

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2026

Reference & Administrative Information

Charity Name

44th Aberdeen Boys' Brigade Company

Scottish Charity Number

SC030488

Current Trustees

Mr David Tait	Mrs Jenny Sclater
Mr Ryan Webster	Mr Craig Vickers
Mr Martin Harbord	Mr Christopher Craig
Mrs Heather Tait	Mr Cameron Smith

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Structure, Governance & Management

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the trustees are appointed or reappointed Boys' Brigade Officers of the Company. Trustees are elected at our staff annual general meeting, which is normally held in May each year. One leader has returned following a year out and so has been added back as a trustee.

Governing document

The 44th Aberdeen Boys' Brigade is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are in line with those set out in The Boys' Brigade constitution.

Management

We communicate to our members, friends and their families through WhatsApp, email, a public Facebook page at www.facebook.com/44thaberdeenbb, our YouTube channel at youtube.com/@44thaberdeenbb and a Company web site at www.40four.co.uk. The website is an informative and balanced representation of the Company while the Facebook and YouTube sites provide an illustration of our activities.

Following GDPR legislation in 2018 all the boy's personal data is now stored securely in the Boys Brigade national database called Online Brigade Manager (OBM). Each boys' details, progress, attendance and awards are managed online via OBM. Parents can also see and amend their boy's personal details, our programme plan and the boys badgework progress via the Parents Portal on OBM.

Objectives, Activities & Achievements

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are the advance of religion among boys. Furthermore the promotion of participation in sports and education to the benefit of the young people in our care. We aim to promote The Boys' Brigade and fundraise to buy equipment and organise events for boys aged between 5 and 18.

Performance Review

In the year, we continued to operate our Boys Brigade Company at Mannofield Parish Church, Aberdeen on a weekly basis on Thursday and Friday evenings.

The Company continues to be an active contributor to local Battalion activities and we enjoyed better participation in church life this year. An example of this was for the Remembrance Service where boys of all ages attended to take part in this important service, we supported the church's local foodbank collections during the winter and took part in two community clean-up projects via a leaf and litter pick organised by the Church.

Statistics

Our numbers are stable with a membership of 61 boys supported by 11 leaders and a Chaplain. Attendance recorded showed a continuation in boys' regular participation in all weekly activities.

Sports & Competitions

During the year we took part in a small number of Battalion events competitions and some of our Junior Section boys attended a weekend camp arranged by the North Scottish Boys Brigade Area.

We also ran internal Company competitions with a chess and table tennis tournament for Company Section boys.

Special Events

The boys have enjoyed several special events this year. These include :

A variety of outdoor summer activities for Company Section.

A weekend camp in Forfar for Company Section.

A burger & bowling trip for Company Section.

Summer programme for Company Section including a bike ride, escape room and tubing.

Stewarding at the Braemar Gathering for Senior Company Section boys.

Trips to the local park for Anchor Boys.

A trip to a trampoline park for Anchor Boys & Junior Section.

Separate Christmas Parties in our own church for all Sections.

All sections also took part in supporting the local foodbank collections organised by the church.

Remembrance Service attendance for all Sections.

Education

We have ran a range of badge classes with material provided by BBUK. These provide informal education for the boys of all ages on a range of subjects including :

Olympics
Taskmaster
Quizzes

Mini Challenges
Crafts
Marathons

Human Scrabble
Fitness training
Basketball Skills

Lego
Movies
We Believe

Church

We endeavour to support and promote our local church. We work alongside the church's Ministry Team to present the Gospel to the boys through interesting and fun methods. Many of the young people participating in these events have no normal contact with church. As mentioned earlier we have supported the Church's foodbank and community initiatives.

