

A bright, new future for Trefoil

I am delighted to accept the invitation to become your new Chairman at such an exciting and challenging time for the charity.



One of my first tasks was to present Tom Murray with a farewell gift from the Directors and Members of the charity. Tom has done a sterling job for Trefoil and will be a hard act to follow.

A major task undertaken by the Board recently was a review of the charity's Articles of Association and Articles of Memorandum. This update of our constitutional documents was required to reflect Trefoil's revised Mission Statement and also to align it with a number of changes required by OSCR and other regulatory authorities.

Trefoil Mission Statement

Trefoil works to enhance the quality of life of children and young people in need of care, support and development.

The mission statement underpins our strategy to provide or facilitate support for young people with special needs up to the age of twenty five years. This, the Board feels, reflects more appropriately the original purpose of Trefoil. The mission will be achieved through a combination of financial initiatives, support and guidance. We will, however, endeavour not to provide financial assistance where it is the responsibility of a statutory authority.

Through our Chief Executive, David MacArthur, we are constantly looking at ways to support our client group and we are already successfully involved in a number of new projects.

I know that many of you will be anxious to hear what is happening

to Trefoil House itself. In reviewing our future strategy, it was decided that the House, which previously was the focus of all the charity's work, was no longer able to contribute to the Trefoil mission. It had become clear that the purpose for which it was originally purchased, was no longer sustainable. The ongoing demand for such accommodation, set against the running costs for the property had, unfortunately, made it an uneconomic proposition. With the House presently for sale, we have sought OSCR's permission to amend the name of the charity simply to "Trefoil". We also decided that this would be an appropriate time to give the corporate logo a fresh new look which is reflected in this newsletter. We hope you like it.

I have been associated with Trefoil for some eight years now and we have never been better placed to achieve our aims than at present. I hope, therefore, to be able to report much progress in the coming months.

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Thank you to all who continue to support us. Our Members and supporters provide a vital link between Trefoil past and present. Your help comes in many forms and Trefoil will continue to need you in years to come. It is through your efforts that we are able to continue in our Mission.

Peter Nussey
Chairman

Trefoil Chairman steps down

Tom Murray, Chairman at Trefoil since 2001, retired from the board in October 2008. In taking up the position of Chairman, Tom continued a long family tradition of helping the charity. The last seven years have not been easy for Trefoil and Tom steered us through some difficult times when challenging decisions had to be taken. His endeavours have, however, borne fruit and he leaves the charity in a very healthy financial position – a very different situation from when he took over the Chairman's role. We will be sorry to see Tom leave the Board but look forward to his continued support as a Trefoil Member.



Peter Nussey, Trefoil's new chairman, presents Tom Murray with his retiral gift.

The Trefoil Golf Tournament 2008

The Trefoil "Golfing for Grants" Tournament just gets more and more popular. This year we were delighted to see 25 teams battling it out round the magnificent Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh course at Barnton.



Phil Keene from RGM Solicitors takes his final putt at the 18th



The Edrington team relax before teeing off

We are extremely grateful for the great support from our Media Partner, Hr NETWORK (SCOTLAND). Not only did they help to raise awareness and personal development funds for young people with special needs or disabilities, they were also really keen to make their mark at this their inaugural association with the tournament and that they did by picking up the booby prize!

The 2008 Tournament raised a fantastic £8000. "That means at least 40 more young people who need our help can get it." summed up Trefoil Chairman, Peter Nussey.

Trefoil would like to take this opportunity to thank all the other sponsors:

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And last but by no means least, a huge vote of thanks must go to the Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh. It just wouldn't be the same anywhere else.

An Indian adventure

Supporters will recognise the name of Russell White, a young man with Aspergers Syndrome who received a grant from Trefoil two years ago when he had the opportunity to take part in a World Challenge Trip to Iceland. This was so successful that his school asked him to participate in another expedition this year to India which would include trekking along the Nubra Valley, mountain climbing and voluntary work on a local project. Having seen the benefit gained from his previous experience, we decided to support Russell once again with a Trefoil development grant which he added to the funds that he himself raised for the trip.

This time, we asked him to keep a detailed diary of his activities during the month that he was away. This he duly did and has now sent on to us. It certainly seems to have been a great adventure coupled with extremely hard work!

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Russell reported that he worked on a project at the Women's Alliance in Ladakh where he learned the art of making mud bricks which were to be used to build workshops. Not, perhaps a skill which will be much called for back home but which was vital to the Women's Alliance project.

His group also visited a children's hostel which was, he said "The most humbling experience of my life". He tells us also how amazed he was by the fantastic scenery everywhere they went and about the many beautiful Buddhist temples he visited.

The climax of the trip was a gruelling trek to Stok Kangri where at 2.30 in the morning they started to gradually climb to the summit of the 6103m high mountain. All in all, a fantastic achievement, for someone whose condition makes it difficult to interact socially and work as part of a team.

Russell says, "Of course, no journey to India would be complete without a visit to the Taj Mahal which we visited on our last day there. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me on this trip as it has been a life changing experience."



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Who's Who at Trefoil



Peter Nussey
Chairman



David McArthur
Chief Executive

Directors



Maggie Dawson
Legal



Eddie Frizell
Governance



Mike Gilbert
Finance



Duncan McCreath
Estate and Buildings



Anne Sked
Marketing & PR

Administration

Denise Gibbons

Gardens

Andrew Ainsworth

Christmas Fair 2008

It was back to the more traditional style Trefoil Christmas Fair this year and it proved highly successful! Stalls ranged from home baking to delightful treasures offering great Christmas gift ideas. As always, there was also the fun of the bottle stall and the tombola. The event was superbly organised by Liliás Finlay and her team and raised a fantastic £4000. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated for all their hard work both before and on the day. Our thanks also go to Girl Guide Headquarters in Edinburgh for generously allowing us to use their hall for the event.

Trefoil House Grants

The Holiday and Personal Development Grant Fund provides enabling grants for people with special needs or disability where a need exists that cannot be provided for by statutory provision, that is: by law, through the National Health Service, or by local authorities. If you would like more information, please contact Trefoil at info@trefoil.org.uk.

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