

Doune & Dunblane Cricket

Trustees' Annual Report

01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025



Charity contact information



Doune & Dunblane Cricket

Scottish Charity Number: SC053064

Ground Address: Registered Address:

The Grazings	Viewpark
Castle Hill	Keir Street
Doune	Dunblane
Perthshire	Perthshire
FK16 6BU	FK15 9BP

Tel: 0300 102 3275

Email: askme@dounedunblanecc.com

Website: <https://www.dounedunblanecc.com/>

Social Media profile name: @dounedunblanecc

Charity Trustees

Name	Office (if any)	Dates Acted (if not for whole year)	Name of Person (or body) entitled to appoint Trustee
Jamie Corser			Members
Chris Lumsden	Chair		Members
Euan Macdonald			Members
Alan Robertson	Secretary/Treasurer		Members



Jamie



Chris



Euan



Alan

Objectives and activities

The advancement of public participation in cricket and the organisation of recreational activities within Doune, Dunblane, and the surrounding area, with a particular focus on encouraging the development of young and new players, and women's cricket, through, but not limited to:

- Collaboration with existing or new clubs that promote cricket locally.
- Supporting the development of individuals, players, coaches, cricket officials, and other volunteers.
- Participating in league, cup, and other cricket competitions and events associated with the sport.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

- Delivered free cricket sessions to Callander, Doune, Dunblane, Newton, and St. Mary's Primary Schools in the Stirling Council Area.
- Hosted a free cricket festival for the primary schools excluding Callander (who will hopefully be able to attend in future years).
- Supported Dunblane Primary School's participation in the Cricket Scotland Boys and Girls Cup competition.
- Supported Dunblane High School participation in the Cricket Scotland Boys and Girls Cup competition.
- Offered free evening softball cricket sessions for women.
- Offered free day time walking cricket sessions for older members of the community or with restricted movement.

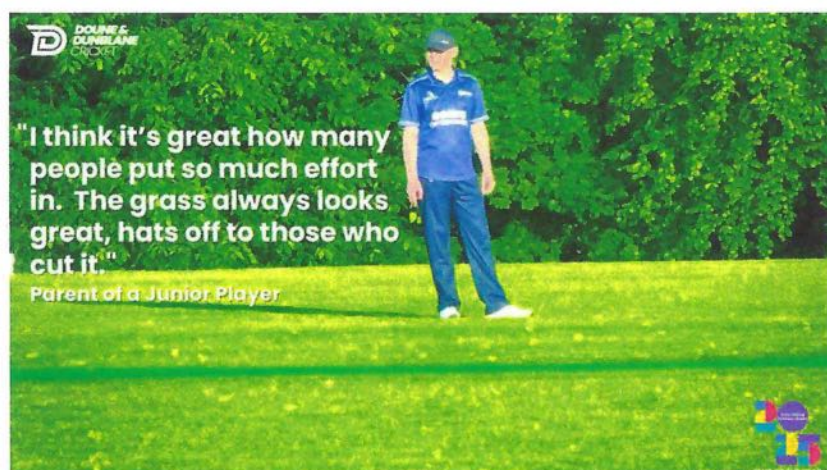


Structure, governance and management

Doune & Dunblane Cricket Club is a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) whose principal governing document is its constitution. Under this governance model, the charity is democratically governed by its active membership, who hold voting rights to elect the managing committee of trustees. To support its local and national sporting operations, the club maintains formal affiliations with both Cricket Scotland and ClubSport Stirling.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

A recruitment exercise was undertaken in 2025 to attract new Trustees; however, no applications were received.



Achievements and performance

1. Special Recognitions & Community Awards

The club's dedication to community sport and inclusive growth was publicly celebrated at the highest local level:

Active Stirling Volunteer Club of the Year: The club was named Volunteer Club of the Year by Active Stirling. This prestigious award directly recognises the exceptional commitment, hours, and energy contributed by the club's coaches, committee members, and volunteers to deliver safe, high-quality grassroots cricket.



