

Chairperson's report – Banchory Companions

2025-2026

We have really got a good routine going in Dalvenie and the staff are very friendly and helpful. The A2B bus continues to provide a vital service - Linda retired but the new drivers are also very good to our members and create a fun atmosphere on the bus.

We currently have 20 members - the most since covid. Our new members are Chris, Alison, June, Isobel and Bill. Nicky also came for a while but unfortunately had to give up because of hearing problems.

Sadly our "chatting" volunteer Linda Stephen gave up coming due to illness and has recently moved into a care home.

We had two donations from the families of former members who had passed away. Sandra, Bill Findlay's daughter-in-law, did the Dundee kilt walk in his memory and raised an amazing £718.49 for us and Betty Orr's family donated £150 from Betty's funeral. We were extremely grateful to both those families.

Dalvenie has been open for 25 years and several members and volunteers joined a crowd celebrating the event with afternoon tea and entertainment. We had celebrations within the group as well - Margaret and Gordon reached 70 and Maureen celebrated her 90th. We bought a present for each of them which were greatly appreciated.

We've had two outings in the last year - to the Falls of Feugh in October and to the Cowshed last month which were both very much enjoyed by all.

At Christmas we bought presents for the members - a set of hand wash and lotion for the ladies and a selection of shower gels for the men, plus chocolate coins for all. Pat Thain and her friends came to sing for us and Dalvenie provided a lovely Christmas lunch.

Lastly, lots of thank yous – to the Dalvenie staff who are always so helpful and Susan Zappert who audits the books and especially to Denise and Catherine who both work very hard and whose input is invaluable. Finally, our wonderful volunteers who make the Companions such a happy friendly place. There is always a buzz of chat and laughter which is heart-warming. Thank you to all for making it a very special place.

Catherine Gedik

August 2026

Banchory Companions (SC020354)

Statement of Balances as at 31 May 2026

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Bank and Cash in Hand		
Opening Balances	4,675	2,501
Surplus for the Year	(1,978)	2,174
Closing Balances	2,697	4,675

Approved by the members and signed on their behalf.

Catherine Nichols

12-Aug-26

Catherine Nichols
Treasurer

Banchory Companions (SC020354)

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2026

	Total 2026	Total 2025
Receipts	£	£
Members' contributions	2,896	3,079
Donations	868	4,030
Total Receipts	<u>3,764</u>	<u>7,109</u>
Payments		
Payments for Charitable Activities:		
Weekly Running Expenses	4,049	3,621
Members' Outings	892	670
Christmas Gifts and Party	366	293
Bank Charges	16	
Miscellaneous	127	64
	<u>5,450</u>	<u>4,648</u>
Administration Costs:		
Insurance	292	287
	<u>292</u>	<u>287</u>
Total Payments	<u>5,742</u>	<u>4,935</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the Year	(1,978)	2,174

Independent examiner's report on the accounts							
Report to the trustees/members of	Banchory Companions						
Registered charity number	SC020354						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
	1	June	2025		31	May	2026
Set out on pages	1-2						
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 Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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. 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 accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention - 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, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.						
Signed:	Susan Zappert			Date:	3/8/26		
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