




Dunblane Development Trust : An Historical Timeline 2002-2019

<p>2002</p>		<p>A local consultation exercise is set up by Stirling Council culminating in a Community Action Plan with the creation of a membership based Development Trust (DDT) to coordinate activity.</p>
<p>2003</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company and charity status is achieved and membership stands at 200 • Ochlochy Pond is refurbished 	
<p>2004</p>	<p>The Midweek Group (MWG) volunteers embark on bench & railing refurbishment, and provision of town centre Christmas Lighting.</p> 	 <p>Dunblane in Bloom (DIB) established and win 'Best New Entrant' in the Scotland in Bloom competition</p>
<p>2005</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership stands at 500 • DDT takes over management of the Braeport Community Centre which becomes our registered office and working base. 	
<p>2006</p>	<p>The Memorial Bridge replaced by Army Engineers with funding from Stirling Council following close working between DDT and the Dunblane section of the Royal British Legion of Scotland.</p>	

<p>2007</p>	<p>Dunblane starts receiving annual community benefit grants from the <i>Braes of Doune Windfarm</i>; and establishes a committee to allocate this income to community groups.</p>	
<p>2009</p>	<p>A Scottish Government grant of £1.2m is received to construct a High Street building; later named Riverview. This includes 5 flats and business space to increase footfall in the town centre, create jobs, provide low cost housing and provide community income to fund future projects.</p> <p>DDT Projects Ltd (DDTPL), a company wholly owned by the DDT, is set up to manage this project.</p>	
<p>2010</p>	<p>MWG volunteers complete repainting of the Faery Bridge</p> 	 <p>Dunblane Environment Group (DEG) formed to focus on improving the Memorial Garden and commence the creation of a 250 metre-long hosta border.</p>
<p>2012</p>	<p><i>Glen Road walking cycle path</i> saved from closure by a joint venture between involving DDT, Sustrans and Bridge of Allan Community Council and is now an important link in National Cycle Network 765.</p>	

2013



The **Environment Group** begins lobbying Stirling Council to repair the **riverside path** below the Cathedral which collapsed in 2011.

2014

With Dunblane Community Council, we procure Scottish Government funding to run a community managed **Town Centre Charrette**.



The Charrette involved consultation with local people on the priorities they have for improving the town centre.

2015

- We take on a 25 year full repairing lease for the **Braeport Community Centre** with a **Braeport Committee** taking responsibility for managing the building, bookings and an agreed business plan.
- Short-term **project staff** are employed to provide support in the areas of strategic planning and fundraising.
- **Dunblane in Bloom** continues to offer attractive floral displays in containers and beds around the town, including the stunning rock garden adjacent to the Faery Bridge.



2016

- The **riverside path repair** is finally completed through collaboration between the **DDTPL** and Stirling Council.
- 3 years of funding from the Scottish Government's "**Strengthening Communities**" scheme commences to develop our ability to manage the organisation and apply for funding. An administrator and funding officer are appointed.
- **Websites** are established for DDT and the Braeport Centre.
- The volunteer **Paths Maintenance Team** is formed and carries out work on the Darn Road and in the 'Darn Road' Path.



2017

- **Braeport Memory Café** opens as a service to local people with dementia and their families and carers
- Stirling Council agrees to transfer **ownership of the Braeport Centre** to DDT on behalf of the community
- **Major energy upgrade** to the Braeport Centre commences with a £93k grant from Climate Challenge Fund for new windows, doors, insulation and energy efficiency



2018



- A **community EBike scheme** is launched, allowing members access to loans of 2 e-bikes
- **Dunblane News** is delivered to all households to keep all residents informed about DDT activities



Funding from **Life Changes Trust** is secured on behalf of **Dementia Friendly Dunblane** for a coordinator to support the Memory Café and work with schools and local businesses



2019

Transfer of ownership of the Braeport Centre is finally completed; and a planning application for a **major upgrade of the centre** is made to provide better toilets, kitchen and office space alongside improved meeting room and reception area.



Burgh Chambers group established to consider options for future community use

2020

- A year dominated by the **COVID-19**: with Braeport Centre closed but some volunteer activity continuing.
- **Dementia Friendly Dunblane** is incorporated into the Trust's management structure.
- **Dunblane Community Support**, a volunteer group established to serve vulnerable residents during pandemic restrictions.
- **Braeport Sensory Garden** created by MWG volunteers
- **Ebike Loan Scheme** expanded to cater for wide-spread community interest
- **DIB** donated a van upgrade

