

SUTHERLAND CALEDONIAN PIPE BAND

Scottish Charity : SC026343

Trustees' Annual Report

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Receipts & Payments Accounts

1 October 2024 – 30 September 2025

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
For the year from 1 OCTOBER 2024 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year from 1 OCTOBER 2024 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025, along with the independent examiner's report.

Reference and administration details

The charity is registered as Sutherland Caledonian Pipe Band. It became a charity on 23 April 1997 and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator No: SC026343.

The principal office and operating address of the charity is:-
c/o 50 Ross Street, Golspie, KW10 6SA

The following served as charity trustees during the year and up to the date of this report:-

Malcolm Paton, Chairperson	Jason Nicholson, Treasurer		
Gillian Sutherland	John Dykes	Robbie Macdonald	Lisa Mackay
James MacNicol	Iona Shearsmith	Stewart Robertson	

Other trustees who served were:- John MacKay, Lee Bain, Trevor Jack

Structure Governance and Management

Sutherland Caledonian Pipe Band is an unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution. All of the Sutherland Caledonian Pipe Band trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the band shall be to advance the education of the public in the art of piping and drumming by the presentation of public performances and other related activities. Our activities include weekly training sessions for all levels and public performances at community and other official events as requested and fundraising performances.

Achievements and Performance

We are almost back to full strength following the pandemic holding weekly training sessions and have made 8 public performances.

We were successful in securing a grant from Kilbraur for new equipment.

We work closely with the Sutherland Schools Pipe Band helping with tutoring and thus ensuring succession and progression to the adult band.

Financial Review and Reserves Policy

The organisation responds to expenditure needs as and when they arise and regular committee meetings ensures that reserves are always available and where necessary fundraising activity will take place. Reserves at the end of the year were £11110.

The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves at around 12 months of normal running costs in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 3rd February 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Jason Nicholson

JASON NICHOLSON, TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year from 1 OCTOBER 2024 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of SUTHERLAND CALEDONIAN PIPE BAND, registered charity number SC026343.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025, set out on pages 6-7.

Respective responsibilities of trustee 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. 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 explanation from the Trustees concerning 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 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 :
 - 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

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

Signed *Christine Ross*

4th February 2026

Christine Ross
VGS c/o Lairg Community Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DB

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the year from 1 OCTOBER 2024 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
Receipts		
Donations	20	570
Grants	3427	
Fundraising Receipts	146	290
Street Collections		247
Parades/events	1353	1989
CHSS Collection		50
Collecting Cans	518	100
Total Receipts	<u>5464</u>	<u>3246</u>
Payments		
Payments for charitable activities:		
Admin		
Insurance	234	208
Performance Expenses (transport/b&b etc)	311	1012
Uniforms		
Equipment	3465	568
Band Events	577	
Grants & Donations	100	
Governance:-		
Independent Examination	60	60
Total payments	<u>4747</u>	<u>1848</u>
Surplus / (deficit) for year	<u>717</u>	<u>1398</u>

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year from 1 OCTOBER 2024 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances:-	10393	8995
Surplus /(deficit) for year	717	1398
Closing balances:-	11110	10393
Other Assets		
Uniforms/Pipes/Drums	3465	568

All funds are unrestricted

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 3rd February 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Jason Nicholson

JASON NICHOLSON, TREASURER

NOTES to the ACCOUNTS

For the year from 1 OCTOBER 2024 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

NOTES

1. Reserves

All funds are unrestricted

2. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year.

3. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).