

# **KINGUSSIE TENNIS CLUB**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**20/12/24 – 20/12/25**



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**Trustee for Kingussie Tennis Club,**

Your charity's name - **Kingussie Tennis Club**

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## Charity Trustees

The following people were voted on as Trustees of the charity at the AGM in 2024 for season 2025

1. Chris Donald
2. Deborah Tait
3. Helen Peebles
4. Keith Robertson
5. Kenneth Deans
6. Sandy Peebles
7. Mary Anderson
8. Shirley Lynch

## Objectives and activities

### The purposes of Kingussie Tennis Club are:-

- the advancement of education
- the advancement of public participation in sport
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended

### The Club is a non-profit distributing charity whose principal objectives are:-

- to encourage and advance the public participation in sport
- the advancement of the public participation in the sport of tennis by the provision of coaching and facilities for participating in Lawn Tennis in accordance with the rules and regulations laid down by the Lawn Tennis Association through Tennis Scotland, the governing body within the game of lawn tennis and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities from time to time (and by so doing to become and remain

registered as an associate of the LTA), and the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code and the rules and regulations of any governing body.

To further these objectives, the Club will seek:

- To advance the public participation in sport and to advance the education of children, young people and adults through the provision of coaching opportunities to engage in the study, practice and teaching of all aspects of tennis to develop their mental and physical capacities and will enable them to improve the conditions of life.
- To support, where possible, underprivileged children and youths, to participate in the amateur sport of tennis by fostering a community spirit for the achievement of these and such other purposes as may by law be deemed to be charitable and to further the development of the appreciation of tennis by members and by the public.
- To do all such other things as shall further the objectives of the Club

## **Structure, governance and management**

### **Type of governing document**

The club have a set constitution in line with requirements set down by both the LTA and OSCR. Changes to this constitution can only be made with agreement of all parties and is voted on at the Annual General Meeting of the club. All members have a copy of the constitution.

### **Trustee recruitment and appointment**

Any club member can be a trustee. Members put forward their own name or are nominated by a club member at the AGM. All members can vote for the people that they would like to act as Trustees of the charity. The trustees must step down at the end of the year but can stand for re-election for another year.

## **Achievements and performance**

### **President's Report to Members 2025**

Following a not too severe winter the courts at Kingussie were prepared and lines laid by a hard working band of volunteers guided by Sandy and Helen. As always our thanks go to those members who give up their time for weeding,

raking, brushing, laying more blades and rolling courts as well as trimming hedges and cleaning seats and the clubhouse and checking equipment in advance of the playing season. Also many thanks to Mark and Shirley Lynch for the new score boards which have graced the club this season and helped us all keep track of matches.

Fraser Dallas has very ably maintained the rolling of the courts and brushing lines through the playing season and we extend our thanks to him.

Volunteers were sought for the teams for Highland League matches and these teams were able to have a limited amount of practice and coaching at RATC prior to the leagues starting at the end of April. We thank our neighbouring club and Stephen Anniss for this.

Season started with pretty good weather and opening tournament was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Eileen Stuart and Grant Davis won the opening tournament and the Derek Easson Tankards.

Highland League matches proceeded through May and June and our teams all managed to remain in their starting Division and again thanks to all members who turned out, however reluctantly, to play in these matches - Mens Team, 2 Ladies teams and our Mixed Team all performed very well.

Coaching also went well for juniors and adults and we all benefitted from a great run of weather this summer with very little in the way of events or coaching having to be cancelled due to rain.. A summer camp for juniors was also very successful during school summer holidays and again a further coaching block continued into autumn. Further adult coaching was also offered and again a few new faces attended which was excellent. Thanks to Zoe Ettle for providing coaching supported by Alex and Rosie

A Monday evening Mens' tennis session was set up by Ken Deans in mid May and continued after the summer holidays. This has encouraged a number of men of varied ages, to come along and play more regularly and we hope they continue next year.

Badenoch Ladies shinty club held a social tennis evening and again we hope they may return and play next season.

Our various social tennis events went well with very good attendance, great barbecues and pot luck catering. In addition Kingussie members were invited to Newtonmore for a social tournament to celebrate Wimbledon and then KTC reciprocated with a further successful social Fast 4 tournament. We look to continue our association with our neighbouring clubs in future seasons.

We were very sorry to hear news of the death of a former member, Peter Morris, in August. Peter had lived a full life and reached the great age of 100. Although he has not lived in Kingussie for some years, he is fondly remembered by many club members as an excellent tennis player who won the club championship a number of times but also was always a true gentleman. The club extends our condolences to his daughters.

