

BLACKFORD HIGHLAND GAMES

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2025

1 Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Blackford Highland Games

Scottish Charity Number: SC046625

Principal Office: Blackford, Perthshire

1.1 Trustees

- Stuart Laing (Treasurer)
- David Robertson
- Duncan Shand

1.2 Structure, Governance and Management

Blackford Highland Games is a Scottish charitable organisation managed by a committee of volunteer trustees who are responsible for the overall governance and administration of the charity. Trustees and committee members are appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document and meet regularly throughout the year to oversee the planning, organisation and delivery of the annual Highland Games. The charity relies heavily on the commitment of volunteers and the support of local businesses, sponsors and community organisations.

2 Charitable Purposes

The charity exists to advance Scottish culture and heritage by organising the annual Blackford Highland Games and associated activities for the benefit of the local community and visitors. The Games promote traditional Highland sports, Highland dancing, piping and wider community participation.

3 Activities and Achievements

The principal activity during the year was the successful organisation and delivery of the 2025 Blackford Highland Games. Despite poor weather late in the afternoon, the rain did not arrive until 4pm allowing the majority of events to complete successfully.

The Committee remains grateful for the continued support received from sponsors, grant providers, local businesses and volunteers. Sponsorship continued to play an important role in enabling individual competitions, including Highland Dancing, while grant funding helped support the delivery of the event. The Committee also continued to recognise sponsors through the Games website and promotional activities.

4 Public Benefit

In carrying out its activities, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Regulator's guidance on public benefit.

The annual Highland Games provide an accessible community event celebrating Scottish sporting traditions, music, dance and culture. The event benefits residents,

visitors, local performers, competitors and businesses while helping preserve an important local tradition.

5 Financial Review

Income for the year totalled £22,352, derived principally from gate receipts, sponsorship, grants, stall income and equipment hire. Expenditure totalled £22,726, resulting in a deficit of £374 for the year. The charity finished the year with reconciled bank and cash balances of £24,875.

Although a small operating deficit was incurred, the trustees consider the charity to remain in a sound financial position, with healthy reserves available to support future Games and ongoing investment in equipment and improvements.

During the year expenditure reflected the continued delivery of a high-quality event together with investment in visitor facilities, entertainment and competition infrastructure.

6 Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to ensure the annual Games can continue in the event of unforeseen reductions in income or increases in expenditure, and to provide funds for replacement of equipment and future development of the event.

7 Plans for the Future

The Committee intends to continue developing the Blackford Highland Games by:

- Maintaining the high standard of the traditional sporting and cultural competitions;
- Improvements to the website and social media;
- Introduction of online ticket sales;
- Live music throughout the afternoon provided by local musicians;

8 Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual accounts in accordance with applicable law and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and associated Regulations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on behalf of the Committee.

Signed:



Stuart Laing

Date: 2nd September 2025

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Financial Accounts

The 2025 accounts have been reviewed by independent examiner Sangster & Co Accountants.

BLACKFORD HIGHLAND GAMES FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

2024 £		£	2024 £
	INCOME		
10189	Gate		9143
5780	Sponsorship		5000
2372	Stalls		1744
296	Entry Fees		265
4400	Grants Received - Foundation Scotland		5500
500	Equipment Hire		-
350	Donation Received		700
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23887			22352
	EXPENDITURE		
7320	Prize Money	8538	
1200	Catering	1175	
1176	Toilet Hire	864	
1236	Marquee Hire	1931	
1065	Association Fees and Insurance	875	
550	Pipe Band	550	
1900	Judges & P.A.	2080	
889	Printing, Stationery and Advertising	996	
715	Security	708	
2427	Ground Maintenance, Mower Repairs & Equipment	1293	
360	First Aid	375	
363	Prize Medals and Trophies	341	
963	Miscellaneous Expenses	1118	
144	New Equipment	-	
407	Gazebos	-	
-	Signs	380	
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450	Honoraria	250	
65	Licences	260	
748	Dancing Deficit	704	
100	Donation	200	
-	Bank Charges	88	
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22078			22726
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1809	Surplus (Deficit) for Year		(374)
23440	Add: Net Bank Balance at 31 st October 2024		25249
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25249	Reconciled Bank and Cash Balances at 31 st August 2025		24875
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We hereby certify that the attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st August 2025 has been prepared by us from the books and records submitted to us, and that they are in accordance therewith.

Sangster & Co.
Accountants

Stuart Laing
Treasurer, Blackford Highland Games