2. Expanding Public Participation & New Formats

In line with our charitable purpose to advance public participation in sport, 2025 saw the successful diversification of our club offerings across new demographics:

Introduction of Walking Cricket: To promote lifelong physical activity and social connection, the club successfully launched a new Walking Cricket section in 2025. This format has proven brilliant for engaging older age groups, individuals recovering from injury, and players looking for a low-impact, highly social variation of the game.

Continued Financial Inclusivity: The club maintained its commitment to making cricket accessible to all segments of the local community. During the 2025 summer and winter cycles, we continued our 10% family discount and 50% priority group fee reductions, successfully mitigating economic barriers to participation.

3. Structural Growth & Strategic Milestones

The 2025 season marked a major step forward in transitioning the club from a purely social/developmental layout into a formalised competitive structure:

League Application Success: A critical milestone was achieved in 2025 with our formal application and acceptance process to join the Strathmore & Perthshire Cricket Union (SPCU).

Squad Preparation and Friendly Fixtures: While competitive league matchplay was scheduled to commence in the subsequent season, the entire 2025 playing year was successfully utilised to build necessary squad depth, captaincy experience, and match sharpness via local friendly fixtures.

Winter Training Programme: The 2025/2026 Winter Cricket Programme launched smoothly in October 2025, providing consistent weekly indoor practice tracks through the winter months to maintain player retention and technical development.

4. Infrastructure & Facility Enhancements

To support parallel senior, junior, and walking cricket practices safely at The Grazings:

Capital Grant Funding: The club successfully secured a financial grant from the Cricket Development Trust Scotland (CDTS) during 2025. These funds were directly allocated toward purchasing a new mobile net cage, expanding our practice facilities and drastically increasing coaching capacity.

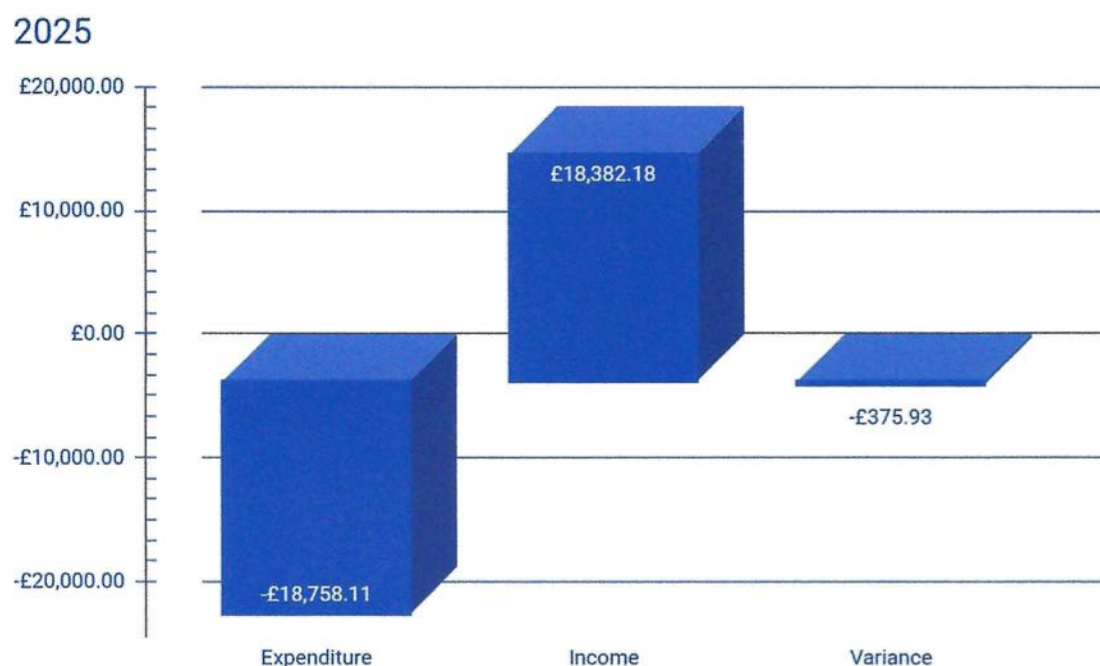
5. Financial Review & Compliance

Charitable Statement: Financial resources and localised fundraising efforts were diligently balanced across the year to support ongoing venue maintenance at The Grazings, administrative fees for league entry, and the acquisition of the necessary kit to sustain our expanding cricket pathways.

