1st Elderslie Girls' Brigade

Scottish Charity Number SC 036692



Annual Report & Financial Statement

for the

Year ended 31December 2025

Trustees Annual report
For the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name	1st Elderslie Girls' Brigade
Scottish Charity Number	SC036692
Address	c/o Elaine Smith 4 Wilton Grove Elderslie, Johnstone PA5 9BX

Current Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2025

Elaine Smith	Captain
Norah Black	Lieutenant
Elizabeth Johnston	Lieutenant
Nadia Robertson	Lieutenant
Audrey Kerr	Treasurer
Rev Gray Fletcher	Chaplain

Independent Examiner

Kirsty Wilson
17 Vallance Wynd
Elderslie
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Bank of Scotland 56 High Street Johnstone PA5 8AL

Structure Governance & Management

The Girls' Brigade is administered in accordance with the guidelines set out by Girls' Brigade Scotland and is affiliated to Elderslie & Linwood Parish Church, which operates as a separate charity SC015701.
We operate three sections, Explorers, Juniors and Brigaders, depending on age of girls. We meet every Thursday evening from mid August until May the following year except for Christmas/Easter holidays. Some activities also take place out with our weekly meetings.
We have a strong team of fully qualified and authorised leaders as well as a strong number of girls meeting with us each week.

Appointment of Trustees

As required, persons who are involved in the operation of the Girls' Brigade are appointed and commissioned in accordance with National guidelines. They are also appointed and approved by Elderslie & Linwood Parish Church Kirk Session as per the rules and regulations of the Church of Scotland.
The trustees are particularly aware of their responsibilities in leading the organisation, especially for the benefit of the girls.
All staff involved within the organisation have complied with what is currently known as the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.

Aims and activities

As a Christian organisation, our aim is to help girls become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through reverence, self-control and responsibility to find true enrichment of life.

We are committed to offering girls a safe, secure environment where they are supervised by adult leaders who work within a Christian framework. Our members are of paramount importance to us and each girl is encouraged to participate in a wide variety of age appropriate activities with a view to enhancing their personal and social development at their own pace.

Girls' Brigade works within the local community to offer a program of informal education that mirrors the Curriculum for Excellence as offered in Scottish schools. It is our belief that every girl has talents to share and skills to develop and that we can provide many opportunities for this in an informal setting. We are committed to offering older members the opportunity to undertake leadership training and service to others.

At Girls' Brigade it is our intention to help girls of today become capable, confident citizens of the 21st century.

Achievements & Performance

A full calendar of activities was undertaken this year based on a theme of Shine Bright in the Community.
We are fortunate that we have good hall space to accommodate a large number of girls and are able to offer a very varied programme. Our numbers improved last year as our we rose to over 100 girls on a weekly basis. We are beginning to build up a regular number of girls within each age group. We have undertaken a recruitment campaign and have seen our numbers increase gradually and will do this again with the help of recruitment material from our parent organisation. We aim to reach out to our local nursery to let them know what we do.
We take part in regional competitions and also have a residential experience to Moffat in the springtime for Juniors and Brigaders, which we enjoyed again in the sunshine. We were able to engage in a Christmas Trip for all sections to the Panto, and engaged in Carol Singing for our local care homes. We continue to operate on a theme basis each year incorporating activities under the four corners of spiritual,physical, educational and service which allows us no matter what our theme is to undertake a balanced range of activities across the session.

We also have a number of our older girls involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme through the local council and we can help girls undertake various parts of the course through Service and Skills. We have also award and are registered to run Saltire Award.

Our activities provide a complimentary, fun way of learning new skills out with a school environment, although we do have a good relationship with our local primary school, as well as the High School where most of our girls attend.

The high weekly attendances are testimony to the enjoyment the girls gain from attending Girls' Brigade in Elderslie.

Financial Review

In general our main source of funding is from our weekly fees and annual craft & coffee evening and a social evening for parents and friends.
Through our fundraising we would hope to be able to support some members to assist with weekly fees and enrolment fee to ensure that Girls Brigade is available to everyone.

Approved by the trustees on 24 July 2026 and signed on their behalf
by Elaine Smith, Captain.

Signed: *Elaine Smith*

Dated : 29/09/26

Elderslie Kirk Girls Brigade
Charity Number SCO36692
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 1st Elderslie Girls Brigade.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year to 31st December 2024 which are set out in page 3.

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 Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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(as amended). 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 the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect of the requirements:-
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations
- 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.

Name: Kirsty Wison
Professional Qualification: Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation
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Signed _____ Date 29/09/26