

Blairgowrie, Rattray and District Pipe Band

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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 30th September 2024 **Scottish Charity Number SC040606**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with associated financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 30th September 2024

Current Trustees

Other Trustees during the year

None

Address

Constitution

The Association is a charitable unincorporated Association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution adopted on 20th March 2006 as subsequently amended.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the Association's trustees are appointed or re-appointed by the members at our annual general meeting which is held each year. They meet regularly during the year and function as the charity's management committee. The maximum number of trustees is twelve, split 7 playing and 5 non-playing members.

Management

The trustees are responsible for strategic and governance decisions. The day to day running of the charity is the responsibility of the band officers led by the Pipe Major.

Those members of the band responsible for the encouragement, management and tuition of the Junior Section are processed for disclosure under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to advance the education of the public in the art of the Pipe Band by the presentation of public performances and other related activities, to create a Pipe Band in Blairgowrie, Rattray and District, to promote, advance, and encourage pipe playing and drumming, to promote the heritage and traditions of and playing of pipe band music generally and to encourage and educate young persons in piping and drumming.

Activities and achievements

2023/24 Was another very successful year for our band. Our playing numbers have increased due to good tuition from older band members, so that we now have seven pipers and three drummers under the age of 16 playing with the band. We also have good numbers of juniors learning piping and drumming. We have had a busy year starting with the remembrance Sunday parade and ending at Blairgowrie highland games in September. In all we played at 18 events, the highlight of the year was in August when the French brass band from Brebieres came over to Blairgowrie. They arrived on Friday 23rd of August and left on the Monday 26th. There the band played at schools, street parades culminating in a joint concert with our pipe band on the Sunday night. This trip came about because Blairgowrie and Brebieres were twinned in September 2022 and we were invited to Brebieres last year to visit the area and play with their brass band. A great deal of thanks is due to all our band members and families for all their efforts in fund raising for this trip and also to businesses in the area for all the generous donations we received. Had it not been for them this event would probably not have gone ahead, and our committee are extremely grateful for all this help.

Charity Income

Our income derives mainly from the various organisations for events attended by the band. These would include the local tourist board, event committees, local organisations and Charitable Trusts. In addition the association receives regular public donations for which the Association is most grateful.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

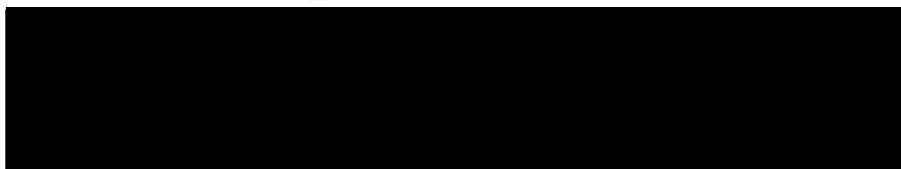
There were no Trustee expenses for the year.

Reserves

After adding the surplus of £6,779 the Association holds funds of £32,304 at the year end. The management committee has agreed to maintain a capital reserve of £15,000 to ensure the ongoing viability of the band and therefore the sum of £17,304 is available for future use.

The new Committee will be responsible for the allocation of funds to projects which could include renewal, maintenance and development of band equipment, international development and further expansion of the band junior section.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



20/03/2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

Receipts	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Contribution to band funds for events attended	9755.00	3910.00
Fund raising committee income -		
Public donations (collection boxes & individuals)	6861.39	949.95
Corporate donations	4705.00	2695.06
Non-band members French flights	0.00	925.40
Accommodation for non-playing French families	4317.97	0.00
Bank interest	220.72	42.52
Miscellaneous (Band Hoodies)	1560.00	0.00
Perth & Kinross DC Church Survey	0.00	3450.00
Total receipts	27420.08	11972.53
Payments		
Event costs		
Equipment purchases	16201.25	8892.09
Presentations, tributes and awards	3764.49	2946.45
Miscellaneous	0.00	400.00
Payment for Church survey	0.00	237.74
	0.00	3450.00
Total payments for charitable activities	19965.74	15926.28
Governance costs		
Administration		
Secretarial expenses	675.66	695.66
	0.00	0.00
Total payments	20641.40	16621.94
Surplus/Deficit for year	6778.68	-4649.41

