



Blind Golf Scotland

Trustees' Annual Report

Period From 1/11/2024 to 31/10/2025

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Scottish Blind Golf Society

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Charity Trustees

1. Mr G Docherty
2. Mr A Reid

In the current year (2025-26) the number of trustees was increased as part of a strategy to strengthen the governance of the charity and introduce sighted persons, specifically to help with banking, finance and certain administrative tasks. The following trustees were appointed in February 2026 in accordance with the constitution and code of conduct (see <https://blindgolfscotland.com/about-us/bgs-constitution-and-code-of-conduct>).

These trustees are listed on the OSCR page of the charity.

1. Greg Docherty
2. Douglas Smith – normally sighted individual and primary contact. Doug has experience as a trustee on other charities, particularly in the finance areas.
3. Kris Adams
4. Allan Mustard

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the Society are to further the physical and mental health of all registered blind or partially sighted persons in Scotland to ameliorate their suffering and distress and to aid them in maintaining their handicaps, specifically by promoting and encouraging their participation in, and the playing of, the game of golf. This is achieved by:-

1. Maintaining and promoting a club for blind golf
2. Recruitment of sighted guides for players
3. Holding matches
4. Raising funds from subscriptions and grants
5. Participating in international golf tournaments.
6. Engage with other disabled persons charities such as RNIB and building relationships with Scottish Golf's disabled golfing functions.
7. Support coaching of blind golfers with qualified professional golf instructors

8. Maintaining players handicaps

Structure, governance and management

The charity is fully operated by volunteers, there are no employees.

There are two main documents which stipulate how the charity is managed and how members and officers of the company are expected to conduct themselves when representing the charity. The Constitution and the Code of Conduct. These two documents can be found at:

<https://blindgolfscotland.com/about-us/bgs-constitution-and-code-of-conduct>).

Being operated by volunteers enables the charity to maximise the funds applied to the objectives and minimise overheads.

The Charity is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Executive Committee which consists of the following individuals for the current year.

- Captain: Greg Docherty (captain@blindgolfscotland.com)
- Vice-Captain: Allan Mustard (vicecaptain@blindgolfscotland.com)
- Secretary: Doug Smith (secretary@blindgolfscotland.com)
- Treasurer: TBC (treasurer@blindgolfscotland.com)
- Match Secretary: Cameron McDairmid (matchsecretary@blindgolfscotland.com)
- Handicap Secretary: Cameron McDairmid (matchsecretary@blindgolfscotland.com)
- Events: Kris Adams (events@blindgolfscotland.com)
- John Gibb – Guiding Officer

The majority of the committee are blind golfers. There are 2 fully sighted members, the secretary and the guiding officer (who manages the guides that assist golfers when playing). The fully sighted individuals are recruited via “Volunteering Scotland” and the others from the playing members.

Executive Committee members are appointed at the AGM, which usually takes place in February each year.

It is important to have at least 2 sighted members to ensure the charity can manage things such as online banking and online submissions to sites that are not “user friendly” for individuals with sight impairment.

Achievements and performance

During the year to 31 October 2025 BGS has run a number of society specific event and competed in a UK wide event and an international event.

On average we get around 14 Blind Golfers for our society events, the numbers are limited because many of the golf clubs who extend a friendly welcome to us only have 4-6 buggies. The buggies are essential to our golfers as walking over a golf course is not that easy when you are visually impaired. We have golfers from all over Scotland and our only female player (just for now) travels from Shetland to play in our events.



The left photo is our lady golfer from Shetland, the centre photo is an attempt to play out of the marsh (difficult by any standards) and the right photo is at a Strokeplay event.

One of our golfers, who was blinded in an accident, has stated that "playing golf has changed his life so much for the better"

We keep an order of merit, with players earning qualifying points for each event they attend, and the top 8 are selected to represent Scotland at international events.

In the year to 31 October 2025 we ran the following events

- Largs GC May 2025
- Cawder GC May 2025

- Thornton GC June 2025
- Shetland GC Strokeplay June 2025
- Cardrona – British Blind Open July 2025
- Bruntsfield GS July 2025
- Drumoig GC August 2025
- Portlethen GC August 2025

