

# Bathgate Band

Scottish Charity No SC035364



Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

# Trustees Annual Report

## For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.

### Reference and Administrative Information

**Charity Name**

Bathgate Band

**Charity No**

SC035364

**Address**

100 Hope Park Gardens, Bathgate, West Lothian, EH48 2QX

**Current Trustees**

|             |                | Appointed | Resigned |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| G Duggan    | President      | 30/04/15  |          |
| A Brown     | Vice President | 14/09/23  |          |
| Scott Logan | Secretary      | 13/04/23  | 31/12/25 |
| L Green     | Treasurer      | 12/05/14  |          |

## **Structure, Governance and management**

### **Constitution**

Bathgate Band is a registered Scottish charity. It was registered in its current legal form on 8 October 2003. It has a single tier structure and, as such, the trustees are the members of the charity.

During the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, Bathgate Band converted to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) (SC054432). In December 2025, the band began the process of transferring assets and operations to the new charitable organisation.

### **Appointment of Trustees**

The trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and hold the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with any additional office bearers considered necessary.

The committee comprises the trustees (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) along with eight additional members elected at the AGM.

## **Objectives and Activities**

### **Charitable purposes**

The main purpose is to promote and foster the appreciation of music and the playing of brass instruments for the benefit of the community, as well as the individual, through social and formal engagements, and to develop the public appreciation of the art of brass band playing.

### **Activities**

The band is currently a Championship Section brass band and meets twice a week for rehearsals. These are mostly directed by the Musical Director C Anderson. It's often the main focal point for community events in Bathgate and the surrounding area and regularly takes part in events such as concerts, gala days, Christmas parades, fundraising events and the Armistice Day parade/services.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### 2025 Engagements/Performances were as follows:

March 5<sup>th</sup> Open Rehearsal, Regal Reconnect, Bathgate  
March 9<sup>th</sup> Scottish Championships, Perth Concert Hall  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM was held in the bandhall  
April 12<sup>th</sup> Bathgate High Bowling Club Season Opening event  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> Concert with Ryan Quigley, Glasgow University Student Union  
May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> April – Russell Gray Conductors Workshop weekend, which concluded with a concert at Bathgate Partnership Centre  
June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Bathgate Procession events  
June 14<sup>th</sup> East Calder Gala Day was sadly rained off  
June 25<sup>th</sup> Brass at Beamish, Living Museum of the North, Beamish  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Linlithgow Marches  
June 21<sup>st</sup> Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Childrens Gala  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Fife Charities Contest, Kirkcaldy  
October 31<sup>st</sup> Joint Concert with Broxburn Sings, Broxburn  
November 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance parade and service, Bathgate  
November 30<sup>th</sup> East Calder Torchlight Procession  
December 6<sup>th</sup> Carols at Tesco, Bathgate  
December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas switch on Bathgate Town Centre, with Kirkton Brass and Bathgate Together  
December 7<sup>th</sup> Carols at The Range, Falkirk  
December 8<sup>th</sup> Brodies Christmas Memorial Service, Armadale Parish Church  
December 10<sup>th</sup> Over 50's Choir concert, Whitburn  
December 13<sup>th</sup> Carols at M&S, Livingston  
December 21<sup>st</sup> Carols at Designer Outlet, Livingston & Morrisons, Bathgate  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Concert, St Marys, Bathgate

In addition to the above engagements/performances a number of the senior band assisted our Youth Band in their many events throughout the year in care homes and supermarkets

### 2025 Achievements:

On the contest stage, the band were placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the Championship section of the Scottish Championships in March

June saw the band compete at Brass at Beamish where the band were placed 1<sup>st</sup>, and we followed this with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Fife Charities Brass Band Association contest in September.

Our Christmas concert at St. Mary's RC Church in Bathgate attracted an audience of over 300. This year, we were delighted to welcome a Marimba Soloist (S Meikle) as our special guest, alongside a fantastic performance from our own youth band.

The year was rounded off with a social event at the Glenmavis Tavern.



