

The John & Mary Garden Fund

For nearly 20 years the John & Mary Garden Fund has provided benefit to the village of Cruden Bay. Bequeathed to the village by John and Mary Garden to be used to the benefit of the village, the fund is managed by the Cruden Bay Community Association and has for many years enjoyed steady growth through annual dividends paid on a diverse investment portfolio.

However the global credit crunch has affected the J & M Garden fund as it has almost every other investment fund across the globe, and the impact on our fund reflects the same loss in value experienced by so many others far and wide.

In these difficult times for investment based savings portfolios where losses are much more expected than gains, the Community Association has been discussing various actions to help limit any further losses.

One of the options now being considered is to invest a sizeable percentage of the fund in community centred projects, in particular ones which might somehow generate alternative revenue streams to the benefit of the J & M Garden fund.

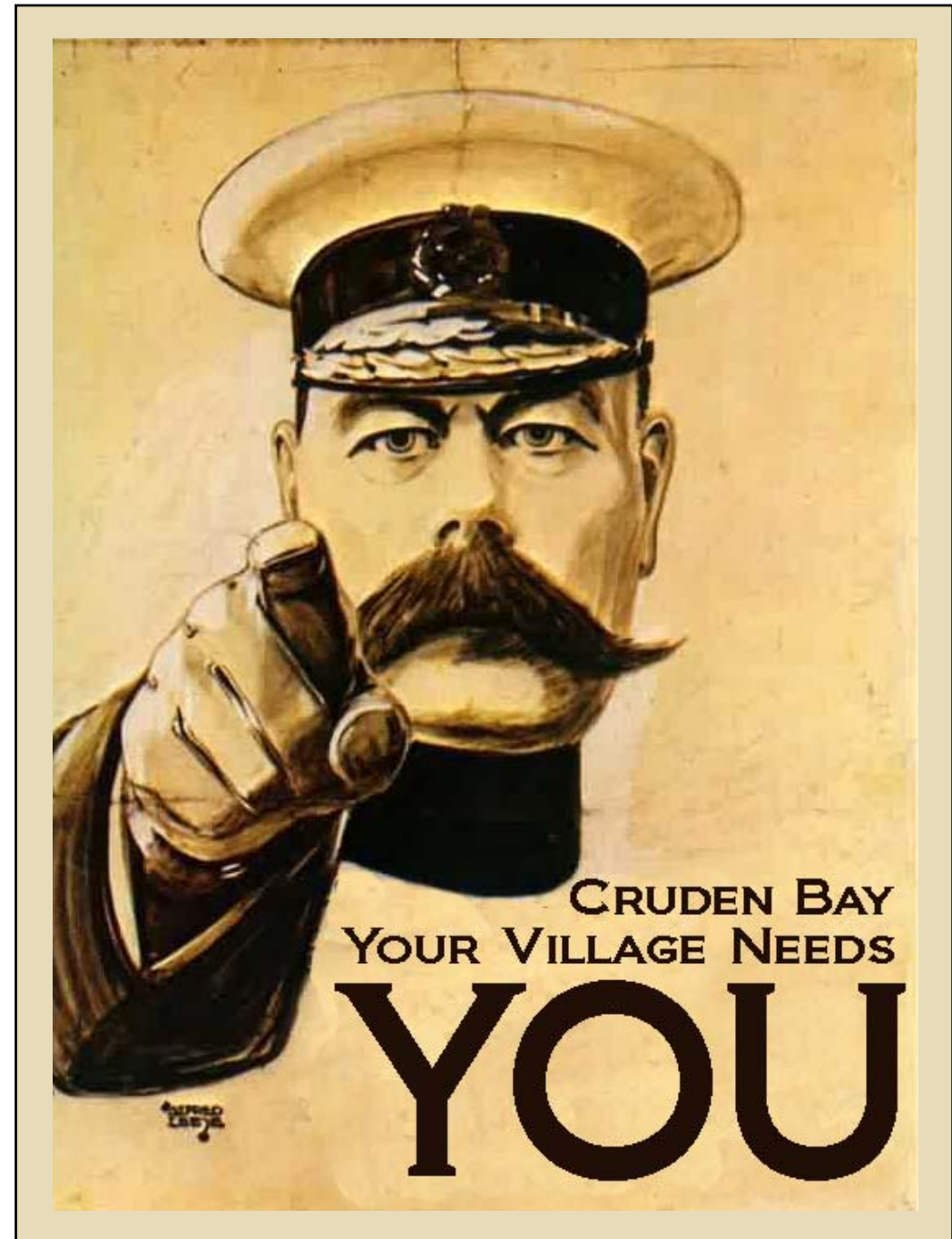
With this objective in mind, the Community Association is interested in hearing about any community centred projects requiring funding which might comply with the general requirement of being to the broad benefit of the village.

