



# Friends of Corstorphine Hill

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## Annual General Meeting 25th April 7.30 p.m. Queen Margaret University College

### Agenda

- Apologies
- Minutes of the previous AGM
- Matters arising
- Chairman's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of committee members
- Any other business

After the AGM, there will be a presentation on the work of the Botany Group.

### Notes from the 2001 AGM

After the apologies and approval of the minutes of the 2000 AGM, Chairman E. Price thanked the members for their support, the volunteers for their contribution, and the committee for their work throughout the year.

He outlined highlights of the year since the previous AGM, including

- painting the staircase in the Tower
- opening the Tower to the public
- our presence at Corstorphine Fair
- practical work by volunteers
- walks and talks
- feasibility of Beechhill Nursery project
- walled garden project.

This last was the no.1 priority and featured later in a Beechgrove Garden television programme.

To date at the AGM, the membership was 1,000 strong. We would like to see the expansion continue.

Treasurer L. Foggie presented the accounts for the year 2000.

City of Edinburgh Council Ranger I. Mitchell reported on his main tasks of the year on the Hill, including work on the Clermiston Road North car park area, moving the gate at the Tower Road to try to prevent fly-tipping, actions to deter mountain biking, planting and thinning of trees, litter picks, and new signage.

Thanks were expressed to those members of the committee standing down:

J. Lamb, I. Macdonald, and V. McMurtrie.

The following were elected to the committee:

F. Campbell, L. Hutcheon, and W. Mullen.

**2002 update**

The *Friends* group is now in its 4th year and has become an established participant in local activities.

The highlight of the year 2000 for the *Friends* was the walled garden project which featured in a Beechgrove Garden television programme. The project attracted funding and advice from a number of sources. The amount of work that went in to the garden was tremendous but the result is a wonderful transformation into a beautiful area, and a lot of satisfaction.

This year, ongoing projects are perhaps more modest but nonetheless important: as well as more planting (most recently lots of snowdrops and a Corstorphine sycamore) and maintenance in the garden, we will also be improving paths, removing intrusive *Rubus* plants, and installing lighting in the Tower.

We will again have a stall at Corstorphine Fair in June. At the last Fair, the combination of providing information about the *Friends* and selling plants was popular but we want to do even better this time so do get in touch if you can supply plants or help on the day.

We would also be grateful for help to “man” the Tower for openings during Fair week and on alternate Sunday afternoons throughout the summer.

Our programme of walks and talks continues: as well as the presentation by the Botany Group after our AGM on the 25th of April, there will be a programme of walks in the summer months, fortnightly on Sundays from the 12th May to 29th September at 2 p.m. The themes and starting points will be publicised via newsletters and noticeboards or you can contact David McAdam, telephone 0131 539 1060, for details.

If you want to join in, whether for the delights of a worthwhile litter pick, some gentle weeding, delivering newsletters or taking a turn to man the Tower, contact Chairman Eddie Price, telephone 539 1088, or Secretary Lesley Castell, telephone 336 4283. Website [www.corstorphinehill.org.uk](http://www.corstorphinehill.org.uk)

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**Membership**

The fee is £1 per member per year. Donations are also always very welcome! Please send name(s) and money to E. Price, 25 Corstorphine Hill Avenue, Edinburgh EH12 6LF.

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