RSCDS
DUNFERMLINE

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Dunfermline Branch

Registered Scottish Charity, Number SC027501



Photo: RSCDS Dunfermline Branch Annual Ball (December 2025)

Trustees' Annual Report

Financial Year: 2025 – 2026

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This report has been prepared on behalf of the Trustees and is an accurate record of the activities of the charity during the named financial year.



Trish Paton

Secretary, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Dunfermline Branch

INTRODUCTION

This Report covers the financial year from June 2025 to June 2026

Although a relatively small branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, RSCDS Dunfermline Branch is a very friendly and active group. This report is designed to give the reader an idea of the types of activity undertaken by the Branch over the course of the year.

The constitutional aim of RSCDS Dunfermline Branch is to advance the education of the public in and around Dunfermline in traditional Scottish Country Dancing. To do this, the Branch undertakes to:

a) preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dancing
b) provide or assist in providing instruction in dancing of Scottish Country Dances
c) promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish Country Dancing and Music by any suitable means, and
d) generally, do such other lawful things as are or may be considered by the Local Association to further the foregoing objects of the Society in the district or area to which it relates.

Charity Trustees during the Financial Year

Role	**Name**	**Applicable Dates From**	**Applicable Dates until**
Chair	Alison Austin	AGM 2023	2026
Chair Elect	Linda MacDougall	AGM 2023	2026
Secretary	Trish Paton	December 22 (OM 21)	Annual review
Treasurer	James Laird		Annual review
Ordinary Members	Janet Butler	AGM 2024	AGM 2027
	Diane Brown	AGM 2023	AGM 2026
	Catherine Fagan	AGM 2025	AGM 2028
	Lesley Anne Lumsden	AGM 2024	AGM 2027

THE TEACHING OF SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

RSCDS Dunfermline Branch provides a range of classes to encourage the learning of Scottish Country Dancing (SCD) and its dances. Each class is taught by a fully qualified RSCDS teacher. In some instances, a trainee teacher may teach a class while supervised by a qualified teacher, as part of the Branch commitment to providing opportunities to the SCD teachers of the future.

GENERAL CLASS (ADULTS) (September 25 – May 26)



Photo – First class night September 2025

Our intake of beginners at the start of term was minimal but a slow trickle of new members throughout the first term and at the beginning of Spring term has increased numbers but proven difficult for the teachers to be rigid in their class structure. Our main class numbers have also dropped off because of age and illness. However one of our number reached an amazing 90 years of age, and apart from not hearing well is still dancing. We celebrated with cake!

At the start of Spring Term the teaching rota changed again. We unfortunately lost Amy Drysdale who has been taking the beginners for some years but luckily, Bill Austin stepped in for the remainder of term. Alison Austin took the main class.
During April and May we had four guest teachers, Martin Adam, Agnes Leighton, Yvonne Munro and Zsofie Jones.

THE ADVANCED CLASS



Pho*to: Dancers concentrating hard at an advanced class night with guest teacher Heather Cowan*

The Advanced Class, aimed at more experienced dancers, provided expert tuition from a range of external qualified teachers from other areas in Scotland, listed below. Five (monthly) classes were held during this financial year. The Branch were disappointed at the reduced numbers attending so we hope changing to an afternoon class will increase our attendees.

Guest teachers were
September: Heather Cowan
October: Rachel Shankland
November: Fiona Mackie
January: Janet Johnston
February: Andrew Nolan



YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS

RSCDS Dunfermline Branch provides financial support towards the running of a Children's Class. Katie Haigh, the teacher entered the class in the Glasgow Music Festival. As some are as young as five it has been a challenge for Katie but her pupils performed amazingly on the day and achieved a certificate of merit.



RSCDS Dunfermline Branch – At Home and Further Afield

Promoting the Enjoyment of Scottish Country Dancing and Music

Dunfermline Branch held various events throughout the year.

The first was a series of events consisting of four successful summer dances preceded by the **Picnic Dance**, with visitors attending from all over the world to enjoy our live music and join in the dancing.