We finished the season with Club championships in August and our reigning champions are now: Christine Sutherland Ladies Plate, Thijs Claes and Alice Fogg, Mixed Doubles Plate, Anna Roulston, Ladies Singles, Chris Donald, Mens Singles, and Sandy and Helen Peebles, Mixed Doubles . Well done to all. We look forward to our annual prize giving at the end of this week.

Late in the season there was an over 60s league set up within Highland and a team of ladies entered from Kingussie and came out on top of their division. Well done all.

Through the season, KTC received a number of monetary donations from local businesses to support club activities. These moneys have been used to support junior coaching and also purchase some new equipment including racquets and balls. Many thanks to all these businesses.

There are a number of plans for 2026: looking at trying to grow the club and encourage new members, particularly in the younger age group and families within our community.

A very special mention to Helen who is standing down as Treasurer within the club after more years than any of us cares to remember but I think it may be around or above 20. Many, many thanks for the hours dedicated to supporting the club above and beyond the treasurer role. Huge appreciation from the club.

Lastly many thanks to all members for contributing in whatever way you have during this past season - even if it just playing the courts - as the main function of a tennis club is playing the game we enjoy. Long may we all continue. Looking forward to season 2026 !!

Chris Donald

Kingussie Tennis Club President December 2025

Financial review 2024/25 (As submitted to 2025 AGM prior to OSCR approval  
by independent examiner)

**Kingussie Tennis Club**

**2024-25 SC048014**

|                                  |                  |           |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Balance Current account 31/10/24 | £8,493.87        |           |
| Uncashed Cheques                 | £0.00            |           |
| Cash                             | £0.00            |           |
|                                  | <u>£8,493.87</u> | £8,493.87 |

**INCOME**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Subs           | £1,898.96    |
| Court Bookings | £278.21      |
| Coaching       | £862.00      |
| Social         | £845.40      |
| Donations      | £676.50      |
| Other          | £0.00        |
| Grant          | <u>£0.00</u> |

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|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| Total Income | <u>£4,561.07</u> | £4,561.07 |
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**EXPENDITURE**

|                   |                  |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Social            | £913.51          |                  |
| Fees              | £369.62          |                  |
| Equipment         | £640.05          |                  |
| Coaching          | £1,140.00        |                  |
| Maintenance       | £2,051.20        |                  |
| Projects          | £0.00            |                  |
| Sundries          | <u>£125.94</u>   |                  |
| Total Expenditure | <u>£5,240.32</u> | -£5,240.32       |
|                   |                  | <u>£7,814.62</u> |

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|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Balance Current account 31/10/24 | £7,792.62        |                  |
| Uncashed cheques                 |                  |                  |
| Cash                             | £22.00           |                  |
| <b>Current Assets</b>            | <u>£7,814.62</u> | <u>£7,814.62</u> |

**Notes to accounts:**

**Subs** Encouraging that these are up slightly from last year, but we still need more members.

**Court Bookings** Similar to last year. Booking software is £194 so not much profit.

**Coaching** Subsidised to a degree by the club, includes £120 for pre-season coaching which wasn't charged for. Need to fill the adult classes in particular.

**Social** Mainly the Christmas dinner, other event expenses were low.

**Donations** £50 Jamie Rogers, £300 A9Joinery, £50 Dallas Decorators, £250 Grant Plumbing. Helped to subsidise Junior coaching& equipment

**Fees** Email, LTA & District

**Equipment** £283balls, junior rackets, weed killer sprayers & pickleball kit.

**Maintenance Blaes** £1100, inc delivery (purchased from Elgin Tennis Club), £380 weekly court rolling

## Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no set policy on reserves at the moment but this is a matter that will be kept under review.

## Details of any deficit

The deficit on the accounts for the year was caused by the purchase of blaes for the courts. This is necessary maintenance , paid for as required on a less than annual basis. As such, this cost has been met from reserves..

## Future plans

For the tennis season 2026 Kingussie Tennis Club aim to:-

- Increase membership
- Have regular coaching sessions at all levels and run tennis camps for seniors and juniors again
- Further develop the use of Clubspark for bookings, coaching and communication with members.
- Encourage use of the courts by local schools
- Take part in Highland District Leagues with mens, ladies and mixed teams.
- Hold regular social tennis events to encourage new members
- Continue to improve the facility with the purchase of new equipment and maintain and improve the pavilion for use by members and visitors.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Name            James Keith Robertson

Designation    Trustee

Date

6th April 2026