wide. Positive comments on the displays and on the contents of our photographic archive have been welcomed and emphasise the importance of the Trust's collection in keeping alive memories of local traditions and ways of life. With its well-established Facebook page and its new, informative website, Dysart Trust has established a positive profile on social media. Partly as a result of these developments many new visitors viewed the Exhibition for the first time. Doors Open Day was less successful than last year although numbers fluctuate annually.

Donations and the sale of books and souvenir items have supplemented Trust funds but the cost of maintaining a rapidly ageing historic building falls heavily on a cash-strapped Council which has done its best to keep the Tolbooth and Town House in a sound condition. The Trust is grateful for the support of Fife Council and local elected members in enabling Dysart Trust to store and display its collections.

Dysart Trust has enjoyed sixty years of success in serving the interests of the community and can continue its work in future only with the support and active involvement of that community. With the retirement from office of the Chair/Secretary at the 2025 AGM, the Trust needs willing volunteers to ensure that the Trust continues to operate in future. To lose the Trust and its irreplaceable archives would be a sad ending after so many years and it is to be hoped that sufficient support to maintain the Trust will be forthcoming.

In conclusion, thanks to all Trust members and volunteers for their hard work this year. We look forward optimistically to 2025.