

Nairn & District Pipe Band Annual Report 2025



The Band

The Nairn and District Pipe Band first has been part of our local landscape for many decades. Rooted in tradition, yet always looking forward, the band has become a symbol of community spirit, cultural pride, and the unique sound of Scottish music that brings people together. At our heart, we are a community band. Most of our activity takes place in and around Nairnshire, where we proudly support a wide variety of local events from street markets to Highland Games. The band is funded by generous donations from local charities, businesses and residents together with performance fees.

Encouraging piping and drumming

The Nairn and District Pipe Band is open to all. Our members range in age from as young as seven to those enjoying retirement; everyone is welcomed equally. We run sessions for complete beginners, offering the chance to learn from scratch in an inclusive and supportive environment. Teaching and encouraging new generations of pipers and drummers is at the very heart of what we do. While we take part in the occasional competition, our main focus is community performance, enjoyment, and the shared experience of playing together.

Looking ahead, we want to continue as a community band that grows through teaching, outreach, and meaningful events both locally and further afield. We want to showcase what the Nairn and District Pipe Band has to offer — a blend of tradition, talent, and togetherness that will carry us proudly into the future.

Our vision

Our vision is ‘To be a band that the community of Nairnshire can be proud of’. We will do this by delivering on the following aims:

- To teach and inspire – offering opportunities for people of all ages to learn piping and drumming
- To nurture talent – supporting players to develop their skills, whether for enjoyment, performance, or competition.
- To promote tradition – preserving and celebrating Scottish musical heritage while remaining open to new ideas.
- To represent Nairnshire – performing not only locally but also at events further afield, showcasing the pride and spirit of our community.
- To foster friendship and teamwork – creating a welcoming and supportive environment where everyone feels they belong.
- To encourage young people – building the next generation of pipers and drummers by providing structured teaching and opportunities to perform

Our values

We also have a clear set of values that we operate by. These, along with our aims, are what we measure ourselves against in terms of how we act and the impact we have on each other and the community. They are

- People - We welcome and respect everyone of all ages and abilities
- Respect - We honour our traditions, our community, and each other.
- Inclusion - We create opportunities for all to learn, play, and belong.
- Development - We grow skills, confidence, and the next generation of players.
- Engagement - We support local events and share our music far and wide.

Our activities

Most of our activity takes place in and around Nairnshire, where we proudly support a wide variety of local events from street markets to Highland Games to nursing home

fundraisers. We take great joy in bringing music to the people who support us. Our reach extends beyond Nairn including performing at Highland Games across the region.

The band had a busy 2025 year playing at a number of events supporting the local community. The highlight of the year was the local highland games where 25 members turned out and the drum major won the award for best drum major. The events included the following performances:

Nairn Dunbar Golf Club annual fete
 Nairn Parish Church
 Royal British Legion annual fund raising barbecue
 Wheels of Nairn Car Rally
 St Olaf Care Home
 Children in Need fundraising
 Weekly Nairn Community Ceilidh
 Forres Highland Games
 Nairn Farmers' Show
 Nairn Highland Games
 Armistice Parade
 Switching on the Nairn Christmas street lights

Governance

We rely on volunteers supporting the band to be successful in achieving its vision and aims. People can provide this support in a number of ways including becoming a committee member. We're a registered charity (SC053772) so its important that we provide an appropriate level of governance for the charity by ensuring that the committee has both the skills and enthusiasm to ensure the appropriate level of oversight.

The committee meets regularly and consists of

Chairman	Michael Boylan	Drum Major	Matthew Henderson
Secretary	Grace Chisolm	Child welfare and protection officer	Thomas Brown
Treasurer	Fraser Green	Other members	Eilidh Mackenzie Michael Mackenzie Susan Smith Annie Chisolm
Pipe Major	Richard Anderson		

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