



THE MACROBERT TRUST

CHARITABLE THEMES

THEME 1

ARMED FORCES & GOOD CITIZENSHIP

The advancement of overall good citizenship alongside the provision of support to members of the Armed Forces (regular/reserve, serving/retired) and the promotion of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Services themselves.

In acknowledgement of their natural embodiment of courage, conscientiousness and duty, this theme seeks to encourage support for the health and wellbeing of members of the Armed Forces (regular and reserve, serving and retired) and their immediate families whilst, in parallel, recognising their service to the UK as a whole; this theme includes support for activities that promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the Services themselves.

Where it is pertinent and in recognition of the fundamental service provided to the people of the UK in time of crisis, members of the mercantile marine, are also included within this theme.

As exemplars of good citizenship, support for the Armed Forces in this theme is shared with support to any organisation that promotes such characteristics. This specifically encompasses support to cadet and other youth organisations that promote the spirit of good citizenship, community responsibility, conscientiousness and moral courage through leadership, drive, positive attitude and determination - all ultimately providing benefit to the whole community and give the young people the life skills/tools to allow them to help themselves and realise their own, individual full potential.

Associated awards: MacRobert Sword (Single Service Reserve HQs); MacRobert Prize (RAF Cranwell); MacRobert Trophy presentation arrangements (NE Wing Air Training Corps); Flying Scholarships (Air League) and the provision of further discounted accommodation at Douneside for service personnel and/or their immediate families either during or soon after their return from an operational tour.

THEME 2
EDUCATION & ADVANCING PROFESSIONAL
EXCELLENCE

THEME 2.1: GENERAL EDUCATION

THEME 2.2 AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABILITY

THEME 2.3: ARTS, SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Activity under this theme seeks to promote education but aims to focus particularly on those subject areas that meant most to Sir Alexander and Lady MacRobert and their immediate families. The Trust's interest goes beyond pure education as it wishes to advance professional excellence and the participation in specific subjects and vocational activities.

This theme embraces the arts, science and engineering, alongside the vocational disciplines of agriculture, horticulture, the environment, biodiversity and rural skills, through the advancement of research and learning, and in the pursuance of best practice and professional excellence. The theme also extends to encourage active participation in these sectors/disciplines.

More specifically, this theme covers the provision of appropriate scholarships through associated organisations (including those that take benefit from travelling), the provision of equipment that supports the realisation of the theme's aims, the use of any of these disciplines as a therapy for those in need and, in conjunction with Theme 1, the provision of life skills to young people.

The maintenance of the MacRobert Horticultural Training Scheme and the associated maintenance of the Douneside Gardens, as well as Douneside House's support of the Hospitality Apprenticeship North East (HANE) scheme are specifically included as part of this theme.

Associated awards: The MacRobert Award (Royal Academy of Engineering & Worshipful Company of Engineers); The MacRobert Medal (Primary Engineer); Nuffield Agricultural Scholarships (Nuffield); MacRobert Horticultural Training Scheme; the Douneside House Apprenticeship scheme (under HANE).

THEME 3

LOCAL COMMUNITY & OTHER MACROBERT INTERESTS

The relief of need and the advancement and promotion of all charitable purposes covered by the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 whose activity and direct benefit is targeted in the North East of Scotland and those affecting Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire and the Howe of Cromar, in particular. It also seeks to support the interests of Lady MacRobert and her family where these interests are charitable.

On amalgamating the 4 original Trusts in 2001, it was noted that Lady MacRobert had wished the Trusts to make provisions reflecting the interests of her husband and family. Sir Alexander MacRobert's early life was centered around Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, ultimately buying Douneside Farm and then the house and lands of the Cromar estate. Lady MacRobert loved Douneside, Tarland and the North East of Scotland and her interest in the local area and communities was well known.

This theme seeks to support that particular, 'local' interest, as well as it being a home for the future support of key past grants, particularly those bearing the MacRobert name.

Lady MacRobert was also keen that Trustees should have the ability to take modern day scenarios and pressures into account when deciding what to grant support to and, as such, this theme also covers the authority for Trustees to support any other charitable purpose, by special resolution

Associated regular grants: Aboyne Highland Games, Church x 2, Tarland Show