If you would like to submit your ideas to the Community Association you can do this by mailing the association chairman at the following address;

Hugh McIntyre
Port Erroll House ,
Cruden Bay,
Peterhead,
AB42 0PJ

Alternatively you can submit your ideas online using this link on the community website .

www.crudenbay.org.uk/investmentideas.html



An urgent call for help to all villagers of Cruden Bay

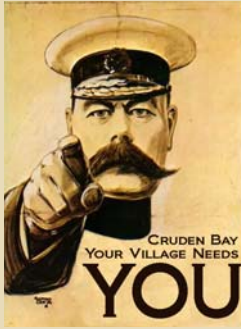
Cruden Bay is a village long supported by individuals and committees who help advance the interests of the village and promote it as a desirable place to live and visit.

Many of the important organisations such as the Community Association, the Community Council, the Parks, Hall and Harbour Committees, to name but a few, are vital to the ongoing development and improvement of our village, it's community resources and it's surrounding area. However as is often the case many of these organisations struggle to attract the involvement of village people and as a consequence many of these important village groups are under manned and often rely on the same willing individuals sitting on numerous groups and committees. This is not an ideal solution on many levels as the few are often involved in numerous village related activities simultaneously and with every new action agreed, even more is asked of these willing individuals. This is where you could help!

At the present time the village needs people to step forward and offer a little bit of their time to help advance a variety of really important projects. These include the preserving and development of Port Erroll Harbour, the potential replacement of the Ladies Bridge, vital modernisation and improvements to the village hall, the formation of a Christmas lights committee to help coordinate the festive arrangements including the erection of the Christmas lights and assisting with the production of a Christmas concert. These are but a few of the vital village projects which without your help may be at risk of continued progress.

The village organisations strongly urge you to consider giving a little bit of support to the community by volunteering to assist in some form or another with one of the many current initiatives so desperately in need of your help at the moment.

If you feel you could be one of the people who could make a difference going forward, we really need you to step forward NOW! You can either fill in your details on the form opposite and hand it in to the Post Office (if closed just pop it through the letter box). Alternatively you may prefer to register your interest online, if you prefer to do things from the comfort of your computer you'll find an online form at www.crudenbay.org.uk/yourvillageneedsyou.html

	I would really like to help make Cruden Bay the village it deserves to be.		
	Name	_____	
	Address	_____ _____ _____	
	Telephone No. email	_____ _____	
<i>I would be particularly interested in the following areas (please tick appropriate boxes)</i>			
Community Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Port Erroll Harbour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christmas Lights Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anything village related	<input type="checkbox"/>

PUBLIC NOTICE

Amongst the various projects ongoing at the moment, the **Ladies Bridge** features prominently in our short term plans. A good deal of discussion has taken place over the last couple of years, and an opportunity to bring yourself up to speed on what's been happening will be available to you at an open day on Wednesday 22nd of April to be held in the village hall.

The primary objective of this open day is to serve as a consultative process for villagers. To communicate current initiatives on maintenance, raise awareness of need for replacement, to introduce our support partners and to outline the important role all villagers as part of the Community association can play in this process. It will be the ideal opportunity for you to catch up on what has been done already and to allow your thoughts and opinions to be taken into account.

In the lead up to the open day, the pupils from Port Erroll Primary School will be involved in a 'design a new bridge' competition and the entries will be on display on the day.

We hope that you will be able to find the time to join us at the open day between **3:00pm and 8:00pm on Wednesday 22nd April at the Village Hall**