

The Caley (Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society) Background Information

Background

The society was established in 1809 in response to a desire to share skills and knowledge, building on Scotland's horticultural heritage and expertise, for the "encouragement and improvement of the best fruit, the most choice flowers and the most useful vegetables.

Today, our ambition remains very similar:

- To inspire, encourage and improve the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches
- To advance education in gardening and horticulture for the public benefit in Scotland.

Our recent activities have focused on:

- Developing and maintaining a range of educational and horticultural activities
- Developing an effective infrastructure, along with an office base, demonstration and teaching gardens
- Growing the membership across Scotland

In 2011 the Society began working in partnership with The City of Edinburgh Council on the restoration of Saughton Park. The restoration is now complete and the society has established a programme of activities on site. The society has plans and ambitions to continue with this as we move forward.

Members include professional horticulturists, amateur gardeners, students and people with a general interest in Scottish gardening and horticulture.

Trustees

Our board of Trustees, who we call the Caley Council, are all volunteers who share an interest in horticulture and gardening in Scotland. The Society which is a registered Scottish Charity.

Staff

The staff team currently consists of:

- Administrator (P/T) *funded from Caley resources*
- Horticultural Educator (F/T) *currently funded from Caley resources*