

Blairgowrie, Rattray & District Pipe Band.

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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ending 30th September 2025 Scottish Charity Number SC040606

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with associated financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ending 30th September 2025

Current Trustees

Brigadier Sir Melville Jameson (President)
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Mr. David Patterson (Treasurer)
Mrs. Rose Patterson (Secretary)
Mrs Shelley Sands (Quartermaster)
Mr. Calum Patterson (Pipe Major)
Mr. Nicky Grant (Drum Sergeant)
Mr. AJ MacGregor (Pipe Sergeant)
Mr. Scott Jewell
Mr. Jordan Reid
Mrs Erin Farquharson

Other Trustees during the year

None

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Constitution

The Association is a charitable, unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution adopted on 20th March 2006 as subsequently amended.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the Association's trustees are appointed or re-appointed by the members at our annual general meeting which is held each year. They meet regularly during the year and function as the charity's management committee. The maximum number of trustees is twelve, split seven playing and five non-playing members.

Management

The trustees are responsible for strategic and governance decisions. The day to day running of the charity is the responsibility of the band officers led by the Pipe Major. Those members of the band responsible for the encouragement, management and tuition of the Junior Section are processed for disclosure under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to advance the education of the public in the art of the Pipe Band by the presentation of public performances and other related activities; to create a Pipe Band in Blairgowrie, Rattray and District; to promote, advance and encourage pipe playing and drumming; to promote the heritage and traditions of and playing of pipe band music generally and to encourage and educate young persons in piping and drumming.

Activities and achievements

2024/25, was another successful year for the band with 20 well-attended engagements. The number of playing members continues to increase and a full turn-out now constitutes 14 pipers and 13 drummers, with a further 5 novice students on chanter and 4 on drums. Sadly, this year also saw the passing of Davy Miller, former Pipe Major and long-time member who, along with Drummer Tom MacDonald, was responsible for re-forming the band in 1970. Sorely missed.

Charity Income

Our income derives mainly from the various organisations for events attended by the band. These would include the local tourist board, event committees, local organisations and Charitable Trusts. In addition, the Association receives regular public donations for which the Association is most grateful.

Trustee remuneration and expenses - There were no Trustee expenses for the year

Reserves

After adding the surplus of £2988.35, the Association holds funds of £35,292.51 at the year end. The management committee has agreed to maintain a capital reserve of £15,000 to ensure the ongoing viability of the band and therefore the sum of £20,292.51 is available for future use. The new committee will be responsible for the allocation of funds to projects which could include renewal, maintenance and development of band equipment, international development, and further expansion of the band's junior section.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf


19 MARCH 2026
Chairman

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 September 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
Receipts	£	£
Contribution to band funds for events attended	11,720.00	9755.00
Public donations (collection boxes & individuals)	785.40	6861.39
Corporate donations	1300.00	4705.00
Accommodation for non-playing French families	-	4317.97
Bank interest	283.18	220.72
Miscellaneous (<i>Band Hoodies 23/24, Refund Feather Bonnets</i>)	367.10	1560.00
Total receipts	14,455.68	27,420.08
<u>Payments</u>		
Event costs	3497.06	16,201.25
Equipment purchases	6730.98	3764.49
Presentations, tributes and awards	360.00	-
Total payments for charitable activities	10,588.04	19,965.74
<u>Governance costs</u>		
Audit Fee	80.00	70.00
Band Insurance	644.85	605.66
Trailer Insurance	154.44	-
Total Payments for Governance costs	879.29	675.66
Total payments	11,467.33	20,641.40
Surplus/Deficit for year	2988.35	6778.68

All funds are unrestricted

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Statement of Balances as at 30th September 2025

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Bank and cash in hand</u>		
Opening balances	32,304.00	25,525.00
Surplus/Deficit	2988.00	+6779.00
Closing Balances	35,292.00	32,304.00
<u>Assets</u>	<u>22,026.00</u>	<u>19,056.00</u>

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Chairman

Notes

1. The figure provided for assets is based on band equipment. This includes drums, harnesses, mace, band bagpipes and first and second dress uniforms. Depreciation of the existing balance is calculated at 10% as agreed by the Committee. New items are included at cost.
2. The Income and Expenditure account for the year has been examined by Mr George Carfrae and found correct.

Event costs

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Strathmore Games Band Lunches	56.06	0.00
Alyth Show, Band Lunches	70.90	0.00
Coach Hire, Newtonmore	715.00	500.00
Coach Driver Tip	40.00	0.00
Aberfeldy Show, Band Lunches	91.85	0.00
Crieff Games, Band Lunches (17@£10)	170.00	0.00
Strathardle Games, Band Lunches	53.50	0.00
Coach Hire, Braemar	600.00	500.00
Coach Driver Tip	30.00	0.00
Braemar Gathering, Band Lunches (23@£10)	230.00	0.00
Wedding Payout, Single Piper	150.00	150.00
French Accommodation & Trip Expenses	0.00	13,398.56
Christmas Party	1289.75	588.00
Scratch cards/raffle tickets etc. for fundraising	0.00	384.69
Ceilidh – French Visit	0.00	680.00
Total	3497.06	16,201.25

<u>Equipment Purchases (Capital)</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
First Dress Doublets	532.00	0.00
Bagpipe Chanters (G1 x4)	540.00	0.00
Waistcoats & Glengarries	212.08	0.00
Bagpipes for Juniors	837.18	112.80
Feather Bonnets	972.82	288.00
Drum Heads & pads etc.	723.00	93.79
Gazebo	390.00	0.00
Box Trailer	1500.00	0.00
Total	5707.08	494.59

Equipment Purchases (Revenue)

Band Hoodies (<i>French Trip</i>)	0.00	2000.52
Band t-shirts (<i>French Trip</i>)	0.00	606.39
G1 Reeds	740.76	201.18
Refurbishment & repairs	283.14	315.86
Ear Plugs	0.00	145.95
Total	1023.90	3269.90

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Payment towards expenses for events attended

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
	£	£
Aldourie Castle Inverness	-	1300.00
Newtonmore HG (Late Payment)	-	920.00
Fife Arms, Braemar (Late Payment)	750.00	
Aberfeldy Show (Late Payment)	650.00	
Fife Arms, Hogmanay Payout (Late Payment)	1500.00	
Diamond Care Piping	-	150.00
Muirton House Payout	-	165.00
Blackford HG	550.00	550.00
Strathmore HG	500.00	500.00
Alyth Show	350.00	300.00
Kettins Gala	250.00	
MacArthur Manor Payout	300.00	
Scone Game Fair	550.00	550.00
Braemar Junior HG	-	350.00
Blair Atholl, Scout Jamboree	-	450.00
Angus Show	-	450.00
Newtonmore HG	920.00	920.00
Kinloch Rannoch HG	650.00	650.00
Aberfeldy Show	650.00	
Perth Games	500.00	
Wedding Payout	250.00	
Strathardle Games	250.00	
Crieff HG	600.00	600.00
Braemar Gathering	1250.00	1000.00
Blairgowrie Braemar Night	100.00	
Birnam HG	400.00	400.00
Blairgowrie HG	350.00	350.00
Calum Campbell Concert Arbroath	-	150.00
Totals	11,720.00	9755.00

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 30th September 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Blairgowrie, Rattray and District Pipe Band Association

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2025, which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

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) Act 2005 ("2005 Act") and the Charities Regulation 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 2006 Regulations. 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which –

1/ gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations, have not been met, or

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

Mr. George Carfrae

George J. Carfrae

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Date - 12th March 2026