ELGIN DUELLIST FENCING CLUB

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2026

SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC039192

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Current Office Bearers
Mrs Evie Furness-Smith (Chairperson) - resigned 26 September 2025
Mr Michael Hawkins (Secretary) - resigned 30 June 2025
Mr Jonathan Poolman (Treasurer)
Mr Robin Paterson - resigned 19 December 2024
Ms Lindsey Cant (Welfare Officer) - resigned 13 November 2025
Mr Jon Golding (Head Coach)
Mr Callum Sutherland (Head Coach)
Mr Alex Keddie (Chairperson) - appointed 13 November 2025
Mr Joe Joyce (Secretary) - appointed 13 November 2025
Mr Gordon McKenna (Welfare Officer) - appointed 13 November 2025

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Recruitment and appointment of office bearers
All of the association's office bearers are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting.

Charitable Purposes
The purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to promote fencing as a sport and as a social activity, for people aged 8 and above.

To teach fencing to all levels of ability regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation and creed.
To be open to all persons who wish to participate in the sport of fencing.
To introduce the sport of fencing to the young people of Moray through the Moray Council's Sports Development and Active Schools Programmes.
To introduce the sport of fencing to other groups in order to share the physical and mental benefits that fencing offers.

Activities and Achievements
Chairperson's Report
This year has been one of settling into business as usual for the Elgin Duellist Fencing Club. I took up the position of Chairman in November 2025 and, although balancing demands of the role with other commitments can be challenging, I am fortunate to be supported by a passionate and dedicated committee. Their hard work ensures the club continues to run smoothly and excel. Our new Welfare Officer has also worked diligently to complete his training and ensure we continue to meet all safeguarding requirements. One ongoing challenge we are addressing is the way club information is stored and managed. We have begun reviewing systems for holding club policies, maintaining membership lists, and communicating safely and directly with members and parents. We aim to have this work completed before the end of the year. Due to time and financial constraints, The Duellist club publication has been paused for the time being. However, the club continues to deliver successful events. The Highland Open held on 27th and 28th of September 2025, saw 136 entries across six weapons, including 15 from Elgin Duellist members. This year's Highland Open is scheduled for the 26th and 27th of September 2026. The annual club competition was held on the 7th and 14th of May 2026. The club membership currently stands at 43 members, reflecting a stable and committed community.

Treasurer's Report
The club ended the financial year with a healthy balance, the only expected outstanding liability being a hall hire fee for March 2026, which will appear in the 2026-27 accounts. Against an estimated fee income of £3,868 for the full year, only around 60% was received, with 4 fencers paying no fees at all and many others paying only intermittently. This problem will become more acute in the new financial year, when the hall hire rises from £14.50 per hour to £30, the result of a historical error by Moray Council. Club members agreed an increase in fees that should mitigate this increase, but the fee income and hall expenditure will need to be closely monitored; the new fee levels were calculated on the basis that only 70% (the level over the year 2025-26) would be received. The Orkney trip covered its costs, with a small balance due to one participant. The Highland Open made a surplus of just over £2,050, £1,155 of which was accounted for by the tuck shop receipts. Projected fencing fee income for the calendar year 2026-27 is estimated at £4,664; this is based on a more accurate membership roll than 2025-26. Apart from the significant increase in hall hire fees due from the start of the financial year, costs are likely to be similar to the financial year 2025-26, with most only modest increases anticipated.

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Office Bearers Remuneration and Expenses
The Office bearers did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves
The Club has unrestricted funds of £1,027 at 31 March 2026.

Approved by the Office Bearers and signed on their behalf

J Joyce
Secretary
29 July 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ELGIN DUELLIST FENCING CLUB

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 set out on pages 4 and 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29 July 2026

ELGIN DUELLIST FENCING CLUB
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Receipts		
Membership subs	2,432	2,662
Donations received	352	1,480
Fund raising (Highland Open)	1,693	580
Entry fees and other Highland Open revenues	4,099	5,128
Shetland/(Orkney) Trip Fees	2,998	1,731
Sale of kit	90	68
Grant	1,470	0
Total Receipts	13,134	11,649

	2026	2025
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Club venue hire (including extra sessions at Linkwood View)	3,680	3,907
Club newsletter	0	710
British Fencing Club insurance	40	40
Club equipment	4,242	1,800
Equipment hire	1,339	1,050
Training courses	0	27
Shetland/(Orkney) trip expenses	2,778	1,708
Highland Open expenses	99	364
Highland Open prizes	0	552
Club clothing	480	566
Bank charges	21	0
Total Charitable Activities	12,679	10,724

	2026	2025
	£	£
Governance Costs		
Independent examination	302	281
Total Governance Costs	302	281
Total Payments	12,981	11,005
(Deficit)/surplus for year	**153**	**644**

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances	874	230
Surplus for year	153	644
Closing balances	1,027	874
Reserves		
General funds	1,027	874
Closing Balances	**1,027**	**874**
Assets		
Fencing equipment - at purchase cost	**17,559**	**17,559**

Approved by the Office Bearers and signed on their behalf

J Joyce
Secretary
29 July 2026