**Achievements and Performance continued....**

The main non-playing fundraisers this year were fantasy football, folk band event, quiz nights and virtual balloon races.

When the World Rankings were updated on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, Bathgate Band were 65<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> in Scotland)

## Financial review

The Band started 2025 with £44,366 in the Bank account. Bathgate band raised funds of £4,113 (restricted) and £28,943 (unrestricted), of which we spent £1,838 (restricted) and £24,945 (unrestricted), leaving a balance of £50,639 at the year end.

As part of the change over from SC035364 to SCIO SC054432, £10,656 was transferred to the new bank accounts on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 to enable the closing of the high interest account of SC035364 and the opening of similar for SC054432. The closure of the other accounts and transfer of assets will take place in January 2026

Our main sources of income are from fundraising, grants and donations.

### Fundraising:

We continued with the fundraising initiatives such as textile collections, virtual balloon races and Easyfundraising.com which alongside our now annual fantasy football league, raffles and scratch cards collectively raised £2,253.

From concerts and collections when playing Christmas carols at The Range, Morrisons, Tesco, Marks & Spencer and McArthur Glen we raised a further £3,827

The band continues to run its bonus ball, which is currently fully subscribed and brings in a regular income.

### Grants:

During 2025, the band received no grant funding.

### Donations:

In 2025, the band received a generous donation that helped support our youth development fund. This ensured that our young musicians could attend NYBBS courses without facing financial barriers. We also secured financial support to assist with the expenses of the concert held in Glasgow with world renowned trumpet player Ryan Quigley.

At the end of 2014, The Bathgate Band registered with HMRC as a charity for tax purposes in line with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010, and during 2025 we continued to claim back the basic rate Income tax that had been paid on certain donations from individuals through their gift aid scheme.

## Reserves Policy

£10,000 is held in reserve for the purposes of covering any expenses incurred in the eventuality that the Band should be wound up.

## Plans for future

During 2025, the band transitioned to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) to support plans for a community asset transfer of a property in Bathgate. To assist with this, £26,630 is currently held in an RBS savings account and has been set aside for this purpose.

The band are preparing for several contests during 2026:

The Scottish Championships (March), Fife Brass Band Festival (April), Beamish (June), Fife Charities (Sept) and the Scottish Challenge (Nov)

Other events for 2026 include an awards ceremony and workshop (Feb), several civic events and concerts within West Lothian.

We will also host Russell Gray and his delegates for a conducting Workshop in May, which will be our 10<sup>th</sup> year of hosting this event.

This report was approved on behalf of the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



Gerry Duggan  
President



Derek Brown  
Vice-President



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Board of Trustees of the Bathgate Band**

To the Trustees

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charity's and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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**

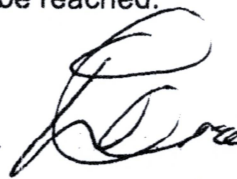
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures 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 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 the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attentions should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Eilidh Craig  
Robson Forth Ltd.,  
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29 May 2026

 EILIDH CRAIG BACA  
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29<sup>th</sup> May 2026