OSCR Reporting: The Trustees confirm that the standard annual return and financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2025 are being prepared in accordance with standard charity accounting requirements for submission to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) ahead of the statutory 30 September 2026 deadline.



Financial review



Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

As Doune & Dunblane Cricket Club navigates its second year as a registered charity, building a robust capital reserve remains a primary long-term objective. This process continues to be balanced against the demands of the current economic climate. While the Board of Trustees has not yet agreed a formal, fixed reserves policy, there is an active commitment to establishing a structured framework as the club's baseline financial position strengthens.

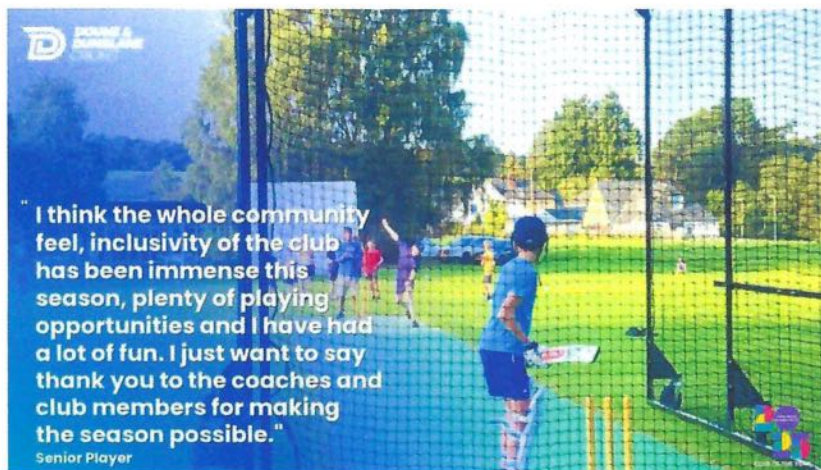
In the interim, the charity mitigates risk by operating under a strict, cash-certain forecasting model. To protect operational liquidity and prevent the club from budgeting against unconfirmed income, all pending or speculative grant applications are intentionally excluded from active financial planning profiles.

Details of Any Deficit

The charity concluded the financial year with a minor operational deficit of £375.93. The Board of Trustees does not consider this shortfall material or significant; it was fully absorbed by existing cash-certain reserves and aligns with our budget controls.

Donated facilities and services

Our volunteers remain the vital heart and soul of Doune & Dunblane Cricket Club, generously donating their time, expertise, and passion across all areas of our operations. Their invaluable support ensures the safe and successful delivery of every club activity, both at the Grazings and within the wider community. Whether managing match days, maintaining facilities, or leading youth sessions, every club event is actively supported by a dedicated team of volunteers, typically ranging from three to five individuals per activity. The charity is immensely grateful for this ongoing gift of time, which is fundamental to our growth and sustainability.



Future Plans

Looking ahead to the next financial year, the Board of Trustees has aligned its operational and developmental objectives with the strategic framework outlined in the Club Development Plan. Our activities will be delivered across three core phases: Immediate Foundations, Growth & Community, and Sustainable Future, to advance our overarching vision of creating a thriving, welcoming, and sustainable heart for village cricket in Doune and Dunblane.

Our goals for the upcoming year are categorised as follows:

1. Building a Strong Foundation (Immediate Priorities)

To ensure our operations are safe, clear, and sustainable, the charity will focus on correcting critical infrastructure and volunteer weaknesses:

Facilities & Infrastructure: We will focus on immediate site sanitation and safety, working to install temporary toilets while actively progressing engineering tracks to secure reliable running water, hot water, and electricity within the pavilion. A dedicated batting net will also be installed to expand safe training access.

Volunteer Sustainability: To mitigate 'Key Person Risk', we will implement a targeted recruitment drive for smaller, non-coaching roles (such as match-day helpers) and clearly define expectations to reduce the operational burden on our core volunteer group.

Pitch & Ground Maintenance: The club will work alongside our ground staff to establish a formal, structured pitch maintenance schedule and conduct a rigorous asset audit of all essential equipment, including our mowers and roller, to prevent pitch overuse.