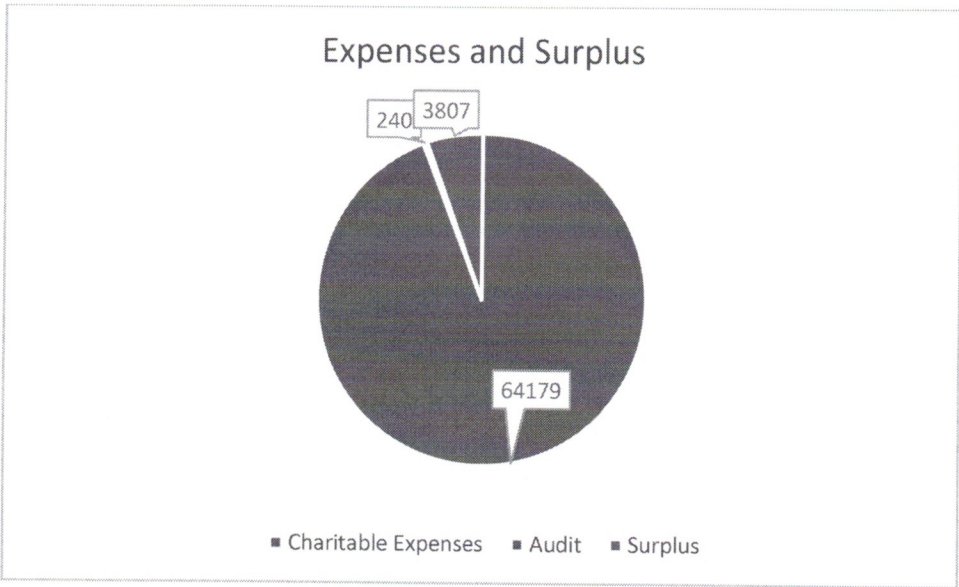
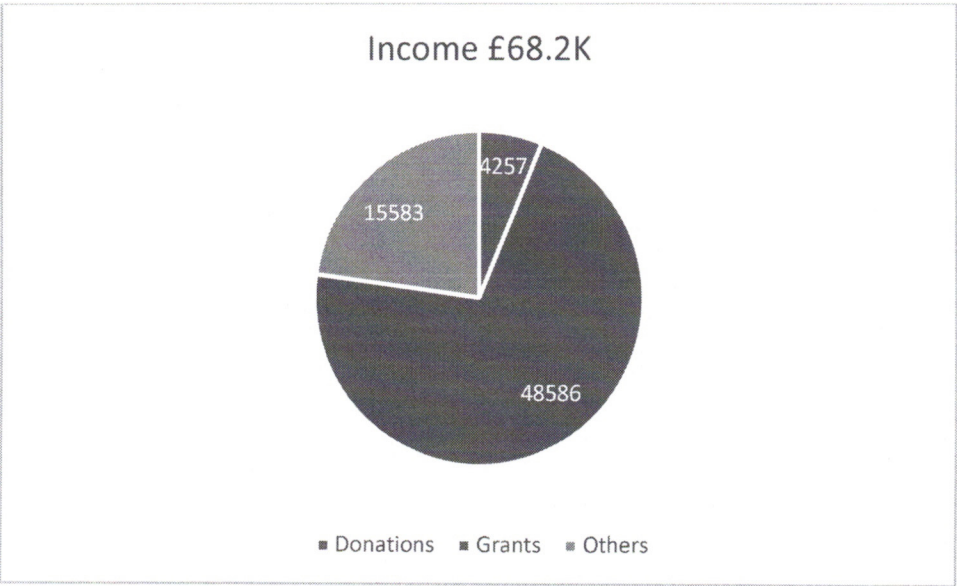
The society's events are self-funded with the members paying a fee. We are immensely grateful to the golf clubs that host us, they subsidise the fees and allow us on the course knowing that our pace of play is much slower than an average golfer.

In 2025 we secured a grant that enabled us to provide 15 golfers with personalised coaching with a qualified professional. This was greatly appreciated by the members involved.

We are conscious that we are not growing as fast as we would like and over the next two years, we hope to double our membership and improve the percentage of female golfers. We also want to start to engage more with younger blind persons to take up golf. Our plan is to work in collaboration with Scottish Golf, Blind Veterans, Disabled Sport UK and the RNIB. This will mean targeted efforts at blind golfers but collaborative efforts with Scottish Golf and Disabled Sports UK. Blind Golfers are just one of many disabilities and both Scottish Golf and Blind Sports UK are looking at the whole disability offerings.

Financial review

The year to 31 October 2025 resulted in a small surplus of approximately £3.8k



Reserves Policy

The Society self-funds most of its outings however the Strokeplay and International Events require additional funding. Each year we have managed to raise enough funds for this. However, the executive. Committee think it prudent to retain at least £10,000 to cover an entire

year, in the event that funds cannot be sourced. At the 31 October 2025 the Society had approximately £22k of reserves in unrestricted funds.

The members' subscriptions and raffles finance the website fees, insurance and professional fees. There are no other material overheads as the volunteers operate from home and make no claims for expenses.

There are no deficits and no donated facilities or services.

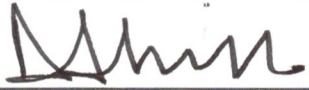
Future plans

As alluded to above over the next 24 months we are seeking to grow in partnership with other organisations. This collaborative approach will secure access to funding we don't currently have access to. We also plan to hold our first world ranking event to encourage worldwide participation. The year to 31 October 2026 will mainly be strategy development with results coming in 2027.

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Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

DOUGLAS SMITH

Designation

SECRETARY BGS

Date

29/7/2026



Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1ST	Nov	2024		31st	Oct	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	4,257				4,257	
Legacies					-	
Grants	48,586				48,586	
Receipts from fundraising activities	15,205				15,205	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	178				178	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	68,226	-	-	-	68,226	-
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	68,226	-	-	-	68,226	-
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	64,179				64,179	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	240				240	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	64,419	-	-	-	64,419	-
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	64,419	-	-	-	64,419	-
Net receipts / (payments)	3,807	-	-	-	3,807	-
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,807	-	-	-	3,807	-

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	19,163				19,163	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	3,807				3,807	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	22,970	-	-	-	22,970	-
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

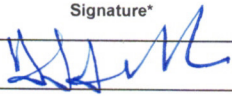
Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval


DOUGLAS SMITH

29/7/24

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						V2	
Report to the trustees/members of		Charity name Scottish Blind Golf Society							
Registered charity number		SC024309							
On the accounts of the charity for the period		Period start date				Period end date			
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
		1st	Nov	2024	to	31	Oct	2025	
Set out on pages		1 and 2 of financials						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
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 (as amended). 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]							
		- 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**:		Name: Ken Tait				Date: 29/7/2026			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):		ICAS M19374							
Address:		1 Campbell Lane Hamilton ML3 6DB							

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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