Summer Picnic Dance photo

A Joint Branch Teach-in event for Book 54 was held in September 2025 in Pathhead. Dunfermline Branch, St. Andrew's Branch and Kirkcaldy Branch all took part.

In December 2025 the Branch hosted their **Annual Ball** in the Glen Pavilion, pictured at the start. The meal provided by the Glen Pavilion was delicious as always, the dance programme with music provided by James Coutts and his Band, was great and so another successful event was enjoyed by all who attended.

Class Parties

In November 2025 and March 2026 we held end of term class parties to which, we invited dancers outwith the branch. Music was provided by Phill Jones.

November 25 class Party



Dunfermline Branch weekend event in Rothbury

In April this year, the Branch hosted their second weekend event but this time in Rothbury Northumberland. Sixty one dancers congregated to enjoy two great nights of dancing in Northumberland with music provided by Phill Jones. Alison Austin and Margo Priestley presided over the Sunday morning class at which we were taught some old and new dances.



Photo of Rothbury Weekend Dancing

Though a small Branch, members attend a range of events outside Dunfermline. Alison Austin, Bill Austin and Amy Drysdale teach a variety of well-known and unusual dances to prepare us for nearby dance events (e.g. Edinburgh or Stirling or Perth). This means Dunfermline dancers are kept up to date with the latest favourites, and allows the Branch to advertise its events, personally to other clubs.

Ongoing Projects to Further the Objects of the Branch

Trustee (Branch Committee) Meetings

The Branch Committee meet two-monthly, scheduled throughout the financial year.

Data Protection

The Branch continues to remain compliant with the DPA2018, and data protection remains a standing item on Branch Committee agendas.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

All trustees of the Branch plus the children's class teachers and assistants are PVG-checked in line with Disclosure Scotland guidance, and the Safeguarding policy with associated procedures is promoted on the Branch website.

Advertising

Advertising takes place through a range of media, including newsletters, newspapers, social media and posters in the local area.

Branch E-Newsletter, and E-mail

The Branch produces an electronic newsletter for members and friends, highlighting what events are happening in Dunfermline and news items of interest.

In line with the Data Protection Act 2018, the Branch has always implemented an 'opt-in' approach to its general enewsletter distribution, requiring specific consent from all recipients prior to sending.

In addition, a separate email is sent only to Branch members, when it is appropriate, which includes information essential to their ongoing membership of the Branch.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Dunfermline

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2026 which are set out on pages 3 and 4.

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) Act 2005 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 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:
   i. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
   ii. 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.

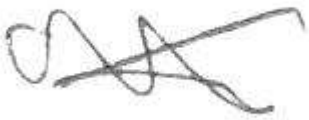
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None

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Signed :

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Dunfermline

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 June 2026

		2025/26	2024/25
		£	£
Receipts			
	RSCDS Subscriptions	972.00	880.00
	Class Fees	5040.00	5185.00
	Fundraising Events	10453.52	17252.90
	Other Income	57.30	155.00
Total Receipts		**16522.82**	**23472.90**
Payments			
Fundraising Expenses			
	Bands, Catering, Halls	10416.22	15916.11
		10416.22	**15916.11**
Payments for Charitable Activities			
	Teachers, Musicians, Halls	5191.30	4548.50
	RSCDS Subscription Paid	972.00	880.00
	Equipment	30.00	195.61
	Gifts	34.00	10.00
	Postage, Stationery, Insurance	192.63	378.01
Total Payments for Charitable Activities		**6419.93**	**6012.12**
Governance Costs			
	Room Hire for Meetings & AGM		
	Gift for Independent Examiner	40.00	40.00
Total Governance Costs		**40.00**	**40.00**
Total Payments		**16876.15**	**21968.23**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		**-353.33**	**1504.67**

All funds are unrestricted

Statement of Balances as of 30 June 2026		**2025/26**	**2024/25**
		£	£
Bank and Cash in Hand	Opening Balances	11845.55	10340.88
	Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	-353.33	1504.67
	Closing Balances	**11492.22**	**11845.55**
Reserves	General Reserves	11492.22	11845.55
	Closing Balances	**11492.22**	**11845.55**

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



James Laird, Treasurer