

END 2023 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our end of 2023 newsletter which gives an update of our activity in that 6 months period. Not much happened in the period and applications for part funding for projects shown below were all we received. As trustees we are responsible for monitoring and controlling the finances of our charity and we look forward, as always, to receiving applications which benefit the village, residents and visitors in the future. Dougie

Application Forms for funding can be requested by emailing:

ardentinnnyrenewablestrust@gmail.com

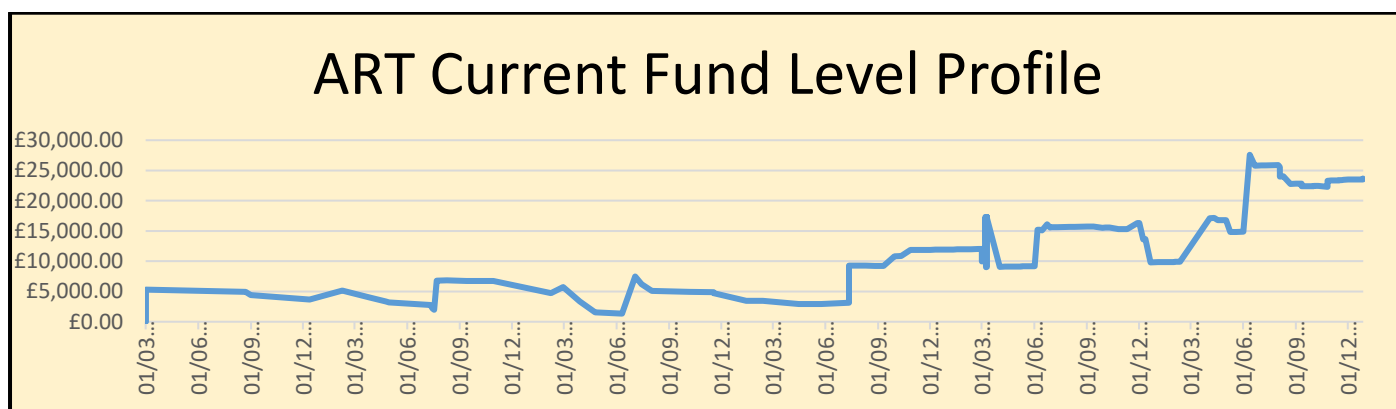
Anyone living in the Ardentinnny Community Council area is eligible to become a member of the Trust (some restrictions may apply)

When applying, always request a form to be sure you have the latest version

REVENUE INCOME FROM COMMENCEMENT UP TO END 2023

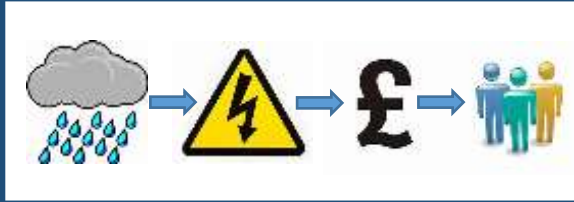
The table below shows our income to date from all sources (see graph below for current fund level) –

	Previous Payments	Payments in this Half Year	Totals
Hydrover (Finart)	£41064.89	-	£41,064.89
JB Hydro (Cuil)	£3617.48	-	£3,617.48
JB Hydro (Schoolhouse)	£3663.04	-	£3,663.04
Ross MacArthur (Drynain)	£4500	£1000	£5,500.00
Amazon Smile	£46.35	-	£46.35
Hydrover (Tech Support)	£750	£200	£950
JB Hydro (Tech Support)	£451.25	£230	£681.25
OVERALL TOTAL			£55,523.01





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Finances

This October we received our regular annual donation of £1,000 from the Ross McArthur's scheme and as we expected, the small income from the Amazon Smile scheme has now come to an end. Beginning in November, we are now receiving a £40 increase (taking us to £90 per month) for Stuart's Technical Support provided to Hydrover and JB Hydro.

The fund level at End-'23 stands at **£23,649.33** of which £2000 is already committed to projects. A further £7,000 of the fund is currently ring fenced as an 'Emergency Fund' leaving a balance of **£14,649.33** available to be used for new projects until we receive further income in the first half of 2024.

The Trustees would like to emphasise that our role is to hold the funds securely and to assign them to worthwhile causes that comply with the ART constitution. These funds belong to the ART Members and the Trustees really need the Members to bring forward ideas for projects at can benefit from this resource. So if you have an idea for something that will enhance the village or local environment then we'd love to hear from you even if it's just a casual initial enquiry.

Anyone new to the village and still not a member (which is free of charge) should contact Neil (Trust Secretary) at -

ardentinnyrenewablestrust@gmail.com

Likewise, Funding Application Forms can be requested from Neil.

Please always apply for the up-to-date form and avoid using any ones already in your possession.

ART Banking Changes

In order to provide a more up-to-date service and to obtain interest on the funds being held, ART have moved their banking services to CAF Bank. This bank (Charities Aid Foundation) is aimed at organisations such as ours. So we now have 2 accounts a Cash Account and Gold Account, the latter already providing the interest and holds most of the fund. This move now gives us the ability to manage the funds online and provide direct payments to applicant's bank accounts.

Annual Submission to OSCR

We have completed our annual submission of accounts to the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). This covers the financial year 22-23.



PROJECTS WE HAVE FUNDED IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2023

Picnic Tables

Applicant – Neil Robinson

£1569.42 part funded by ART

The 2 picnic tables, now located on the shore by the slip, were purchased with funds from ART, the Ardentinnny Centre and the Community Council. These provide an alternative gathering point to the beach area which has become much busier since lockdown. Ownership of the benches has been transferred to the Village Hall.



Carpark Toilets Cleaning Contract

Applicant – Ardentinnny CC

£1242 part funded by ART

This payment supplements the funding from A&B Council to cover the annual cost of weekly cleaning which is required in order for the toilets to remain open to the public.



Village Hall Blinds

Applicant – Village Hall

£400 part funded by ART

Following the repair to the guttering which was delaying further improvements, new blinds have now been purchased and installed in the Village Hall.





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COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABLE!

ART manages a small income from 4 hydro schemes in the area for the benefit of the community



WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone over 18 who lives in the Ardentinnny Community Council area and is a member of the trust.



HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

It is free to become a member of the Trust

HOW TO APPLY?

Apply to become a member or receive an application for funding email:
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