AIR TRAINING CORPS NO. 1271 BATHGATE SQUADRON

NON-PUBLIC SPORTS AND WELFARE FUNDS

SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC024627

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

The Trustees have the pleasure of presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ending 31st March 2026.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- Air Training Corps No. 1271 Bathgate Squadron Non-Public Sports and Welfare Funds
- Squadron Leader Mitchell, 1271 (Bathgate) Squadron Trust Fund

CHARITY NO

SC024627

ADDRESS

c/o Lorraine Grierson, Blairmains, Harthill, Lanarkshire, ML 75TJ

CURRENT TRUSTEES

Janet Fleming – Chair

Lorraine Grierson – Treasurer

Wayne Stephens – Board Member

Claire Houstin – Board member

Aeden Christie – Board member

Nikki Brennan - Board member

Diane Benham – Board member

CarolAnn Cicero - Secretary

The following trustees resigned during this financial year:

Claire Houstin

Aeden Christie

Nikki Brennan

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

1271 Bathgate Squadron is a charitable unincorporated association, and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in the RAF Air Cadets constitution.

CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Our Purpose, as recorded in our constitution is as follows:

- To promote and encourage amongst young people a keen interest in flying, and the Royal Air Force.
- To provide training that will be useful in both service and civilian life.
- To foster the spirit of adventure, and develop the qualities of leadership, and good citizenship.

In addition to the above, it is promoting Bathgate Squadron within the local community and fundraising for equipment to be utilized for the development and growth of the squadron.

ACTIVITES AND ACHEIVEMENTS

During 2024-25 Bathgate squadron continued to thrive with the cadet numbers staying in the high 30s.

During squadron nights the cadets were able to work through their Leading, Senior and Master classifications. Project work was also undertaken, which included STEM activities, Flight Sim, Model making and radio.

The CFAV personnel have given the Cadets the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities within the squadron, Wing, Region and some at Core level. Activities undertaken were Gliding at Kirknewton, Air Experience flying at Leuchars, climbing at Ratho, Fieldcraft, Radio, Youth First Aid, Road Marching, Weapons Handling and firing, Leadership courses and Banner training. Cadets also did bronze DofE expeditions with some progressing to achieving the award after completing the other disciplines required.

Due to ongoing restrictions on the number of camps available there were limited places again this year, but Cadets attended camps for 2025 Bronze / Silver Eagle camp at Garelochhead, and a variety of Multi Activity Weekend camps at RM Condor.

The cadets were able to provide excellent representation at the ATC in Remembrance Day parades at Armadale, ATC Sunday, Ayr Air show, Korean War Memorial service and VE Day 80th anniversary celebration. Cadets were also present at Scotland rugby match during the 6 nations. 1271 assisted with Bathgate and Blackridge Procession weeks at various events throughout the town.

On the sporting front the squadron had cadets at the wing Football 5s, Athletics and swimming competitions.

Cadets did some charity work in November, doing a Poppy Collection at Tesco over 2 weekends, raising £2725.

Throughout the year there were fun activities put on for the cadets with a Halloween party, ten-pin bowling night and a trip to the pantomime at the local theatre. On January Saturday 31st the squadron put on a successful Burns Supper at the Bathgate British Legion. The evening was well supported by Cadets and their families.

On 16th January the squadron celebrated 60 years of being in their current hut. A news article was published in the local paper which provide good advertisement for 1271.

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees did not receive any renumeration or expenses during the year.

NON-PUBLIC FUND ACCOUNT RESERVES

The main source of income was through cadet subscriptions of £11 per month.

In 2021-22 financial year, a donation of £5000 (restricted funding) was given to the squadron by Mrs. Mitchell, to be used for the welfare of the cadets. The money will be used to help provide uniforms, camp fees etc., for families who have financial issues, thus allowing everyone to have an equal chance of taking part in all

activities. This year the fund has paid the monthly subs for 1 cadet, bought #1 uniform for 1 cadet and provided for a 10 pin bowling night and trip to the pantomime.

The squadron holds funds of £12804.77 at the year end. Of this total £3177.97 is restricted for cadet welfare as per donation request. The general fund will enable 1271 Bathgate Squadron ATC to continue to operate and run the squadron at the current rates for the forthcoming year.

TRUST FUND RESERVES

The Trust fund holds restricted funds of £5713.54 at the year end. This memorial trust fund has been set up to provide a discretionary award of £300 per year for an individual who the Trustees of the fund agree to be the beneficiary, in honour of Squadron Leader Mitchell. Due to Covid no awards had been made from this fund so the Trustees agreed that for 2020 and 2021, 2 charities would have a donation of £300. For 2023 and 2024 the award was split between 2 cadets £150 each).

Note there are still outstanding payments to 5 cadets who have not claimed their award, which totals £1050.

Approved by the trustees' and signed on their behalf.

1271 Chair Jane Anne

1271 Treasurer Lorraine Grierson