

GLEN URQUHART HIGHLAND GATHERING AND GAMES (GHGG)

Notes to accompany the accounts for year ending 31 December 2025

Scottish Charity Number SC 044930

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis, in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The funds held by Glenurquhart Highland Gathering and Games are all classified as unrestricted funds, which may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Our funds are kept in 2 separate **Bank of Scotland** accounts: a **Community Account** known as “the Treasurer’s account,” and a **Commercial Instant Access Account**, known as the “Bus Bank Instant Access Account.”

Treasurer’s account

Most of our transactions are conducted via the Treasurer’s account. This year our Treasurer’s account became a Community Account, and bank charges are deducted by the bank on a monthly basis.

Other information

This year saw the majority of costs increase for three reasons: inflation-related price increases, we upgraded our Public Entertainment Licence to 5,000 people (£727) and we hosted the Women’s World Heavies Competition for the first time. This then “scaled up” what we needed goods and services for. For instance, the cost of toilets rose from £935 in 2024 to £5652 this year.

Due to increasing workload and complexities, we hired an event coordinator for the first time, at a cost of £3860. (This is included in “Non Games Day: Other” expenditure.)

For the first time we purchased hessian shopping bags and baseball caps with the games logo on them for £2028. (This is included in “Non Games Day: Other” expenditure.) This merchandise was sold alongside our souvenir programmes. The income from the combined sales of the programmes and merchandise was £1297.36. However the combined costs of programme production (£1142.33) and merchandise (£2028) totalled £3170.33, meaning that the sale of programmes and merchandise made a loss of £1872.97.

We updated and increased our prize money from £6981 last year to £14033 this year, including for the 8 Women’s World Heavy finalists. We also set up a business account with **Wise.com** to allow us to make international transfers of Prize Money to American finalists.

Income across all areas increased this year, as visitor numbers were far higher. Online advance ticket sales were used for the first time, and our gate income rose from £28315.44 in 2024 to £37880.30 this year.

We were able to gain £10200 in sponsorship money (last year our sponsorship income had been carried over from the year before.)

Our stalls included food trucks for the first time, generating £2765 in stalls fees (£1000 in 2024.)

Charitable payments

We were delighted to be able to support the Glenurquhart Care Centre and Glenurquhart Childcare Centre with donations of £1000 and £500 respectively.

We also made several goodwill payments totalling £800 for Glen Urquhart Rural Community Association and £300 for Glen Urquhart Shinty Club for the use of their facilities and resources in 2024 and 2025.

At Iain Wilson's request, we also made a £100 donation to the Glenurquhart Care Centre for the use of his field for car parking.

Remuneration

No remuneration has been paid to our trustees and there have been no transactions between GHGG and a GHGG trustee or any person connected with a GHGG trustee.

Although no specific Secretarial expenses have been incurred, Mr A.G. Whyte (Vice-Chair) was reimbursed £166.52 for fuel and food costs incurred when travelling with committee members to and from RSHGA meetings in Perth as well as meetings with sponsors.

All the payments described in the accounts were discussed, approved and noted during formal meetings of the charity's trustees.

Signed:

Kirstine Mullin

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Treasurer