All funds are unrestricted

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Statement of Balances as at 30th September 2024

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances		
Surplus/Deficit	25525.48 +6779.00	30175.00 -4650.00
Closing Balances	32304.00	25525.00
Assets	19056.00	20625.00

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Chairman

Notes

1. The figure provided for assets is based on band equipment. This includes drums, harnesses, mace, band bagpipes and first and second dress uniforms. Depreciation of the existing balance is calculated at 10% as agreed by the Committee. New items are included at cost.
2. The Income and Expenditure account for the year has been examined by [REDACTED] and found correct.

Independent Examiner's Report

For the Year ended 30th September 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Blairgowrie, Rattray and District Pipe Band Association

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2024, 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 ("2005 Act") and the Charities Regulation 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which -

1/ gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 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.

Date - 6 February 2025

Event costs

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Newtonmore transport	500.00	640.00
Payout to single piper for wedding	150.00	0.00
Strathmore Games band meals	0.00	160.05
Coach Hire, Braemar Gathering	500.00	0.00
Coach Hire, payout Inverness	0.00	500.00
French accommodation & trip expenses	13398.56	7592.04
Total	14548.56	8892.09

<u>Equipment Purchases</u> (Capital)	2023/24	2022/23
Argyle Jackets	0.00	0.00
Practice chanters	0.00	63.00
G1 Drone Reeds & 2 chanters	0.00	422.40
Waistcoats & Glengarries	0.00	307.04
Piob Mhor Purchase hose tops etc.	0.00	0.00
Bass drum tuner	0.00	0.00
Bagpipes for Juniors	112.80	701.00
Feather Bonnets	288.00	1112.00
Chin straps & hackles	0.00	0.00
Tutor books	0.00	0.00
Drum heads & pads etc.	93.79	0.00
Band capes	0.00	0.00
Spats	0.00	35.30
Container Purchase	0.00	100.00
Total	494.59	2740.74
 <u>Equipment Purchases</u> (Revenue)		
Band Hoodies (<i>French Trip</i>)	2000.52	0.00
Band t-shirts (<i>French Trip</i>)	606.39	0.00
G1 Reeds	201.18	0.00
Refurbishment & repairs	315.86	205.71
Ear Plugs	145.95	0.00
Total	3269.90	205.71
 <u>Total</u>	 <u>3764.49</u>	 <u>2946.45</u>

Miscellaneous

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Administration		
Insurance renewal	605.66	605.66
Broker fee	0.00	30.00
Youth Scotland	0.00	0.00
Auditors Fee	70.00	60.00
Christmas Party (December 2023)	588.00	0.00
Scratch cards/raffle tickets etc., for fundraising	384.69	0.00
Ceilidh - French Visit	680.00	0.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>2328.35</u>	<u>695.66</u>

Payment towards expenses for events attended

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Altdourie Castle Inverness	1300.00	0.00
Newtonmore HG ('23)	920.00	0.00
Blairgowrie Christmas Lights switch on	0.00	60.00
Diamond Care Piping	150.00	0.00
Muirton House Payout	165.00	0.00
Blackford HG	550.00	550.00
Strathmore HG	500.00	500.00
Alyth Show	300.00	300.00
Dunkeld Jubilee Payout	0.00	400.00
Braemar junior HG	350.00	0.00
Blair Atholl, Scout Jamboree	450.00	0.00
Angus Show	450.00	0.00
Newtonmore HG ('24)	920.00	
Kinloch Rannoch HG	650.00	600.00
Crieff HG	600.00	0.00
Braemar Gathering	1000.00	0.00
Birmam HG	400.00	400.00
Blairgowrie HG	350.00	350.00
Wedding	0.00	100.00
Calum Campbell Concert Arbroath	150.00	0.00
Scone Game Fair	550.00	550.00
MacArthur Manor Payout	0.00	100.00
Totals	9755.00	3910.00