



# SCOTTISH COMMUNITY DRAMA ASSOCIATION

## Chairpersons Report of Caithness District 2025

The District Committee presents its report and financial statements for the year 2023-24

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## 1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Scottish Community Drama Association Caithness District  
Scottish Charity Registration Number: SC021388  
Address: C/O Alan Gerrard  
84 Duncan Street  
Thurso  
KW14 7HS

### District Committee and Executive

Members of the District Committee who act as the Executive are designated: (EXEC).

**Independent Examiner** Clare Crawford, Thurso  
**Bankers** Bank of Scotland, Orlig Street, Thurso, KW14 YBL  
**Contact Address:** Chairman, 84 Duncan Street, Thurso, Caithness, KW14 7HS

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## 2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Office Bearers & Trustees

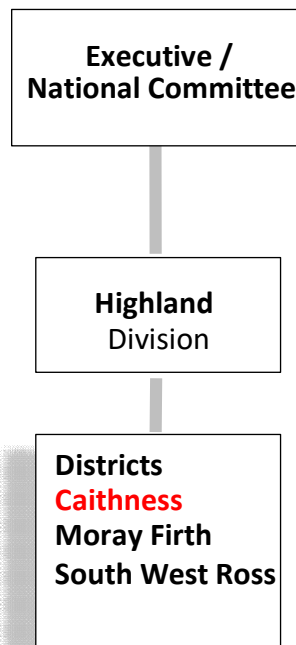
**Chairperson:** Alan Gerrard (Exec) Trustee  
**Secretary:** Julie Kedward (Exec) Trustee  
**Treasurer:** Audrey O'Brien (Exec) Trustee

**Committee:** John Firth, Clare Sturrock-Center, Kirsten Gunn, Norma Craven

**Recruitment & appointment of Committee:** All the committee are appointed by the members at our annual general meeting.

**Governing Document:** The association is a charitable unincorporated body and the purposes and administration are set out in the constitution

## Scottish Community Drama Association Organisational Structure



### **3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Our purpose is the encouragement of drama in Caithness, and by advice, promotion and publicity, festivals of community drama, lectures, workshops, conferences and any other suitable means, endeavour to increase interest in the art. In addition:

- To support and foster activity in performance and writing throughout Scotland.
- To support members and clubs in artistic personal and social development.
- To develop links and partnerships throughout the theatrical world and the voluntary sector.
- To act as an advocate for community and amateur theatre.

#### **Vision:**

Our vision is that community drama is recognised as a diverse and respected contributor to the arts, producing high quality theatre events throughout Caithness.

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### **4. ACHIEVEMENTS**

We had a successful festival in Thurso Highschool with two entries.

Wick Players entered Death and Nellie Miller by Jack Boswell and Thurso Players entered Taken by Winsome Pinnock. Russel Boyce was adjudicator and Thurso progressed to the Divisional Finals.

The Festival was well attended and thanks to sponsorship again from Pentland Hotels they made a small surplus of around £650. Unfortunately, they had no Youth entries.

Thurso competed in the Divisional Finals were they again won and went on to compete in the Scottish Finals where they gave a very good performance.

A workshop for clubs was run by the national Drama Advisor to encourage new directors. Unfortunately, this was not as well supported as we hoped for, and the district will need to look at other ways of encouraging and supporting new directors

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### **5. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The annual accounts and independent examination are set out on pages 5 and 6 of this report.

Following the payment of a contribution towards Thurso Players expenses to compete at the Divisional and National finals and payment for the workshop run by the National Drama Advisor in The Caithness district made a small loss of £52 and closed the year with reserves of £5,254. All monetary reserves are retained to invest in drama in Caithness and to cover any future year where the district festival may incur a deficit.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP

Caithness District has the following members

### Clubs

Thurso Players

Thurso Players Juniors

Wick Players

### Individuals

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Adult-7

As with last year, membership has stayed steady overall.

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This report has been approved by the Caithness District Committee acting as Trustees and is signed on their behalf by the Chairperson.



**Alan Gerrard**

Caithness District Chairman,  
Scottish Community Drama Association  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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