**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 December 2025**

|                               |   | 2025<br>£             | 2025<br>£           | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                               |   | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total<br>Funds | Total<br>Funds |
| <b>Receipts</b>               |   |                       |                     |                |                |
| <b>Donations</b>              | 4 | 5,536                 | 4,000               | 9,536          | 11,619         |
| <b>Grants</b>                 | 5 | 0                     | 0                   | 0              | 3,950          |
| <b>Fundraising</b>            |   |                       |                     |                |                |
| Bonus Ball                    |   | 1,636                 | 1,352               | 2,988          | 2,907          |
| Race & Quiz Nights            |   | 950                   |                     | 950            | 502            |
| Other fundraising initiatives |   | 941                   |                     | 941            | 1,966          |
| Raffles & Auction             |   | 1,312                 |                     | 1,312          | 677            |
| Merchandise                   |   | 0                     |                     | 0              | 44             |
|                               |   | <u>10,376</u>         | <u>5,352</u>        | <u>15,728</u>  | <u>21,664</u>  |
| <b>Charitable Activities</b>  |   |                       |                     |                |                |
| Concerts                      |   | 1,174                 |                     | 1,174          | 2,618          |
| Civic Events                  |   | 3,975                 |                     | 3,975          | 6,105          |
| Collections                   |   | 2,544                 | 110                 | 2,654          | 1,554          |
| Band Dues                     |   | 7,183                 |                     | 7,185          | 7,415          |
| Prize Money                   |   | 250                   |                     | 250            | 0              |
|                               |   | <u>10,376</u>         | <u>5,352</u>        | <u>15,728</u>  | <u>21,664</u>  |
| <b>Other</b>                  |   |                       |                     |                |                |
| Bank Interest (SC035364)      |   | 680                   |                     | 680            | 826            |
| Bank Interest (SC054432)      |   | 23                    |                     | 23             |                |
| Contributions                 |   | 1,040                 | 350                 | 1,390          | 942            |
| Insurance Payout              |   |                       |                     |                | 248            |
|                               |   | <u>1,743</u>          | <u>350</u>          | <u>2,093</u>   | <u>2,017</u>   |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>         |   | <u>27,244</u>         | <u>5,812</u>        | <u>33,057</u>  | <u>41,103</u>  |

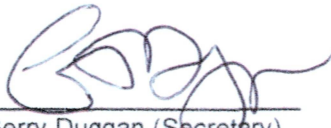
**Statement of Receipts and Payments continued...**

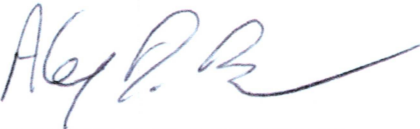
|                                         | 2025<br>£             | 2025<br>£           | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                         | Unrestricted<br>Funds | Restricted<br>Funds | Total<br>Funds | Total<br>Funds |
| <b>Payments</b>                         |                       |                     |                |                |
| <b>Fundraising Costs</b>                |                       |                     |                |                |
| Bonus Ball winnings                     |                       | 1,352               | 1,352          | 1,377          |
| Concert/Raffle expenses                 | 755                   |                     | 755            | 1,036          |
|                                         | <u>755</u>            | <u>1,352</u>        | <u>2,107</u>   | <u>2,413</u>   |
| <b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>    |                       |                     |                |                |
| Musical Directors Fees                  | 7,595                 |                     | 7,595          | 8,280          |
| Instrument Repairs                      | 309                   |                     | 309            | 651            |
| Music                                   | 670                   |                     | 670            | 571            |
| Utilities (& phone)                     | 2,834                 |                     | 2,834          | 2,349          |
| Band Hall SC & maintenance              | 3,175                 |                     | 3,175          | 3,836          |
| Hall rent & storage                     | 0                     |                     | 0              | 594            |
| Website Domain                          | 16                    |                     | 16             | 16             |
| Transport                               | 3,870                 |                     | 3,870          | 2,530          |
| Insurance                               | 988                   |                     | 988            | 843            |
| Contest Fees                            | 360                   |                     | 360            | 768            |
| SBBA & Registry                         | 360                   |                     | 360            | 600            |
| Uniforms                                | 198                   |                     | 198            | 632            |
| Player expenses                         | 902                   | 1,725               | 2,627          | 8,612          |
|                                         | <u>21,277</u>         | <u>1,725</u>        | <u>23,002</u>  | <u>30,282</u>  |
| <b>Other</b>                            |                       |                     |                |                |
| Bank Charges                            | 32                    |                     | 32             | 32             |
| Donations                               | 28                    | 110                 | 138            | 100            |
| Miscellaneous                           | 1,355                 |                     | 1,355          | 1,213          |
|                                         | <u>1,415</u>          | <u>110</u>          | <u>1,525</u>   | <u>1,350</u>   |
| <b>Purchase of Instruments</b>          | 150                   |                     | 150            | 5,068          |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                   | <u>23,596</u>         | <u>3,187</u>        | <u>26,784</u>  | <u>39,113</u>  |
| <b>Surplus / (deficit) for the year</b> | <u>3,648</u>          | <u>2,625</u>        | <u>6,273</u>   | <u>1,990</u>   |
| Balance brought forward                 | 44,366                |                     | 44,366         | 42,377         |
| Surplus / (deficit) for year            | 3,648                 | 2,625               | 6,273          | 1,990          |
| <b>Closing cash at bank and in hand</b> | <u>48,014</u>         | <u>2,625</u>        | <u>50,639</u>  | <u>44,366</u>  |