Financial Review

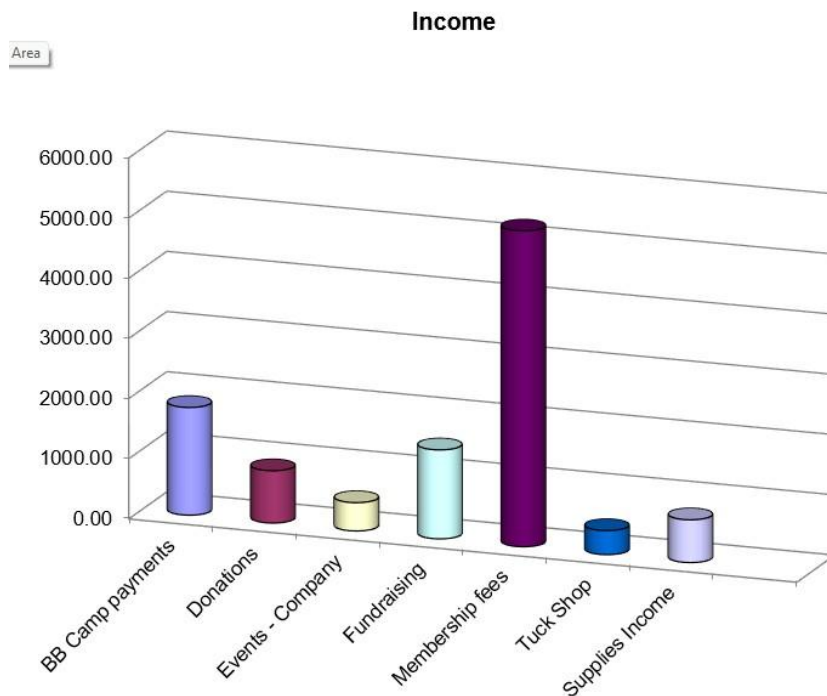
Trustee remuneration

Neither the trustees or other volunteer staff received any remuneration for their work during the year.

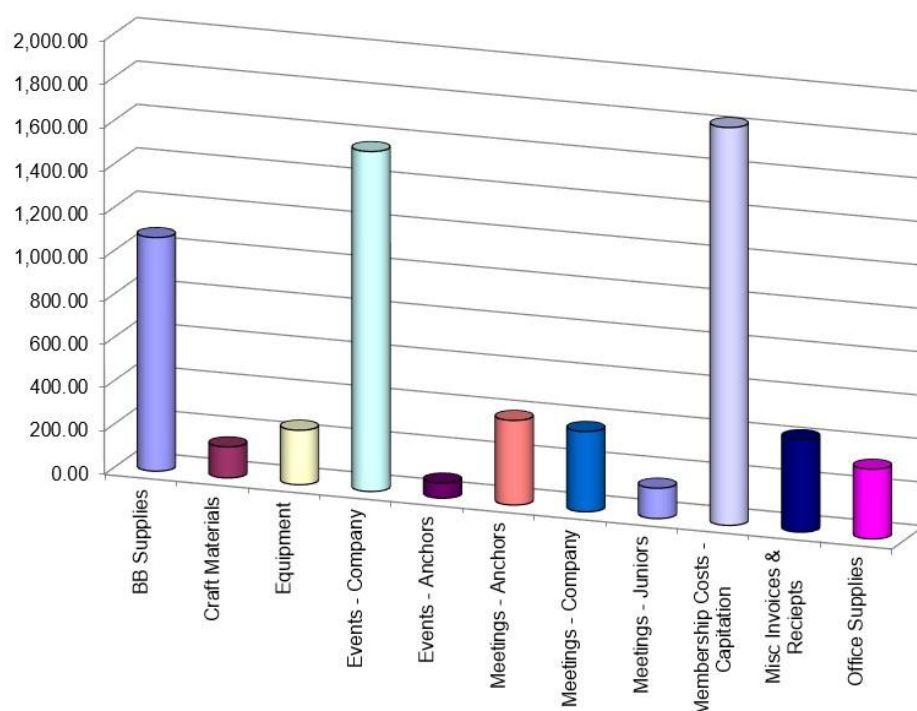
Finances

The annual accounts show a surplus of £416.23 for the year.

This surplus is due to several donations and additional membership fees being received. Also successful fundraising. Our main source of income continues to be member subscriptions along with fundraising including Gift Aid. Our income and expenditure are shown in the following charts.



Expenditure



Careful monitoring and review on both income and expenditure will continue next financial year as we must maintain balanced finances over time. We will ensure any future surplus can be reduced by extra spending on events for the benefit our members during the coming year.

Plans for the Future

We will continue to develop and grow the Company in the coming year for the young people we serve by continuing the range of activities and events they enjoy and introducing new ones across the Company as required.

We will monitor existing financial policy to maintain balanced accounts. A stable income with a review of subscriptions and a close monitoring of expenditure will, we feel, maintain, support and grow the activities of the Company.

We consider that the current funds and income streams will be adequate to enable us to comfortably continue to run the Company for the forthcoming year and support the activities and plans we have for our members.

Approved by the Trustees on 22th May 2026 and signed on their behalf.

David Tait
Captain
44th Aberdeen Boys Brigade Company