UNITE SCOTLAND KINNEIL BAND
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER SC050296
Committee Members Report and Accounts for the year ended 28th February, 2026

The Committee Members present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February, 2026.

Governing Document

Unite Scotland Kinneil Band is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, from 17th July, 2020, and registered as a Scottish Charity under reference SC050296. It is governed by its constitution and administered by a committee consisting of members elected under the terms of the constitution.

Committee Members

The Committee Members who served during the year to 28th February, 2026 were as follows:
Brian Holmes – Chair Elizabeth Meikle - Treasurer
Robert Doherty – Secretary
Billie-Jane Hamilton – Band Manager

Principal Address

The organisations principal address is: 15 Dundas Street, Bo'ness, West Lothian, EH51 0DG

Appointment and Recruitment of Committee Members

The organisation is governed by a committee whose members are appointed in terms of the organisations constitution.

Objectives and Activities

Unite Scotland Kinneil Band is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Its purposes are the advancement of education, and the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture, or science through the operation of a brass band.

Achievements and Performance

During the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026, the band had another busy year. In early March 2025, the band participated in a fundraising concert for Bo'ness Parish church entitled a "Night of Music" along with the Bo'ness Belles where they had the opportunity to showcase their test piece for the forthcoming Scottish Brass Band Championships. On 8 March the band competed in the First Section Scottish Championships. Despite achieving a 5th place, this was not enough for the band to be promoted back to the Championship Section, and we will continue to strive towards this in the coming year. In April, the band competed in the Fife Brass Band Festival and achieved a very credible 4th place.
The band were also delighted to announce new sponsorship from Unite Scotland which saw a name change for the band to Unite Scotland Kinneil Band.
In May 2025, the band travelled to Blackpool to compete in the British Open Spring Festival and our result again secured our return to this contest for next year. In May, the band also welcomed their new Associate Conductor, Paul Drury. Our Annual Concert was held at the end of May 2025 and also featured our Kinneil Youth Band. This was a very well attended concert. The month of June saw the band busy with Gala Days and culminating at the end of June in the Bo'ness Fair. On a Sunday afternoon in August, we also held a free concert in the bandstand of the local park which was very well attended.

The band competed in the West of Scotland Entertainment Contest on 30 August 2025 in Troon and were delighted to be awarded first place and in mid-September we shared the concert stage with the Bo'ness Salvation Army Band. The band competed in the Fife Charities Band contest at the end of September and achieved 7th place.
In November 2025, as well as leading the Remembrance Parades in Falkirk and Bo'ness, the Band competed in the Scottish Challenge Shield Brass Band Contest and the Youth Band also competed in the Youth Band Championships. The band were delighted to be crowned the Scottish Shield Champions, and our Principal Cornet received the 4barsrest award for the best soloist. We were also confirmed as the First Section Band of the Year by the Scottish Brass Band Association. December was again a very busy month for the band with our Christmas Concert and playing Christmas Carols in local supermarkets and around the community of Bo'ness.
Whilst some of the band's results in contests have not been in our favour this year, as a band we have continued to retain our players with limited turnover which is sadly not the case for many bands across the UK who are struggling for players. We are looking forward to the new year with and continuing to make music and entertaining our local community and beyond.

Following the fire in 2019, which resulted in significant damage to the band hall, the band has continued to work towards reinstating the building as a suitable rehearsal facility, following an extended period of discussions with insurers. In February 2026, a dedicated reinstatement group was established under the chairmanship of a band committee member, bringing together band representatives, supported by a Chartered Surveyor acting as project manager and an appointed architect. With approximately £340,000 available from band funds, the group has made significant progress in developing an agreed plan for the reinstatement.

By June 2026, agreement had been reached on the proposed design and a two-stage approach to the works. Stage One will restore the existing hall as a functional rehearsal space, while Stage Two will involve a wraparound extension to provide additional storage and kitchen facilities, maximising the usable rehearsal area.

The Chartered Surveyor has issued the specification for quotation to six building contractors, with submissions expected by 10 November 2026. Subject to the tendering process and appointment of a contractor, the intention is to commence works as soon as practicable, with the initial priority being to install scaffolding and complete the new roof ahead of the worst of the winter weather. The subsequent internal fit-out is targeted for completion by June 2027, providing the band with a viable rehearsal facility. Expenditure from band funds will be released in agreed stages in accordance with the contract arrangements. The second-stage extension will be progressed separately, subject to securing additional funding. While further work remains, the group has established a clear plan and made encouraging progress towards restoring the hall for the benefit of the band and its future activities.

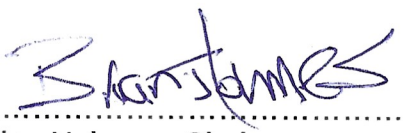
Financial Review

The Charity aims to generate sufficient funds to maintain operations. There is a surplus for the year of £156,899 compared to a surplus last year of £141,240. The charity held unrestricted funds of £351,508 at the year end and the committee consider that this will enable us to support the activities which are planned for the

forthcoming year, including work on the rebuilding of the band hall. The accounts last year included an insurance settlement of £173,467 in relation to fire damage of the band hall, leading to the large surplus and funds carried forward. Further insurance payments of £172,832 were received in the current year, resulting in a large surplus again this year, and a significant increase in funds carried forward.

Committee Members Remuneration and Expenses
None of the committee members received remuneration or reimbursement of expenses for their services.

This report was approved by the committee members on 27th October, 2026 and signed on their behalf by



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Brian Holmes - Chair

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 28th February, 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Receipts		
Contributions towards travel costs	2,578	-
Engagements	4,320	7,767
Contest Prize	200	-
Donations	2,305	3,420
Sponsorship	8,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	425	1,257
Fundraising	4,505	4,999
Insurance settlement for band hall fire	172,832	173,467
Total Receipts	195,165	193,910
Payments		
Payments for charitable activities:-		
Conductor	10,007	9,372
Music and Instruments	4,371	8,929
Rates and Insurance	4,168	5,103
Rent of premises for storage and rehearsals	4,230	2,296
Heating and Lighting	316	442
Uniforms and merchandise	1,277	-
Contest Travel and accommodation	6,176	3,654
Players Expenses	745	1,999
Safe Custody Charges	34	32
Miscellaneous	614	328
Administration	928	1,461
Fundraising expenses	50	350
Engagements	1,137	706
Expenses re work on fire damaged band hall	4,213	17,998
Total payments for charitable activities	38,266	52,670
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Surplus for the year	156,899	141,240

The General Fund represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

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Statement of Balances as at 28th February, 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Bank and Cash in Hand		
Opening Balances	194,609	53,369
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	156,899	141,240
Closing Balances	351,508	194,609
Reserves		
General Unrestricted Funds	351,508	194,609
Assets		
Band Premises – Insurance valuation	25,000	25,000
Instruments and Equipment – Insurance valuation	191,221	191,221
	216,221	216,221

Approved by the committee members on 27th October, 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Brian Holmes - Chair

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee Members

I report on the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 28th February, 2026 as set out on pages 4 to 5 of this document.

Respective Responsibilities of the Committee Members and the Examiner

The charity's committee members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity committee members 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 Report

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 committee members 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;

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 accounts Regulations; and

(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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30th October, 2026