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 December 2025**

|                                       |               |               | <b>2025</b>    | <b>2024</b>    |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                       |               |               | Total          | Total          |
| Insurance Values (new for old)        |               |               |                |                |
| <b>Instruments</b>                    |               |               | 219,233        | 184,014        |
| <b>Band Equipment</b>                 |               |               | 20,720         | 18,120         |
| <b>Costs (in 2025)</b>                |               |               |                |                |
| Gig bag & Cymbal                      |               |               | 150            |                |
| <b>Total</b>                          |               |               | <u>240,103</u> | <u>202,134</u> |
|                                       |               |               | <b>2025</b>    | <b>2024</b>    |
|                                       |               |               | Total          | Total          |
| <b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>         |               | SCIO          |                |                |
|                                       | SC035364      | SC054432      |                |                |
| RBS Current Account                   |               |               |                |                |
| Restricted                            |               |               |                | 25             |
| Unrestricted                          | 973           | 5             | 978            | 2,240          |
| RBS Reserve Account                   |               |               |                |                |
| Restricted                            | 2,475         |               | 2,475          | 800            |
| Unrestricted                          | 36,508        | 652           | 37,160         | 30,967         |
| RBS 95 Day Account                    |               |               |                |                |
| Restricted                            |               | 10,000        | 10,000         | 10,000         |
| Unrestricted                          |               | 23            | 23             | 332            |
| Paypal Account                        |               |               | 4              | 2              |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <u>39,960</u> | <u>10,679</u> | <u>50,639</u>  | <u>44,366</u>  |
|                                       |               |               | <b>2025</b>    | <b>2024</b>    |
|                                       |               |               | Total          | Total          |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                    |               |               |                |                |
| Lothian Coaches Balance               |               |               | 560            | 0              |
| Unpaid prior year Bonus Ball winnings |               |               |                | 25             |
| <b>Total</b>                          |               |               | <u>560</u>     | <u>25</u>      |

These accounts were approved on behalf of the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

  
Gerry Duggan (Secretary)

  
Derek Brown (Vice President)

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended December 2025

**1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2 Nature and purpose of funds**

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the band.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

**3 Related party transactions**

No remuneration was paid to the trustees during the year.

**4 Donations**

|                                    | 2025<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds | 2025<br>Restricted<br>Funds | 2025<br>Total<br>Funds | 2024<br>Total<br>Funds |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Towards Band Hall & Utilities      | 0                             |                             | 0                      | 1,987                  |
| Findlay & Co                       | 450                           |                             | 450                    | 500                    |
| Clarus Networks                    |                               | 4,000                       | 4,000                  | 4,000                  |
| Bathgate Community Centre Mgt Team |                               |                             | 0                      | 1,200                  |
| Other Donations                    | 4,836                         |                             | 4,836                  | 3,932                  |
| Total Donations                    | 5,536                         | 4,000                       | 9,536                  | 11,619                 |

**5 Grants received**

|                                | 2025<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds | 2025<br>Restricted<br>Funds | 2025<br>Total<br>Funds | 2024<br>Total<br>Funds |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| WM Mann Foundation             |                               |                             |                        | 400                    |
| Councillors Disbursement Funds |                               |                             |                        | 800                    |
| Edinburgh Airport Grant        |                               |                             |                        | 2,750                  |
| Total Grants                   | 0                             | 0                           | 0                      | 3,950                  |