Communication Clarity: We will streamline our digital messaging by formalising WhatsApp groups strictly for urgent or instant team alerts, while continuing to embed Spond as our primary tool for general club coordination and member onboarding.

2. Growth and Community Spirit (Medium-Term Priorities)

In line with our values of Open to All and Serious Fun, we will leverage our welcoming culture to expand playing formats and deepen local engagement:

Programme Expansion: The club will introduce structured coaching for our senior teams, sustain our targeted investment into Women's Cricket (including organising dedicated friendly fixtures), and establish a consistent Winter Indoor Cricket programme.

Community Engagement: We will further integrate the highly successful Walking Cricket section into the core of the club and deliver a diverse social calendar—including Family Days and Quiz Nights—alongside featuring individual player profiles to celebrate our community's success.

Player Capability & Match Logistics: To champion Fair Play and ease volunteer pressures, we will host voluntary training sessions for senior players covering basic umpiring and scoring, alongside establishing a clear policy for away-game lift-sharing.

3. Securing the Sustainable Future (Long-Term Horizons)

To cement the long-term financial, physical, and cultural future of the charity, the Trustees will initiate several forward-looking infrastructure and pathway projects:

Long-Term Infrastructure Funding: The Board will target major capital grants (such as the National Lottery and dedicated sports funds) to finance a comprehensive pavilion upgrade, while formalising a long-term development plan for "The Grazings".

Player Retention & Transition Pathways: To guarantee that juniors can smoothly transition into senior cricket, we will formalise a balanced two-senior-team structure (separating league competition from development/friendly cricket). We will also introduce a voluntary exit questionnaire to better understand player retention.

Culture & Volunteer Appreciation: To reinforce our community spirit, the charity will launch an annual Awards Dinner with explicit honours for our coaches and volunteers and periodically review our kit suppliers to ensure all members feel comfortable and proud representing the club.

Additional information

Doune & Dunblane Cricket Club has continued its remarkable trajectory of growth throughout 2025, demonstrating a deep commitment to promoting the sport and embedding its core operations within the fabric of our local community. All our achievements are built directly upon the club's established strategic foundation:

Our Vision: To be the thriving heart of village cricket in Doune & Dunblane—a welcoming, sustainable club where everyone can enjoy and grow in the game.

Our Mission: We provide opportunities for all to play, develop, and enjoy village cricket supported by committed volunteers, good facilities, and strong community ties.

Delivering on Our Core Values

Our growth and success in 2025 a direct reflection of our four Core Values in action:

Open to All (Inclusivity & Growth): True to our belief that everyone is welcome, and every age, background, and ability should be included, our overall registration has flourished to 106 active members during the 2025 season. This includes a robust senior group of 28 adult men, an energetic junior/recreational contingent of 24 Incrediball players, and a thriving youth network. Furthermore, our dedication to neurodivergent inclusivity remains a cornerstone of our coaching environment, ensuring a supportive and welcoming atmosphere for all families.

Community Spirit (Bringing People Together): Moving beyond the boundary to bring Doune & Dunblane together, both on and off the field, 2025 has seen an incredible surge in our Walking Cricket programme, which now tracks at 18 active members. This initiative has successfully expanded our outreach to older demographics and recreational players, combatting isolation and deepening our local community ties.

Serious Fun (Enjoyment First): Driving our belief that cricket is a game to be enjoyed and that enjoyment always comes first, our junior and recreational pathways have seen phenomenal engagement. To capture wider member sentiment on how we balanced competition with fun this season, we

successfully launched a comprehensive club-wide end-of-Season Membership Survey to gather structured feedback from players, parents, and volunteers.

Fair Play (Respect & Capability): To ensure we compete with spirit and respect, always fair to teammates, opponents, and officials, we have actively invested in our internal match-day capabilities this year. This included rolling out voluntary training sessions for senior players covering EDI, basic umpiring and scoring, ensuring our future fixtures were managed with the highest standards of integrity.

Through these combined efforts, the club continues to deliver successfully on its developmental roadmap, securing its position as a progressive, inclusive, and values-driven Scottish charity.



Declaration

This Trustees' Report has been approved by the Board.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name:

CHRIS LUMSDEN

Position:

CHAIR

Date:

14/07/20